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Mechanics

Distribution of points

Mech. 1. (a) 5 points

$$v_{0y} = (50 \text{ m/s}) \sin 37^\circ = (50 \text{ m/s}) (.60) = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

$$y = v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

1 point

$$0 = (35 \text{ m}) + (30 \text{ m/s})t - \frac{1}{2}(10 \text{ m/s}^2)t^2$$

2 points

(1 point for $y = 0$, 1 point for correct substitutions on right-hand side)

For correction solution, $t = 7 \text{ s}$

1 point

Full credit was given for alternate equivalent solutions.

(b) 3 points

$$R = v_{0x}t$$

1 point

$$R = (50 \text{ m/s}) (\cos 37^\circ) (7 \text{ s}) \quad (\text{i.e., for correct substitution})$$

1 point

For correct solution, $R = 280 \text{ m}$

1 point

(c) 5 points

$$v_A = v_{0x} = 40 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

$$v_B = v_0 = 50 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

For v_C : For any mention of energy

1 point

For conserving energy

1 point

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_C^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 + mgh$$

$$v_C = \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2gh}$$

$$= \sqrt{(50 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(10 \text{ m/s}^2)(35 \text{ m})} = \sqrt{3200 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}$$

$$v_C = 56.6 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

Full credit was given for alternate equivalent solutions

(e.g., if time of travel from point B to point C is

known from part (a), kinematic equations can be used)

(d) 2 points

For any use of momentum or center of mass

1 point

$$x(10 \text{ kg}) = (30 \text{ m})(6 \text{ kg})$$

$$x = 18 \text{ m}$$

1 point

Mech. 2. (a) 5 points

$$f_s = \mu_s N$$

1 point

$$f_s = mg \sin \theta \text{ or } w \sin \theta$$

1 point

$$N = mg \cos \theta \text{ or } w \cos \theta$$

1 point

$$\mu_s = \frac{f_s}{N} = \frac{mg \sin \theta}{mg \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

2 points

Alternate solution using $F = ma$:

(Alternate points)

$$N - mg \cos \theta = 0$$

(1 point)

$$f_s - mg \sin \theta = ma$$

(1 point)

$$f_s = \mu_s N$$

(1 point)

$$\mu_s mg \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta = ma$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{mg \sin \theta + ma}{mg \cos \theta} = \tan \theta + \frac{a}{g \cos \theta}$$

(1 point)

$$a = 0, \text{ therefore } \mu_s = \tan \theta$$

(1 point)

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of points*

(b) 5 points

$$\Delta E = \Delta K + \Delta U$$

The initial and final points are at the highest point on the incline and the point of full spring compression, respectively.

$$\Delta K = 0$$

1 point

$$\Delta U = \Delta U_{\text{gravity}} + \Delta U_{\text{spring}}$$

$$\Delta U_{\text{gravity}} = mgh = mg(d + x) \sin \theta$$

2 points

$$\Delta U_{\text{spring}} = -\frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

2 points

$$\Delta E = mg(d + x) \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

1 point was deducted if the student did not write down the final expression for ΔE .

2 points were awarded if the student tried to solve this part using frictional force and showed

$$\Delta E = f_k(d + x) \text{ or } \Delta E = \mu_k N(d + x) \text{ or } \Delta E = \mu_k mg \cos \theta (d + x)$$

(c) 5 points

$$W_{\text{fric}} = \Delta E = f_k(d + x)$$

1 point

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

1 point

$$\mu_k N(d + x) = mg \sin \theta (d + x) - \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

2 points

1 point was deducted if the factor of $(d + x)$ was missing from left hand side.

$$N = mg \cos \theta$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{mg \sin \theta (d + x) - \frac{1}{2}kx^2}{mg \cos \theta (d + x)}$$

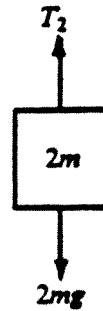
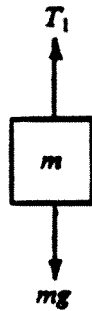
$$\mu_k = \tan \theta - \frac{kx^2}{2(d + x)mg \cos \theta}, \text{ or}$$

1 point

$$\mu_k = \mu_s - \frac{kx^2}{2(d + x)mg \cos \theta}$$

Since $\mu_k < \mu_s$, the minus sign in the above expression is important. If the signs were interchanged in this expression, 1 point was deducted.

Mech. 3. (a) 4 points



For indicating tension vectors

1 point

For indicating weight vectors

1 point

For indicating different tensions on each block

1 point

For indicating different weights for each block

1 point

(The last 2 points were also awarded if such indications were made in the solution of subsequent parts.)

(b) 5 points

i. For applying $F = ma$

1 point

$$T_1 - mg = ma$$

1 point

$$2mg - T_2 = 2ma$$

1 point

The sign of the acceleration is arbitrary in these two equations.

ii. $I\alpha = (T_2 - T_1)r$

2 points

1 point for torque = $I\alpha$ 1 point for torque = $(T_2 - T_1)r$

(c) 3 points

$$\alpha = \frac{a}{r}$$

1 point

For using the system of three equations obtained in part (b)

1 point

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_1 = m(g + a) \\ T_2 = 2m(g - a) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow T_2 - T_1 = mg - 3ma$$

$$I \frac{a}{r} = \frac{3}{2}mr^2 \frac{a}{r} = (mg - 3ma)r$$

$$a = \frac{2}{9}g$$

1 point

(d) 1 point

$$T_1 = m(g + a) = m\left(g + \frac{2}{9}g\right) = \frac{11}{9}mg$$

1 point

Full credit was awarded for answer that was consistent with previous work.

(e) 2 points

 $N = 7mg + T_1 + T_2$ or a clear indication that the normal force is different from the static weight

1 point

$$T_2 = 2m\left(g - \frac{2}{9}g\right) = \frac{14}{9}mg$$

$$N = 7mg + \frac{11}{9}mg + \frac{14}{9}mg = \frac{88}{9}mg$$

1 point

Electricity and Magnetism

E&M 1. (a) 4 points

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = q/\epsilon_0 \text{ or } 4\pi kq$$

2 points

$$E(2\pi rL) = q/\epsilon_0 \text{ or } 4\pi kq$$

1 point

$$E = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 rL} \text{ or } \frac{2kq}{rL}$$

1 point

(b) 5 points

$$V = -\int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} \quad (V = \int Ed\ell \text{ was acceptable})$$

2 points

$$V = -\int_a^b \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \frac{dr}{r}$$

1 point

$$V = -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} [\ln r]_a^b$$

1 point

$$V = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ or } \frac{2kq}{L} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

1 point

No deduction was taken for reversal of limits of integration.

(c) 3 points

$$C_0 = \frac{q}{V}$$

2 points

$$C_0 = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 L}{\ln(b/a)} \text{ or } \frac{L}{2k \ln(b/a)}$$

1 point

1 point was deducted if the value of C_0 was negative, as would be the case if the expression contained $\ln(a/b)$.

(d) 3 points

$$C = C_1 + C_2 \text{ or the capacitors are parallel}$$

1 point

$$C_1 = k \frac{1}{3} C_0 = \frac{2}{3} C_0$$

1 point

$$C_2 = \frac{2}{3} C_0$$

1 point

$$C = \frac{4}{3} C_0$$

Full credit was awarded for correct final answer, regardless of the method used by the student.

E&M 2. (a) 3 points

 $V = iR$ or equivalent (may appear here or in part (c))

1 point

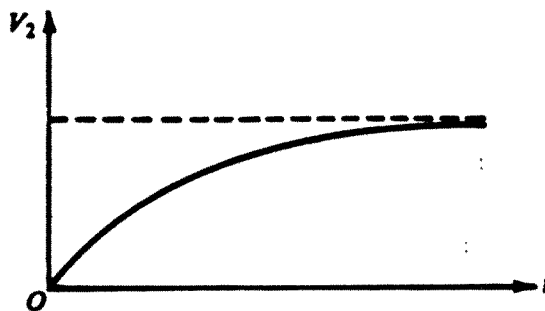
For correct substitutions, $V = 3000$ V and $R = 5 \times 10^5 \Omega$

1 point

For correct answer, $i_1 = .006$ A

1 point

(b) 3 points



For starting curve at the origin

1 point

For showing V_2 asymptotic to a positive final value

1 point

For showing V_2 monotonically increasing and exponential

1 point

(c) 2 points

 $i_1 = i_2$ or $\frac{V}{R} = \frac{3000 \text{ V}}{15 \times 10^5 \Omega}$ or a statement indicating the series nature of the circuit in this situation

1 point

For correct answer, $i_2 = .002$ A

1 point

(d) 2 points

 $Q = CV$ and/or $V = 2000$ V

1 point

For correct answer, $Q = .01$ C

1 point

(e) 2 points

 $U = \frac{1}{2} QV$ or equivalent

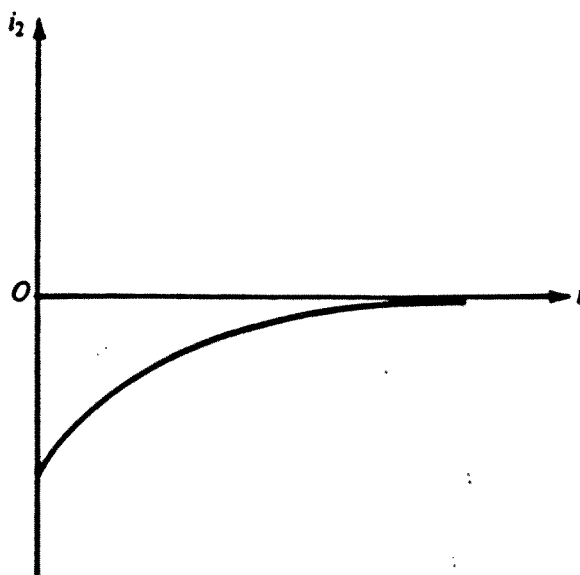
1 point

For correct answer, $U = 10$ J

1 point

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(f) 3 points



Distribution
of points

For non-zero initial value

1 point

For showing i_2 asymptotic to zero

1 point

For showing i_2 monotonically approaching the final value and exponential.

1 point

1 point was deducted if parts (a) and (c) were both correct but no work was shown.

1 point was awarded if at least one graph showed an exponential form and no other points were available.

E&M 3. (a) 5 points

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} \text{ (negative sign not required)}$$

2 points

$$\Phi = BA$$

1 point

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{dB}{dt} A$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{dB}{dt} \pi r^2 = (60 \text{ T/s}) \pi (.5 \text{ m})^2 = 15\pi \text{ V} = 47 \text{ V}$$

1 point

(b) 4 points

For showing \vec{E} directed to the left at point P on diagram

1 point

$$\mathcal{E} = Ed$$

1 point

$$d = 2\pi r$$

1 point

$$E = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{d} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{2\pi r} = \frac{47 \text{ V}}{2\pi (.5 \text{ m})} = 15 \text{ V/m}$$

1 point

(c) 3 points

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

1 point

$$F = qvB$$

1 point

$$\text{Thus } \frac{mv^2}{r} = qvB$$

$$v = \frac{q r B}{m} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(.5 \text{ m})(10^{-4} \text{ T})}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = 8.8 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

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(d) 3 points

$$F = ma$$

$$F = qE$$

$$\text{Thus } ma = qE$$

$$a = \frac{qE}{m} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(15 \text{ V/m})}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = 2.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ m/s}^2$$

1 point was awarded for merely stating that $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$

1 point

1 point

1 point