



**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
MATHEMATICS**

Mechanics 4

**FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2007**

**4731/01**

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)  
List of Formulae (MF1)

**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.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .
- You are permitted to use a graphical 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 72.

**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

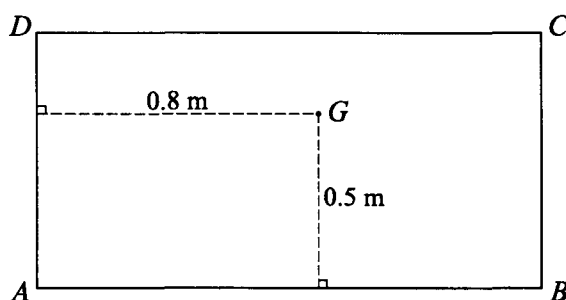
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- 1 The driveshaft of an electric motor begins to rotate from rest and has constant angular acceleration. In the first 8 seconds it turns through 56 radians.

- (i) Find the angular acceleration. [2]
- (ii) Find the angle through which the driveshaft turns while its angular speed increases from  $20 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  to  $36 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . [2]

- 2 The region  $R$  is bounded by the curve  $y = \sqrt{4a^2 - x^2}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq a$ , the  $x$ -axis, the  $y$ -axis and the line  $x = a$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant. The region  $R$  is rotated through  $2\pi$  radians about the  $x$ -axis to form a uniform solid of revolution. Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the centre of mass of this solid. [7]

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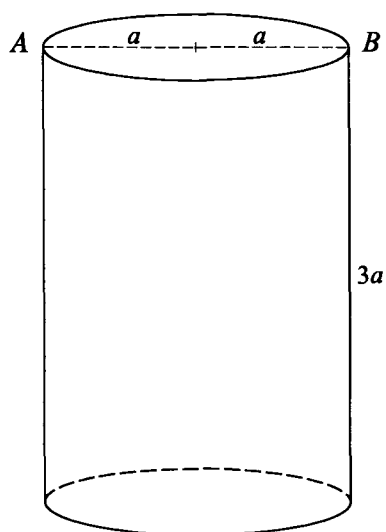
A non-uniform rectangular lamina  $ABCD$  has mass 6 kg. The centre of mass  $G$  of the lamina is 0.8 m from the side  $AD$  and 0.5 m from the side  $AB$  (see diagram). The moment of inertia of the lamina about  $AD$  is  $6.2 \text{ kg m}^2$  and the moment of inertia of the lamina about  $AB$  is  $2.8 \text{ kg m}^2$ .

The lamina rotates in a vertical plane about a fixed horizontal axis which passes through  $A$  and is perpendicular to the lamina.

- (i) Write down the moment of inertia of the lamina about this axis. [1]

The lamina is released from rest in the position where  $AB$  and  $DC$  are horizontal and  $DC$  is above  $AB$ . A frictional couple of constant moment opposes the motion. When  $AB$  is first vertical, the angular speed of the lamina is  $2.4 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Find the moment of the frictional couple. [5]
- (iii) Find the angular acceleration of the lamina immediately after it is released. [3]



A uniform solid cylinder has radius  $a$ , height  $3a$ , and mass  $M$ . The line  $AB$  is a diameter of one of the end faces of the cylinder (see diagram).

- (i) Show by integration that the moment of inertia of the cylinder about  $AB$  is  $\frac{13}{4}Ma^2$ . (You may assume that the moment of inertia of a uniform disc of mass  $m$  and radius  $a$  about a diameter is  $\frac{1}{4}ma^2$ .) [7]

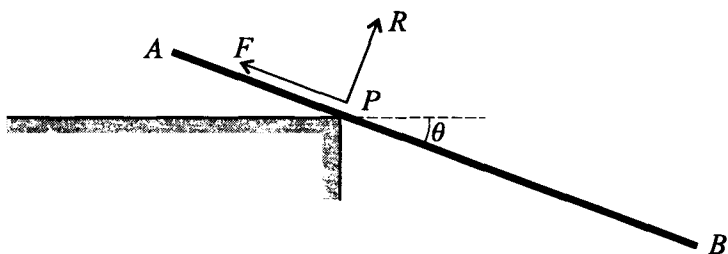
The line  $AB$  is now fixed in a horizontal position and the cylinder rotates freely about  $AB$ , making small oscillations as a compound pendulum.

- (ii) Find the approximate period of these small oscillations, in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ . [3]

- 5 A ship  $S$  is travelling with constant speed  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  on a course with bearing  $345^\circ$ . A patrol boat  $B$  spots the ship  $S$  when  $S$  is  $2400 \text{ m}$  from  $B$  on a bearing of  $050^\circ$ . The boat  $B$  sets off in pursuit, travelling with constant speed  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in a straight line.

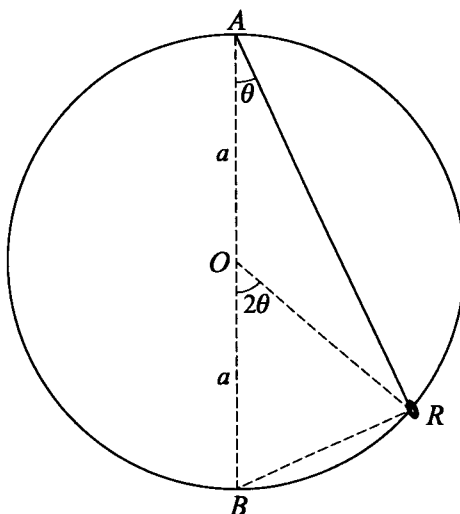
- (i) Given that  $v = 16$ , find the bearing of the course which  $B$  should take in order to intercept  $S$ , and the time taken to make the interception. [8]

- (ii) Given instead that  $v = 10$ , find the bearing of the course which  $B$  should take in order to get as close as possible to  $S$ . [4]



A uniform rod  $AB$  has mass  $m$  and length  $2a$ . The point  $P$  on the rod is such that  $AP = \frac{2}{3}a$ . The rod is placed in a horizontal position perpendicular to the edge of a rough horizontal table, with  $AP$  in contact with the table and  $PB$  overhanging the edge. The rod is released from rest in this position. When it has rotated through an angle  $\theta$ , and no slipping has occurred at  $P$ , the normal reaction acting on the rod at  $P$  is  $R$  and the frictional force is  $F$  (see diagram).

- (i) Show that the angular acceleration of the rod is  $\frac{3g \cos \theta}{4a}$ . [4]
- (ii) Find the angular speed of the rod, in terms of  $a$ ,  $g$  and  $\theta$ . [3]
- (iii) Find  $F$  and  $R$  in terms of  $m$ ,  $g$  and  $\theta$ . [6]
- (iv) Given that the coefficient of friction between the rod and the edge of the table is  $\mu$ , show that the rod is on the point of slipping at  $P$  when  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}\mu$ . [2]



A smooth circular wire, with centre  $O$  and radius  $a$ , is fixed in a vertical plane. The highest point on the wire is  $A$  and the lowest point on the wire is  $B$ . A small ring  $R$  of mass  $m$  moves freely along the wire. A light elastic string, with natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $\frac{1}{2}mg$ , has one end attached to  $A$  and the other end attached to  $R$ . The string  $AR$  makes an angle  $\theta$  (measured anticlockwise) with the downward vertical, so that  $OR$  makes an angle  $2\theta$  with the downward vertical (see diagram). You may assume that the string does not become slack.

- (i) Taking  $A$  as the level for zero gravitational potential energy, show that the total potential energy  $V$  of the system is given by

$$V = mga\left(\frac{1}{4} - \cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta\right). \quad [4]$$

- (ii) Show that  $\theta = 0$  is the only position of equilibrium. [3]

- (iii) By differentiating the energy equation with respect to time  $t$ , show that

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{4a} \sin \theta (1 + 2 \cos \theta). \quad [5]$$

- (iv) Deduce the approximate period of small oscillations about the equilibrium position  $\theta = 0$ . [3]