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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 4 Mechanics

February/March 2020

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.
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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 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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2 A particle P of mass 0.4 kg is on a rough horizontal floor. The coefficient of friction between P and the floor is μ . A force of magnitude 3 N is applied to P upwards at an angle α above the horizontal, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$. The particle is initially at rest and accelerates at 2 m s^{-2} .

(a) Find the time it takes for P to travel a distance of 1.44 m from its starting point. [2]

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(b) Find μ . [4]

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6 On a straight horizontal test track, driverless vehicles (with no passengers) are being tested. A car of mass 1600 kg is towing a trailer of mass 700 kg along the track. The brakes are applied, resulting in a deceleration of 12 m s^{-2} . The braking force acts on the car only. In addition to the braking force there are constant resistance forces of 600 N on the car and of 200 N on the trailer.

(a) Find the magnitude of the force in the tow-bar. [2]

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(b) Find the braking force. [2]

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- (c) At the instant when the brakes are applied, the car has speed 22 m s^{-1} . At this instant the car is 17.5 m away from a stationary van, which is directly in front of the car.

Show that the car hits the van at a speed of 8 m s^{-1} . [2]

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- (d) After the collision, the van starts to move with speed 5 m s^{-1} and the car and trailer continue moving in the same direction with speed 2 m s^{-1} .

Find the mass of the van. [3]

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