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Paper 5 Mechanics 2 (M2)

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper  
Graph Paper  
List of Formulae (MF9)



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** the questions.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity is needed, use  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

The use of an electronic calculator is expected, where appropriate.

You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

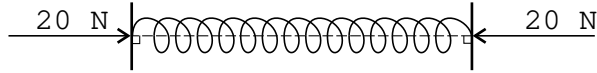
The total number of marks for this paper is 50.

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A light elastic spring of natural length  $0.25\text{ m}$  and modulus  $40\text{ N}$  is held horizontally between two parallel plates. The axis of the spring is at the center of the plates. The horizontal force exerted on the spring by each plate is  $20\text{ N}$  (see diagram). Find the amount by which the spring is compressed and hence write down the distance between the plates. [3]

2 A particle of mass  $0.2\text{ kg}$  is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.6\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $4\text{ N}$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point. The particle is held at a point which is  $6\text{ m}$  vertically below the fixed point. The particle is released from rest. In subsequent motion the speed of the particle is  $1\text{ m s}^{-1}$  when the string becomes slack. By considering energy, find the value of  $x$ . [5]

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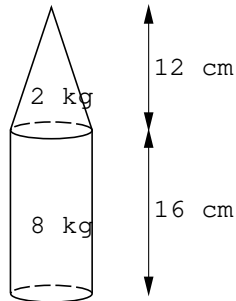


Fig. 1

A uniform solid cylinder has mass  $8\text{ kg}$  and height  $16\text{ cm}$ . A uniform cone, whose base radius is the same as the radius of the cylinder, has mass  $2\text{ kg}$  and height  $12\text{ cm}$ . A composite solid is formed by joining the cylinder and cone so that the base of the cone is the top end of the cylinder (see Fig. 1).

(i) Show that the centre of mass of the composite solid is  $10.2\text{ cm}$  from its base. [3]

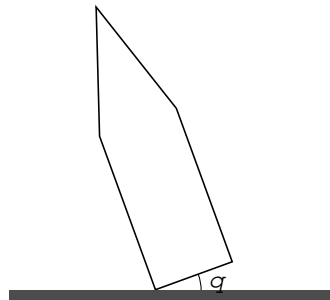


Fig. 2

The composite solid is held with a point on the circumference of its base in contact with a horizontal table. The base makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the table (see Fig. 2, which shows a cross-section of the cone). The composite solid is released from rest. Find the value of  $\alpha$  for which the composite solid is in equilibrium when it is in contact with the table.

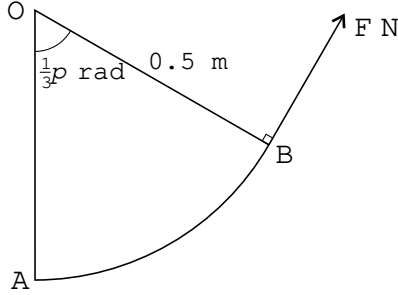
(ii) Given that the radius of the base is  $4\text{ cm}$ , find the greatest value of  $\alpha$  correct to 1 decimal place. [3]

4 A particle is projected from a point with speed  $7\text{ m s}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal. After  $0.3\text{ s}$  the particle is moving with speed  $25\text{ m s}^{-1}$  at an angle  $\frac{7}{24}\alpha$  above the horizontal.

(i) Show that  $\frac{v}{u} \cos \alpha = \frac{24}{25}$ . [2]

(ii) Find the value of  $\alpha$ , and hence  $u$  and  $\alpha$ . [5]

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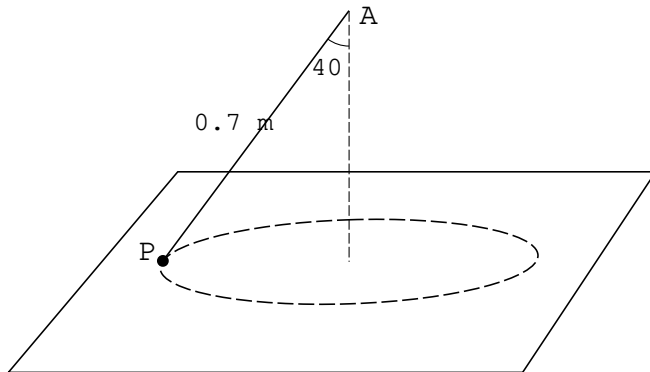


A uniform lamina  $AOB$  is in the shape of a sector of a circle with radius  $0.5\text{ m}$ , and has angle  $AOB = \frac{1}{3}\pi$  radians and weight  $3\text{ N}$ . The lamina is freely hinged at  $O$  and is held in equilibrium with  $OA$  vertical by a force of magnitude  $F\text{ N}$  acting at  $B$ . The direction of this force is at right angles to  $OB$  (see diagram). Find

(i) the value of  $F$ , [4]

(ii) the magnitude of the force acting on the lamina at  $O$ . [4]

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One end of a light inextensible string of length  $0.7\text{ m}$  is attached to a particle of mass  $0.25\text{ kg}$ . The particle moves in a circle on a smooth horizontal table with constant speed. The string is taut and makes an angle of  $40^\circ$  with the vertical (see diagram). Find

(i) the tension in the string, [3]

(ii) the force exerted by the table. [3]

$P$  now moves in the same horizontal circle with constant speed.

(iii) Find the maximum value of  $\theta$  for which  $P$  remains on the table. [5]

- 7 A particle of mass 0.1 kg is projected vertically upwards with an initial speed of 20 m s<sup>-1</sup>. Air resistance of magnitude  $\frac{1}{10}v$  opposes the motion, where  $v$  is the speed at time  $t$  after projection.

(i) Show that, while the particle is moving upwards,  $\frac{1}{v} \frac{dv}{dt} = -1$ . [2]

(ii) Hence find an expression for  $v$  in terms of  $t$  and explain why it is valid only for  $t < 0$ . [6]

(iii) Find the initial acceleration of the particle. [2]

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