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## Forces

### 5.1 Types of force

**\*\*1 June 02 P1 Q12 D** Weight = upthrust + viscous drag

**\*\*2 June 02 P1 Q14 C** Upthrust = resultant force due to liquid. Force on top surface downwards =  $p_t A$ . Force on bottom surface upwards =  $p_b A$ . Find resultant

**\*3 June 04 P1 Q12 C**

**\*4 Nov 06 P1 Q13 B**

**\*\*5 June 08 Q12 A**

**\*6 June 08 Q15 D**

**\*7 June 09 P2 Q11 B**

### 5.2 Equilibrium of forces

**\*\*\*1 June 02 P1 Q15 D** Find the resultant of the 2 perpendicular forces. Then find the resultant of the 3 forces.

**\*\*\*2 Nov 02 P1 Q15 D** Find the resultant of any 2 forces using parallelogram method. Compare it with the third force.

**\*\*3 June 03 P1 Q14 B** Resultant force vertically =  $10000 - 9000 \text{ N}$

**\*\*4 June 03 P1 Q15 A** Air resistance increases with velocity until it is equal to  $mg$ . Resultant force decreases until it is 0.

**\*\*5 Nov 03 P1 Q15 B** From Newton's 2nd law,  $F = ma$

**\*\*\*6 Nov 03 P1 Q16 D** Sketch the triangle of forces reasonably accurately and compare their length.

**\*7 June 04 P1 Q14 B** For equilibrium, tip-to-tail rule applies. The forces must follow one after another and must closed.

**\*8 June 05 P1 Q12 C** same as in Q12

**\*\*\*9 June 05 P1 Q14 D** Resultant of the two perpendicular forces  $3 \text{ N}$  and  $4 \text{ N} = 5 \text{ N}$  upwards and to the right. Then combined with the  $4 \text{ N}$  force.

**\*10 June 06 P1 Q13 D**

**\*\*11 Nov 06 P1 Q15 C**  
resultant of the 3 forces.

Find the resultant of the two 10 N upwards and then find the

**\*12 June 07 P1 Q13 C**

**\*\*\*13 June 08 P1 Q13 A** Force in ZX is tension, force in YZ is compressive.

**\*\*14 June 09 P2 Q12 D**

## Section B

June 06 P2 Q2

- 2 (a) (i) point at which whole weight of body may be considered to act M1 A1 [2]
- (ii) sum of forces in any direction is zero B1  
sum of moments about any point is zero B1 [2]
- (b) *either:*  
*T and W have zero moment about P*  
*so F must have zero moment, i.e. pass through P* M1 A1 [2]
- or:*  
*if all pass through P, distance from P is zero for all forces (M1)*  
*so sum of moments about P is zero (A1)*
- (c) (i)  $F \cos \alpha = T \cos \beta$  B1 [1]
- (ii)  $W = F \sin \alpha + T \sin \beta$  B1 [1]
- (iii)  $2W = 3T \sin \beta$  B1 [1]

### 5.3 Centre of gravity

### 5.4 Turning effects of forces

#### Section A

##### \*\*1 June 02 P1 Q13

C Perpendicular distance between forces =  $0.30 \times \sin 50^\circ$ . Torque = magnitude of one force  $\times$  perpendicular distance between forces. Or Resolve force perpendicular to rod and parallel to rod, and calculate torque.

\*2 Nov 02 P1 Q13 A Couple = 2 parallel forces, opposite in direction and equal in magnitude whose lines of action do not coincide

\*\*\*3 Nov 02 P1 Q14 C Taking moment about the pivot, resultant moment =  $20 \times 60 - 100 \times 10 = 200 \text{ g cm}$  anticlockwise. For equilibrium, a clockwise moment of  $200 \text{ g cm}$  has to apply. Hence,  $200 = 50x$ .  $x = 4 \text{ cm}$ . Hence mark =  $40 + 4 = 44 \text{ cm}$

##### \*\*4 June 03 P1 Q13 D

\*\*5 Nov 03 P1 Q14 B Torque due to a couple = magnitude of one force  $\times$  perpendicular distance between forces.

\*\*\*6 June 04 P1 Q13 A Uniform rod: C.G. is at the mid-point. Taking moment about the pivot,  $W \times 1.0 = 50 \times 0.5$

\*\*7 June 05 P1 Q13 B Uniform rod: C.G. is at the mid-point. Taking moment about the pivot,  $W \times 1.25 = 300 \times 2.5$

##### \*8 June 05 P1 Q14 C

##### \*\*9 Nov 05 P1 Q13 A

\*\*\*10 June 06 P1 Q14 B moment =  $(F \cos \theta) d$

\*\*\*11 June 06 P1 Q15 B Resultant moment =  $200 \times 0.8 - 300 \times 0.4 = 40 \text{ Nm}$  clockwise

\*\*12 Nov 06 P1 Q14 B torque due to couple =  $F \times (2r)$

\*\*13 June 07 P1 Q14 C moment =  $F \times d$ . For  $F$  minimum,  $d$  is maximum =  $0.80 \text{ m}$ .  $12 = F \times 0.8$

\*\*\*14 June 08 P1 Q14 A Taking moment about the top of ladder,  $W_a + Fh = W (2a)$

##### \*15 Nov 08 P2 Q14 A

\*\*\*16 June 09 P2 Q13 B For equilibrium, clockwise torque = anti-clockwise torque.

$$F \times 1.20 = 900 \times 0.20$$

## Section B

## June 02 P2 Q3

- 3 (a) point at which (whole) weight of body ..... M1  
 may be considered to act ..... A1 [2]  
 (allow definition based on gravitational force)
- (b) (i) 380 N ..... B1  
 (ii) position nearer A than B ..... B1  
 (iii) clear indication about which point moments are taken ..... B1  
 e.g.  $950 \times x = 380 \times 1.7$  ..... C1  
 $x = 68 \text{ cm}$  ..... C1  
 distance = 108 cm or 1.08 m (accept 2 sig fig) ..... A1 [6]

## Nov 03 P2 Q3

- 3 (a) force x perpendicular distance ..... M1  
 (of the force) from the pivot ..... A1 [2]
- (b) no resultant force (in any direction) ..... B1  
 no resultant moment (about any point) ..... B1 [2]
- (c) (i) correct direction in both ..... B1 [1]  
 (ii)1 moment =  $150 \times 0.3 = 45 \text{ N m}$  (1 sig. fig. -1) ..... A1  
 (ii)2 torque = 45 N m i.e. same as (i) ..... A1  
 (ii)3  $45 = 0.12 \times T$  ..... C1  
 $T = 375 \text{ N}$  ..... A1 [4]

## June 04 P2 Q5

- 5 (a) (i) distance =  $2\pi nr$  ..... B1  
 (ii) work done =  $F \times 2\pi nr$  (accept e.c.f.) ..... B1 [2]
- (b) total work done =  $2 \times F \times 2\pi nr$  ..... B1  
 but torque  $T = 2Fr$  ..... B1  
 hence work done =  $T \times 2\pi n$  ..... A0 [2]

(c) power = work done/time (=  $470 \times 2\pi \times 2400/60$ )  
 $= 1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ W}$

Total A1 [2]  
 [6]

**Nov 05 P2 Q2** (a) The point at which the whole weight of the body is considered to act.

(b) There is a perpendicular distance from the pivot to the C.G. Hence the weight creates an anti-clockwise moment about the pivot, and the cardboard will move down in anticlockwise direction. A and will oscillates. After the oscillation stops, the C.G is vertically below the pivot and the perpendicular distance from the pivot to the weight = 0. Moment about pivot = 0.

**Nov 08 P2 Q3**

- 3 (a) moment: force  $\times$  perpendicular distance M1  
 of force from pivot / axis / point A1  
 couple: (magnitude of) one force  $\times$  perpendicular distance M1  
 between the two forces A1 [4]  
 (penalise the 'perpendicular' omission once only)

- (b) (i)  $W \times 4.8 = (12 \times 84) + (2.5 \times 72)$  C1  
 $W = 250 \text{ N}$  (248 N) A1 [2]  
 (ii) either friction at the pivot or small movement of weights B1 [1]

**June 09 P2 Q3**

- 3 (a) product of (magnitude of one) force and distance between forces ..... M1  
 reference to *either* perpendicular distance between forces ..... A1 [2]  
 or line of action of forces and perpendicular distance .....  
 (b) (i)  $90^\circ$  ..... B1 [1]  
 (ii)  $130 = F \times 0.45$  (allow e.c.f. for angle in (i)) ..... C1  
 $F = 290 \text{ N}$  ..... A1 [2]  
 (allow 1 mark only if angle stated in (i) is not used in (ii))