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MEI STRUCTURED MATHEMATICS

4761

Mechanics 1

Tuesday

7 JUNE 2005

Afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:

Answer booklet

Graph paper

MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- You are advised that an answer may receive **no marks** unless you show sufficient detail of the working to indicate that a correct method is being used.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.

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**This question paper consists of 5 printed pages and 3 blank pages.**

## Section A (36 marks)

- 1 A particle travels along a straight line. Its *acceleration* during the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 8$  is given by the acceleration–time graph in Fig. 1.

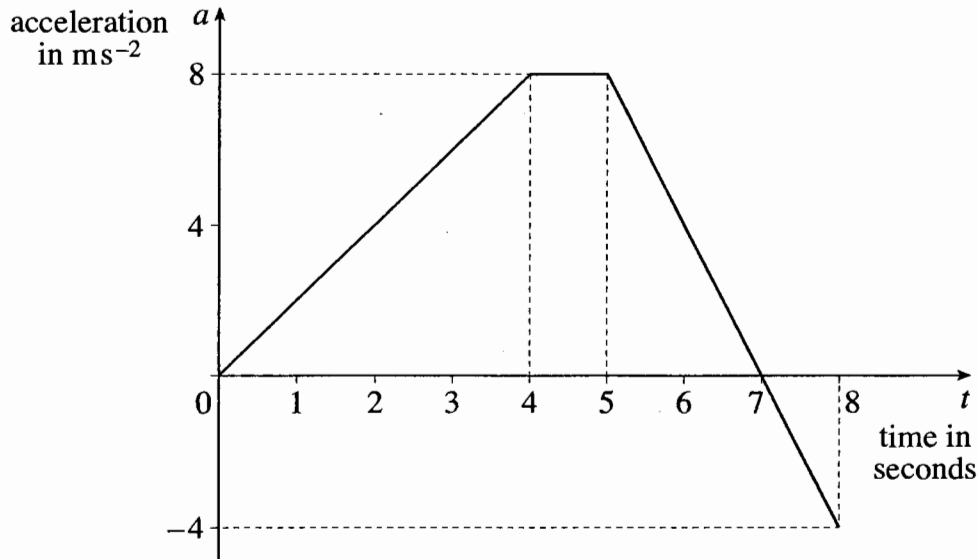


Fig. 1

- (i) Write down the acceleration of the particle when  $t = 4$ . Given that the particle starts from rest, find its speed when  $t = 4$ . [2]
- (ii) Write down an expression in terms of  $t$  for the acceleration,  $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , of the particle in the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ . [1]
- (iii) Without calculation, state the time at which the *speed* of the particle is greatest. Give a reason for your answer. [2]
- (iv) Calculate the change in speed of the particle from  $t = 5$  to  $t = 8$ , indicating whether this is an increase or a decrease. [3]

- 2 A particle moves along the  $x$ -axis with velocity,  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , at time  $t$  given by

$$v = 24t - 6t^2.$$

The positive direction is in the sense of  $x$  increasing.

- (i) Find an expression for the acceleration of the particle at time  $t$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the times,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , at which the particle has zero speed. [2]
- (iii) Find the distance travelled between the times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . [4]

- 3 A particle rests on a smooth, horizontal plane. Horizontal unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  lie in this plane. The particle is in equilibrium under the action of the three forces  $(-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})\text{ N}$  and  $(21\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j})\text{ N}$  and  $\mathbf{R}\text{ N}$ .
- (i) Write down an expression for  $\mathbf{R}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the magnitude of  $\mathbf{R}$  and the angle between  $\mathbf{R}$  and the  $\mathbf{i}$  direction. [4]
- 4 A block of mass 4 kg is in equilibrium on a rough plane inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal, as shown in Fig. 4. A frictional force of 10 N acts up the plane and a vertical string AB attached to the block is in tension.

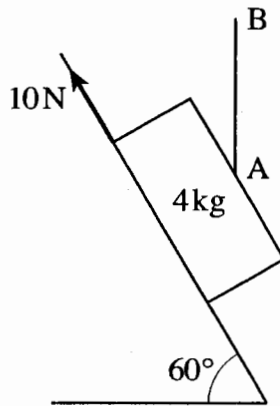


Fig. 4

- (i) Draw a diagram showing the four forces acting on the block. [1]
- (ii) By considering the components of the forces parallel to the slope, calculate the tension in the string. [3]
- (iii) Calculate the normal reaction of the plane on the block. [3]
- 5 The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2}t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 - 1)\mathbf{j},$$

referred to an origin O where  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are the standard unit vectors in the directions of the cartesian axes Ox and Oy respectively.

- (i) Write down the value of  $t$  for which the  $x$ -coordinate of the position of the particle is 2. Find the  $y$ -coordinate at this time. [2]
- (ii) Show that the cartesian equation of the path of the particle is  $y = 4x^2 - 1$ . [2]
- (iii) Find the coordinates of the point where the particle is moving at  $45^\circ$  to both Ox and Oy. [3]

## Section B (36 marks)

- 6 A car of mass 1000 kg is travelling along a straight, level road.

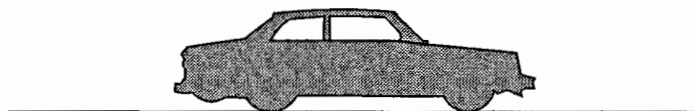


Fig. 6.1

- (i) Calculate the acceleration of the car when a resultant force of 2000 N acts on it in the direction of its motion.

How long does it take the car to increase its speed from  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  to  $12.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ? [3]

The car has an acceleration of  $1.4 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  when there is a driving force of 2000 N.

- (ii) Show that the resistance to motion of the car is 600 N. [2]

A trailer is now attached to the car, as shown in Fig. 6.2. The car still has a driving force of 2000 N and resistance to motion of 600 N. The trailer has a mass of 800 kg. The tow-bar connecting the car and the trailer is light and horizontal. The car and trailer are accelerating at  $0.7 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .



Fig. 6.2

- (iii) Show that the resistance to the motion of the trailer is 140 N. [3]

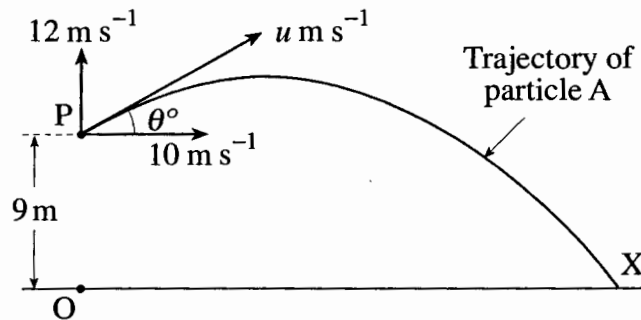
- (iv) Calculate the force in the tow-bar. [3]

The driving force is now removed and a braking force of 610 N is applied to the car. All the resistances to motion remain as before. The trailer has no brakes.

- (v) Calculate the new acceleration. Calculate also the force in the tow-bar, stating whether it is a tension or a thrust (compression). [6]

**7 In this question take the value of  $g$  to be  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .**

A particle A is projected over horizontal ground from a point P which is 9 m above a point O on the ground. The initial velocity has horizontal and vertical components of  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  respectively, as shown in Fig. 7. The trajectory of the particle meets the ground at X. Air resistance may be neglected.



**Fig. 7**

- (i) Calculate the speed of projection  $u \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and the angle of projection  $\theta^\circ$ . [3]
- (ii) Show that,  $t$  seconds after projection, the height of particle A above the ground is  $9 + 12t - 5t^2$ . Write down an expression in terms of  $t$  for the horizontal distance of the particle from O at this time. [4]
- (iii) Calculate the maximum height of particle A above the point of projection. [2]
- (iv) Calculate the distance OX. [4]

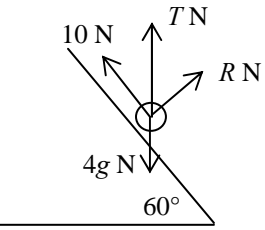
A second particle, B, is projected from O with speed  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. The trajectories of A and B are in the same vertical plane. Particles A and B are projected at the same time.

- (v) Show that the horizontal displacements of A and B are always equal. [2]
- (vi) Show that,  $t$  seconds after projection, the height of particle B above the ground is  $10\sqrt{3}t - 5t^2$ . [1]
- (vii) Show that the particles collide 1.7 seconds after projection (correct to two significant figures). [3]

Q 1		mark		Sub
(i)	Acceleration is $8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ speed is $0 + 0.5 \times 4 \times 8 = 16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	B1 B1		2
(ii)	$a = 2t$	B1		1
(iii)	$t = 7$ $a > 0$ for $t < 7$ and $a < 0$ for $t > 7$	B1 E1	Full reason required	2
(iv)	Area under graph  $0.5 \times 2 \times 8 - 0.5 \times 1 \times 4 = 6$ so $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  Increase	M1  B1  E1	Both areas under graph attempted. Accept both positive areas. If $2 \times 3$ seen accept ONLY IF reference to average accn has been made. Award for $v = -2t^2 + 28t + c$ seen or 24 and 30 seen Award if 6 seen. Accept '24 to 30'.  This must be clear. Mark dept. on award of M1	3
	total	8		

Q 2		mark		Sub
(i)	$a = 24 - 12t$	M1 A1	Differentiate cao	2
(ii)	Need $24t - 6t^2 = 0$ $t = 0, 4$	M1 A1	Equate $v = 0$ and attempt to factorise (or solve). Award for one root found. Both. cao.	2
(iii)	$s = \int_0^4 (24t - 6t^2) dt$ $= [12t^2 - 2t^3]_0^4$ $(12 \times 16 - 2 \times 64) - 0$  $= 64 \text{ m}$	M1 A1 M1 A1	Attempt to integrate. No limits required.  Either term correct. No limits required  Sub $t = 4$ in integral. Accept no bottom limit substituted or arb const assumed 0. Accept reversed limits. FT <b>their</b> limits. cao. Award if seen. [If trapezium rule used. M1 At least 4 strips: M1 enough strips for 3 s. f. A1 (dep on 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1) One strip area correct: A1 cao]	4
	total	8		

Q 3		mark		Sub
(i)	$\mathbf{R} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -18 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	M1 A1	Sum to zero Award if seen here or in (ii) or used in (ii). [SC1 for $\begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ]	2
(ii)	$ \mathbf{R}  = \sqrt{18^2 + 3^2}$ $= 18.248... \text{ so } 18.2 \text{ N (3 s. f.)}$ $\text{angle is } 180 - \arctan\left(\frac{3}{18}\right) = 170.53...^\circ$ $\text{so } 171^\circ \text{ (3 s. f.)}$	M1 A1 M1 A1	Use of Pythagoras Any reasonable accuracy. FT $\mathbf{R}$ (with 2 non-zero cpts) Allow $\arctan\left(\frac{\pm 3}{\pm 18}\right)$ or $\arctan\left(\frac{\pm 18}{\pm 3}\right)$ Any reasonable accuracy. FT $\mathbf{R}$ provided their angle is obtuse but not $180^\circ$	4
	total	6		

Q 4		mark		Sub
(i)		B1	All forces present. No extras. Accept $mg, w$ etc. All labelled with arrows. Accept resolved parts only if clearly additional. Accept no angles	1
(ii)	Resolve parallel to the plane $10 + T \cos 30 = 4g \cos 30$  $T = 27.65299... \text{ so } 27.7 \text{ N (3 s. f.)}$	M1 A1 A1	All terms present. Must be resolution in at least 1 term. Accept $\sin \leftrightarrow \cos$ . If resolution in another direction there must be an equation only in $T$ with no forces omitted. No extra forces. All correct Any reasonable accuracy	3
(iii)	Resolve perpendicular to the plane $R + 0.5 T = 2g$  $R = 5.7735... \text{ so } 5.77 \text{ N (3 s. f.)}$	M1 A1 A1	At least one resolution correct. Accept resolution horiz or vert if at least 1 resolution correct. All forces present. No extra forces. Correct. FT $T$ if evaluated. Any reasonable accuracy. cao.	3
	total	7		

Q 5		mark		Sub
(i)	$x = 2 \Rightarrow t = 4$ $t = 4 \Rightarrow y = 16 - 1 = 15$	B1 F1	cao FT <b>their</b> $t$ and $y$ . Accept 15 <b>j</b>	2
(ii)	$x = \frac{1}{2}t$ and $y = t^2 - 1$  Eliminating $t$ gives $y = ((2x)^2 - 1) = 4x^2 - 1$	M1   E1	Attempt at elimination of expressions for $x$ and $y$ in terms of $t$   Accept seeing $(2x)^2 - 1 = 4x^2 - 1$	2
(iii)	<b>either</b>  We require $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ so $8x = 1$ $x = \frac{1}{8}$ and the point is $\left(\frac{1}{8}, -\frac{15}{16}\right)$  <b>or</b> Differentiate to find <b>v</b> equate <b>i</b> and <b>j</b> cpts so $t = \frac{1}{4}$ and the point is $\left(\frac{1}{8}, -\frac{15}{16}\right)$	M1 B1 A1  M1 M1 A1	This may be implied  Differentiating correctly to obtain $8x$    Equating the <b>i</b> and <b>j</b> cpts of <b>their v</b>	3
	total	7		



Q 6		mark		Sub
(i)	$2000 = 1000a$ so $a = 2$ so $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  $12.5 = 5 + 2t$ so $t = 3.75$ so $3.75 \text{ s}$	B1  M1  A1	Use of appropriate <i>uvast</i> for $t$  cao	3
(ii)	$2000 - R = 1000 \times 1.4$  $R = 600$ so $600 \text{ N}$ (AG)	M1  E1	N2L. Accept $F = mga$ . Accept sign errors. Both forces present. Must use $a = 1.4$	2
(iii)	$2000 - 600 - S = 1800 \times 0.7$  $S = 140$ so $140 \text{ N}$ (AG)	M1  A1 E1	N2L overall or 2 paired equations. $F = ma$ and use 0.7. Mass must be correct. Allow sign errors and 600 omitted. All correct Clearly shown	3
(iv)	$T - 140 = 800 \times 0.7$  $T = 700$ so $700 \text{ N}$	M1  B1 A1	N2L on trailer (or car). $F = 800a$ (or $1000a$ ). Condone missing resistance otherwise all forces present. Condone sign errors.  Use of 140 (or $2000 - 600$ ) and 0.7	3
(v)	N2L in direction of motion car and trailer  $-600 - 140 - 610 = 1800a$  $a = -0.75$  For trailer $T - 140 = -0.75 \times 800$  so $T = -460$ so $460$  <div style="text-align: right;">thrust</div>	M1 A1  A1  M1  A1  F1	Use of $F = 1800a$ to find new accn. Condone 2000 included but not $T$ . Allow missing forces. All forces present; no extra ones Allow sign errors.  Accept $\pm$ . cao.  N2L with their $a$ ( $\neq 0.7$ ) on trailer or car. Must have correct mass and forces. Accept sign errors  cao. Accept $\pm 460$  Dep on M1. Take tension as +ve unless clear other convention	6
	total	17		

Q 7		mark		Sub
(i)	$u = \sqrt{10^2 + 12^2} = 15.62..$ $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{12}{10}\right) = 50.1944... \text{ so } 50.2 \text{ (3s.f.)}$	B1 M1 A1	Accept any accuracy 2 s. f. or better Accept $\arctan\left(\frac{10}{12}\right)$ (Or <b>their</b> $15.62\cos\theta = 10$ or <b>their</b> $15.62\sin\theta = 12$ ) [FT <b>their</b> 15.62 if used] [If $\theta$ found first M1 A1 for $\theta$ F1 for $u$ ] [If B0 M0 SC1 for both $u\cos\theta = 10$ and $u\sin\theta = 12$ seen]	3
(ii)	vert $12t - 0.5 \times 10t^2 + 9$  $= 12t - 5t^2 + 9 \text{ (AG)}$  horiz $10t$	M1 A1 E1 B1	Use of $s = ut + 0.5at^2$ , $a = \pm 9.8$ or $\pm 10$ and $u = 12$ or $15.62..$ Condone $-9 = 12t - 0.5 \times 10t^2$ , condone $y = 9 + 12t - 0.5 \times 10t^2$ . Condone $g$ . All correct with origin of $u = 12$ clear; accept 9 omitted Reason for 9 given. Must be clear unless $y = s_0 + ...$ used.	4
(iii)	$0 = 12^2 - 20s$  $s = 7.2 \text{ so } 7.2 \text{ m}$	M1 A1	Use of $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ or equiv with $u = 12$ , $v = 0$ . Condone $u \leftrightarrow v$ From CWO. Accept 16.2.	2
(iv)	We require $0 = 12t - 5t^2 + 9$ Solve for $t$ the + ve root is 3 range is 30 m	M1 M1 A1 F1	Use of $y$ equated to 0 Attempt to solve a 3 term quadratic Accept no reference to other root. cao. FT root and <b>their</b> $x$ . [If range split up M1 all parts considered; M1 valid method for each part; A1 final phase correct; A1]	4
(v)	Horiz displacement of B: $20 \cos 60t = 10t$  Comparison with Horiz displacement of A	B1 E1	Condone unsimplified expression. Award for $20\cos 60 = 10$ Comparison clear, must show $10t$ for each or explain.	2
(vi)	vertical height is $20 \sin 60t - 0.5 \times 10t^2 = 10\sqrt{3}t - 5t^2 \text{ (AG)}$	A1	Clearly shown. Accept decimal equivalence for $10\sqrt{3}$ (at least 3 s. f.). Accept $-5t^2$ and $20\sin 60 = 10\sqrt{3}$ not explained.	1
(vii)	Need $10\sqrt{3}t - 5t^2 = 12t - 5t^2 + 9$ $\Rightarrow t = \frac{9}{10\sqrt{3} - 12}$ $t = 1.6915... \text{ so } 1.7 \text{ s (2 s. f.) (AG)}$	M1 A1 E1	Equating the <b>given</b> expressions Expression for $t$ obtained in any form Clearly shown. Accept 3 s. f. or better as evidence. Award M1 A1 E0 for 1.7 sub in each ht	3
	total	19		