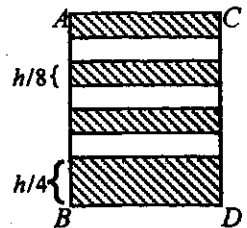


Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and give all answers correct to 3 significant figures where necessary.

- A small bead is threaded onto a smooth circular hoop, of radius  $r$  m, fixed in a vertical plane. It is projected with speed  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  from the lowest point of the hoop. Find  $u$  in terms of  $g$  and  $r$  if

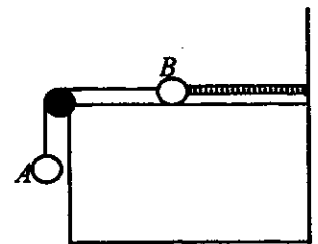
  - the bead just reaches the highest point of the hoop, (3 marks)
  - the reaction on the bead is zero when it is at the highest point of the hoop. (4 marks)

- An ornamental tower is made from a solid right circular cylinder of mass  $M$  and height  $h$  by removing three identical cylindrical sections, each of height  $\frac{h}{8}$ , equally spaced above a base of height  $\frac{h}{4}$ , as shown. The tower is held in position by light, thin vertical strips  $AB$  and  $CD$ .



Find the distance of the centre of mass of the tower from its horizontal base. (7 marks)

- Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $M$  kg and  $m$  kg respectively, are connected by a light inextensible string passing over a smooth fixed pulley.  $B$  is placed on a smooth horizontal table and  $A$  hangs freely, as shown.  $B$  is attached to a spring of natural length  $l$  m and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda$  N, whose other end is fixed to a vertical wall.



The system starts to move from rest when the string is taut and the spring neither extended nor compressed.  $A$  does not reach the ground, nor does  $B$  reach the pulley, during the motion.

- Show that the maximum extension of the spring is  $\frac{2Mgl}{\lambda}$  m. (3 marks)
- If  $M = 3$ ,  $m = 1.5$  and  $\lambda = 35l$ , find the speed of  $A$  when the extension in the spring is  $0.5$  m. (6 marks)

- A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  kg moves along a straight line under the action of a force of magnitude  $\frac{km}{x^2}$  N, where  $k$  is a constant, directed towards a fixed point  $O$  on the line, where  $OP = x$  m.  $P$  starts from rest at  $A$ , at a distance  $a$  m from  $O$ . When  $OP = x$  m, the speed of  $P$  is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- Show that  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2k(a-x)}{ax}}$ . (6 marks)

$B$  is the point half-way between  $O$  and  $A$ . When  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $a = 1$ , the time taken by  $P$  to travel from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $T$  seconds

Assuming the result that, for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $\int \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} dx = \arcsin(\sqrt{x}) - \sqrt{(x-x^2)} + \text{constant}$ ,

- find the value of  $T$ . (5 marks)

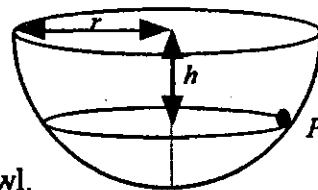
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5. A car moves round a circular racing track of radius 100 m, which is banked at an angle of  $4^\circ$  to the horizontal.

(a) Show that when its speed is  $8.28 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , there is no sideways force acting on the car. (4 marks)

(b) When the speed of the car is  $12.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , find the smallest value of the coefficient of friction between the car and the track which will prevent side-slip. (9 marks)

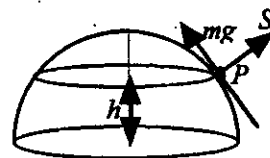
6. The diagram shows a particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  kg moving on the inner surface of a smooth fixed hemispherical bowl of radius  $r$  m which is fixed with its axis vertical.  $P$  moves at a constant speed in a horizontal circle, at a depth  $h$  m below the top of the bowl.



(a) Show that the force  $R$  exerted on  $P$  by the bowl has magnitude  $\frac{mgr}{h}$  N. (4 marks)

(b) Find, in terms of  $g$ ,  $h$  and  $r$ , the constant speed of  $P$ . (4 marks)

The bowl is now inverted and  $P$  moves on the smooth outer surface at a height  $h$  above the plane face under the action of a force of magnitude  $mg$  applied tangentially as shown. The reaction of the surface of the sphere on  $P$  now has magnitude  $S$  N.



(c) Given that  $r = 2h$ , prove that  $S < \frac{1}{6} R$ . (5 marks)

7. A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  kg is fixed to one end of a light elastic string of modulus  $mg$  N and natural length  $l$  m. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a rough horizontal table. Initially  $P$  is at rest in limiting equilibrium on the table at the point  $X$  where  $OX = \frac{5l}{4}$  m.

(a) Find the coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the table. (2 marks)

$P$  is now given a small displacement  $x$  m horizontally along  $OX$ , away from  $O$ . While  $P$  is in motion, the frictional resistance remains constant at its limiting value.

(b) Show that as long as the string remains taut,  $P$  performs simple harmonic motion with  $X$  as the centre. (4 marks)

If  $P$  is held at the point where the extension in the string is  $l$  m and then released,

(c) show that the string becomes slack after a time  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$  s. (5 marks)

(d) Determine the speed of  $P$  when it reaches  $O$ . (4 marks)