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**MATHEMATICS**

**9709/41**

Paper 4 Mechanics

**May/June 2022**

**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.
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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  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

## 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 A car starts from rest and moves in a straight line with constant acceleration for a distance of 200 m, reaching a speed of  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The car then travels at this speed for 400 m, before decelerating uniformly to rest over a period of 5 s.

(a) Find the time for which the car is accelerating. [2]

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(b) Sketch the velocity–time graph for the motion of the car, showing the key points. [2]

(c) Find the average speed of the car during its motion. [2]

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- 2 Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses  $0.5\text{ kg}$  and  $0.3\text{ kg}$  respectively, are connected by a light inextensible string. The string is taut and  $P$  is vertically above  $Q$ . A force of magnitude  $10\text{ N}$  is applied to  $P$  vertically upwards.

Find the acceleration of the particles and the tension in the string connecting them. [5]

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- 3 A crate of mass 300 kg is at rest on rough horizontal ground. The coefficient of friction between the crate and the ground is 0.5. A force of magnitude  $X$  N, acting at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal, is applied to the crate, where  $\sin \alpha = 0.28$ .

Find the greatest value of  $X$  for which the crate remains at rest. [5]

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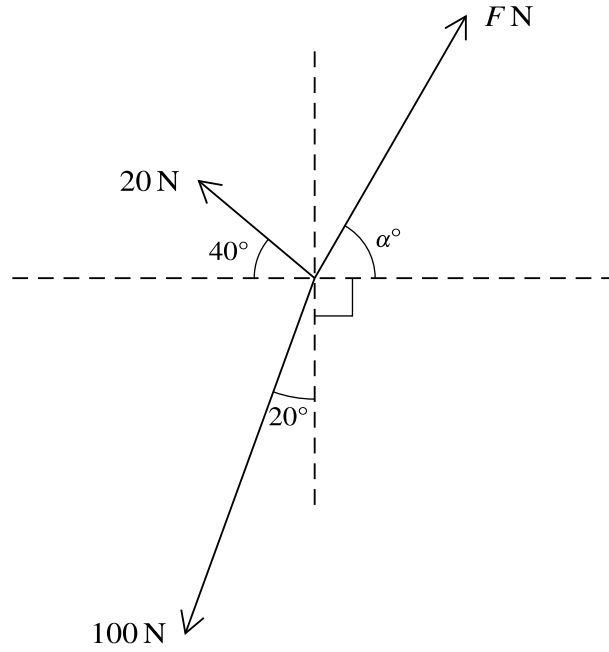
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Three coplanar forces of magnitudes 20 N, 100 N and  $F$  N act at a point. The directions of these forces are shown in the diagram.

Given that the three forces are in equilibrium, find  $F$  and  $\alpha$ . [6]

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5 Two racing cars  $A$  and  $B$  are at rest alongside each other at a point  $O$  on a straight horizontal test track. The mass of  $A$  is 1200 kg. The engine of  $A$  produces a constant driving force of 4500 N. When  $A$  arrives at a point  $P$  its speed is  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The distance  $OP$  is  $d$  m. The work done against the resistance force experienced by  $A$  between  $O$  and  $P$  is 75 000 J.

(a) Show that  $d = 100$ .

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Car *B* starts off at the same instant as car *A*. The two cars arrive at *P* simultaneously and with the same speed. The engine of *B* produces a driving force of 3200 N and the car experiences a constant resistance to motion of 1200 N.

(b) Find the mass of *B*. [3]

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(c) Find the steady speed which *B* can maintain when its engine is working at the same rate as it is at *P*. [3]

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6 A particle starts from a point  $O$  and moves in a straight line. The velocity  $v\text{ m s}^{-1}$  of the particle at time  $t$  s after leaving  $O$  is given by

$$v = k(3t^2 - 2t^3),$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

(a) Verify that the particle returns to  $O$  when  $t = 2$ . [4]

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7 Two particles *A* and *B*, of masses 0.4 kg and 0.2 kg respectively, are moving down the same line of greatest slope of a smooth plane. The plane is inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal, and *A* is higher up the plane than *B*. When the particles collide, the speeds of *A* and *B* are  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  respectively. In the collision between the particles, the speed of *A* is reduced to  $2.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(a) Find the speed of *B* immediately after the collision. [2]

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After the collision, when *B* has moved 1.6 m down the plane from the point of collision, it hits a barrier and returns back up the same line of greatest slope. *B* hits the barrier 0.4 s after the collision, and when it hits the barrier, its speed is reduced by 90%. The two particles collide again 0.44 s after their previous collision, and they then coalesce on impact.

(b) Show that the speed of *B* immediately after it hits the barrier is  $0.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Hence find the speed of the combined particle immediately after the second collision between *A* and *B*. [7]

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