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# A-level MATHEMATICS

## Unit Mechanics 5

Friday 15 June 2018

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- the blue AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables.

You may use a graphics calculator.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write the question part reference (eg (a), (b)(i) etc) in the left-hand margin.
- You must answer each question in the space provided for that question. If you require extra space, use an AQA supplementary answer book; do **not** use the space provided for a different question.
- Do not write outside the box around each page.
- Show all necessary working; otherwise marks for method may be lost.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- The **final** answer to questions requiring the use of calculators should be given to three significant figures, unless stated otherwise.
- Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , unless stated otherwise.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.

### Advice

- Unless stated otherwise, you may quote formulae, without proof, from the booklet.
- You do not necessarily need to use all the space provided.

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- 1** A simple pendulum has a string of length  $l$ . A student wants to increase the period of the pendulum by 5%.

Find the percentage change in the length of the string that is needed to achieve the 5% increase.

**[4 marks]**

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- 2** A particle, of mass 1.5 kg, is attached to one end of a light spring. The other end of the spring is attached to a fixed point,  $O$ . When in equilibrium, the particle is below  $O$ . The particle moves with simple harmonic motion in a vertical line through  $O$ . The maximum speed of the particle is  $0.16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . When the particle is 0.02 metres from its equilibrium position, the speed of the particle is  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{25} \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- (a) Find the period of the motion. **[5 marks]**
- (b) Show that the stiffness of the spring is  $6 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ . **[4 marks]**
- (c) Find the maximum tension in the spring during the motion. **[5 marks]**

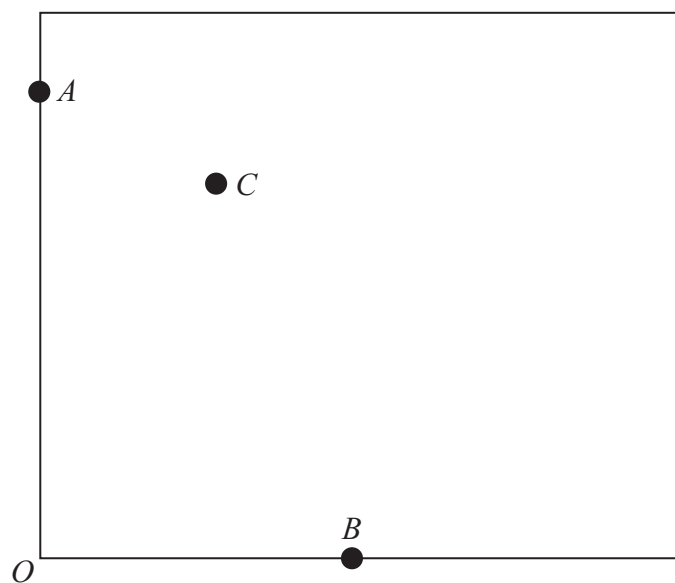
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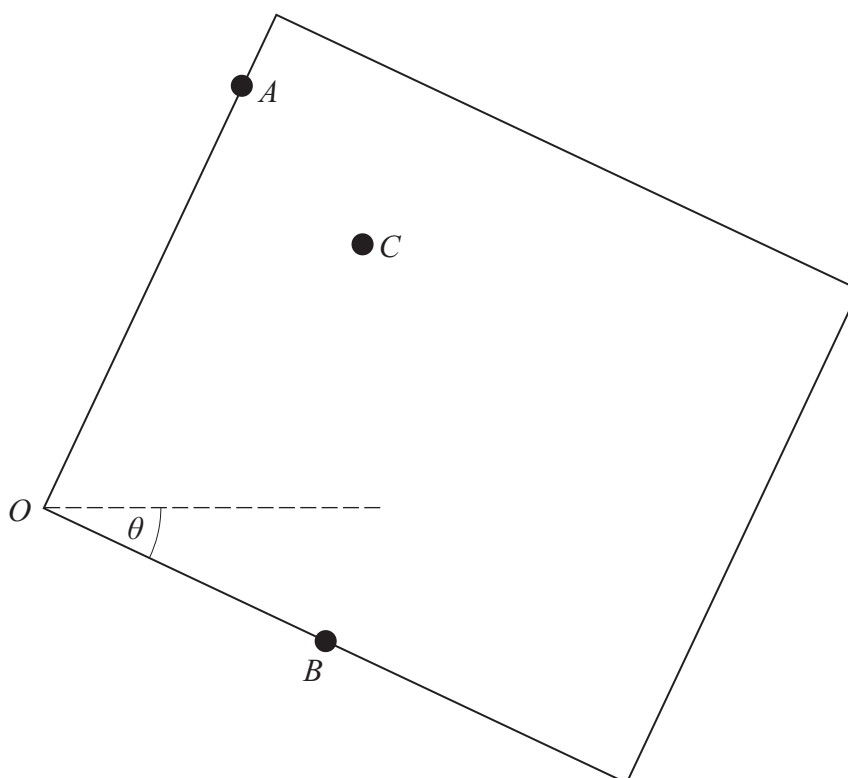
3 Three particles,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , are fixed to a light lamina at the points listed below:

Particle	Mass	Distance from $OA$	Distance from $OB$
$A$	$2m$	0	4
$B$	$3m$	3	0
$C$	$5m$	2	$2\sqrt{3}$

The lamina is smoothly pivoted at the corner  $O$ . The lamina is shown in the diagram below.



The lamina remains in the vertical plane, that contains the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $O$ . The side  $OB$  is at an angle  $\theta$  radians below the horizontal, as shown in the diagram below.



The potential energy is taken to be zero at the level of the point  $O$ .

- (a) Show that the total potential energy of the system,  $V$ , is given by

$$V = mg((8 + 10\sqrt{3}) \cos \theta - 19 \sin \theta)$$

[5 marks]

- (b) Using  $V$ , find the values of  $\theta$  for which the lamina is in equilibrium.

[4 marks]

- (c) Determine the nature of each equilibrium position. Justify your answer.

[4 marks]

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**4** A light spring has natural length 0.5 metres and modulus of elasticity 20 N. One end of the spring is attached to a peg. A sphere of mass 1.6 kg is attached to the other end of the spring. Model the sphere as a particle and assume that no resistance forces act on the sphere.

**(a)** Assume that the peg remains at rest. Find the length of the spring when the sphere is in equilibrium, directly below the peg.

**[3 marks]**

**(b)** The peg then starts to move up and down. It moves so that its displacement below its initial position,  $O$ , is given by  $0.1 \sin(10t)$ .

The displacement of the sphere below  $O$  at time  $t$  seconds is  $x$  metres.

**(i)** Show that

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 25x = 22.3 + 2.5 \sin(10t)$$

**[4 marks]**

**(ii)** Find  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

**[12 marks]**

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**5** A particle moves on the curve defined by  $r = 1 + \sin \theta$  and  $\theta = \frac{2t}{5}$

**(a)** Show that the speed of the particle is proportional to  $\sqrt{r}$

**[5 marks]**

**(b)** Find the maximum and minimum magnitudes of the acceleration of the particle.

**[7 marks]**

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- 6** A spherical hailstone falls vertically through a stationary cloud. As it falls the radius of the hailstone increases at a rate proportional to the radius,  $r$  metres. When the radius of the hailstone is 0.001 metres the radius is increasing at  $0.002 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the hailstone has velocity  $U \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Assume that no resistance forces act on the hailstone.

Assume that the density,  $\rho \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ , of the hailstone is constant.

- (a) At time  $t$  seconds the velocity of the hailstone is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Show that

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = g - 6v$$

[7 marks]

- (b) Find  $v$  in terms of  $g$ ,  $U$  and  $t$ .

[5 marks]

- (c) What happens to the speed of the hailstone as  $t$  becomes large?

[1 mark]

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