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Pearson Edexcel GCE A Level Physics

Topic 7: Further Mechanics

Test 1

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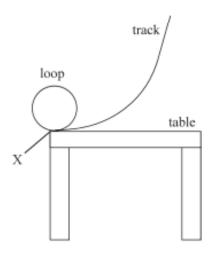
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Purpose

- The purpose of this resource to provide qualification-specific sets/groups of questions covering the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to this Pearson qualification.
- This document should be used in conjunction with the mapping guidance which will map content and/or skills covered within each set of questions.
- These materials are only intended to support the summer 2021 series.

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11 A track for toy cars can be built with a circular loop as shown.



A toy car is placed on the track at various heights. It travels around the loop before leaving the track horizontally at X.

(a) The loop has radius r and the mass of the toy car is m. It is possible for a toy car to complete the loop without losing contact with the inside of the track.

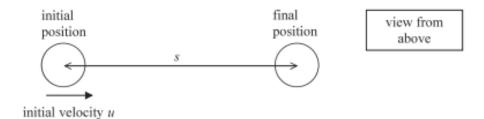
For this to occur the minimum speed of the toy car at the top of the loop v_{top} is given by

$$v_{\text{top}} = \sqrt{gr}$$

Explain why.

(2)

- 14 A student carried out an experiment with coins.
 - (a) She gave a 2p coin a sharp tap, so that it slid along a horizontal surface and came to rest as shown.



The student recorded the distance s moved by the coin.

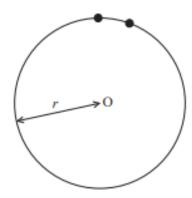
Discuss the validity of this suggestion.

She then replaced the 2p coin with a 1p coin and repeated the process.

The student read that the frictional force between an object and a surface is directly proportional to the mass of the object. She suggested that, in her experiment, u is directly proportional to \sqrt{s} and is independent of the mass of the coin.

(6)

- 17 A centrifuge is a machine which rotates.
 - (a) A particle in a centrifuge moves in a circle of radius r, centre O, with a constant speed v. The diagram represents two positions of the particle.



Derive the equation for centripetal acceleration $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$ by considering the velocity at these two positions.

Your answer should include a vector diagram.

(5)

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