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MATHEMATICS **9709/41**

Paper 4 Mechanics **October/November 2020**

1 hour 15 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.
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- 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 $10\,\text{m}\,\text{s}^{-2}$.

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 A particle B of mass 5 kg is at rest on a smooth horizontal table. A particle A of mass 2.5 kg moves on the table with a speed of $6\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ and collides directly with B. In the collision the two particles coalesce.

(a) Find the speed of the combined particle after the collision. [2]

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(b) Find the loss of kinetic energy of the system due to the collision. [3]

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2 A car of mass 1400 kg is moving along a straight horizontal road against a resistance of magnitude 350 N.

(a) Find, in kW, the rate at which the engine of the car is working when it is travelling at a constant speed of $20\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$. [2]

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(b) Find the acceleration of the car when its speed is $20\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ and the engine is working at 15 kW. [3]

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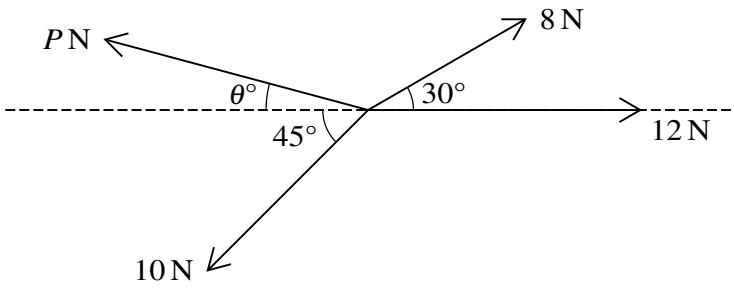

Coplanar forces of magnitudes 8 N, 12 N, 10 N and P N act at a point in the directions shown in the diagram. The system is in equilibrium.

Find P and θ. [6]

4 A particle P moves in a straight line. It starts from rest at a point O on the line and at time t s after leaving O it has acceleration $a\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$, where $a = 6t - 18$.

Find the distance P moves before it comes to instantaneous rest. [6]

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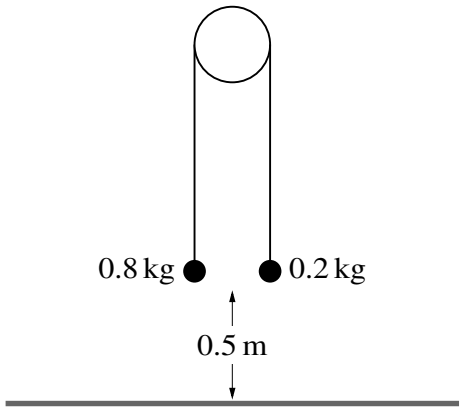

Two particles of masses 0.8 kg and 0.2 kg are connected by a light inextensible string that passes over a fixed smooth pulley. The system is released from rest with both particles 0.5 m above a horizontal floor (see diagram). In the subsequent motion the 0.2 kg particle does not reach the pulley.

(a) Show that the magnitude of the acceleration of the particles is $6\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$ and find the tension in the string. [4]

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(b) When the 0.8 kg particle reaches the floor it comes to rest.

Find the greatest height of the 0.2 kg particle above the floor. [3]

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6 A car of mass 1500 kg is pulling a trailer of mass 750 kg up a straight hill of length 800 m inclined at an angle of $\sin^{-1} 0.08$ to the horizontal. The resistances to the motion of the car and trailer are 400 N and 200 N respectively. The car and trailer are connected by a light rigid tow-bar. The car and trailer have speed $30\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ at the bottom of the hill and $20\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ at the top of the hill.

(a) Use an energy method to find the constant driving force as the car and trailer travel up the hill. [5]

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After reaching the top of the hill the system consisting of the car and trailer travels along a straight level road. The driving force of the car's engine is 2400 N and the resistances to motion are unchanged.

(b) Find the acceleration of the system and the tension in the tow-bar. [4]

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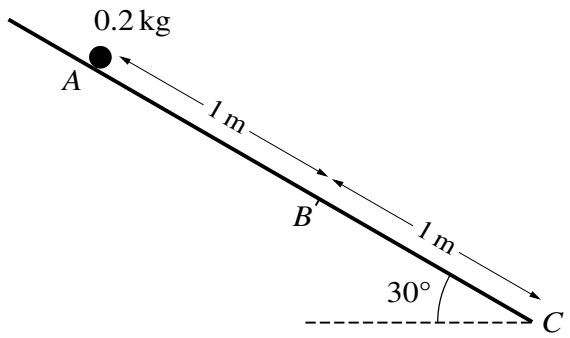

Three points A, B and C lie on a line of greatest slope of a plane inclined at an angle of 30° to the horizontal, with $AB = 1$ m and $BC = 1$ m, as shown in the diagram. A particle of mass 0.2 kg is released from rest at A and slides down the plane. The part of the plane from A to B is smooth. The part of the plane from B to C is rough, with coefficient of friction μ between the plane and the particle.

(a) Given that $\mu = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$, find the speed of the particle at C. [8]

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(b) Given instead that the particle comes to rest at C, find the exact value of μ. [4]

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