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**MATHEMATICS**

**9709/41**

Paper 4 Mechanics

**October/November 2023**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
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- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) is needed, use  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

## INFORMATION

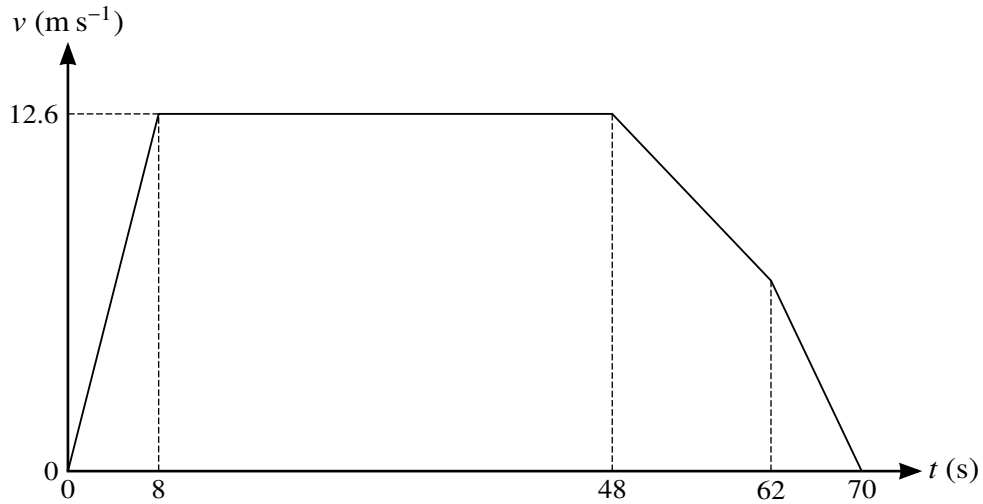
- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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The diagram shows the velocity-time graph for the motion of a bus. The bus starts from rest and accelerates uniformly for 8 seconds until it reaches a speed of  $12.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The bus maintains this speed for 40 seconds. It then decelerates uniformly in two stages. Between 48 and 62 seconds the bus decelerates at  $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$  and between 62 and 70 seconds it decelerates at  $2a \text{ m s}^{-2}$  until coming to rest.

- (a) Find the distance covered by the bus in the first 8 seconds. [1]

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- (b) Find the value of  $a$ . [3]

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4 Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 6 kg and 2 kg respectively, lie at rest 12.5 m apart on a rough horizontal plane. The coefficient of friction between each particle and the plane is 0.4. Particle  $P$  is projected towards  $Q$  with speed  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(a) Show that the speed of  $P$  immediately before the collision with  $Q$  is  $10\sqrt{3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [3]

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In the collision  $P$  and  $Q$  coalesce to form particle  $R$ .

(b) Find the loss of kinetic energy due to the collision. [4]

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The coefficient of friction between  $R$  and the plane is 0.4.

- (c) Find the distance travelled by particle  $R$  before coming to rest. [2]

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6 A car of mass 1300 kg is moving on a straight road.

(a) On a horizontal section of the road, the car has a constant speed of  $30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and there is a constant force of 650 N resisting the motion.

(i) Calculate, in kW, the power developed by the engine of the car. [2]

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(ii) Given that this power is suddenly increased by 9 kW, find the instantaneous acceleration of the car. [3]

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