

Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and give all answers correct to 3 significant figures where necessary.

- One end of a light inextensible string of length  $2r$  m is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . A particle of mass  $m$  kg is attached to the other end  $Q$  of the string, so that it can move in a vertical plane. The string is held taut and horizontal and the particle is projected vertically downwards with a speed  $\sqrt{gr} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . When the string is vertical it begins to wrap round a small, smooth peg  $X$  at a distance  $r$  m vertically below  $O$ . The particle continues to move.

  - Find the speed of the particle when it reaches  $O$ , in terms of  $g$  and  $r$ . **(2 marks)**
  - Show that, when  $QX$  is horizontal, the tension in the string is  $3mg$  N. **(5 marks)**
  
- A particle moving along the  $x$ -axis describes simple harmonic motion about the origin  $O$ . The period of its motion is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  seconds. When it is at a distance 1 m from  $O$ , its speed is  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Calculate

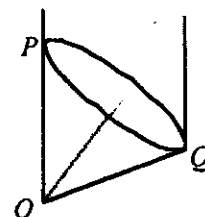
  - the amplitude of its motion, **(4 marks)**
  - the maximum acceleration of the particle, **(1 mark)**
  - the least time that it takes to move from  $O$  to a point 0.25 m from  $O$ . **(4 marks)**
  
- A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  kg is attached to the mid-point of a light elastic string of natural length  $8l$  m and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda$  N. The two ends of the string are attached to fixed points  $A$  and  $B$  on the same horizontal level, where  $AB = 8l$  m.  $P$  is released from rest at the mid-point of  $AB$ .

  - If  $P$  comes to instantaneous rest at a depth  $3l$  m below  $AB$ , find an expression for  $\lambda$  in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ . **(4 marks)**
  - Using this value of  $\lambda$ , show that the speed  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  of  $P$  when it passes through the point  $2l$  m below  $AB$  is given by  $v^2 = 4(24\sqrt{5} - 53)gl$ . **(5 marks)**
  
- A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.8$  kg moves along a straight line  $OL$  and is acted on by a resistive force of magnitude  $R$  N directed *towards* the fixed point  $O$ . When the displacement of  $P$  from  $O$  is  $x$  m,  $R = \frac{0.8xv^2}{1+x^2}$ , where  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the speed of  $P$  at that instant.

  - Write down a differential equation for the motion of  $P$ . **(2 marks)**  
Given that  $v = 2$  when  $x = 0$ ,
  - find the speed with which  $P$  passes through the point  $A$ , where  $OA = 1$  m. **(7 marks)**

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5. The diagram shows a uniform solid right circular cone of mass  $m$  kg, height  $h$  m and base radius  $r$  m suspended by two vertical strings attached to the points  $P$  and  $Q$  on the circumference of the base. The vertex  $O$  of the cone is vertically below  $P$ .

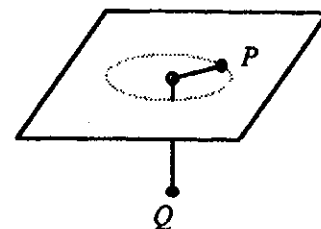


- (a) Show that the tension in the string attached at  $Q$  is  $\frac{3mg}{8}$  N.  
 (b) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the tension in the other string.

(8 marks)

(2 marks)

6. Two identical particles  $P$  and  $Q$  are connected by a light inextensible string passing through a small smooth-edged hole in a smooth table, as shown.

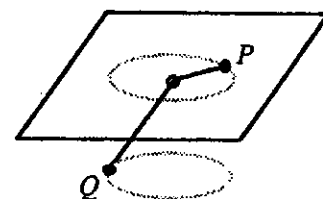


$P$  moves on the table in a horizontal circle of radius 0.2 m and  $Q$  hangs at rest.

- (a) Calculate the number of revolutions made per minute by  $P$ .

(5 marks)

$Q$  is now also made to move in a horizontal circle of radius 0.2 m below the table. The part of the string between  $Q$  and the table makes an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the vertical.



- (b) Show that the numbers of revolutions per minute made by  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively are in the ratio  $2^{1/4} : 1$ .

(9 marks)

7. A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  kg is fixed to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $l$  m and modulus of elasticity  $kmg$  N. The other end of the string is fixed to a point  $X$  on a horizontal plane.  $P$  rests at  $O$ , where  $OX = l$  m, with the string just taut. It is then pulled away from  $X$  through a distance  $\frac{3l}{4}$  m and released from rest. On this side of  $O$ , the plane is smooth.

- (a) Show that, as long as the string is taut,  $P$  performs simple harmonic motion. (4 marks)

- (b) Given that  $P$  first returns to  $O$  with speed  $\sqrt{gl}$   $\text{ms}^{-1}$ , find the value of  $k$ . (3 marks)

- (c) On the other side of  $O$  the plane is rough, the coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the plane being  $\mu$ . If  $P$  does not reach  $X$  in the subsequent motion, show that  $\mu > \frac{1}{2}$ . (4 marks)

- (d) If, further,  $\mu = \frac{3}{4}$ , show that the time which elapses after  $P$  is released and before it comes to rest is  $\frac{1}{24}(9\pi + 32)\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$  s. (6 marks)