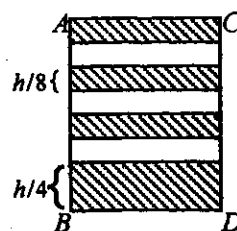


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Take $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ and give all answers correct to 3 significant figures where necessary.

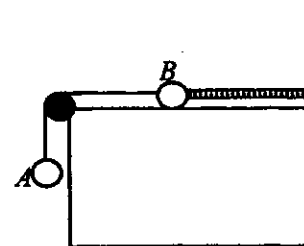
1. A small bead is threaded onto a smooth circular hoop, of radius r m, fixed in a vertical plane. It is projected with speed $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ from the lowest point of the hoop. Find u in terms of g and r if
- (a) the bead just reaches the highest point of the hoop, (3 marks)
- (b) the reaction on the bead is zero when it is at the highest point of the hoop. (4 marks)

2. An ornamental tower is made from a solid right circular cylinder of mass M and height h by removing three identical cylindrical sections, each of height $\frac{h}{8}$, equally spaced above a base of height $\frac{h}{4}$, as shown. The tower is held in position by light, thin vertical strips AB and CD .



Find the distance of the centre of mass of the tower from its horizontal base. (7 marks)

3. Two particles A and B , of masses M kg and m kg respectively, are connected by a light inextensible string passing over a smooth fixed pulley. B is placed on a smooth horizontal table and A hangs freely, as shown. B is attached to a spring of natural length l m and modulus of elasticity λ N, whose other end is fixed to a vertical wall.



The system starts to move from rest when the string is taut and the spring neither extended nor compressed. A does not reach the ground, nor does B reach the pulley, during the motion.

- (a) Show that the maximum extension of the spring is $\frac{2Mgl}{\lambda}$ m. (3 marks)
- (b) If $M = 3$, $m = 1.5$ and $\lambda = 35l$, find the speed of A when the extension in the spring is 0.5 m. (6 marks)
4. A particle P of mass m kg moves along a straight line under the action of a force of magnitude $\frac{km}{x^2}$ N, where k is a constant, directed towards a fixed point O on the line, where $OP = x$ m. P starts from rest at A , at a distance a m from O . When $OP = x$ m, the speed of P is $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- (a) Show that $v = \sqrt{\frac{2k(a-x)}{ax}}$. (6 marks)

B is the point half-way between O and A . When $k = \frac{1}{2}$ and $a = 1$, the time taken by P to travel from A to B is T seconds

Assuming the result that, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $\int \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} dx = \arcsin(\sqrt{x}) - \sqrt{(x-x^2)} + \text{constant}$,

- (b) find the value of T . (5 marks)

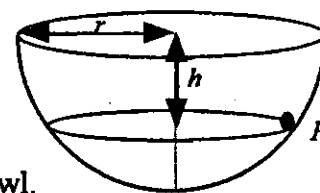
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5. A car moves round a circular racing track of radius 100 m, which is banked at an angle of 4° to the horizontal.

(a) Show that when its speed is 8.28 ms^{-1} , there is no sideways force acting on the car. (4 marks)

(b) When the speed of the car is 12.5 ms^{-1} , find the smallest value of the coefficient of friction between the car and the track which will prevent side-slip. (9 marks)

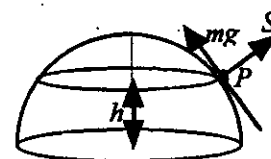
6. The diagram shows a particle P of mass m kg moving on the inner surface of a smooth fixed hemispherical bowl of radius r m which is fixed with its axis vertical. P moves at a constant speed in a horizontal circle, at a depth h m below the top of the bowl.



(a) Show that the force R exerted on P by the bowl has magnitude $\frac{mgr}{h}$ N. (4 marks)

(b) Find, in terms of g , h and r , the constant speed of P . (4 marks)

The bowl is now inverted and P moves on the smooth outer surface at a height h above the plane face under the action of a force of magnitude mg applied tangentially as shown. The reaction of the surface of the sphere on P now has magnitude S N.



(c) Given that $r = 2h$, prove that $S < \frac{1}{6} R$. (5 marks)

7. A particle P of mass m kg is fixed to one end of a light elastic string of modulus mg N and natural length l m. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O on a rough horizontal table. Initially P is at rest in limiting equilibrium on the table at the point X where $OX = \frac{5l}{4}$ m.

(a) Find the coefficient of friction between P and the table. (2 marks)

P is now given a small displacement x m horizontally along OX , away from O . While P is in motion, the frictional resistance remains constant at its limiting value.

(b) Show that as long as the string remains taut, P performs simple harmonic motion with X as the centre. (4 marks)

If P is held at the point where the extension in the string is l m and then released,

(c) show that the string becomes slack after a time $\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ s. (5 marks)

(d) Determine the speed of P when it reaches O . (4 marks)