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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE
Mathematics

Total Marks

Advanced
PAPER 32: Mechanics
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Time for 9MA0/31 and 9MA0/32: 2 hours

Question Paper

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YOU MUST HAVE

**Mathematical Formulae and Statistical
Tables (Green), calculator, 9MA0/31**

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Diagram Booklet

Answer Booklet

**Candidates may use any
calculator allowed by Pearson
regulations. Calculators
must not have the facility for
symbolic algebra manipulation,
differentiation and integration,
or have retrievable mathematical
formulae stored in them.**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.

Answer the questions in the Answer Booklet or in the separate Diagram Booklet – there may be more space than you need.

You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear. Answers without working may not gain full credit.

Unless otherwise indicated, whenever a value of g is required, take $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, and give your answer to either 2 significant figures or 3 significant figures.

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INFORMATION

A booklet ‘Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables’ is provided.

The total mark for this part of the examination is 50

There are 6 questions.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

There may be spare copies of some diagrams.

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ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Try to answer every question.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

- 1. A car moves in a straight line along a horizontal road with constant acceleration 2 m s^{-2}**

The car is moving with speed 15 m s^{-1} in the direction of the acceleration when it passes a signpost on the road.

The car is modelled as a particle.

- (a) Use the model to find the speed of the car 4 seconds after passing the signpost.**
(2 marks)

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1. continued.

**Refer to the diagram for Question 1(b)
in the Diagram Booklet.**

**It shows the horizontal forces acting
on the car.**

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1. continued.

Given that

- **the car has mass 800 kg**
- **the driving force of the engine has magnitude D newtons**
- **the resistance to the motion of the car has magnitude 400 newtons**
- **the acceleration of the car is 2 m s^{-2} in the direction of the driving force**

(b) use the model to find the value of D
(2 marks)

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

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2. Refer to the diagram for Question 2 in the Diagram Booklet.

A small box B of mass 2 kg is dragged in a straight line, along a ROUGH horizontal plane, at a CONSTANT SPEED by a force of magnitude 5 newtons.

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2. continued.

The line of action of the force makes an angle α with the plane, where $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$, as shown in the diagram.

- (a) Show that the magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on the box is 16.6 newtons.**
- (3 marks)**

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2. continued.

At the instant when **B is at the point **O** on the plane, the force of magnitude **5** newtons is removed.**

(b) Describe the motion of the box after the force of magnitude **5 newtons is removed.**

(1 mark)

(c) Find the magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on the box after the force of magnitude **5 newtons is removed.**

(1 mark)

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2. continued.

Given that after the force of magnitude 5 newtons is removed

- **the box is modelled as a particle**
- **air resistance is modelled as being negligible**
- **the coefficient of friction between the box and the plane is modelled as 0.2**
- **the speed of the box as it passes through O is 4 m s^{-1}**
- **the box comes to rest at the point X on the plane**

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2. continued.

**(d) use the model to find the
length OX**

(4 marks)

**(e) State one limitation of the
model, apart from ignoring air
resistance, that could affect your
answer to part (d).**

(1 mark)

(Total for Question 2 is 10 marks)

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3. [In this question, $\underline{i}$ and $\underline{j}$ are horizontal unit vectors due east and due north respectively.]

A particle P of mass 0.5 kg moves with constant acceleration $(2\underline{i} - 2.4\underline{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$ on a smooth horizontal plane under the action of a constant horizontal force $\underline{F}$ newtons.

- (a) Find $\underline{F}$ in terms of $\underline{i}$ and $\underline{j}$
(1 mark)

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3. continued.

At time $t = 0$, P is moving with velocity

$$\mathbf{(-7\mathbf{i} + 7.8\mathbf{j})\text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

(b) Find the velocity of P at time $t = 2$ seconds.

(2 marks)

(c) Find the direction of motion of P at time $t = 2$ seconds, giving your answer as a bearing in degrees.

(3 marks)

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3. continued.

At time $t = 0$, P passes through the point O

At time $t = 5$ seconds, P passes through the point A

(d) Find $\overrightarrow{OA}$ in terms of $\underline{\mathbf{i}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{j}}$
(2 marks)

(Total for Question 3 is 8 marks)

4. [In this question, position vectors are given relative to a fixed origin O]

At time t seconds, where $t > 0$, the position vector of a particle P is

$\underline{r}$ metres where

$$\underline{r} = 4t^{\frac{3}{2}}\underline{i} - t^2\underline{j}$$

- (a) Find the position vector of P at $t = 4$
(1 mark)

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4. continued.

(b) Find the exact distance of P from O at $t = 4$

(2 marks)

(c) Find an expression for the velocity of P at time t seconds, where $t > 0$, giving your answer in terms of t , $\underline{i}$ and $\underline{j}$

(2 marks)

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4. continued.

At $t = T$, the acceleration of P is in a direction that is perpendicular to the line with equation

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x$$

**(d) Find the value of T
(4 marks)**

(Total for Question 4 is 9 marks)

5. Refer to the diagram for Question 5 in the Diagram Booklet.

A small stone is projected with speed 14 m s^{-1} from a point O on the top of a cliff.

The point O is H metres vertically above the point N

Point N is on horizontal ground.

The stone is projected at an angle θ above the horizontal, where

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

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5. continued.

The stone strikes the horizontal ground at the point A , where $NA = 40$ metres, as shown in the diagram.

The stone is modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity.

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5. continued.

Using this model, find

(a) the value of H
(5 marks)

(b) the maximum height of the stone
above the horizontal ground.
(3 marks)

(Total for Question 5 is 8 marks)

6. Refer to the diagram for Questions 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) in the Diagram Booklet.

A uniform rod **AB** has mass **M** and length **2p**

A particle of mass **2M** is attached to the rod at the point **C**, where **AC = 0.5p**

The rod rests with end **A** on rough horizontal ground and end **B** against a vertical wall.

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6. continued.

The rod lies in a vertical plane which is perpendicular to the wall.

The rod is in equilibrium at an angle α to the wall, as shown in the diagram.

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6. continued.

In an initial model

- **the vertical wall is modelled as being SMOOTH**
- **the magnitude of the normal reaction of the ground on the rod at A is R**
- **the magnitude of the force exerted on the rod by the wall at B is S**

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6. continued.

Using the model,

(a) find R in terms of M and g
(1 mark)

(b) show that
 $S = Mg \tan \alpha$
(3 marks)

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6. continued.

In a refined model

- **the vertical wall is modelled as being ROUGH**
- **the magnitude of the normal reaction of the ground on the rod at A is R_1**

**(c) State which is greater, R or R_1 , giving a reason for your answer.
(1 mark)**

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6. continued.

Refer to the diagram for Question 6(d) in the Diagram Booklet.

A second particle of mass $3M$ is now attached to the rod at B

The rod again rests with end A on rough horizontal ground and end B against the vertical wall.

The rod lies in a vertical plane which is perpendicular to the wall.

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6. continued.

The rod is now in limiting equilibrium at an angle β to the wall, as shown in the diagram.

The vertical wall is again modelled as being SMOOTH.

The coefficient of friction between the rod and the ground is μ

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6. continued.

Given that

$$\tan \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) use the model to show that

$$\mu = \frac{1}{3}$$

(6 marks)

(Total for Question 6 is 11 marks)

TOTAL FOR MECHANICS IS 50 MARKS

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