

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

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**MATHEMATICS**

**4728**

Mechanics 1

Thursday

**16 JUNE 2005**

Afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:

- Answer booklet
- Graph paper
- List of Formulae (MF1)

**TIME** 1 hour 30 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.
- 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.

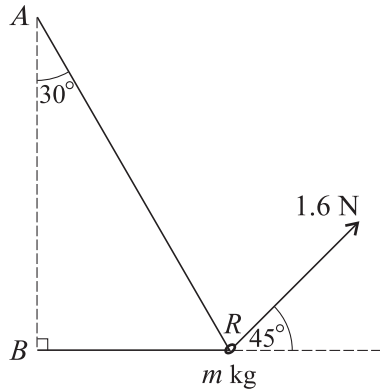
**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- 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.
- 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.**

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

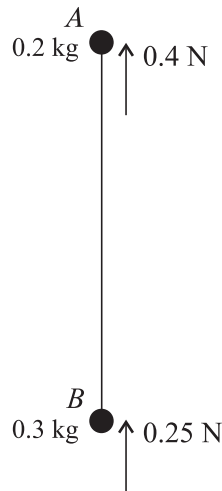
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A light inextensible string has its ends attached to two fixed points  $A$  and  $B$ . The point  $A$  is vertically above  $B$ . A smooth ring  $R$  of mass  $m$  kg is threaded on the string and is pulled by a force of magnitude  $1.6$  N acting upwards at  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. The section  $AR$  of the string makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the downward vertical and the section  $BR$  is horizontal (see diagram). The ring is in equilibrium with the string taut.

- (i) Give a reason why the tension in the part  $AR$  of the string is the same as that in the part  $BR$ . [1]
- (ii) Show that the tension in the string is  $0.754$  N, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]
- (iii) Find the value of  $m$ . [3]

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Particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $0.2$  kg and  $0.3$  kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. Particle  $A$  is held at rest at a fixed point and  $B$  hangs vertically below  $A$ . Particle  $A$  is now released. As the particles fall the air resistance acting on  $A$  is  $0.4$  N and the air resistance acting on  $B$  is  $0.25$  N (see diagram). The downward acceleration of each of the particles is  $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup> and the tension in the string is  $T$  N.

- (i) Write down two equations in  $a$  and  $T$  obtained by applying Newton's second law to  $A$  and to  $B$ . [4]
- (ii) Find the values of  $a$  and  $T$ . [3]

- 3 Two small spheres  $P$  and  $Q$  have masses  $0.1\text{ kg}$  and  $0.2\text{ kg}$  respectively. The spheres are moving directly towards each other on a horizontal plane and collide. Immediately before the collision  $P$  has speed  $4\text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $Q$  has speed  $3\text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Immediately after the collision the spheres move away from each other,  $P$  with speed  $u\text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $Q$  with speed  $(3.5 - u)\text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(i) Find the value of  $u$ . [4]

After the collision the spheres both move with deceleration of magnitude  $5\text{ m s}^{-2}$  until they come to rest on the plane.

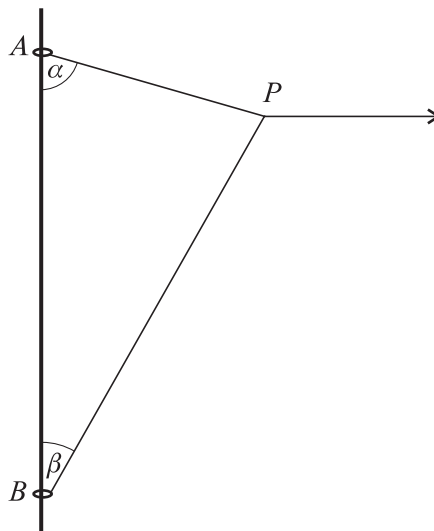
(ii) Find the distance  $PQ$  when both  $P$  and  $Q$  are at rest. [4]

- 4 A particle moves downwards on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal. The particle passes through the point  $P$  with speed  $u\text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The particle travels  $2\text{ m}$  during the first  $0.8\text{ s}$  after passing through  $P$ , then a further  $6\text{ m}$  in the next  $1.2\text{ s}$ . Find

(i) the value of  $u$  and the acceleration of the particle, [7]

(ii) the value of  $\alpha$  in degrees. [2]

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Two small rings  $A$  and  $B$  are attached to opposite ends of a light inextensible string. The rings are threaded on a rough wire which is fixed vertically.  $A$  is above  $B$ . A horizontal force is applied to a point  $P$  of the string. Both parts  $AP$  and  $BP$  of the string are taut. The system is in equilibrium with angle  $BAP = \alpha$  and angle  $ABP = \beta$  (see diagram). The weight of  $A$  is  $2\text{ N}$  and the tensions in the parts  $AP$  and  $BP$  of the string are  $7\text{ N}$  and  $T\text{ N}$  respectively. It is given that  $\cos \alpha = 0.28$  and  $\sin \alpha = 0.96$ , and that  $A$  is in limiting equilibrium.

(i) Find the coefficient of friction between the wire and the ring  $A$ . [7]

(ii) By considering the forces acting at  $P$ , show that  $T \cos \beta = 1.96$ . [2]

(iii) Given that there is no frictional force acting on  $B$ , find the mass of  $B$ . [3]

6 A particle of mass  $0.04 \text{ kg}$  is acted on by a force of magnitude  $P \text{ N}$  in a direction at an angle  $\alpha$  to the upward vertical.

(i) The resultant of the weight of the particle and the force applied to the particle acts horizontally. Given that  $\alpha = 20^\circ$  find

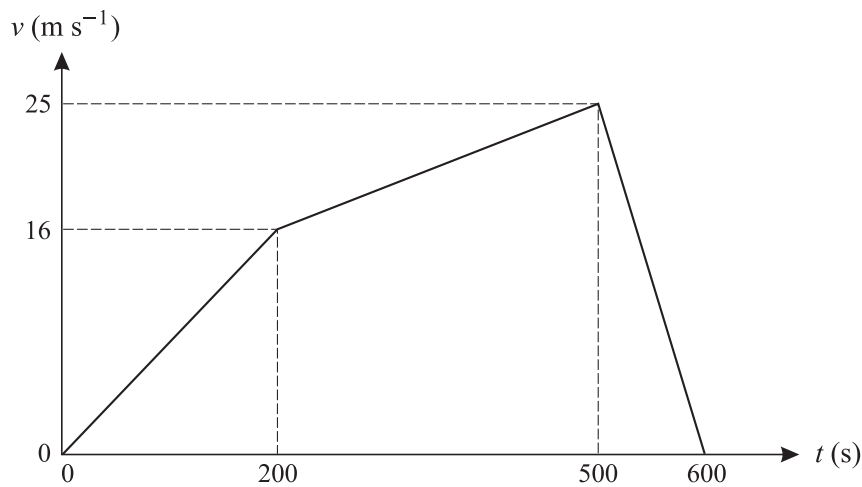
(a) the value of  $P$ , [3]

(b) the magnitude of the resultant, [2]

(c) the magnitude of the acceleration of the particle. [2]

(ii) It is given instead that  $P = 0.08$  and  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ . Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant force on the particle. [5]

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A car  $P$  starts from rest and travels along a straight road for  $600 \text{ s}$ . The  $(t, v)$  graph for the journey is shown in the diagram. This graph consists of three straight line segments. Find

(i) the distance travelled by  $P$ , [3]

(ii) the deceleration of  $P$  during the interval  $500 < t < 600$ . [2]

Another car  $Q$  starts from rest at the same instant as  $P$  and travels in the same direction along the same road for  $600 \text{ s}$ . At time  $t \text{ s}$  after starting the velocity of  $Q$  is  $(600t^2 - t^3) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(iii) Find an expression in terms of  $t$  for the acceleration of  $Q$ . [2]

(iv) Find how much less  $Q$ 's deceleration is than  $P$ 's when  $t = 550$ . [2]

(v) Show that  $Q$  has its maximum velocity when  $t = 400$ . [2]

(vi) Find how much further  $Q$  has travelled than  $P$  when  $t = 400$ . [6]