

OCR Maths M2
Topic Questions from Papers
Centre of Mass
Answers

1	(i)	use of $h/4$	B1			
		com vert above lowest pt of contact	B1		can be implied	
		$r = 5 \times \tan 24^\circ$	M1			
		$r = 2.2$	A1	4	2.226	
	(ii)	No & valid reason (eg $24^\circ \rightarrow 26.6^\circ$)	B1✓	1	✓Yes if their $r \approx 2.5$	5

(Q1, June 2005)

2	(iii)	$1.6 \bar{y} =$	M1		must be moments with vert dists	
		$20 \times 0.2 + 20 \times 0.2 + 40 \times 0.5$	A1		or $1.6 \bar{y} = 20 \times 0.2 \times 2 + 40 \times 0.7 (22.5)$	
		$\bar{y} = 17.5 \text{ cm}$	A1	3		

(Q4, Jan 2006)

3	(i)	$d = 2.25$ $h = 1.125$ or 1.12 or 1.13 or $9/8$	B1 B1	2	$3/8 \times 6$ OG (be generous) horizontal distance	7
	(ii)	$T_1 + T_2 = 12$ resolving vertically $T_1 \times 6 \cos 30^\circ = 12xh$ (their h) mom(O) (their h ok for A1) $T_1 = 2.60 \text{ N}$ or $3\sqrt{3}/2$ $T_2 = 9.40 \text{ N}$ ✓ $(12 - T_1)$ above ✓ depends on at least one of the M marks ($T_s > 0$)	M1 M1 A1 A1 A1✓	5	if not then next M1 ok or mom(A) $T_2 \times 6 \cos 30^\circ =$ $12(6 \cos 30^\circ - h)$ or $T_2 = 9.40$ or $T_1 = 2.60$ or ✓ $(12 - T_2)$	

(Q3, June 2006)

4	(i)	$\bar{x} = 9$ c of m of Δ 4 cm above BD $(324 + 108) (m) \bar{y} =$ $324(m) \times 9 + 108(m) \times (18+4)$ $432 \bar{y}$ 324×9 ($18^2 \times 9$) $108 \times (18 + 4)$ $\bar{y} = 12.25$	B1 B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 A1	7	ignore any working 8 cm below C/see their diagram $432 \bar{y} = 108 \times 8 + 18^2 (12 + 9)$ from C left hand side 1 st term on right hand side 2916 2 nd term on right hand side 2376 $5292 \div 432$ or $49/4$	9
	(ii)	$\tan \theta = 5.75/9$ $\theta = 32.6^\circ$ or 147.4°	M1 A1✓	2	must be .../9 ✓ $\tan^{-1} ((18 - \text{their } \bar{y})/9)$ or $180^\circ..$	

(Q5, June 2006)

5		com directly above lowest point	B1			
		$\tan \alpha = 6/10$	M1			
		$\alpha = 31.0$	A1	3	or 0.540 rads	3

(Q1, Jan 2007)

6	(i)	com of Δ 4 cm right of C	B1		
		$1.5 \times 10 + 7 \times 20 = \bar{x} \times 30$	M1		
			A1		
		$\bar{x} = 5.17$	A1		5 1/6 31/6
		com of Δ 6 cm above E	B1		or 3 cm below C
		$4.5 \times 10 + 6 \times 20 = \bar{y} \times 30$	M1		
			A1		
		$\bar{y} = 5.5$	A1	8	
		(ii) $\tan\theta = 5.17/3.5$	M1		right way up and $(9 - \bar{y})$
		55.9° or 124°	A1✓	2	✓ their $\bar{x} / (9 - \bar{y})$
	(iii) $d = 15\sin 45^\circ$ (10.61)	B1		dist to line of action of T	
	$Td = 30 \times 5.17$	M1		allow $T \times 15$ i.e. T vertical	
	$T = 14.6$	A1	3		
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(Q6, Jan 2007)

7	com of hemisphere 0.3 from O	B1		or 0.5 from base
	com of cylinder $h/2$ from O	B1		
	$0.6 \times 45 = 40 \times 0.5 + (0.8 + h/2) \times 5$ or	M1		or $40 \times 0.3 - 5 \times h/2 = 45 \times 0.2$
	$45(h + 0.2) = 5h/2 + 40(h + 0.3)$	A1		or $5(0.2 + h/2) = 40 \times 0.1$
	$27 = 20 + (0.8 + h/2) \times 5$	M1		solving
	$h = 1.2$	A1	6	AG

(Q8, June 2007)

8 (i)	$(2 \times 4 \times \sin \pi/2) / 3 \times \pi/2$	M1		or $4r/3\pi$
	1.70	A1	2	AG
(ii)(a)	$\bar{x} \times d(8 \times 20 - \pi \times 4^2/2) = 10 \times 8 \times 20d -$	M1		or $134.9 \bar{x} =$
	$12 \times \pi \times 4^2/2 \times d$			$64 \times 4 + 38.9 \times 12 + 32 \times 18$ (1298.8)
	$10 \times 8 \times 20(d)$ (1600)	A1		64×4
	$(8 \times 20 - \pi \times 4^2/2)(d)$ (134.9)	A1		38.9×12
	$(12 \times \pi \times 4^2/2)(d)$ (301.6)	A1		32×18
	$\bar{x} = 9.63$ cm	A1	5	AG
(ii)(b)	$\bar{y} \times d(8 \times 20 - \pi \times 4^2/2) = 4 \times 8 \times 20d -$	M1		or $64 \times 4 = 42.7 + 38.9 \bar{y}$
	$1.7 \times \pi \times 4^2/2 \times d$			$\bar{y} = 5.49$
	$4 \times 8 \times 20(d)$	A1		
	$1.7d \times \pi \times 4^2/2$ (13.6 π)	A1M1		$135 \bar{y} = 32 \times 4 + 38.9 \times 5.49 + 64 \times 4$
	$\bar{y} = 4.43$ cm	A1	4	

(Q8, Jan 2008)

9 (i)	$3/8 \times 3$ (1.125)	B1		c.o.m. hemisphere
	$0.53d = 5 \times 0.02 + (10 + 3/8 \times 3) \times 0.5$	M1		$0.53e = 3 \times 5/8 \times 0.5 + 8 \times 0.02 + 13 \times .01$
		A1		$0.53f = 3 \times 3/8 \times 0.5 - 5 \times 0.02 - 10 \times 0.01$
	$d = 10.7$	A1	4	AG (e = 2.316 f = 0.684)

(Q5, June 2008)

10 (i)	com of Δ 3 cm right of C $(48+27)\bar{x} = 48 \times 4 + 27 \times 11$ $\bar{x} = 6.52$ com of Δ 2 cm above AD $(48+27)\bar{y} = 48 \times 3 + 27 \times 2$ $\bar{y} = 2.64$	B1 M1 A1 A1 B1 M1 A1 A1	8
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(Q8, June 2008)

11 (ii)	$\bar{d} = (2 \times 40 \sin \pi/2) \div 3\pi/2$	M1 A1	must be radians
	$\bar{d} = 17.0$	A1	16.98 160/3 π (8/15 π m)
	$70\bar{y} = 100 \times 60 + 217 \times 10$	M1	
	$\bar{y} = 117$	A1	ft 200 + their \bar{d} or 2 + their \bar{d} (m)
		A1	116.7

(Q3, Jan 2009)

12(i)	$\bar{d} = (2 \times 6 \sin \pi/4) / 3\pi/4$ $\bar{d} = 3.60$	M1 A1	must be correct formula with rads AG	2
(ii)	$\bar{d} \cos 45^\circ = "2.55"$ $5\bar{x} = 3 \times 3 + 2 \times "2.55"$ $\bar{x} = 2.82$ $5\bar{y} = 3 \times 6 + 2 \times (12 + "2.55")$ $\bar{y} = 9.42$	B1 M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 A1	may be implied moments must not have areas 2kg/3kg misread (swap) gives (2.73, 11.13) $\theta = 21.7^\circ$ (MR - 2) (max 7 for (ii) + (iii)) SR -1 for \bar{x} , \bar{y} swap	7
(iii)	$\tan \theta = 2.82/8.58$ $\theta = 18.2^\circ$	M1 A1	M0 for their \bar{x} / \bar{y} ✓ their $\bar{x} / (18 - \bar{y})$	11

(Q5, June 2009)

13 (i)	$\bar{u} = 0.2$ (from vertex) or 0.8 or 0.1 $0.5\bar{d} = 0.2 \times \bar{u} + 0.3 \times 0.65$ $\bar{d} = 0.47$	B1 M1 A1 A1	com of conical shell AG	[4]
(ii)	$s = 0.5$ $T \sin 80^\circ \times 0.5 = 0.47 \times 0.5 \times 9.8$ $T = 4.68 \text{ N}$	B1 M1 A1 A1	slant height, may be implied	[4] 8

(Q3, Jan 2010)

14 (i)	$(6\sin \Pi/2) \div (\Pi/2)$ 3.82	M1 A1 2	Use of correct formula AG
(ii)	$8\bar{d} = 3(6-3.82) + 5 \times 9.82$ or $8x = \pm \{3(-3.82) + 5 \times 3.82\}$ $\bar{d} = 6.95$ or 6.96 or $x = +/-0.955$ $\tan\theta = 0.96/6$ $\theta = 9^\circ$	M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 5	Method to find centre of mass Attempt to find the required angle 7

(Q2, June 2010)

15 (i)	$3x_G = 2 \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.6$ OR $3x_G = 2 \times 0.3 + 0$ OR $3x_G = 4 \times 0.3$ OR $3y_G = 1 \times 0.3 + 1 \times 0.6 + 0$ OR $3y_G = 4 \times 0.3 - 1 \times 0.3$ $x_G = 0.4$ (from AD) OR $x_G = 0.2$ (from BC) $y_G = 0.3\text{m}$ from AB or CD $AG^2 = 0.4^2 + 0.3^2$ $AG = 0.5\text{ m}$	M1 A1 A1 M1 A1 [5]	Table of moments idea. M0 for reducing to 1D problem. Masses/weights may be included. Pythagoras with 2 appropriate distances. This may only be seen in (ii), allow M1A1 in this case.
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(Q1, Jan 2011)

16 (i)	$x_H = 3 \times 0.6/8$ $\pi(0.6^2 \times 0.6)(0.6/2) - (0.6^3 \times 2\pi/3)0.225$ $= \pi \times 0.6^3(1+2/3)x_G$ $x_G = 0.09\text{ m}$ AG	B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 [5]	CoM hemisphere ($x_H = 0.225$), may be implied Use of table of moments idea SC Volume of sphere used, max B1M1A1, moment equation fully correct for A1 (3/5) Accept -0.09
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(Q5, Jan 2011)

17 i	$-(8\cos 30/3)(8^2\sin 60/2)$ $+ (4)(8^2)$ $= (8^2 + 8^2\sin 60/2)(x_G)$ $x_G = 2.09\text{ cm}$	M1 A1 A1 A1 A1 [5]	Table of moments idea, may include g and/or density. -2.309 x 27.7
ii	$\tan\theta = (2.09/4)$ $\theta = 27.6^\circ$	M1 A1ft [2]	ft cv(x_G)

(Q3, June 2011)

18 (i)	$h = r \tan \alpha$ $x(\frac{2}{3}\pi r^3 + \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h) = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h \times \frac{h}{4} - \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3 \times \frac{3}{8}r$ $x = \frac{r(\tan^2 \alpha - 3)}{8 + 4 \tan \alpha}$	B1 M1 A1 A1 [4]	Seen anywhere and in any form. Table of values idea. AG www
(ii)	$x < 0$ Solve $\tan^2 \alpha - 3 < 0$ $\alpha < 60$	B1 M1 A1 [3]	May be implied. Condone = Condone \leq throughout. SC Use of = or > throughout. Max B0 M1 A0

(Q2, Jan 2012)

19	(i)	$\frac{1}{3} a$ $(25 + 2.5a)x_G = 25 \times 2.5 + 2.5a \times (5 + \frac{1}{3} a)$ $x_G = \frac{a^2 + 15a + 75}{3(a+10)}$ AG	B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 [5]	Centre of mass of triangle Table of values idea, using any fixed axis Relative to the axis they are using
	(ii)	$\frac{a^2 + 15a + 75}{3(a+10)} = 5$ Solving for a $a = 8.66$ or $5\sqrt{3}$	*M1 dep*M1 A1 [3]	Substitute x_G as 5 $a \leq 8.66$
	(iii)	$(25 + 2.5a)y_G = 25 \times 2.5 + 2.5a \times (\frac{2}{3} \times 5)$ $y_G = \frac{10a + 75}{3(a+10)}$ or 2.89 $\tan \theta = x_G / y_G = 5 / y_G$ $\theta = 60$	*M1 A1ft A1ft dep*M1 A1ft A1 [6]	Method to find centre of mass from AB (or CD) with or without a substituted. ft their a from (ii), from CD $y_G=2.11$ Using trig to find an appropriate angle, eg complement of θ . ft their a from (ii), but not an incorrect y_G $\theta \leq 60$ (anything that rounds to 60)

(Q7, June 2012)

20	(i)	$(2 \times 3 \sin(\pi/2)) / (3\pi/2)$ or equivalent 3×6^2 $- (\pi \times 3^2/2) \times (6 - 4/\pi)$ $= (6^2 - \pi \times 3^2/2)x_G$ $x_G = 1.88$ cm	B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 A1 [6]	Centre of mass of semicircle; $4/\pi$ Table of moments idea about any axis.
	(ii)	$\tan \theta = 1.88/3$ $\theta = 32.1^\circ$	M1 A1ft [2]	Attempt at a relevant angle allow $180-\theta$ & radians (0.561 or 0.560)

(Q4, Jan 2013)

21	(i)	$4.4x_G = 4 \times \frac{1}{4} \times 8$ $- 0.4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times 10$ $x_G = 1.52$ cm	M1 A1 A1 A1 [4]	Table of moments idea. Moments about other axes acceptable Allow $50/33$
	(ii)	$T_{\text{shell}} \times 18 = 4.4g \times (8 - 1.52)$ or $T_{\text{cone}} \times 18 = 4.4g \times (10 + 1.52)$ $T_{\text{shell}} + T_{\text{cone}} = 4.4g$ $T_{\text{shell}} = 15.5$ and $T_{\text{cone}} = 27.6$	M1 A1ft M1 A1 [4]	Or any other correct moment equation. ft on x_G from (i) May use a second moments equation For both

(Q4, June 2013)