

General Certificate of Education  
June 2004  
Advanced Level Examination



**MATHEMATICS (SPECIFICATION A)**  
**Unit Mechanics 2**

**MAM2/W**

Monday 21 June 2004 Morning Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

- an 8-page answer book;
- the AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables.

You may use a graphics calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 20 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is MAM2/W.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  unless otherwise stated.
- All necessary working should be shown; otherwise marks for method may be lost.
- The **final** answer to questions requiring the use of tables or calculators should normally be given to three significant figures.
- Tie loosely any additional sheets you have used to the back of your answer book before handing it to the invigilator.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.

**Advice**

- Unless stated otherwise, formulae may be quoted, without proof, from the booklet.

---

Answer **all** questions.

---

- 1 Two particles, of masses 2 kilograms and  $m$  kilograms, are placed at the points  $(1, 8)$  and  $(7, 11)$ , respectively, in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. The unit of distance is the metre.

The centre of mass of this system of particles lies on the line  $x = 5$ .

(a) Show that  $m = 4$ . (3 marks)

(b) Determine the  $y$ -coordinate of the centre of mass of this system. (3 marks)

- 2 Two cars,  $A$  and  $B$ , are travelling in the same direction on a straight horizontal road. Car  $A$  is travelling at  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when it collides with car  $B$  which is travelling at  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , as shown in the diagram.



Car  $A$  has mass 800 kg and car  $B$  has mass 1000 kg. To model this collision, the cars can be considered as particles. The coefficient of restitution between these particles is  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

Show that the speed of car  $B$  immediately after the collision is  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and find the speed of car  $A$ . (7 marks)

- 3 A car of mass 760 kg is travelling down a straight road inclined at an angle of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)$  to the horizontal. At the point  $A$  on the road, the car is travelling with speed  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , as shown in **Figure 1**. The point  $B$  is 200 m along the road from  $A$ . When the car reaches  $B$ , its speed is  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , as shown in **Figure 2**.

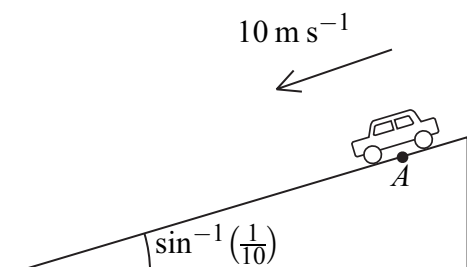


Figure 1

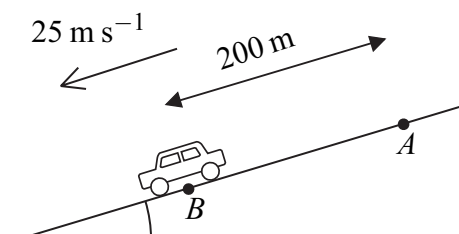


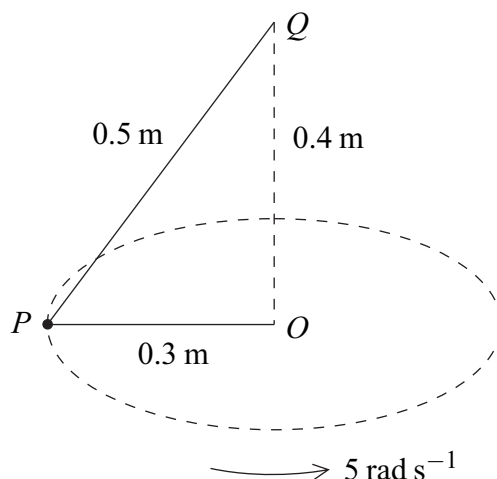
Figure 2

- (a) Using a simple model, resistance forces are neglected and the driving force of the car is assumed to be constant.
- Find the gain in mechanical energy of the car when it travels from  $A$  to  $B$ . (4 marks)
  - Deduce that the driving force of the car is approximately 253 N. (2 marks)
- (b) Using a different model, the resistance force on the car is assumed to be 1000 N and the driving force is **not** assumed to be constant. The car reaches its maximum speed of  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at  $B$ .
- Draw a diagram to show all the forces acting on the car at  $B$ . (1 mark)
  - Determine the driving force of the car at  $B$  using this model. (4 marks)

**TURN OVER FOR THE NEXT QUESTION**

Turn over ►

- 4 A particle of mass  $0.4 \text{ kg}$  is attached at the point  $P$  to two light strings,  $QP$  and  $OP$ . The points  $O$  and  $Q$  are fixed with  $Q$  at a distance of  $0.4 \text{ m}$  vertically above  $O$ . The string  $QP$  is inextensible and of length  $0.5 \text{ m}$ . The string  $OP$  is elastic and of natural length  $0.2 \text{ m}$  and stiffness  $k \text{ N m}^{-1}$ . The particle moves in a horizontal circle, centre  $O$  and radius  $0.3 \text{ m}$ , at a constant angular speed of  $5 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ .

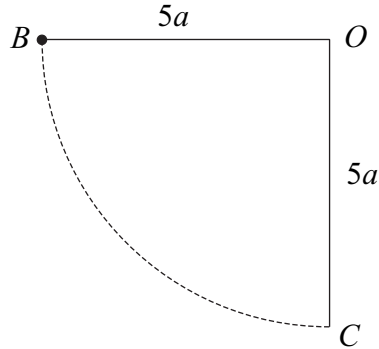


- (a) Draw a diagram showing the forces acting on the particle. (1 mark)
- (b) Show that the tension in the string  $QP$  is  $4.9 \text{ N}$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Write down, in terms of  $k$ , the tension in the string  $OP$ . (1 mark)
- (d) Show that  $k = 0.6$ . (5 marks)
- (e) Find the elastic potential energy stored in the string  $OP$ . (2 marks)
- 5 A body of mass  $1.5 \text{ kg}$  is moving under the action of a single force,  $\mathbf{F}$  newtons. At time  $t$  seconds, the velocity of the body is  $\mathbf{v}$  metres per second, where

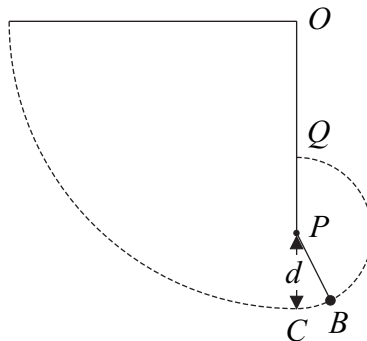
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 4 \sin 2t \\ 4 \cos 2t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (i) Find an expression for  $\mathbf{F}$  in terms of  $t$ . (3 marks)
- (ii) Show that, for all values of  $t$ ,  $|\mathbf{F}| = 12$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Determine the work done by  $\mathbf{F}$  over the interval  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  seconds. (6 marks)

- 6 Adam has set up an experiment for his Mechanics coursework. He has attached a small ball,  $B$ , of mass  $m$ , to one end of a light inextensible string of length  $5a$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The ball is released from rest with the string taut and horizontal, as shown in the diagram. The ball subsequently passes through the point  $C$ , which is a vertical distance  $5a$  below  $O$ .



- (a) Find an expression, in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ , for the speed of  $B$  when it reaches  $C$ .  
(2 marks)
- (b) A small smooth peg,  $P$ , is fixed at a distance  $d$  vertically above  $C$ . When the string reaches the vertical position,  $B$  begins to move in a vertical circle with centre  $P$  and radius  $d$ , as shown in the diagram.



The ball reaches  $Q$ , the point at a distance  $d$  vertically above  $P$ , with speed  $v$ . At  $Q$ , the string is taut.

- (i) Show that  $v^2 = 2g(5a - 2d)$ .  
(4 marks)
- (ii) Find, in terms of  $a$ ,  $d$ ,  $g$  and  $m$ , the tension in the string when the ball is at  $Q$ .  
(4 marks)
- (iii) Hence show that  $d < 2a$ .  
(2 marks)
- (c) State **one** modelling assumption used in this question.  
(1 mark)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

**THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS PRINTED ON THIS PAGE**

**THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS PRINTED ON THIS PAGE**

**THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS PRINTED ON THIS PAGE**