

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS  
(SPECIFICATION B)  
Unit Mechanics 3**

**MBM3**

Friday 23 January 2004 Morning Session

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

- a 12-page answer book;
- the AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables.

You may use a graphics calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 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 MBM3.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  unless stated otherwise.
- 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.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.

**Advice**

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

Answer **all** questions.

1 As a lift moves upwards its motion has three stages.

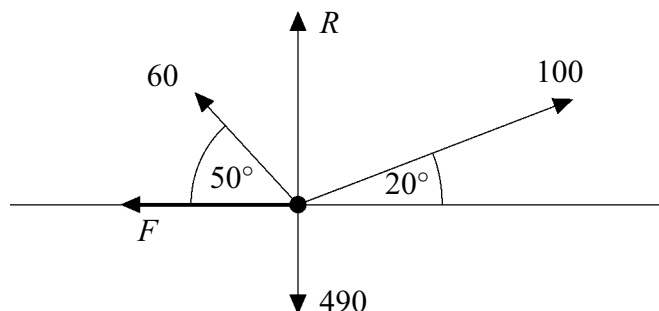
**Stage I** It accelerates uniformly, from rest, at  $0.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , for 8 seconds.

**Stage II** It then travels at a constant speed for 3 seconds.

**Stage III** It then decelerates uniformly, stopping when it has travelled a further 1 metre.

- (a) (i) Find the distance travelled by the lift in stage I. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Find the speed of the lift at the end of stage I. *(2 marks)*
- (iii) Find the total distance travelled by the lift. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Find the total time for which the lift is moving. *(3 marks)*
- (c) The lift and its passengers have a total mass of 600 kg. The lift is supported by a single cable. Find the tension in the cable when the lift is accelerating upwards at  $0.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . *(3 marks)*

2 A box, of mass 50 kg, moves in a straight line on a rough horizontal surface. The diagram below shows **all** the forces acting on the box, as it moves. The magnitude of each force is in newtons. The box is modelled as a particle.



Note that the weight of the box has been included in the diagram.

- (a) Find  $R$ , the magnitude of the normal reaction force acting on the box. *(3 marks)*
- (b) The box accelerates at  $0.5 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .
- (i) Show that  $F$ , the magnitude of the friction force acting on the box, is approximately 30.4. *(4 marks)*
- (ii) Find the coefficient of friction between the box and the surface. *(2 marks)*

- 3 A diver has mass 65 kg. She dives from a fixed diving board, which is 6 metres above the level of the water in the pool. When the diver leaves the board, she is travelling vertically upwards and has speed  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Model the diver as a particle. Assume that there are no resistance forces acting on the diver as she moves through the air and that she does not hit the board on the way down.

- (a) (i) Calculate the kinetic energy of the diver when she leaves the board. (2 marks)
- (ii) By using an energy method, calculate the maximum height of the diver above the diving board. (2 marks)
- (b) (i) Find the kinetic energy of the diver when she hits the water. (3 marks)
- (ii) Hence calculate the speed of the diver when she hits the water. (2 marks)

- 4 A particle moves on a straight line. At time  $t$  seconds its acceleration,  $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , is given by

$$a = 20 \sin 4t$$

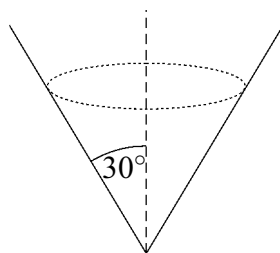
- (a) Initially the particle is at rest. Find an expression for the velocity of the particle at time  $t$ . (4 marks)
- (b) Initially the displacement of the particle from the origin is 0.8 metres. Find an expression for the displacement of the particle at time  $t$ . (4 marks)

- 5 A particle moves in a horizontal plane. The unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are perpendicular and lie in the horizontal plane.

Initially the particle is at the origin and has velocity  $(5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . It moves with constant acceleration. At time  $t = 10$  it has position vector  $(40\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j})$  metres.

- (a) Show that the velocity of the particle is  $(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when  $t = 10$ . (4 marks)
- (b) Find the acceleration of the particle. (3 marks)
- (c) The mass of the particle is 15 kg. Find the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the particle. (4 marks)

- 6 A particle, of mass 3 kg, describes a horizontal circular path on the inside surface of a smooth cone, as shown in the diagram.



The radius of the circle is 0.5 metres and the semi-vertical angle of the cone is  $30^\circ$ . The particle moves at a constant speed.

- (a) (i) Show that the magnitude of the normal reaction force on the particle is 58.8 N. *(3 marks)*
- (ii) Find the speed of the particle. *(4 marks)*
- (b) The particle moves on the same cone, but in a horizontal circle of greater radius than before.
- (i) What happens to the magnitude of the normal reaction force? *(1 mark)*
- (ii) What happens to the speed of the particle? Explain your answer. *(2 marks)*
- 7 An elastic string has natural length 2 metres and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda$  newtons. One end of the string is fixed at the point  $O$ , and a particle of mass 20 kg is attached to the other end of the string.

- (a) When in equilibrium the particle is 2.7 metres below  $O$ . Show that  $\lambda = 560$ . *(3 marks)*
- (b) The particle is now held at  $O$  and released from rest. The maximum length of the string in the subsequent motion is  $L$ .
- (i) Show that  $L$  satisfies the equation

$$5L^2 - 27L + 20 = 0 \quad \text{span style="float: right;">*(5 marks)*$$

- (ii) Find the maximum length of the string. *(3 marks)*

8 A cyclist moves from rest along a straight horizontal road. At time  $t$  seconds, the displacement of the cyclist from his initial position is  $s$  metres.

(a) For  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ ,

$$s = \frac{t^4}{400} - \frac{t^3}{10} + \frac{3t^2}{2}$$

(i) Find  $s$  when  $t = 10$ . *(1 mark)*

(ii) Find the velocity of the cyclist when  $t = 10$ . *(3 marks)*

(iii) Find the acceleration of the cyclist when  $t = 10$ . *(3 marks)*

(b) For  $t \geq 10$  the cyclist moves with a constant velocity, so that

$$s = ht - k$$

where  $h$  and  $k$  are constants. Find the values of  $h$  and  $k$ . *(3 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**