

# Solomon Practice Paper

## Mechanics 1D

**Time allowed: 90 minutes**

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1. A particle,  $P$ , of mass  $5\text{kg}$  moves with speed  $3\text{ ms}^{-1}$  along a smooth horizontal track. It strikes a particle  $Q$  of mass  $2\text{kg}$  which is at rest on the track. Immediately after the collision,  $P$  and  $Q$  move in the same direction with speeds  $v$  and  $2v\text{ ms}^{-1}$  respectively.
- (a) Calculate the value of  $v$ . [3]
- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the impulse received by  $Q$  on impact. [2]

Total: 5



2. A particle  $P$  moves with a constant velocity  $(3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$  with respect to a fixed origin  $O$ . It passes through the point  $A$  whose position vector is  $(2\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j})\text{m}$  at  $t = 0$ .

(a) Find the angle in degrees that the velocity vector of  $P$  makes with the vector  $\mathbf{i}$ . [2]

(b) Calculate the distance of  $P$  from  $O$  when  $t = 2$ . [4]

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3. A car of mass 1250kg is moving at constant speed up a hill, inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{1}{10}$ . The driving force produced by the engine is 1800N.

(a) Calculate the resistance to motion which the car experiences. [4]

At the top of the hill, the road becomes horizontal.

(b) Find the initial acceleration of the car. [3]

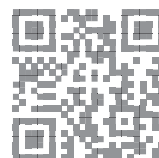
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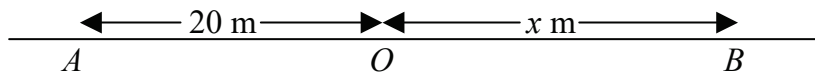
4. A non-uniform plank  $AB$  of mass  $20\text{kg}$  and length  $6\text{m}$  is supported at both ends so that it is horizontal. When a woman of mass  $60\text{kg}$  stands on the plank at a distance of  $2\text{m}$  from  $B$ , the magnitude of the reaction at  $A$  is  $35g\text{N}$ .

- (a) Suggest a suitable model for [2]
- i. the plank,
  - ii. the woman.
- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the reaction at  $B$ , giving your answer in terms of  $g$ . [2]
- (c) Explain briefly, in the context of the problem, the term ‘non-uniform’. [2]
- (d) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the plank from  $A$ . [4]

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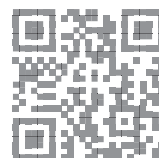


5. The points  $A$ ,  $O$  and  $B$  lie on a straight horizontal track as shown in Figure.  $A$  is 20m from  $O$  and  $B$  is on the other side of  $O$  at a distance  $x$ m from  $O$ . [10]



At time  $t = 0$ , a particle  $P$  starts from rest at  $O$  and moves towards  $B$  with uniform acceleration of  $3 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . At the same instant, another particle  $Q$ , which is at the point  $A$ , is moving with a velocity of  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in the direction of  $O$  with uniform acceleration of  $4 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  in the same direction.

Given that the  $Q$  collides with  $P$  at  $B$ , find the value of  $x$ .



6. A sledge of mass 4kg rests in limiting equilibrium on a rough slope inclined at an angle  $10^\circ$  to the horizontal. By modelling the sledge as a particle,

- (a) show that the coefficient of friction,  $\mu$ , between the sledge and the ground is 0.176 correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

The sledge is placed on a steeper part of the slope which is inclined at an angle  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The value of  $\mu$  remains unchanged.

- (b) Find the minimum extra force required along the line of greatest slope to prevent the sledge from slipping down the hill. [5]

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7. Whilst looking over the edge of a vertical cliff, 122.5 metres in height, Jim dislodges a stone. The stone falls freely from rest towards the sea below.

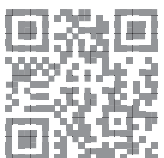
Ignoring the effect of air resistance,

- (a) calculate the time it would take for the stone to reach the sea, [3]  
(b) find the speed with which the stone would hit the water. [2]

Two seconds after the stone begins to fall, Jim throws a tennis ball downwards at the stone. The tennis ball's initial speed is  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and it hits the stone before they both reach the water.

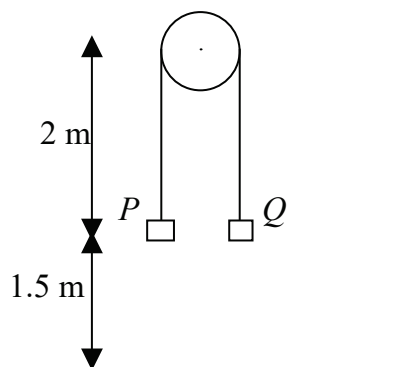
- (c) Find the minimum value of  $u$ . [5]  
(d) If you had taken air resistance into account in your calculations, what effect would this have had on your answer to part (c)? Explain your answer. [2]

Total: 12





8. Figure shows two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of mass  $3\text{kg}$  and  $2\text{kg}$  respectively, attached to the ends of a light, inextensible string which passes over a smooth, fixed pulley.



The system is released from rest with  $P$  and  $Q$  at the same level  $1.5$  metres above the ground and  $2$  metres below the pulley.

- (a) Show that the initial acceleration of the system is  $5g\text{ ms}^{-2}$ . [4]
- (b) Find the tension in the string. [2]
- (c) Find the speed with which  $P$  hits the ground. [3]

When  $P$  hits the ground, it does not rebound.

- (d) What is the closest that  $Q$  gets to the pulley. [5]

Total: 14

