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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 4 Mechanics

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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 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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- 1 Two particles P and Q , of masses 0.2 kg and 0.5 kg respectively, are at rest on a smooth horizontal plane. P is projected towards Q with speed 2 m s^{-1} .

(a) Write down the momentum of P . [1]

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(b) After the collision P continues to move in the same direction with speed 0.3 m s^{-1} .

Find the speed of Q after the collision. [2]

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- 2** A car of mass 1800 kg is travelling along a straight horizontal road. The power of the car's engine is constant. There is a constant resistance to motion of 650 N.

(a) Find the power of the car's engine, given that the car's acceleration is 0.5 m s^{-2} when its speed is 20 m s^{-1} . [3]

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(b) Find the steady speed which the car can maintain with the engine working at this power. [2]

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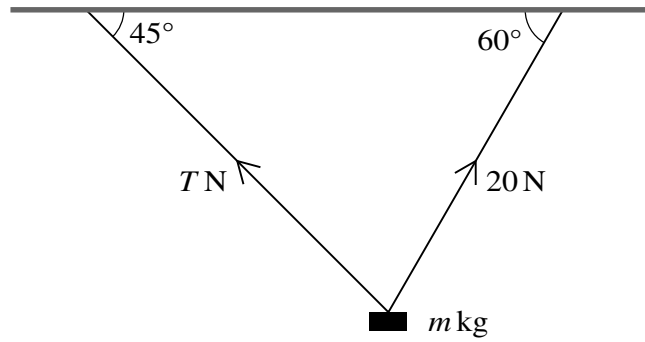
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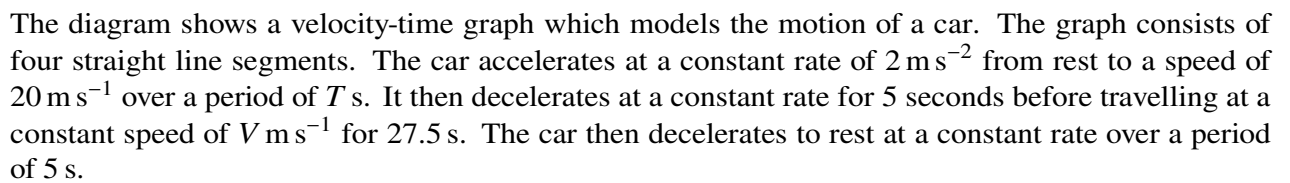


A block of mass m kg is held in equilibrium below a horizontal ceiling by two strings, as shown in the diagram. One of the strings is inclined at 45° to the horizontal and the tension in this string is T N. The other string is inclined at 60° to the horizontal and the tension in this string is 20 N.

Find T and m .

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- (b) Given that the distance travelled up to the point at which the car begins to move with constant speed is one third of the total distance travelled, find V . [4]

[illegible]

- 5** A particle is projected vertically upwards with speed 40 m s^{-1} alongside a building of height $h \text{ m}$.

(a) Given that the particle is above the level of the top of the building for 4 s, find h . [4]

[illegible]

- (b) One second after the first particle is projected, a second particle is projected vertically upwards from the top of the building with speed 20 m s^{-1} .

Denoting the time after projection of the first particle by t s, find the value of t for which the two particles are at the same height above the ground. [4]

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A diagram showing a grey rectangular block on a black inclined plane. The incline makes a 30° angle with the horizontal. A force vector, represented by an arrow pointing up the incline, is labeled 40 N . The mass of the block is labeled 5 kg .

When a force of magnitude 40 N is applied to the block, acting up the plane parallel to a line of greatest slope, the block begins to slide up the plane (see Fig. 6.1).

[4]

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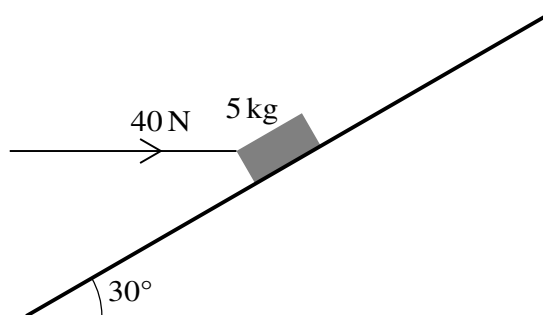


Fig. 6.2

When a force of magnitude 40 N is applied horizontally, in a vertical plane containing a line of greatest slope, the block does not move (see Fig. 6.2).

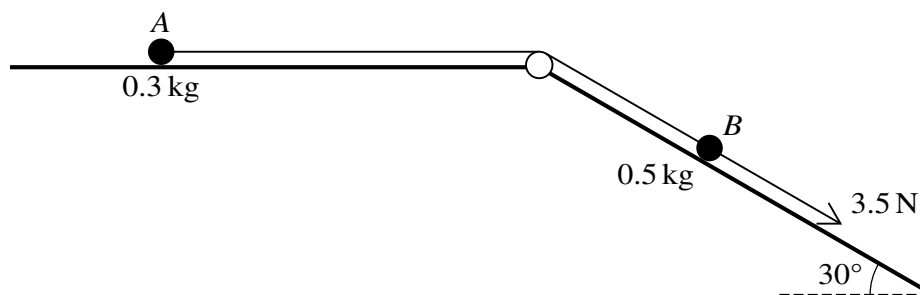
Show that, correct to 3 decimal places, the least possible value of μ is 0.152. [4]

[illegible]

- 7** A particle P moves in a straight line, starting from a point O with velocity 1.72 m s^{-1} . The acceleration $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$ of the particle, $t \text{ s}$ after leaving O , is given by $a = 0.1t^{\frac{3}{2}}$.
- (a)** Find the value of t when the velocity of P is 3 m s^{-1} . [4]

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(a) Given that both planes are smooth, find the tension in the string and the acceleration of B . [5]

[illegible]

- (b)** It is given instead that the two planes are rough. When each particle has moved a distance of 0.6 m from rest, the total amount of work done against friction is 1.1 J.

Use an energy method to find the speed of B when it has moved this distance down the plane. [You should assume that the string is sufficiently long so that A does not hit the pulley when it moves 0.6 m.] [4]

[illegible]

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