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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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Paper 3 Further Mechanics

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1 hour 30 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.
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- 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 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 light spring of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $20mg$ is placed so that it stands vertically on a horizontal plane. The lower end of the spring is fixed to the plane. A particle of mass m is attached to the upper end of the spring.

The particle is pushed vertically downwards until the length of the spring is $\frac{3}{5}a$. The system is then released from rest.

Find the maximum extension of the spring in the subsequent motion. [5]

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- 2 A particle P of mass m kg moves along a horizontal straight line against a resistive force of magnitude $2mv^3$ N, where v ms⁻¹ is the velocity of P at time t s. When $t = 0$, $v = 1$.

(a) Find an expression for v in terms of t . [4]

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(b) Find the displacement of P from its initial position when $t = 6$. [3]

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- 3** A particle P is projected with speed u at an angle α above the horizontal from a point O on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. The horizontal and vertical displacements of P from O at any subsequent time t are denoted by x and y respectively.

- (a) Derive the equation of the trajectory of P in the form

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} \sec^2 \alpha. \quad [4]$$

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It is given that $u = 20\sqrt{2}\text{ m s}^{-1}$ and that the particle P passes through the point where $x = 64\text{ m}$ and $y = 8\text{ m}$.

(b) Find the possible values of $\tan \alpha$.

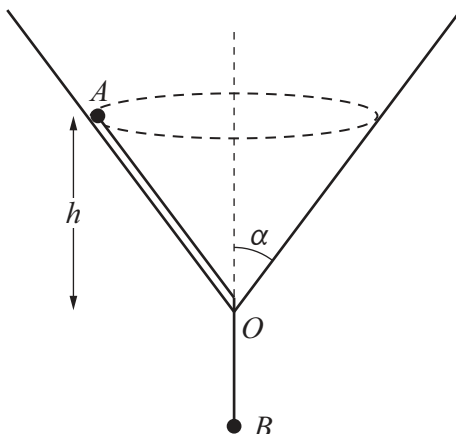
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The diagram shows a rectangle $ABCD$ with a shaded trapezoid $ADEF$ inside it. The height of the rectangle is labeled $6a$. The top base of the trapezoid is DE with length h . The bottom base of the trapezoid is AF with length h . The shaded area is the trapezoid $ADEF$.

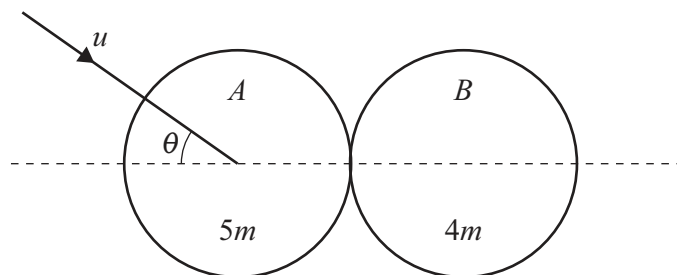
(a) Show that the distance of the centre of mass of the resulting lamina $AFED$ from AD is $\frac{h^2 - 6ah + 36a^2}{18a}$ and find a corresponding expression for the distance of the centre of mass from AB . [5]

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[6]

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- 7 A particle P of mass m is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The particle moves in complete vertical circles with centre O , with the string taut. When the string makes an angle θ with the downward vertical through O the speed of P is $\sqrt{4ag}$. The ratio of the greatest and least tensions in the string during the motion is 11 : 1.

Find the value of $\cos \theta$.

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