

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education  
Advanced General Certificate of Education**

**MATHEMATICS**

**2640**

**Mechanics 4**

**Wednesday 21 JANUARY 2004 Afternoon 1 hour 20 minutes**

**Additional materials:**

- Answer booklet
- Graph paper
- List of Formulae (MF8)

**TIME** 1 hour 20 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your Name, Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity is needed, use  $9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .
- You are permitted to use a graphic calculator in this paper.

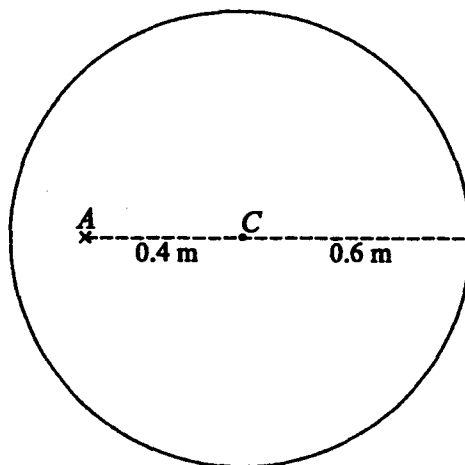
**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- 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 60.
- Questions carrying smaller numbers of marks are printed earlier in the paper, and questions carrying larger numbers of marks later in the paper.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

---

**This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

- 1 A wheel is rotating about a fixed axis, and is slowing down with constant angular deceleration  $0.3 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ .
- (i) Find the angle the wheel turns through as its angular speed changes from  $8 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  to  $5 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the time taken for the wheel to make its final complete revolution before coming to rest. [3]
- 2 A rod  $AB$  of variable density has length 2 m. At a distance  $x$  metres from  $A$ , the rod has mass per unit length  $(0.7 - 0.3x) \text{ kg m}^{-1}$ . Find the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from  $A$ . [5]
- 3 From a speedboat, a ship is sighted on a bearing of  $045^\circ$ . The ship has constant velocity  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the direction with bearing  $120^\circ$ . The speedboat travels in a straight line with constant speed  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and intercepts the ship.
- (i) Find the bearing of the course of the speedboat. [4]
- (ii) Find the magnitude of the velocity of the ship relative to the speedboat. [3]
- 4 The region between the curve  $y = \frac{x^2}{a}$  and the  $x$ -axis for  $0 \leq x \leq a$  is occupied by a uniform lamina with mass  $m$ . Show that the moment of inertia of this lamina about the  $x$ -axis is  $\frac{1}{7}ma^2$ . [7]
- 5



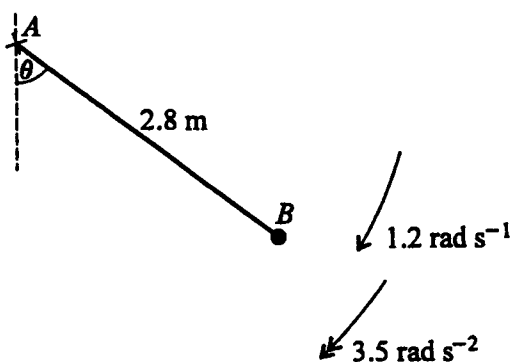
A uniform circular disc has mass 4 kg, radius 0.6 m and centre  $C$ . The disc can rotate in a vertical plane about a fixed horizontal axis which is perpendicular to the disc and which passes through the point  $A$  on the disc, where  $AC = 0.4 \text{ m}$ . A frictional couple of constant moment  $4.8 \text{ N m}$  opposes the motion. The disc is released from rest with  $AC$  horizontal (see diagram).

- (i) Find the moment of inertia of the disc about the axis through  $A$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the angular acceleration of the disc immediately after it is released. [3]
- (iii) Find the angular speed of the disc when  $C$  is first vertically below  $A$ . [4]

3

- 6 A rigid body consists of a uniform rod  $AB$ , of mass 15 kg and length 2.8 m, with a particle of mass 5 kg attached at  $B$ . The body rotates without resistance in a vertical plane about a fixed horizontal axis through  $A$ .

- (i) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the body from  $A$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the moment of inertia of the body about the axis. [2]



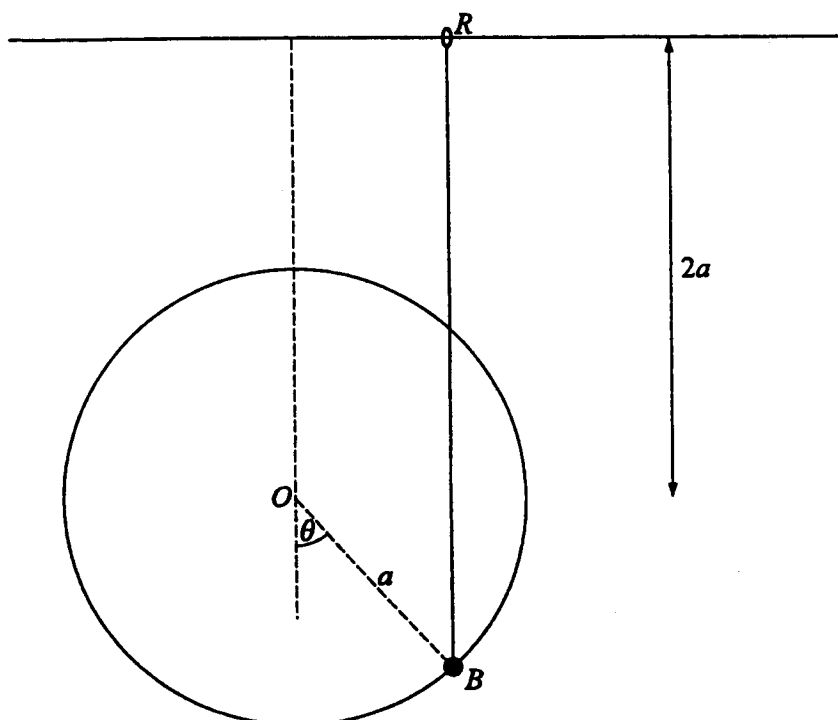
At one instant,  $AB$  makes an acute angle  $\theta$  with the downward vertical, the angular speed of the body is  $1.2 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  and the angular acceleration of the body is  $3.5 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$  (see diagram).

- (iii) Show that  $\sin \theta = 0.8$ . [3]
- (iv) Find the components, parallel and perpendicular to  $BA$ , of the force acting on the body at  $A$ . [6]

[Question 7 is printed overleaf.]

4

7



A small bead  $B$ , of mass  $m$ , slides on a smooth circular hoop of radius  $a$  and centre  $O$  which is fixed in a vertical plane. A light elastic string has natural length  $2a$  and modulus of elasticity  $mg$ ; one end is attached to  $B$ , and the other end is attached to a light ring  $R$  which slides along a smooth horizontal wire. The wire is in the same vertical plane as the hoop, and at a distance  $2a$  above  $O$ . The elastic string  $BR$  is always vertical, and  $OB$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the downward vertical (see diagram).

(i) Show that  $\theta = 0$  is a position of stable equilibrium. [7]

(ii) Find the approximate period of small oscillations about the equilibrium position  $\theta = 0$ . [7]