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INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS

(9665/FM05) Unit FM2 Mechanics

Friday 16 January 2026

07:00 UK Time

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

- For this paper you must have the OxfordAQA Booklet of Formulae and Statistical Tables (enclosed).
- You may use a graphical calculator.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
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- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- The **final** answer to questions requiring the use of calculators should be given to two significant figures, unless stated otherwise.
- Unless stated otherwise, the acceleration due to gravity, g , should be taken as 9.8 m s^{-2}

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

Advice

- Unless stated otherwise, you may quote formulae, without proof, from the booklet.
- Show all necessary working; otherwise marks may be lost.

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2 (b) Find the speed of the particle at A

Give your answer in the form $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{b}$ where a and b are integers.

[2 marks]

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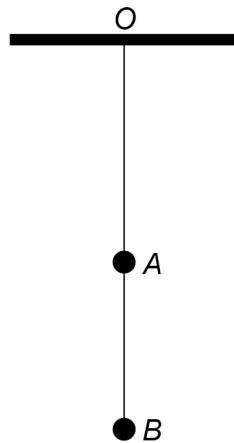
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- 3** Two identical light elastic strings have natural length a metres and modulus of elasticity λ newtons.
- One end of the first string is attached to a fixed point O and the other end is attached to a particle A of mass 2 kg
- One end of the second string is also attached to A and the other end of this string is attached to a particle B of mass 3 kg
- The system is initially in equilibrium, with A and B vertically below O , as shown in **Figure 1**

Figure 1

- 3 (a)** Find the length OB

Give your answer in terms of a , g and λ

[4 marks]

Answer _____



3 (b) The upper string connecting A and O is now cut.

3 (b) (i) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of A at the instant that this string is cut.

Give your answer in terms of g

[2 marks]

Answer _____

3 (b) (ii) State the acceleration of B at the instant that this string is cut.

[1 mark]

Answer _____

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- 4 (b) On the axes in **Figure 2** sketch a graph to show how v varies with t

[2 marks]

Figure 2



- 4 (c) Find the time that it takes for the particle to reach a speed of $2mg \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Give your answer in the form $m \ln a$ where a is an integer.

[2 marks]

Answer _____

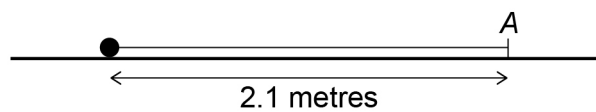
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- 5** A light elastic string has natural length 1.5 metres and modulus of elasticity 125 newtons. One end of the string is attached to a fixed point A on a horizontal surface. The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass 4.2 kg. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the horizontal surface is μ . The particle is released from rest at a distance of 2.1 metres from A . The particle comes to rest with the string slack but before the particle reaches A . **Figure 3** shows the initial position of the particle.

Figure 3

- 5 (a)** Calculate the elastic potential energy of the string when its length is 2.1 metres.

[2 marks]

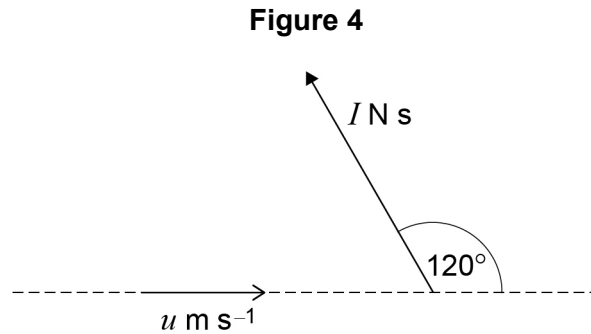
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6 A particle of mass m kg is moving with a speed u m s⁻¹ in a straight line on a smooth horizontal surface.

An impulse is exerted on the particle and causes it to change speed and direction.

The impulse of magnitude I N s acts at 120° to the original direction of motion of the particle as shown in **Figure 4**



After the impulse has been exerted the particle has speed v m s⁻¹ and moves in a direction at an angle of 45° to the original motion of the particle.

6 (a) Express v in terms of u

Give your answer in an exact form.

[5 marks]

Answer _____



- 7 A simple pendulum consists of a light inextensible string of length L metres attached to a small sphere.

The motion of a simple pendulum satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L}\theta$$

where θ radians is the angle between the string and the vertical at time t seconds.

It has been assumed that the angle θ is small.

The sphere is released from rest with the string taut and at an angle α to the downward vertical, as shown in **Figure 5**

Figure 5



For a particular simple pendulum $L = 0.7$ and the average speed of the sphere during each cycle is $\frac{7\sqrt{14}}{75}$ m s⁻¹

- 7 (a) Find the value of α

Give your answer in terms of π

[3 marks]

Answer _____



- 7 (b) Find the time that it takes for the angle between the string and the vertical to decrease from α to $\frac{\alpha}{3}$

Give your answer to three decimal places.

[3 marks]

Answer _____

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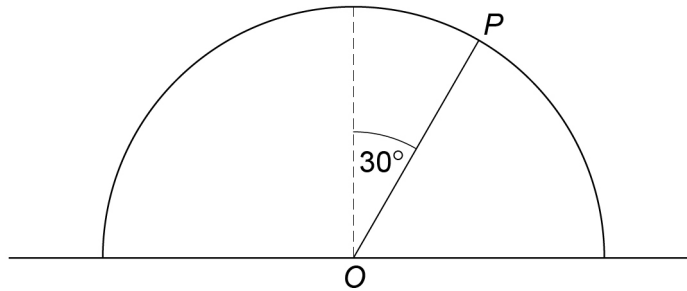
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- 8** A smooth hemisphere of radius r metres and centre O is fixed to a horizontal surface.
- A particle is set into motion on the hemisphere so that it has a speed U m s⁻¹ at the top of the hemisphere.
- The particle moves on the surface of the hemisphere until it reaches the point P where it leaves the hemisphere.
- The radius OP makes an angle of 30° to the vertical as shown in **Figure 6**

Figure 6

Find U

Give your answer in terms of r and g

[5 marks]

Answer _____

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9 (c) State the period of the motion.

Give your answer in terms of π

[1 mark]

Answer _____

9 (d) During the motion the particle moves through the points P and Q which are 0.02 metres apart.

The time taken for the particle to travel from P to Q without changing the direction of its velocity is T seconds.

Find the range of possible values of T

Give your answer in the form $a \leq T \leq b$ with the value of a and the value b correct to four decimal places.

[6 marks]

Answer _____



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A plane is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal.

The points A and B are on the plane a distance of d metres apart.

A ball is projected from A up the plane with velocity $2V$ at an angle α to the plane, where $\alpha \leq 30^\circ$

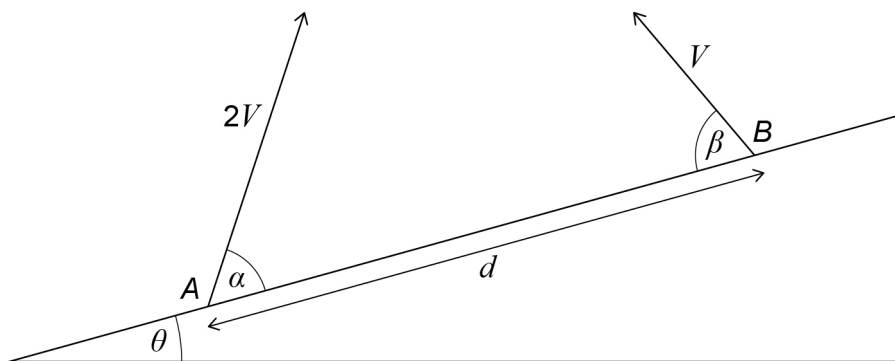
At the same instant in time a ball is projected from B down the plane with velocity V at an angle β to the plane.

The balls collide when they are each at their maximum distance from the plane.

The motion of the balls is in a plane that contains the line of greatest slope of the inclined plane.

Figure 7 shows the initial velocities of the balls.

Figure 7



Show that

$$d = \frac{V^2}{2g\cos\theta} \left(4\sin(2\alpha) + \sin(2\beta) \right)$$

[7 marks]



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