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# Mathematics

Assessment Unit M1

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Module M1: Mechanics 1



**[AMM11]**

**THURSDAY 14 MAY, MORNING**

## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **all eight** questions.

Show clearly the full development of your answers.

Answers should be given to three significant figures unless otherwise stated.

You are permitted to use a graphic or scientific calculator in this paper.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 75

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Answers should include diagrams where appropriate and marks may be awarded for them.

Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , unless specified otherwise.

A copy of the **Mathematical Formulae and Tables booklet** is provided.

**Answer all eight questions.**

**Show clearly the full development of your answers.**

**Answers should be given to three significant figures unless otherwise stated.**

1 Two particles A and B are travelling in the same direction along the same line on a smooth horizontal surface as shown in **Fig. 1** below.



**Fig. 1**

A has mass 6 kg and is travelling at  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

B has mass 4 kg and is travelling at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

The two particles collide and coalesce.

(i) Find the speed of the combined particle after the collision. [4]

(ii) Find the magnitude of the impulse given to B as a result of the collision. [2]

2 A stone is thrown vertically upwards from ground level with a speed of  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

(i) Find the maximum height above the ground reached by the stone. [3]

(ii) Find the time taken for the stone to reach this maximum height. [2]

(iii) Find the distance travelled by the stone during the first three seconds of its motion. [4]

3 A particle P, of mass 10kg, hangs from a light inextensible string. The other end of the string is fixed. P is held against a smooth vertical wall by a force of magnitude 40N acting at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal, as shown in **Fig. 2** below. The string makes an angle of  $5^\circ$  with the wall.

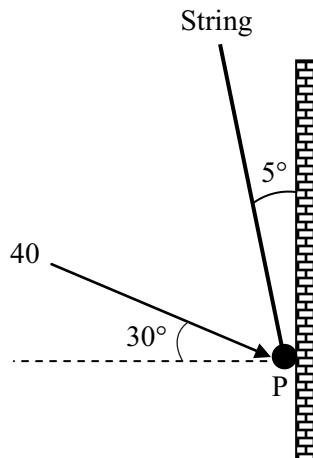


Fig. 2

P is in equilibrium.

(i) Draw a diagram showing the external forces acting on P. [2]

(ii) Find the tension in the string. [4]

(iii) Find the magnitude of the reaction of the wall on P. [3]

4 At time  $t = 0$  seconds, a freight train passes through a station with a constant velocity of  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Four minutes later, an express train sets off from rest from the same station, and accelerates at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  in the same direction of travel as the freight train. The express train accelerates to a maximum velocity of  $40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and then maintains this velocity.

(i) On the same diagram, sketch a velocity–time graph for each of the two trains. [3]

(ii) Find the value of  $t$  at which the express train reaches its maximum velocity. [3]

(iii) Find the value of  $t$  at which the express train overtakes the freight train.  
 [You may assume that the express train reaches its maximum velocity before it overtakes the freight train.] [5]

5 At time  $t = 0$  seconds, a particle P passes through a fixed point O with velocity  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . P moves along a straight horizontal line so that its acceleration  $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$  at any time  $t$  is given by

$$a = 6t - 8$$

(i) Find the velocity of P at  $t = 4$  [4]

(ii) Find the displacement of P from O when  $a = 10$  [5]

6 In this question take  $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

Fig. 3 below shows two boxes X and Y connected to either end of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth fixed pulley, P.

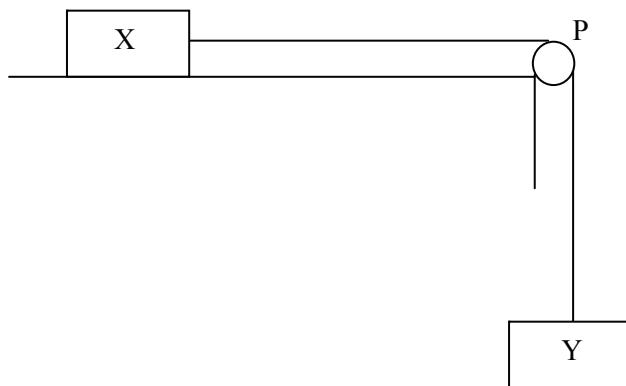


Fig. 3

X has mass  $2m$  kg and is on a horizontal surface.

Y has mass  $3m$  kg and hangs freely.

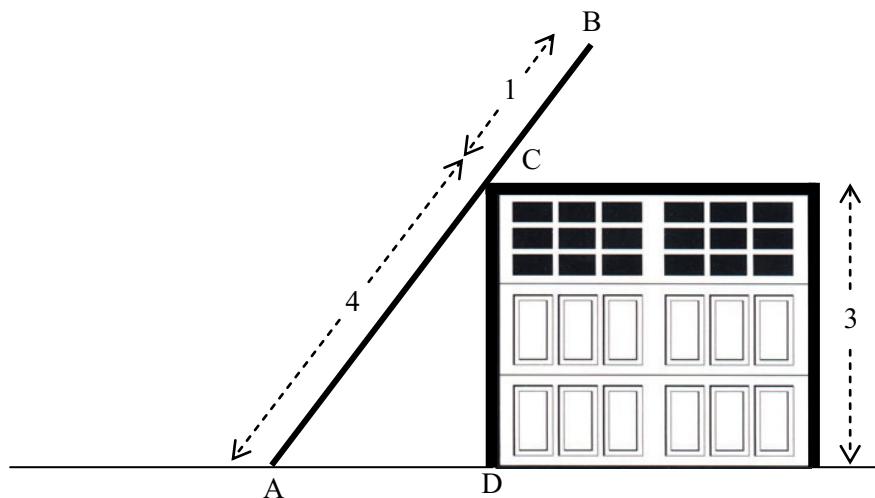
X is being pulled along the surface by a constant horizontal force  $F$  newtons.

A constant force of  $mg$  newtons resists the motion of X.

Y is rising vertically.

- (i) Draw a diagram showing the external forces acting on the boxes. [2]
- (ii) Find, in terms of  $F$  and  $m$ , an expression for the acceleration of the system. [4]
- (iii) Find, in terms of  $F$  and  $m$ , an expression for the tension in the string. [2]
- (iv) Find, in terms of  $F$  and  $m$ , an expression for the resultant force acting on the pulley. [4]

7 Noel needs to do some repairs to the flat roof of his garage. To gain access to the roof, he places a uniform ladder AB against the roof of the garage as shown in **Fig. 4** below.



**Fig. 4**

The ladder is 5 m long and has mass 10 kg.

The ladder rests against the smooth edge of the roof at the point C, where  $AC = 4\text{ m}$ .

The wall CD is vertical and 3 m high.

End A rests on rough horizontal ground.

(i) Draw a diagram showing the forces acting on the ladder. [2]

(ii) Find the magnitude of the reaction at C. [5]

(iii) Find the magnitude of the normal reaction at A. [3]

8 A parcel of mass 8 kg is placed on a rough slope inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the parcel and the slope is 0.2 A horizontal force  $X$  newtons acts on the parcel causing it to accelerate up the slope at  $1.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

(i) Draw a diagram showing the external forces acting on the parcel. [2]

(ii) Find the magnitude of  $X$ . [7]

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