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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 4 Mechanics

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

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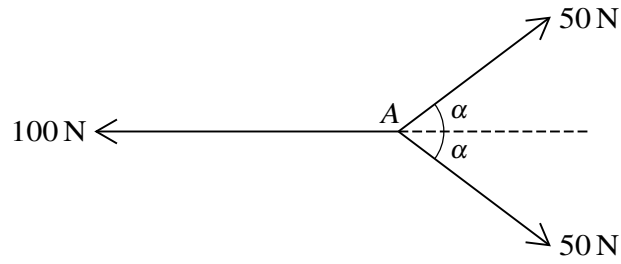
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Three coplanar forces of magnitudes 100 N, 50 N and 50 N act at a point A, as shown in the diagram. The value of $\cos \alpha$ is $\frac{4}{5}$.

Find the magnitude of the resultant of the three forces and state its direction. [3]

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- 2 A car of mass 1800 kg is towing a trailer of mass 400 kg along a straight horizontal road. The car and trailer are connected by a light rigid tow-bar. The car is accelerating at 1.5 m s^{-2} . There are constant resistance forces of 250 N on the car and 100 N on the trailer.

(a) Find the tension in the tow-bar. [2]

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(b) Find the power of the engine of the car at the instant when the speed is 20 m s^{-1} . [3]

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3 A particle P is projected vertically upwards with speed 5 m s^{-1} from a point A which is 2.8 m above horizontal ground.

(a) Find the greatest height above the ground reached by P . [3]

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(b) Find the length of time for which P is at a height of more than 3.6 m above the ground. [4]

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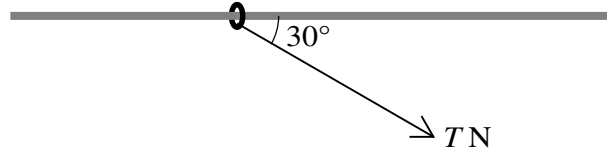
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The diagram shows a ring of mass 0.1 kg threaded on a fixed horizontal rod. The rod is rough and the coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod is 0.8 . A force of magnitude $T\text{ N}$ acts on the ring in a direction at 30° to the rod, downwards in the vertical plane containing the rod. Initially the ring is at rest.

- (a) Find the greatest value of T for which the ring remains at rest.

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(b) Find the acceleration of the ring when $T = 3$. [3]

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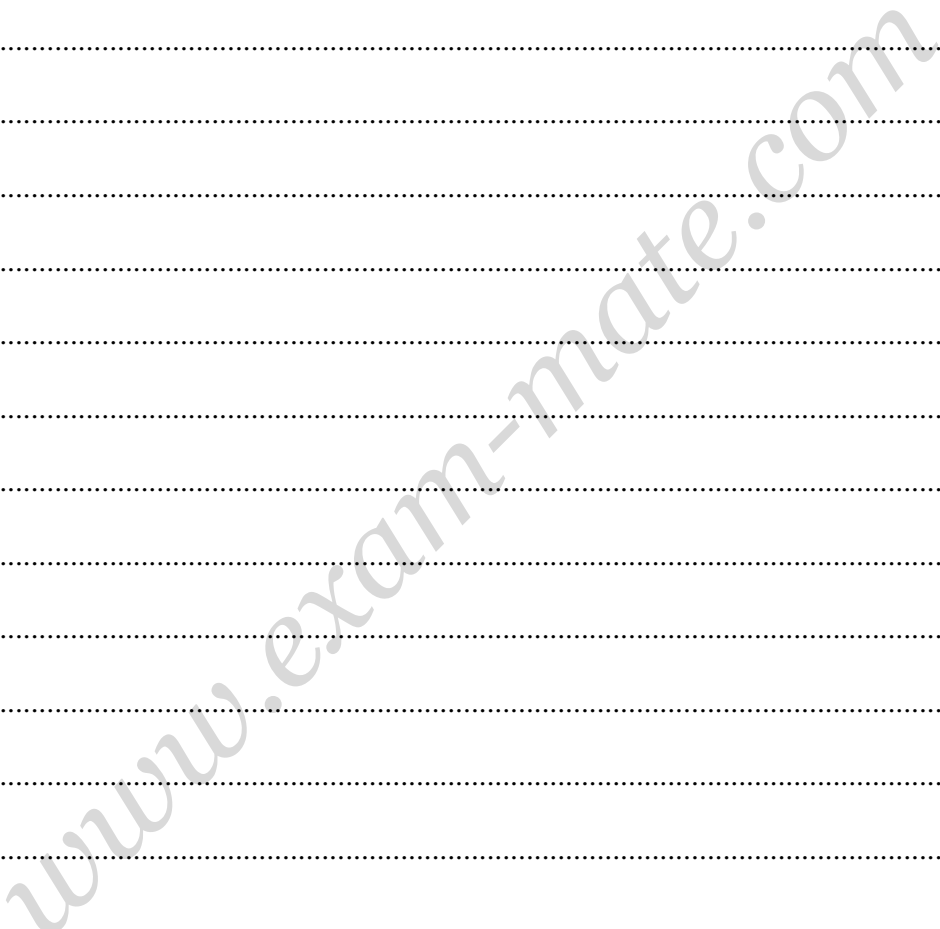
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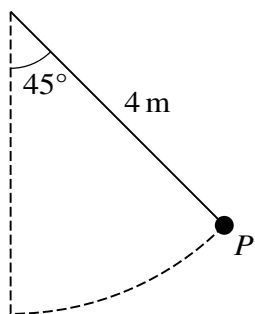
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A child of mass 35 kg is swinging on a rope. The child is modelled as a particle P and the rope is modelled as a light inextensible string of length 4 m . Initially P is held at an angle of 45° to the vertical (see diagram).

- (a) Given that there is no resistance force, find the speed of P when it has travelled half way along the circular arc from its initial position to its lowest point. [4]

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(b) It is given instead that there is a resistance force. The work done against the resistance force as P travels from its initial position to its lowest point is X J. The speed of P at its lowest point is 4 m s^{-1} .

Find X .

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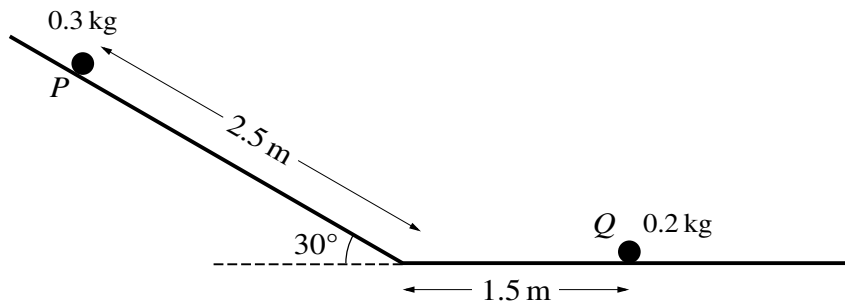
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(b) Find the displacement of the particle from A when its velocity is a minimum. [4]

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A particle P of mass 0.3 kg , lying on a smooth plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal, is released from rest. P slides down the plane for a distance of 2.5 m and then reaches a horizontal plane. There is no change in speed when P reaches the horizontal plane. A particle Q of mass 0.2 kg lies at rest on the horizontal plane 1.5 m from the end of the inclined plane (see diagram). P collides directly with Q .

- (a) It is given that the horizontal plane is smooth and that, after the collision, P continues moving in the same direction, with speed 2 m s^{-1} .

Find the speed of Q after the collision. [5]

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- (b) It is given instead that the horizontal plane is rough and that when P and Q collide, they coalesce and move with speed 1.2 m s^{-1} .

Find the coefficient of friction between P and the horizontal plane. [5]

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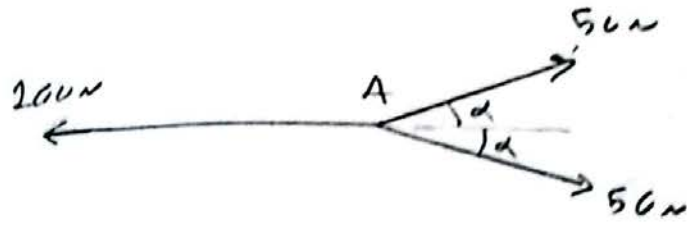
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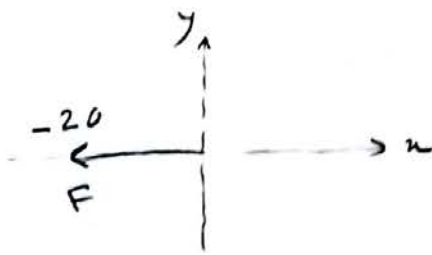
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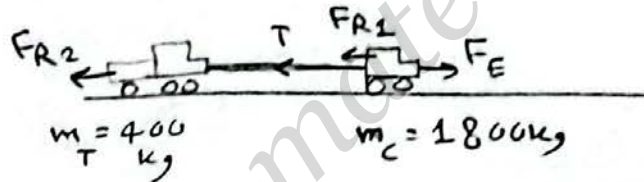
$\Sigma F_x =$

$\Sigma F_x = 2 \times 50 \cos \alpha - 100 \Rightarrow (\cos \alpha = 4/5) \Rightarrow 100 \times 4/5 - 100 = \Sigma F_x$



$\Rightarrow |\vec{F}| = 20 \text{ N}$ direction $\theta = 180^\circ$
 resultant force

Question 2:



a) $\Sigma F_x = m_C a$ (car) $\Rightarrow F_E - F_{R1} - T = 1800 a$ (I)
 $\Sigma F_x = m_T a$ (Trailer) $\Rightarrow T - F_{R2} = 400 a$ (II)

\Rightarrow (I) $F_E - 250 - T = 1800 \times 3/2 \Rightarrow F_E - T = 2700 + 250 = 2950$

(II) $T - 100 = 400 \times 3/2 = 600 \Rightarrow T = 700 \text{ N}$

b) Power = force \times speed $\Rightarrow F_{\text{Engine}} = T + 2950 = 3650$

$\Rightarrow P = 3650 \times 20 = 73000 \text{ W} = 73 \text{ kW}$

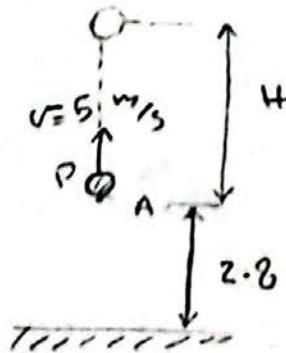
Question 3:

a)

$a = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$

$\Rightarrow v = at + v_0$

$\Rightarrow t = \frac{5}{20} = 0,5 \text{ s}$



$\Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} at^2 + v_0 t \Rightarrow H = -5(0,5)^2 + 5 \times 0,5 = 1,25 \text{ m}$

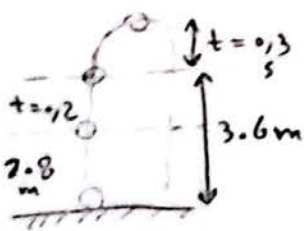
$$\Rightarrow \text{total Height} = 2.8 + 1.25 = \underline{4.05 \text{ m}}$$

b) $3.6 - 2.8 = 0.8 \text{ m}$ (distance for Particle to reach)

$$0.8 = \frac{1}{2} a t^2 + v_0 t = -5t^2 + 5t \Rightarrow 5t^2 - 5t + 0.8 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 16}}{10} = \underline{0.8 \text{ s}} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{0.2 \text{ s}}$$

$t = 0.8 \text{ s}$ is not acceptable because
the whole time to reach the highest
Point is 0.5 s



$\Rightarrow t = 0.2 \text{ s} \Rightarrow$ the length of time for which

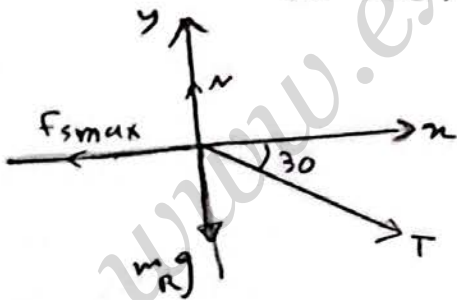
P is at a height more than 3.6 m

$$2(t_{\text{Highest Point}} - t_{\text{reach to } 3.6}) = 2(0.5 - 0.2) = \underline{0.6 \text{ s}}$$

Question 4:

a)

force-body diagram for the ring



$$m = 0.1 \text{ kg}$$

30°

$$\sum F_x = 0 \text{ (remains at rest)}$$

$$T \cos 30 - F_{smax} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = N \mu_s \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow mg + T \sin 30 = N$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 1 + \frac{T}{2}$$

$$\text{(I)} : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} T = 0.8 + 0.4 T$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.466 T = 0.8 \Rightarrow$$

$$T = \underline{1.71 \text{ N}}$$

b) $\sum F_x = ma \Rightarrow T \cos 30 - F_{smax} = ma \Rightarrow 0.1a = 2.59 - 2.5 \times \frac{8}{10} \Rightarrow$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T/2 + mg = N \Rightarrow N = 1 + T/2 = 2.5 \text{ N}$$

$$a = \underline{5.98 \text{ m/s}^2}$$