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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

9231/03

Paper 3 Further Mechanics

For examination from 2020

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 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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- 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 ms^{-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 light elastic string has natural length a and modulus of elasticity $24mg$. One end of the string is attached to a fixed point A . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass $2m$.

(a) Find, in terms of a , the extension of the string when the particle hangs freely in equilibrium below A . [2]

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(b) The particle is released from rest at A .

Find, in terms of a , the distance of the particle below A when it first comes to instantaneous rest. [6]

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It is now given that $k = 0.01$. The speed of P when x becomes large approaches $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

- (b) (i)** Find V correct to 2 decimal places. [1]

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- (ii)** Hence find how far P has fallen when its speed is $\frac{1}{2}V \text{ m s}^{-1}$. [2]

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(b) Given that $e = \frac{1}{3}$, find the loss of kinetic energy as a result of the collision. [3]

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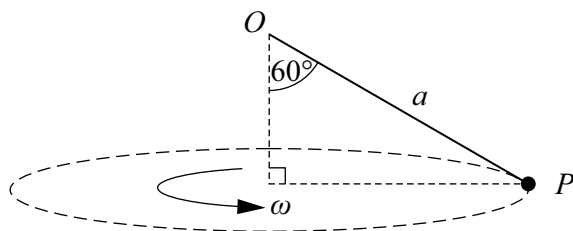
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5 A particle P of mass m is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O .

(a)



The particle P moves in a horizontal circle with a constant angular speed ω with the string inclined at 60° to the downward vertical through O (see diagram).

Show that $\omega^2 = \frac{2g}{a}$. [4]

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- (b) The particle now hangs at rest a distance a vertically below O . It is then projected horizontally so that it begins to move in a vertical circle with centre O . When the string makes an angle of 60° with the downward vertical through O , the angular speed of P is $\sqrt{\frac{2g}{a}}$. The string first goes slack when OP makes an angle θ with the upward vertical through O .

Find the value of $\cos \theta$. [6]

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6 A particle P is projected with speed u at an angle α above the horizontal from a point O on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. The horizontal and vertical displacements of P from O at a subsequent time t are denoted by x and y respectively.

(a) Derive the equation of the trajectory of P in the form

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} \sec^2 \alpha. \quad [3]$$

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(b) The greatest height of P above the plane is denoted by H . When P is at a height of $\frac{3}{4}H$, it has travelled a horizontal distance d .

Given that $\tan \alpha = 2$, find, in terms of H , the two possible values of d . [6]

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