



**GCE AS/A level**

982/01

**MATHEMATICS M3**  
**Mechanics 3**

P.M. MONDAY, 16 June 2008

1½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need:

- a 12 page answer book;
- a Formula Booklet;
- a calculator.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **all** questions.

Sufficient working must be shown to demonstrate the **mathematical** method employed.

Take  $g$  as  $9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly presentation in your answers.

1. A body, of mass 35 kg, is projected along a rough horizontal floor with an initial velocity of  $28 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The coefficient of friction between the body and the floor is  $\frac{1}{7}$ . In addition to friction, the body experiences a resistive force of  $0.7v \text{ N}$ , where  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the velocity of the body at time  $t \text{ s}$ .

(a) Show that  $v$  satisfies the equation  $50 \frac{dv}{dt} + v + 70 = 0$  . [5]

(b) Find the time taken for the body to come to rest. [7]

2. (a) An experimental vehicle, of mass 2 kg, is designed such that, after crossing the starting line at a speed of  $7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , it moves in a straight horizontal line under a propulsive force of magnitude  $0.8x \text{ N}$  and a resistive force of magnitude  $1.2v \text{ N}$ , where  $x \text{ m}$  is the distance from the starting line and  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the speed of the vehicle at time  $t \text{ s}$ .

- (i) Show that  $x$  satisfies the differential equation

$$5 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dx}{dt} - 2x = 0 . \quad [3]$$

(ii) By solving the above equation, find an expression for  $x$  in terms of  $t$ . [6]

(iii) Show that  $x$  increases with  $t$ . [2]

- (b) Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$5 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dx}{dt} - 2x = 20t - 70 . \quad [5]$$

3. A particle is moving in a straight line with Simple Harmonic Motion with centre  $O$ . When the particle is 3 m from  $O$  its speed is  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and when it is 4 m from  $O$  its speed is  $3.75 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

(a) Show that the amplitude of the motion is 5 m and find the period of the motion. [8]

(b) Find, correct to two decimal places, the distance of the particle from  $O$  2 s after the particle passes through  $O$ . [3]

(c) How long after passing through  $O$  is the speed of the particle two-fifths of its maximum speed? Give your answer correct to two decimal places. [5]

4. A particle is projected vertically upwards with initial speed  $15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  from a point  $O$ . In the subsequent motion,

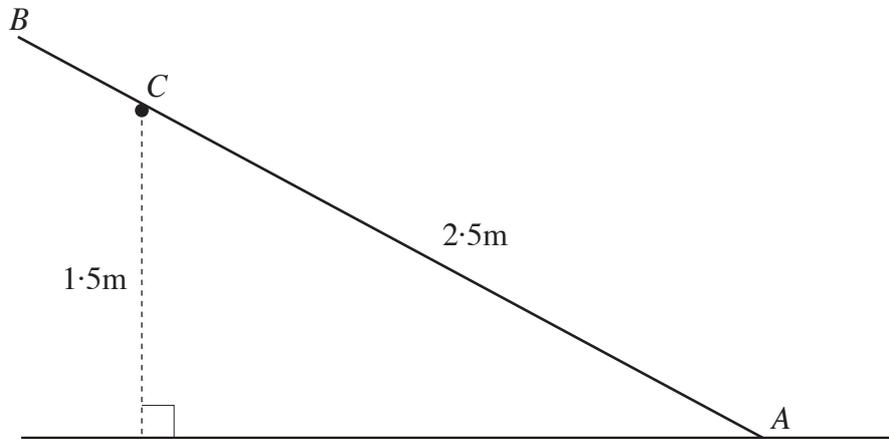
$$a + \frac{v^2}{90} + 10 = 0 ,$$

where  $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$  is the acceleration and  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the speed when the height of the particle is  $x \text{ m}$  above  $O$ .

(a) Find an expression for  $x$  in terms of  $v$ . [7]

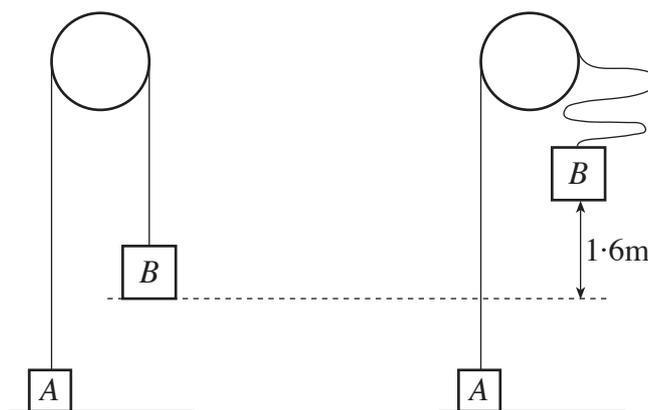
(b) Find, correct to two decimal places, the greatest height of the particle above  $O$ . [2]

5. A small smooth peg  $C$  is fixed at a height of  $1.5\text{ m}$  above the horizontal ground. A uniform rod  $AB$ , of mass  $20\text{ kg}$  and length  $3\text{ m}$ , rests on  $C$  with the end  $A$  on the rough ground as shown in the diagram.



The rod  $AB$  is at rest in limiting equilibrium with  $AC = 2.5\text{ m}$ .

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the reaction of  $C$  on the rod  $AB$ . [5]
- (b) Find the coefficient of friction between the rod  $AB$  and the rough ground, giving your answer correct to two decimal places. [8]
6. A particle  $A$ , of mass  $7\text{ kg}$ , rests on a horizontal table. It is attached to one end of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth light pulley. The other end of the string is attached to another particle  $B$ , of mass  $3\text{ kg}$ . Initially, the particles are held at rest with the string just taut. Particle  $B$  is raised vertically through a distance of  $1.6\text{ m}$  and released from rest.



Find the speed with which particle  $A$  begins to rise, and the impulsive tension in the string. [9]