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Paper 4 Mechanics 1 (M1)

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper  
Graph Paper  
List of Formulae (MF9)



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** the questions.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity is needed, use  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

The use of an electronic calculator is expected, where appropriate.

You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 50.

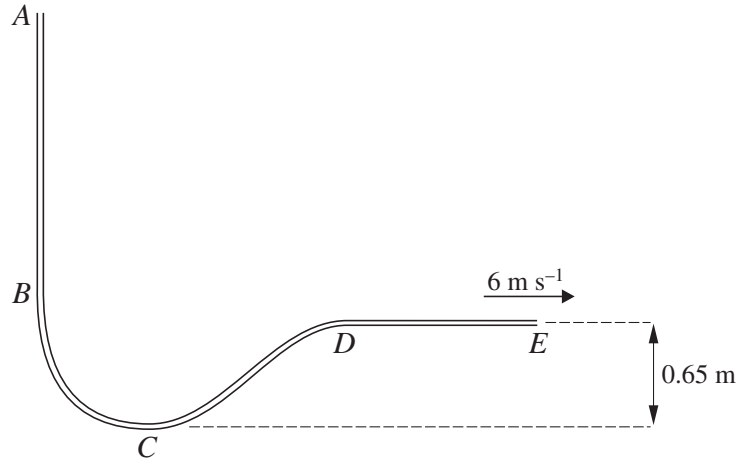
Questions carrying smaller numbers of marks are printed earlier in the paper, and questions carrying larger numbers of marks later in the paper.

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- 1 A car of mass 1000 kg moves along a horizontal straight road, passing through points  $A$  and  $B$ . The power of its engine is constant and equal to 15 000 W. The driving force exerted by the engine is 750 N at  $A$  and 500 N at  $B$ . Find the speed of the car at  $A$  and at  $B$ , and hence find the increase in the car's kinetic energy as it moves from  $A$  to  $B$ . [4]

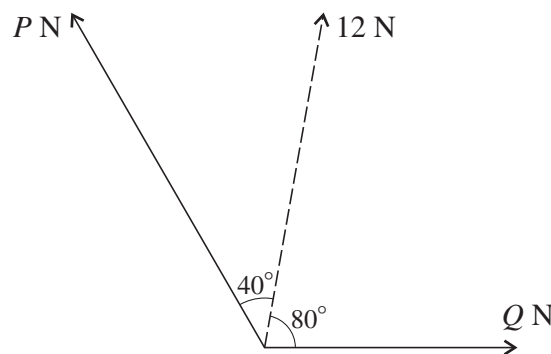
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A smooth narrow tube  $AE$  has two straight parts,  $AB$  and  $DE$ , and a curved part  $BCD$ . The part  $AB$  is vertical with  $A$  above  $B$ , and  $DE$  is horizontal.  $C$  is the lowest point of the tube and is  $0.65 \text{ m}$  below the level of  $DE$ . A particle is released from rest at  $A$  and travels through the tube, leaving it at  $E$  with speed  $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (see diagram). Find

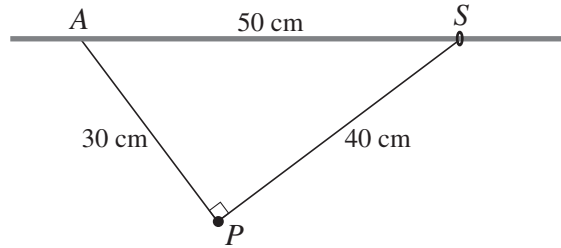
- (i) the height of  $A$  above the level of  $DE$ , [2]  
 (ii) the maximum speed of the particle. [2]

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Two forces have magnitudes  $P \text{ N}$  and  $Q \text{ N}$ . The resultant of the two forces has magnitude  $12 \text{ N}$  and acts in a direction  $40^\circ$  clockwise from the force of magnitude  $P \text{ N}$  and  $80^\circ$  anticlockwise from the force of magnitude  $Q \text{ N}$  (see diagram). Find the value of  $Q$ . [4]

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A particle  $P$  of weight  $5\text{ N}$  is attached to one end of each of two light inextensible strings of lengths  $30\text{ cm}$  and  $40\text{ cm}$ . The other end of the shorter string is attached to a fixed point  $A$  of a rough rod which is fixed horizontally. A small ring  $S$  of weight  $W\text{ N}$  is attached to the other end of the longer string and is threaded on to the rod. The system is in equilibrium with the strings taut and  $AS = 50\text{ cm}$  (see diagram).

(i) By resolving the forces acting on  $P$  in the direction of  $PS$ , or otherwise, find the tension in the longer string. [3]

(ii) Find the magnitude of the frictional force acting on  $S$ . [2]

(iii) Given that the coefficient of friction between  $S$  and the rod is  $0.75$ , and that  $S$  is in limiting equilibrium, find the value of  $W$ . [3]

5 A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.6\text{ kg}$  moves upwards along a line of greatest slope of a plane inclined at  $18^\circ$  to the horizontal. The deceleration of  $P$  is  $4\text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

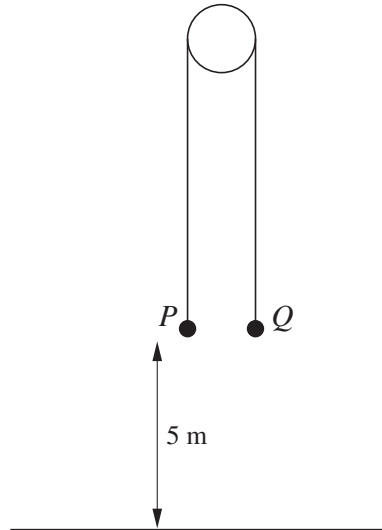
(i) Find the frictional and normal components of the force exerted on  $P$  by the plane. Hence find the coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the plane, correct to 2 significant figures. [6]

After  $P$  comes to instantaneous rest it starts to move down the plane with acceleration  $a\text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

(ii) Find the value of  $a$ . [2]

[Questions 6 and 7 are printed on the next page.]

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Particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses  $0.55 \text{ kg}$  and  $0.45 \text{ kg}$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth fixed pulley. The particles are held at rest with the string taut and its straight parts vertical. Both particles are at a height of  $5 \text{ m}$  above the ground (see diagram). The system is released.

- (i) Find the acceleration with which  $P$  starts to move. [3]

The string breaks after  $2 \text{ s}$  and in the subsequent motion  $P$  and  $Q$  move vertically under gravity.

- (ii) At the instant that the string breaks, find

- (a) the height above the ground of  $P$  and of  $Q$ , [2]  
 (b) the speed of the particles. [1]

- (iii) Show that  $Q$  reaches the ground  $0.8 \text{ s}$  later than  $P$ . [4]

- 7 A particle  $P$  starts from rest at the point  $A$  at time  $t = 0$ , where  $t$  is in seconds, and moves in a straight line with constant acceleration  $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$  for  $10 \text{ s}$ . For  $10 \leq t \leq 20$ ,  $P$  continues to move along the line with velocity  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , where  $v = \frac{800}{t^2} - 2$ . Find

- (i) the speed of  $P$  when  $t = 10$ , and the value of  $a$ , [2]  
 (ii) the value of  $t$  for which the acceleration of  $P$  is  $-a \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , [4]  
 (iii) the displacement of  $P$  from  $A$  when  $t = 20$ . [6]