



KARATINA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER SUPPLEMENTARY/
SPECIAL EXAMINATION**

FOR THE DEGREE OF:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: MAT 223

COURSE TITLE: DYNAMICS I

DATE: WED 17TH JULY 2024

TIME: 9 – 11 AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. ANSWER QUESTIONS IN **SECTION A** AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS FROM **SECTION B**
2. DO ALL YOUR WORKINGS ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED
3. STRICTLY NO USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)

- (a) (i) Define torque and state its mathematical expression. (2 marks)
- (ii) Considering the Newton's second law of motion, $\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$ where \vec{p} is linear momentum and \vec{F} is the resultant force, derive the expression of the law of conservation of angular momentum \vec{L} . (6 marks)
- (b) A ball kicked from ground level at an initial velocity of 60 m/s and an angle θ with ground reaches a horizontal distance of 200 meters.
- (i) What is the size of angle θ ? (3 marks)
- (ii) What is time of flight of the ball? (2 marks)
- c) Distinguish between conservative and non-conservative forces. Give an example of each. (4 marks)
- d) Show that the force field \vec{F} defined by, $F = x^2\hat{i} + 2yz\hat{j} + y^2\hat{k}$ is a conservative force field. (4 marks)
- e) A particle of mass m moves along a space given by $\vec{r} = a \cos \omega t \hat{i} + b \sin \omega t \hat{j}$. Find
- (i) The torque about the origin of the force acting upon the particle. (5 marks)
- (ii) the angular momentum of the particle about the origin. (4 marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)

- a) Define the moment of a force. (2 marks)
- b) (i) Describe what is meant by damped oscillation. (3 marks)
- (ii) A damped harmonic oscillator has a frequency of 5 oscillations per second. The amplitude drops to half its value for every 10 oscillations. Determine the time it will take to drop 1/100 of the original amplitude. (6 marks)
- c) A baseball is popped straight up into the air and has a hang-time of 6.25s. Determine the height to which the ball rises before it reaches its peak. (5 marks)
- d) Find the gravitational force of attraction between the moon and the earth if the mass of the moon is 1/81 the mass of the earth. ($G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$, radius of the moon's orbit is $3.58 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$ and mass of the earth is $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ Kg}$). (4 marks)

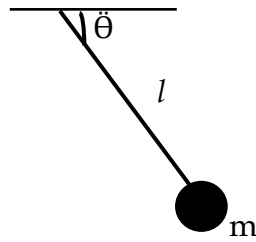
QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)

- a) Determine the torque about the origin of a particle at a point (5, 2, 7) due to a force $6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. (3 marks)
- b) A particle mass 2 units moves in a force field depending on time t given by $F = 24t^2\hat{i} + (36t - 16)\hat{j} - 12t\hat{k}$. Assuming that at $t=0$, the particle is located at

$r_0 = 3i + j + 4k$ and a velocity $v_0 = 6i + 15j - 8k$. Find the velocity and position at any time t . (6 marks)

- c) Show that for a body executing circular motion the centripetal acceleration is given by $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$. (3 marks)

- d) Consider the following system



- (i) If the period of the pendulum is 5 seconds, what is the length of the string? (3 marks)
- (ii) If the mass reaches a height of 0.75 and the minimum angle is 30° , what is the period of the pendulum? (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (13 marks)

- a) If the amplitude of a simple harmonic oscillator is doubled, how does this affect,
 i) its periodic time, (2 marks)
 ii) its total energy, (2 marks)
 iii) the maximum velocity of the oscillator. (2 marks)
- b) A circular disc of mass m and radius r rolls on a table. If ω is its angular speed. Show that its total energy is given by $E = \frac{3}{4}r^2\omega^2$ (5 marks)
- c) A constant force of magnitude P newtons accelerates a particle of mass 8 kg in a straight line from a speed of 4 ms^{-1} to a speed of 20 ms^{-1} over a distance of 15 m. Determine the value of P . (4 marks)
- d) The amplitude of a damped oscillator becomes one third in ten minutes. The amplitude after 30 minutes will be $1/n$ times the original. Find the value of n . (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 Marks)

- a) Find the unit tangent and principal unit normal vectors at the given points.
 $r(t) = ti + (t^2 - 1)j + tk$ at $t = 0$ and $t = 1$ (7 marks)
- b) Derive the equation of motion $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ where s , u , a and t have their usual meaning in classical mechanics. (3 marks)
- c) Show that impulse is equal to the change in momentum. (3 marks)
- d) The motion of an object is described by the equation; $x = 0.3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right)$. Find;
 (i) The position of the object at $t = 0$ and $t = 0.6 \text{ s}$ (3 marks)
 (ii) The amplitude of the motion (2 marks)
 (iii) The frequency of the motion, and (1 mark)
 (iv) The period of the motion. (1 mark)