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## FURTHER MATHEMATICS

**9231/31**

Paper 3 Further Mechanics

**October/November 2021**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) is needed, use  $10\text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 One end of a light elastic string, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $3mg$ , is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a smooth horizontal plane. A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to the other end of the string and moves in a horizontal circle with centre  $O$ . The speed of  $P$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}ga$ .

Find the extension of the string.

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- 2 A particle  $P$  of mass  $m \text{ kg}$  moves along a horizontal straight line with acceleration  $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$  given by

$$a = \frac{v(1-2t^2)}{t},$$

where  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  is the velocity of  $P$  at time  $t \text{ s}$ .

- (a) Find an expression for  $v$  in terms of  $t$  and an arbitrary constant. [3]

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- (b) Given that  $a = 5$  when  $t = 1$ , find an expression, in terms of  $m$  and  $t$ , for the horizontal force acting on  $P$  at time  $t$ . [3]

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- 3 A light elastic string has natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $12mg$ . One end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass  $m$ . The particle hangs in equilibrium vertically below  $O$ . The particle is pulled vertically down and released from rest with the extension of the string equal to  $e$ , where  $e > \frac{1}{3}a$ . In the subsequent motion the particle has speed  $\sqrt{2ga}$  when it has ascended a distance  $\frac{1}{3}a$ .

Find  $e$  in terms of  $a$ .

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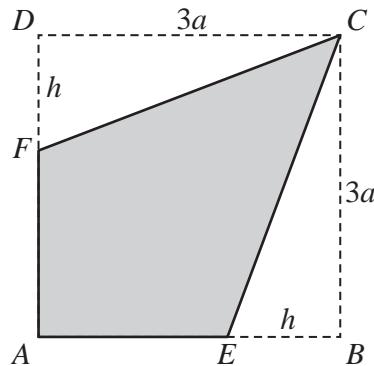
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A uniform lamina  $AECF$  is formed by removing two identical triangles  $BCE$  and  $CDF$  from a square lamina  $ABCD$ . The square has side  $3a$  and  $EB = DF = h$  (see diagram).

- (a) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the lamina  $AECF$  from  $AD$  and from  $AB$ , giving your answers in terms of  $a$  and  $h$ . [5]

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The lamina  $AECF$  is placed vertically on its edge  $AE$  on a horizontal plane.

- (b) Find, in terms of  $a$ , the set of values of  $h$  for which the lamina remains in equilibrium.

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- 5 A particle  $P$  is projected from a point  $O$  on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. Its initial speed is  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and its angle of projection is  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$  above the horizontal. At time 8 s after projection,  $P$  is at the point  $A$ . At time 32 s after projection,  $P$  is at the point  $B$ . The direction of motion of  $P$  at  $B$  is perpendicular to its direction of motion at  $A$ .

Find the value of  $u$ .

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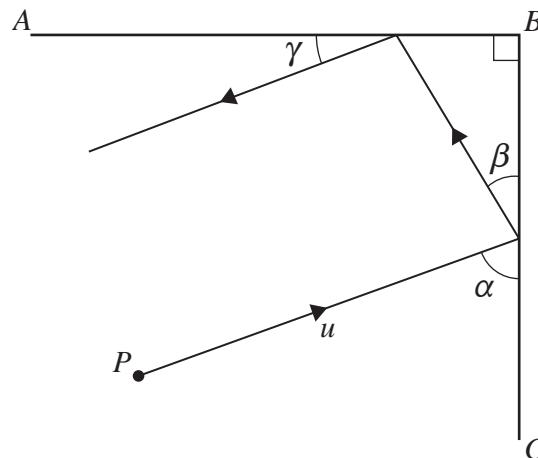


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- (b) Find, in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ , the greatest speed of  $P$  during its motion. [2]

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The smooth vertical walls \$AB\$ and \$CB\$ are at right angles to each other. A particle \$P\$ is moving with speed \$u\$ on a smooth horizontal floor and strikes the wall \$CB\$ at an angle \$\alpha\$. It rebounds at an angle \$\beta\$ to the wall \$CB\$. The particle then strikes the wall \$AB\$ and rebounds at an angle \$\gamma\$ to that wall (see diagram). The coefficient of restitution between each wall and \$P\$ is \$e\$.

- (a) Show that  $\tan \beta = e \tan \alpha$ .

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- (b) Express \$\gamma\$ in terms of \$\alpha\$ and explain what this result means about the final direction of motion of \$P\$. [4]

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As a result of the two impacts the particle loses  $\frac{8}{9}$  of its initial kinetic energy.

- (c) Given that  $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$ , find the value of  $e$  and the value of  $\tan \alpha$ .

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