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# AS/A Level Mathematics

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## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled..
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– 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.
- Answers should be given to three significant figures unless otherwise stated.

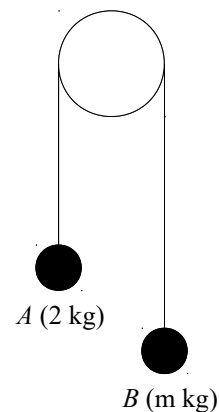
## Information

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

## 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.

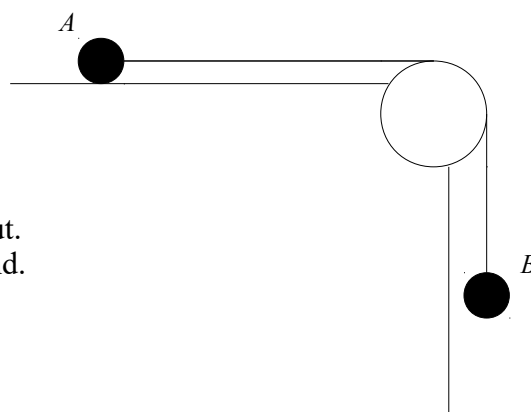
- 1 Two particles  $A$  and  $B$  have mass of 2 kg and  $m$  kg respectively, where  $m < 2$ . The particles are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth, fixed pulley. Initially  $A$  is 3 m above horizontal ground. The string is released from rest with the string taut and the hanging parts of the string vertical. After  $A$  has been descending for 2.5 s it strikes the ground. Particle  $A$  reaches the ground before  $B$  reaches the pulley.



- (a) Show that the acceleration of  $A$  as it descends is  $0.96 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (3)
- (b) Show that the mass of  $B$  is 1.64 kg (7)
- (c) State how you have used the information that the string is inextensible. (1)

(Total for question 1 is 11 marks)

- 2 A particle  $A$  of mass 5 kg rests on a smooth horizontal table. Particle  $A$  is attached to one end of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth pulley fixed to the edge of the table. The other end of the string is attached to particle  $B$  of mass 4 kg which hangs freely below the pulley 1.4 m above the ground. The system is released from rest with the string taut. Particle  $A$  does not reach the pulley before  $B$  reaches the ground.



- (a) Find the tension in the string before  $B$  hits the ground. (4)
- (b) Find the time taken by  $B$  to reach the ground. (5)

(Total for question 2 is 9 marks)

- 3 A car of mass 750 kg pulls a trailer of mass 300 kg along a straight horizontal road using a light towbar which is parallel to the road. The horizontal resistances to motion of the car and the trailer have magnitudes 250 N and 100 N respectively. The engine of the car produces a constant horizontal driving force on the car of magnitude 1600 N. Find

- (a) the acceleration of the car and trailer, (3)
- (b) the magnitude of the tension in the towbar. (3)

The car is moving along the road when the driver sees a hazard ahead. He reduces the force produced by the engine to zero and applies the brakes. The brakes produce a force on the car of magnitude  $F$  newtons and the car and trailer decelerate. Given that the resistances to motion are unchanged and the magnitude of the thrust in the towbar is 80 N,

- (c) find the value of  $F$ . (7)

(Total for question 3 is 13 marks)

- 4 A car is towing a trailer along a straight horizontal road by means of a horizontal tow-rope. The mass of the car is 1400 kg. The mass of the trailer is 700 kg. The car and the trailer are modelled as particles and the tow-rope as a light inextensible string. The resistances to motion of the car and the trailer are assumed to be constant and of magnitude 630 N and 280 N respectively. The driving force on the car, due to its engine, is 2380 N. Find

- (a) the acceleration of the car, (3)
- (b) the tension in the tow-rope (3)
- (c) state how you have used the assumption that the car and trailer are modelled as particles. (1)

When the car and trailer are moving at  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , the tow-rope breaks. Assuming that the driving force on the car and the resistances to motion are unchanged,

- (d) find the distance moved by the car in the first 4 s after the tow-rope breaks. (6)

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(Total for question 4 is 13 marks)

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Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of mass 4 kg and 6 kg respectively, are joined by a light horizontal rod. The particles are initially at rest when a constant force  $F$  of magnitude 30 N is applied to  $Q$ , as shown in the diagram. The force is applied for 5 s. During the motion, the resistance to  $P$  has a constant magnitude of 2 N and the resistance to  $Q$  has a constant magnitude of 4 N. Find

- (a) the acceleration of the particles as the system moves under the action of the 30 N force. (3)
- (b) the speed of the particles after 5 seconds. (2)
- (c) the tension in the rod as the system moves under the action of the 30 N force. (3)

After 5 seconds the force is removed and the system decelerates to rest. The resistances to motion are unchanged.

- (d) Find the distance moved by  $P$  as the system decelerates. (4)
- (e) Find the thrust in the rod as the system decelerates. (3)

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(Total for question 5 is 15 marks)