

## Section C (Mechanics 1 and 2)

**ONLY candidates doing the course Mechanics 1 and 2 and one unit chosen from Mathematics 1 (Section D), Statistics 1 (Section E) and Numerical Analysis 1 (Section F) should attempt this Section.**

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(a) By choosing an appropriate rectangular coordinate system with origin  $O$ , find the position of the ferry relative to the liner at time  $t$ , measured in hours from 2 pm.

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(b) Calculate the distance between the ferry and the liner at 3 pm.

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- C3.** A piston connected to a water wheel oscillates about a point  $O$  with simple harmonic motion of period  $8\pi$  seconds and maximum acceleration  $0.25 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

(a) Calculate the amplitude of the motion.

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(b) Calculate the positions, relative to  $O$ , of the piston when it is moving with half its maximum speed.

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- C4.** A ramp consists of a rough plane inclined at angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$ . A box of mass  $m \text{ kg}$  is given a push up the line of greatest slope of the ramp, which gives the box an initial speed of  $\sqrt{gL} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , where  $L$  metres is the distance travelled before the box comes to rest.

Calculate the value of the coefficient of friction between the box and the surface of the ramp.

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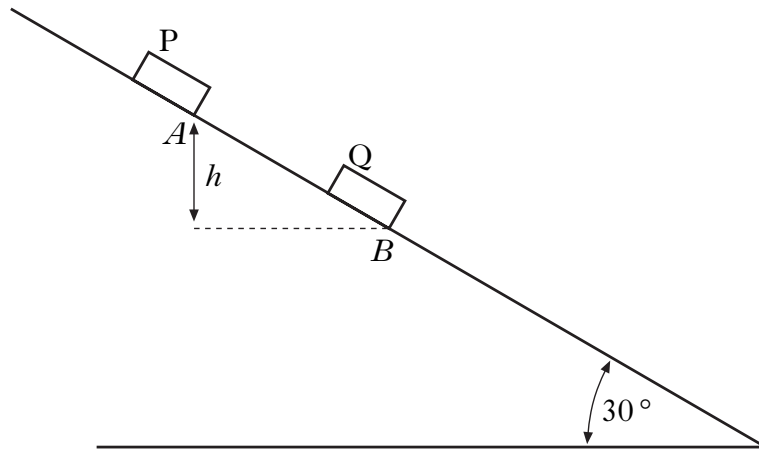
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The helicopter is loaded with cargo which increases its mass by 1%. When airborne, the engine now exerts a lift force 5% greater than  $P$  to accelerate the helicopter vertically upwards. Calculate this vertical acceleration.

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**C6.** The diagram shows a ramp, inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal, which has a smooth section above  $B$  and a rough section below  $B$ . Identical blocks, P and Q, each has weight  $W$  newtons. Block Q is stationary at  $B$ , held by friction, and block P is held at rest at  $A$ . Block P is a vertical height of  $h$  metres above block Q (where the dimensions of the blocks should be ignored).



When block P is released, it slides down the ramp colliding and coupling with block Q. The combined blocks then move down the rough section of the ramp, coming to rest at a vertical height  $\frac{1}{2}h$  metres below  $B$ .

(i) Find, in terms of  $g$  and  $h$ , the speed of the combined block immediately after the collision.

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(ii) Using the work/energy principle, show that the constant frictional force acting on the combined block whilst it is moving has magnitude  $\frac{3}{2}W$  newtons.

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**C7.** A football is kicked from a point  $O$  on a horizontal plane, giving the ball an initial speed  $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal. Assuming that gravity is the only force acting on the ball:

(a) Show that the maximum height,  $H$  metres, attained by the football is given by

$$H = \frac{V^2}{2g} \sin^2 \alpha. \quad 3$$

(b) A second identical football is kicked from  $O$  with the same initial speed  $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$  but at angle of projection  $2\alpha$  to the horizontal ( $2\alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ ). The maximum height attained by this football is  $h$  metres.

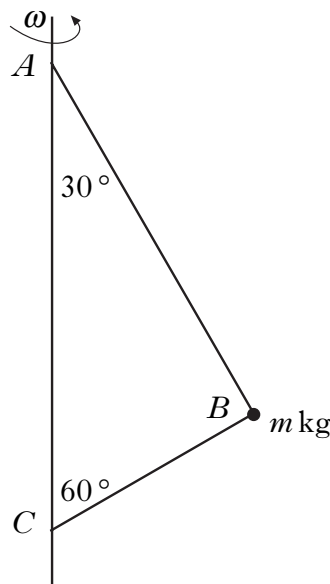
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$$h = 4H \left( 1 - \frac{2gH}{V^2} \right). \quad 3$$

[Note that  $\sin 2\alpha = 2\sin \alpha \cos \alpha$ .]

(ii) Given that the maximum height attained by the second football is three times that attained by the first, find the angles of projection of each of the two footballs. 4

**C8.** A bead of mass  $m$  kilograms is attached to a vertical rotating column by two strings, as shown below. String  $AB$  is elastic, with natural length  $L$  metres and modulus of elasticity  $2mg$  newtons. The string is attached to the column at  $A$  and to the bead at  $B$ . String  $BC$  is inextensible and has length  $L$  metres. The vertical column is rotating at  $\omega \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ , such that the strings  $AB$  and  $BC$  are taut and remain in a vertical plane. Angles  $ACB$  and  $BAC$  are  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively.



(a) Show that the tension in the string  $AB$  is  $2(\sqrt{3} - 1)mg$  newtons. 4

(b) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , an expression for the tension in the string  $BC$ . 3

(c) Given that  $L = 1$ , calculate  $\omega$ . 4

**C9.** A particle of mass  $m$  kg moves in a horizontal straight line from the origin  $O$  with initial velocity  $U\mathbf{i}$  m s<sup>-1</sup>, where  $\mathbf{i}$  is the unit vector in the direction of motion. A resistive force  $-mkv^3\mathbf{i}$  acts on the particle, where  $k$  is a constant and  $v\mathbf{i}$  is the velocity of the particle at time  $t$  seconds measured from the start of the motion.

- (i) Show that the velocity of the particle satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -kv^2,$$

where  $x$  is the distance of the particle from  $O$ .

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Hence show that  $v = \frac{U}{1+kUx}$ .

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- (ii) Using (i), or otherwise, show that

$$kUx^2 + 2x = 2Ut.$$

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- (iii) Find an expression, in terms of  $k$  and  $U$ , for the time taken for the speed of the particle to reduce to half its initial value.

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should now attempt ONE of the following**

**Section D (Mathematics 1) on Page fifteen**

**Section E (Statistics 1) on Pages sixteen and seventeen**

**Section F (Numerical Analysis 1) on Pages eighteen and nineteen.**

**Section D (Mathematics 1)**

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- D1.** Expand  $(4x - 5y)^4$  simplifying as far as possible. **4**  
 When  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , find the term independent of  $x$ . **1**

- D2.** For the function defined by  $y = x^2 \ln x$ ,  $x > 0$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ . **4**  
 Hence show that  $x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} = kx$ , stating the value of the constant  $k$ . **2**

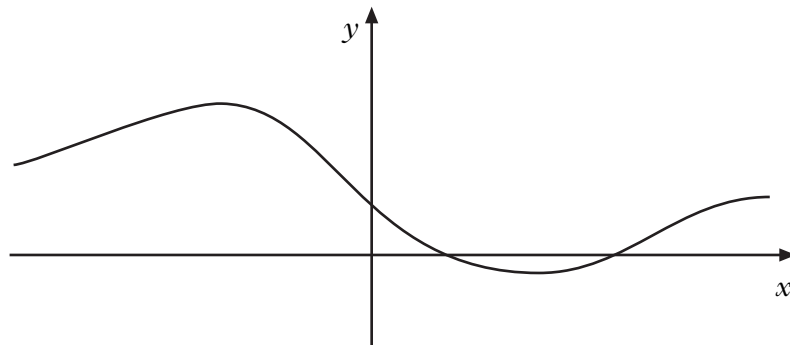
- D3.** For the following system of equations in  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b - 2c &= -6 \\ 3a - b + c &= 7 \\ 2a + b - \lambda c &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

use Gaussian elimination to find

- (a) the value of  $\lambda$  for which there is no solution, **3**  
 (b) the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  when  $\lambda = 1$ . **2**
- D4.** Use the substitution  $u = x + 1$  to obtain  $\int \frac{x^2 + 2}{(x + 1)^2} dx$ . **5**

**D5.**



The diagram shows part of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = \frac{(x - 1)(x - 4)}{x^2 + 4}$ .

- (a) Express  $f(x)$  in the form  $A + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4}$  for suitable constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . **3**  
 (b) Identify the asymptote of the curve. **1**  
 (c) Obtain the stationary points. **3**  
 (d) Evaluate the area of the finite region bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis. **4**

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## Section G (Mechanics 1)

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