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**LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2002**

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**APPLIED MATHEMATICS – ORDINARY LEVEL**

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**FRIDAY, 21 JUNE – AFTERNOON, 2.00 to 4.30**

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Six questions to be answered. All questions carry equal marks.

Mathematics Tables may be obtained from the Superintendent.

Take the value of  $g$  to be  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

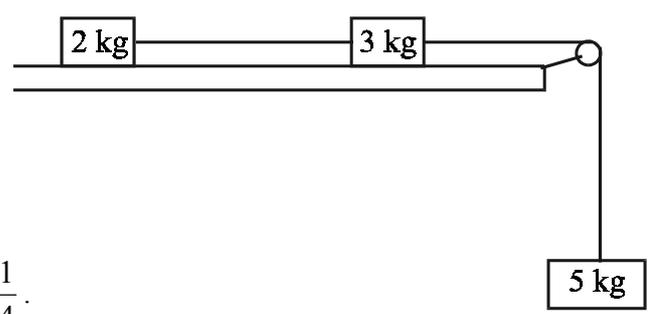
$\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$  are unit perpendicular vectors in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively, or eastwards and northwards, respectively, as appropriate to the question.

**Marks may be lost if necessary work is not clearly shown or you do not indicate where a calculator has been used.**

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1. A train stops at stations P and Q which are 2000 metres apart.  
The train accelerates uniformly from rest at P, reaching a speed of 20 m/s in 10 seconds.  
The train maintains this speed of 20 m/s before decelerating uniformly at  $0.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ , coming to rest at Q.
- Find the acceleration of the train.
  - Find the time for which the train is decelerating.
  - Find the distance and the time for which the train is travelling at constant speed.
  - Draw an accurate speed-time graph of the motion of the train from P to Q.
2. Ship A is travelling due west with a constant speed of 10 km/hr.  
Ship B is travelling at a constant velocity.  
At 1200 hours, the radar screen of ship A shows the position of ship B relative to ship A as  $-2\vec{i} - 20\vec{j}$  kilometres.  
At 1400 hours, two hours later, the position of ship B relative to ship A is  $8\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$  kilometres.
- Write down the velocity of ship A in terms of  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$ .
  - Show that the change in the position of ship B relative to ship A between 1200 hours and 1400 hours is  $10\vec{i} + 24\vec{j}$  kilometres.
  - Find the velocity of ship B relative to ship A.
  - Find the speed and direction of ship B.  
Give the direction to the nearest degree.
3. A straight vertical cliff is 80 m high.  
Projectile P is fired horizontally directly out to sea from the top of the cliff with a speed of  $x$  m/s. Projectile P hits the sea at a distance of 80 m from the foot of the cliff.
- Find the time it takes projectile P to hit the sea.
  - Find the value of  $x$ .
- Another projectile, Q, is fired upwards at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal and with an initial speed of 15 m/s directly out to sea from the top of the cliff.  
Projectile Q takes one second longer than projectile P to hit the sea.
- Show that  $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ .
  - How far from the foot of the cliff does projectile Q hit the sea?

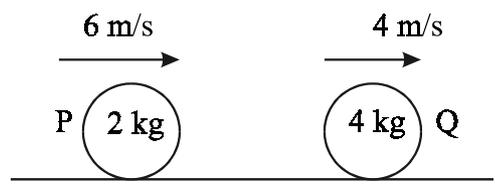
4. Particles, of masses 2 kg and 3 kg, resting on a rough horizontal table, are connected by a light taut inextensible string. The coefficient of friction between the 2 kg mass and the table is  $\frac{1}{8}$  and between the 3 kg mass and the table is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .



The 3 kg mass is connected by a second light inextensible string passing over a smooth light pulley at the edge of the table to a particle of mass 5 kg. The 5 kg mass hangs freely under gravity. The particles are released from rest. The 5 kg mass moves vertically downwards.

- (i) Show on separate diagrams all the forces acting on each particle.
- (ii) Write down the equation of motion for each particle.
- (iii) Find the common acceleration of the particles and the tension in each string.

5. A smooth sphere P, of mass 2 kg, moving with a speed of 6 m/s collides directly with a smooth sphere Q, of mass 4 kg, moving in the same direction with a speed of 4 m/s on a smooth horizontal table.



The coefficient of restitution for the collision is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

- (i) Find the speed of P and the speed of Q after the collision.
- (ii) Find the loss in kinetic energy due to the collision.

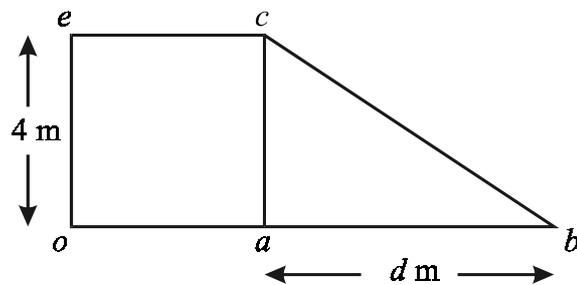
6. (a) Particles of weight 3 N, 2 N, 1 N and 4 N are placed at the points  $(-2, -3)$ ,  $(2, -1)$ ,  $(1, 5)$  and  $(x, y)$ , respectively. The centre of gravity of the four particles is at the origin.

Find the value of  $x$  and the value of  $y$ .

- (b) A uniform lamina  $obce$  consists of a square  $oace$  with side of length 4 m and a right-angled triangle  $abc$  with  $|ab| = d$  m.

Taking  $o$  as the origin and  $oe$  as the direction of the  $y$  axis, the  $y$  co-ordinate of the centre of gravity of the

lamina is  $\frac{12}{7}$ .

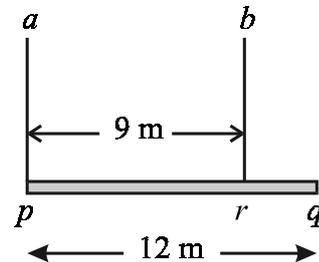


- (i) Calculate the value of  $d$ .
- (ii) Find the  $x$  co-ordinate of the centre of gravity of the lamina, giving your answer as a fraction.

7. A uniform beam,  $[pq]$ , of mass 12 kg and length 12 m, is held in a horizontal position by two vertical light inelastic strings.

One string is attached from a fixed point  $a$  to the end  $p$  of the beam.

The other string is attached from a fixed point  $b$  to a point  $r$  on the beam, where  $|pr| = 9$  m.



- (i) Find the value of the tension in the string  $[rb]$ .
- (ii) Find the value of the tension in the string  $[ap]$ .

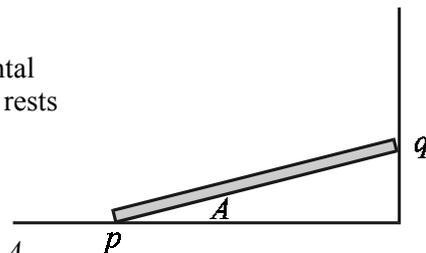
The two strings are removed from the beam,  $[pq]$ .

The beam is now placed with its end  $p$  on rough horizontal ground, where the coefficient of friction is 1. The end  $q$  rests against a rough vertical wall where the coefficient of

friction is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

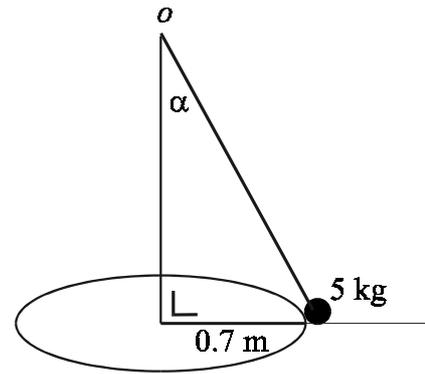
The angle of inclination of the beam to the horizontal is  $A$ .

The normal reaction at  $p$  is 80 N and the normal reaction at  $q$  is 80 N.



- (iii) Show that  $\tan A = \frac{1}{4}$ .

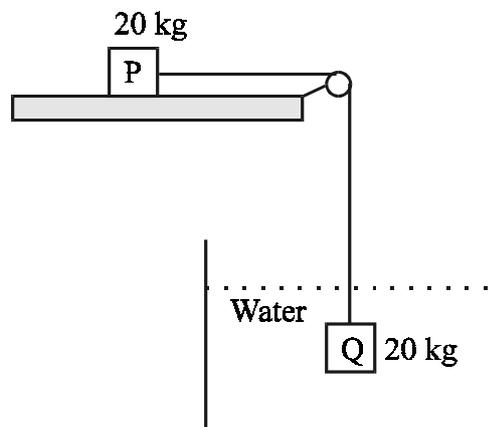
8. A particle of mass 5 kg describes a horizontal circle of radius 0.7 metres with constant angular velocity  $\omega$  radians per second on a smooth horizontal table. The particle is connected by means of a light inextensible string to a fixed point  $o$  which is vertically above the centre of the circle. The inclination of the string to the vertical is  $\alpha$ , where  $\tan\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ .



The tension in the string is  $T$  newtons, the normal reaction between the particle and the table is  $R$  newtons and  $R = T\sqrt{5}$ .

- (i) Write down the value of  $\sin\alpha$  and the value of  $\cos\alpha$ .
- (ii) Show on a diagram all the forces acting on the particle.
- (iii) Find the value of  $T$  and the value of  $R$ .
- (iv) Find the value of  $\omega$ .

9. Two identical blocks, P and Q, are connected by means of a light inextensible string passing over a smooth light pulley at the edge of a rough horizontal table. Each block is a cube with side of length 0.2 m and mass 20 kg. The coefficient of friction between block P and the table is  $\mu$ .



Block P is at rest on the table. Block Q is immersed in water in a tank. The system is in equilibrium and block P is on the point of slipping.

- (i) Show, on separate diagrams, all the forces acting on each block.
- (ii) Find the value of the tension in the string.
- (iii) Find the value of  $\mu$ .

[Density of water =  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .]