

**MECHANICS (C) UNIT 1****TEST PAPER 8**

Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and give all answers correct to 3 significant figures where necessary.

1. A golf ball and a table tennis ball are dropped together from the top of a building. The golf ball hits the ground after 1.7 seconds.

Calculate the height of the top of the building above the ground. [3]

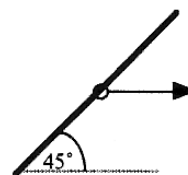
According to a simple model, the two balls hit the ground at the same time.

State why this may not be true in practice and describe a refinement to the model which could lead to a more realistic solution. [2]

2. A particle is in equilibrium under the action of three forces **P**, **Q** and **R** acting in the same horizontal plane. **P** has magnitude 9 N and acts on a bearing of  $030^\circ$ . **Q** has magnitude 12 N and acts on a bearing of  $225^\circ$ . Find the magnitude and direction of **R**. [7]

3. A small ring, of mass  $m$  kg, can slide along a straight wire which is fixed at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal as shown. The coefficient of friction between the ring and the wire is  $\frac{2}{7}$ .

The ring rests in equilibrium on the wire and is just prevented from sliding down the wire when a horizontal string is attached to it, as shown



Show that the tension in the string has magnitude  $\frac{5mg}{9}$  N. [7]

4. The velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , of a particle at time  $t$  s is given by  $v = 4t^2 - 9$ .
- (i) Find the acceleration of the particle when it is instantaneously at rest. [3]
- (ii) Find the distance travelled by the particle from time  $t = 0$  until it comes to rest. [4]

5. Two model cars *A* and *B* have masses 200 g and  $k$  g respectively. They move towards each other in a straight line and collide directly when their speeds are  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  respectively. As a result the speed of *A* is reduced to  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , in the same direction as before. The direction of *B*'s motion is reversed and its speed immediately after the impact is  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

(i) Find the value of  $k$ . [3]

The surface on which the cars move is rough, and *B* comes to rest 3 seconds after the impact. The coefficient of friction between both cars and the surface is  $\mu$ .

(ii) Find the value of  $\mu$ . [3]

(iii) Find the distance travelled by *A* after the impact before it comes to rest. [3]

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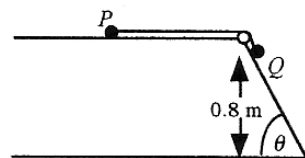
6. Two cyclists, Alice and Bobbie, travel from  $P$  to  $Q$  along a straight path. Alice starts from rest at  $P$  just as Bobbie passes her at  $3.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Bobbie continues at this speed while Alice accelerates at  $0.2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  for  $T$  seconds until she attains her maximum speed. At this moment both cyclists immediately start to slow down, with constant but different decelerations, and they come to rest at  $Q$  80 seconds after Alice started moving.

(i) Sketch, on the same diagram, the velocity-time graphs for the two cyclists. [4]

By using the fact that both cyclists cover the same distance, find

- (ii) the value of  $T$ , [4]  
 (iii) the distance between  $P$  and  $Q$ , [2]  
 (iv) the magnitude of Bobbie's deceleration. [2]

7. Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses  $2m$  and  $3m$  respectively, are connected by a light string. Initially,  $P$  is at rest on a smooth horizontal table. The string passes over a small smooth pulley and  $Q$  rests on a rough plane inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$ .



The coefficient of friction between  $Q$  and the inclined plane is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

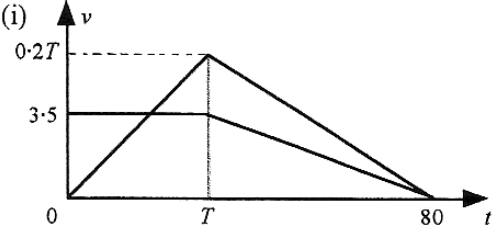
The system is released from rest with  $Q$  at a distance of  $0.8$  metres above a horizontal floor.

- (i) Show that the acceleration of  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $\frac{21g}{50}$ , stating a modelling assumption which you must make to ensure that both particles have the same acceleration. [7]  
 (ii) Find the speed with which  $Q$  hits the floor. [2]

After  $Q$  hits the floor and does not rebound,  $P$  moves a further  $0.2$  m until it hits the pulley.

- (iii) Find the total time after the system is released before  $P$  hits the pulley. [4]

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1.  $s = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times 1.7^2 = 14.2 \text{ m}$  M1 A1 A1  
 Lighter ball may be more affected by air resistance : include this B1 B1 5
2. Total force to north =  $9 \cos 30^\circ - 12 \cos 45^\circ = -0.691 \text{ N}$  M1 A1  
 Total force to east =  $9 \sin 30^\circ - 12 \sin 45^\circ = -3.985 \text{ N}$  M1 A1  
 $|\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{(3.985^2 + 0.691^2)} = 4.04 \text{ N}$ , on bearing  $\tan^{-1} 5.77 = 080.1^\circ$  M1 A1 A1 7
3. Resolve horizontally :  $T + \frac{2}{7} \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$   $T = \frac{5R}{7\sqrt{2}}$  M1 A1  
 Resolve vertically :  $mg = \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{7} \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{9R}{7\sqrt{2}}$   $R = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{9} mg$  M1 A1 A1  
 $T = \frac{5}{7\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{9} mg = \frac{5mg}{9}$  M1 A1 7
4. (i) When  $v = 0$ ,  $4t^2 = 9$   $t = 1.5$   $a = 8t = 12 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  M1 A1 A1  
 (ii)  $s = \int_0^{1.5} v \, dt = [\frac{4}{3}t^3 - 9t]_0^{1.5} = 4.5 - 13.5$ , so distance = 9 m M1 M1 A1 A1 7
5. (i)  $200 \times 5 - 4k = 200 \times 2 + 5k$   $9k = 600$   $k = 66\frac{2}{3}$  M1 A1 A1  
 (ii)  $v = u + at$  :  $0 = 5 + 3a$   $a = -\frac{5}{3}$   $\mu g = \frac{5}{3}$   $\mu = 0.170$  M1 A1 A1  
 (iii)  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$  :  $0 = 4 + 2(-\frac{5}{3})s$   $s = 1.2 \text{ m}$  M1 A1 A1 9
6. (i)  B2 B2
- (ii) Areas under graphs equal :  $40(0.2T) = 1.75(T + 80)$  M1 A1 A1  
 $6.25T = 140$   $T = 22.4$  A1
- (iii) Area =  $8T$ , so distance =  $179.2 \text{ m}$  M1 A1
- (iv)  $3.5 \div (80 - T) = 0.0608 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  M1 A1 12
7. (i) Modelling assumption : string is inextensible B1  
 $F = ma$  :  $T = 2ma$ ,  $3mg \sin \theta - \frac{1}{6}(3mg \cos \theta) - T = 3ma$  M1 A1 A1  
 Add :  $3mg(0.8) - 0.5mg(0.6) = 5ma$   $5a = 2.1g$   $a = \frac{21g}{50}$  M1 A1 A1  
 (ii) Dist. = 1 m :  $v^2 = 2(\frac{21g}{50})(1)$   $v = 2.87 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  M1 A1  
 (iii) Time for Q to reach floor is t where  $1 = 0.21gt^2$   $t = 0.697 \text{ s}$  M1 A1  
 0.2 m at  $2.87 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  takes 0.0697 s, so total time = 0.767 s M1 A1 13