



**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE UNIT  
MATHEMATICS (MEI)**

Mechanics 1

**WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2007**

**4761/01**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet (8 pages)  
Graph paper  
MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- 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 72.

**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- You are advised that an answer may receive **no marks** unless you show sufficient detail of the working to indicate that a correct method is being used.

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## Section A (36 marks)

- 1 Fig. 1 is the velocity-time graph for the motion of a body. The velocity of the body is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at time  $t$  seconds.

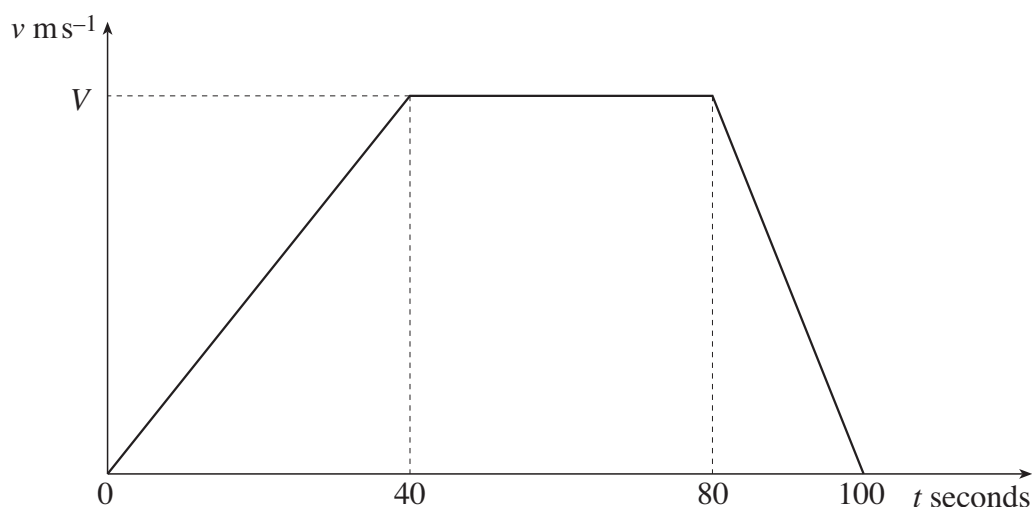


Fig. 1

The displacement of the body from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 100$  is 1400 m. Find the value of  $V$ . [4]

- 2 A particle moves along a straight line containing a point O. Its displacement,  $x$  m, from O at time  $t$  seconds is given by

$$x = 12t - t^3, \text{ where } -10 \leq t \leq 10.$$

Find the values of  $x$  for which the velocity of the particle is zero. [5]

- 3 A box of mass 5 kg is at rest on a rough horizontal floor.

(i) Find the value of the normal reaction of the floor on the box. [1]

The box remains at rest on the floor when a force of 10 N is applied to it at an angle of  $40^\circ$  to the upward vertical, as shown in Fig. 3.

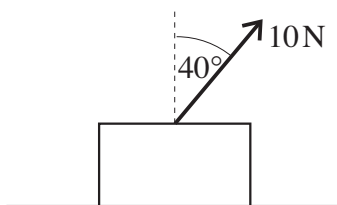


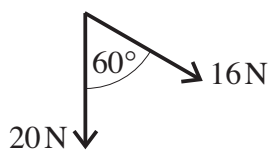
Fig. 3

(ii) Draw a diagram showing all the forces acting on the box. [2]

(iii) Calculate the new value of the normal reaction of the floor on the box and also the frictional force. [4]

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- 4 Fig. 4 shows forces of magnitudes 20 N and 16 N inclined at  $60^\circ$ .



**Fig. 4**

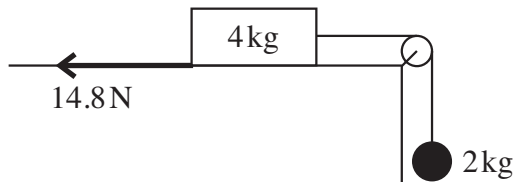
- (i) Calculate the component of the resultant of these two forces in the direction of the 20 N force. [1]

- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of the resultant of these two forces. [3]

These are the only forces acting on a particle of mass 2 kg.

- (iii) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the particle and the angle the acceleration makes with the 20 N force. [3]

- 5 A block of mass 4 kg slides on a horizontal plane against a constant resistance of 14.8 N. A light, inextensible string is attached to the block and, after passing over a smooth pulley, is attached to a freely hanging sphere of mass 2 kg. The part of the string between the block and the pulley is horizontal. This situation is shown in Fig. 5.



**Fig. 5**

The tension in the string is  $T$  N and the acceleration of the block and of the sphere is  $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup>.

- (i) Write down the equation of motion of the block and also the equation of motion of the sphere, each in terms of  $T$  and  $a$ . [3]
- (ii) Find the values of  $T$  and  $a$ . [3]

## 4

- 6 The velocity of a model boat,  $\mathbf{v}$  m s<sup>-1</sup>, is given by

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $t$  is the time in seconds and the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are east and north respectively.

- (i) Show that when  $t = 2.5$  the boat is travelling south-east (i.e. on a bearing of 135°). Calculate its speed at this time. [3]

The boat is at a point O when  $t = 0$ .

- (ii) Calculate the bearing of the boat from O when  $t = 2.5$ . [4]

## 5

## Section B (36 marks)

- 7 A horizontal force of 24 N acts on a block of mass 12 kg on a horizontal plane. The block is initially at rest.

This situation is first modelled assuming the plane is smooth.

- (i) Write down the acceleration of the block according to this model. [1]

The situation is now modelled assuming a constant resistance to motion of 15 N.

- (ii) Calculate the acceleration of the block according to this new model. How much less distance does the new model predict that the block will travel in the first 4 seconds? [5]

The 24 N force is removed and the block slides *down* a slope at  $5^\circ$  to the horizontal. The speed of the block at the top of the slope is  $1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , as shown in Fig. 7. The answers to parts (iii) and (iv) should be found using the assumption that the resistance to the motion of the block is still a constant 15 N.

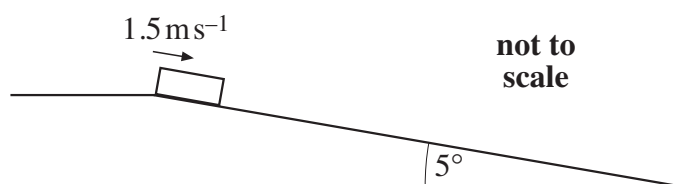


Fig. 7

- (iii) Calculate the acceleration of the block in the direction of its motion. [4]
- (iv) For how much time does the block slide down the slope before coming to rest and how far does it slide in that time? [4]

Measurements show that the block actually comes to rest in 3.5 seconds.

- (v) Assuming that the error in the prediction is due only to the value of the resistance, calculate the true value of the resistance. [4]

[Question 8 is printed overleaf.]

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8 In this question the value of  $g$  should be taken as  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

As shown in Fig. 8, particles A and B are projected towards one another. Each particle has an initial speed of  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  vertically and  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  horizontally. Initially A and B are  $70 \text{ m}$  apart horizontally and B is  $15 \text{ m}$  higher than A. Both particles are projected over horizontal ground.

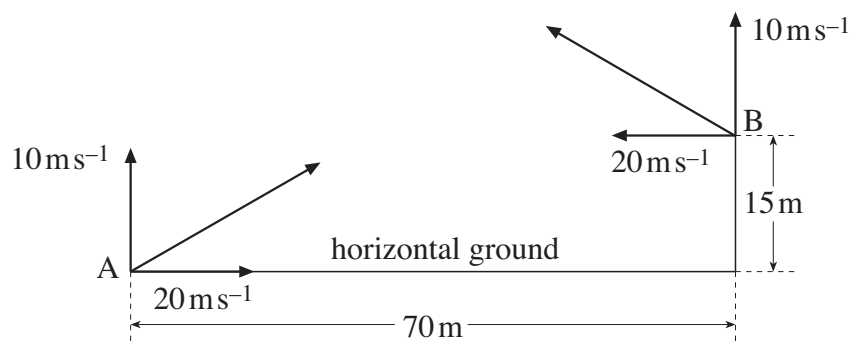


Fig. 8

- (i) Show that,  $t$  seconds after projection, the height in metres of each particle above its point of projection is  $10t - 5t^2$ . [1]
- (ii) Calculate the horizontal range of A. Deduce that A hits the horizontal ground between the initial positions of A and B. [5]
- (iii) Calculate the horizontal distance travelled by B before reaching the ground. [5]
- (iv) Show that the paths of the particles cross but that the particles do not collide if they are projected at the same time. [2]

In fact, particle A is projected 2 seconds after particle B.

- (v) Verify that the particles collide 0.75 seconds after A is projected. [5]