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**Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level**

**Thursday 12 June 2025**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes)      Paper reference **WME03/01**

**Mathematics**

**International Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level**

**Mechanics M3**

**You must have:**  
Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Yellow), calculator

Total Marks

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### Instructions:

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear. Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- Whenever a numerical value of  $g$  is required, take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , and give your answer to either two significant figures or three significant figures.

### Information:

- A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.
- There are 7 questions in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice:

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- If you change your mind about an answer, cross it out and put your new answer and any working underneath.

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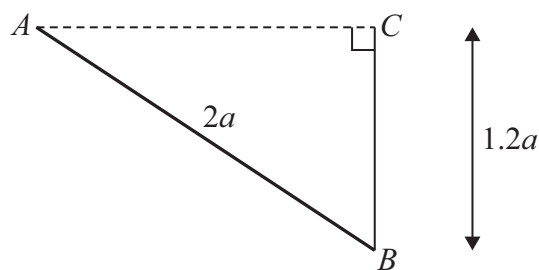


Figure 1

A uniform rod  $AB$  has mass  $m$  and length  $2a$ .

The end  $A$  is freely hinged to a fixed point.

A light elastic string has modulus of elasticity  $2mg$  and natural length  $L$ .

One end of the elastic string is attached to the end  $B$  of the rod.

The other end of the elastic string is attached to a fixed point  $C$ , where  $AC$  is horizontal.

The rod rests in equilibrium with the elastic string taut and vertical and  $BC = 1.2a$ , as shown in Figure 1.

(a) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the tension in the elastic string. (3)

(b) Find  $L$  in terms of  $a$ . (4)



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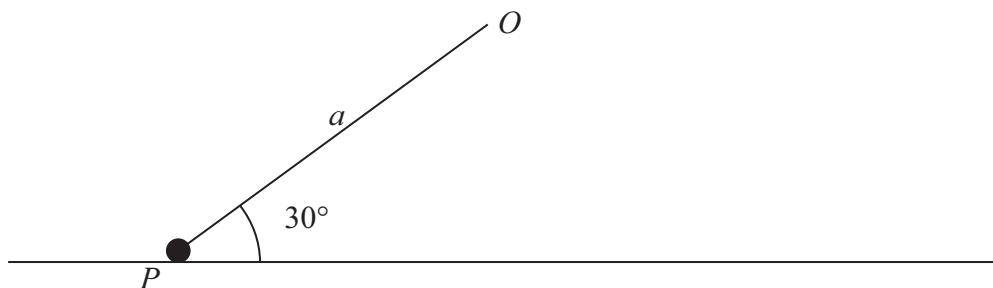
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**Figure 2**

One end of a light inextensible string of length  $a$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$  which lies above a smooth horizontal table.

The other end is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass  $m$ .

The particle  $P$  moves on the table in a horizontal circle with constant angular speed  $\sqrt{\frac{g}{2a}}$  and with the string taut.

The string makes a constant angle of  $30^\circ$  with the table, as shown in Figure 2.

Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the magnitude of the force exerted on  $P$  by the table.

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3: A particle  $P$  moves along the  $x$ -axis.

At time  $t$  seconds, where  $t \geq 1$

- the displacement of  $P$  from  $O$  is  $x$  metres in the positive  $x$  direction, where  $x < \frac{1}{2}$
- the velocity of  $P$  is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the positive  $x$  direction
- the acceleration of  $P$  is  $a \text{ m s}^{-2}$  in the positive  $x$  direction

Given that

$$a = 4x - 2$$

and that when  $t = 1$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $v = 1$

(a) find  $v$  in terms of  $x$ , (4)

(b) find  $v$  in terms of  $t$ . (5)



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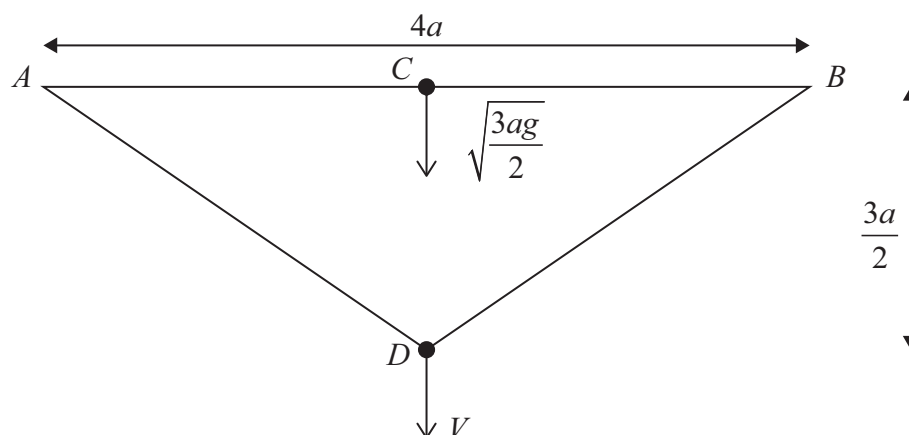


Figure 3

A light elastic string has natural length  $3a$  and modulus of elasticity  $mg$ . One end of the string is attached to the point  $A$  and the other end is attached to the point  $B$ , where  $AB$  is horizontal and  $AB = 4a$ .

A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to the midpoint of the string. The particle  $P$  is held at rest at  $C$ , the midpoint of  $AB$ .

The particle  $P$  is then projected **vertically downwards from  $C$**  with speed  $\sqrt{\frac{3ag}{2}}$ .

At the instant when  $P$  reaches the point  $D$ , where  $CD = \frac{3a}{2}$ , the speed of  $P$  is  $V$ , as shown in Figure 3.

- (a) Show that the elastic energy stored in the string increases by  $\frac{1}{2}mga$ , as  $P$  moves downwards from  $C$  to  $D$ .

(3)

Air resistance is modelled as a constant force of magnitude  $\frac{1}{5}mg$

Using the model and the work-energy principle,

- (b) find  $V$  in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ .

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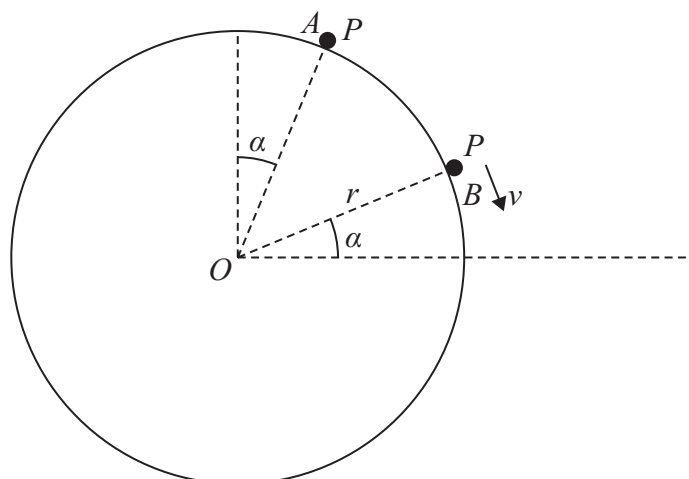


Figure 4

A fixed solid sphere has centre  $O$  and radius  $r$ .

A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is held at the point  $A$  on the smooth outer surface of the sphere, where  $OA$  makes an angle  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha < 45^\circ$ , with the upward vertical.

The particle is released from rest and leaves the surface of the sphere at the point  $B$ , where  $OB$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the horizontal, with speed  $v$ , as shown in Figure 4.

Air resistance is assumed to be negligible.

(a) Show that  $v^2 = 2gr(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)$  (3)

(b) Show that  $\tan \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$  (4)

At the instant when  $P$  crosses the horizontal through  $O$ ,  $P$  is moving at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.

(c) Show that  $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{39}}$  (7)



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- 6: (a) Show, using algebraic integration, that the centre of mass of a uniform **solid** hemisphere  $H$  of radius  $a$  is a distance  $\frac{3}{8}a$  from  $O$ , the centre of its plane face. [You may assume that the volume of the hemisphere is  $\frac{2}{3}\pi a^3$ ]

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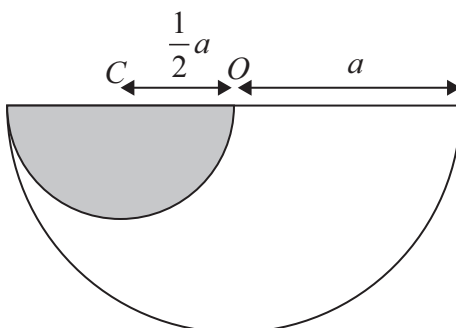


Figure 5

A uniform **solid**  $S$  is formed by removing a smaller **solid** hemisphere of radius  $\frac{1}{2}a$  from  $H$  such that

- the plane face of the smaller hemisphere has centre  $C$  and is part of the plane face of  $H$
- $OC = \frac{1}{2}a$

Figure 5 shows a cross section of  $S$ , where  $S$  is the **unshaded** part.

- (b) Show that the centre of mass of  $S$  is  $\frac{45}{112}a$  from the line through  $O$  and  $C$ .

(4)

The solid  $S$  rests in equilibrium with its curved surface in contact with a rough horizontal plane, as shown in Figure 6.

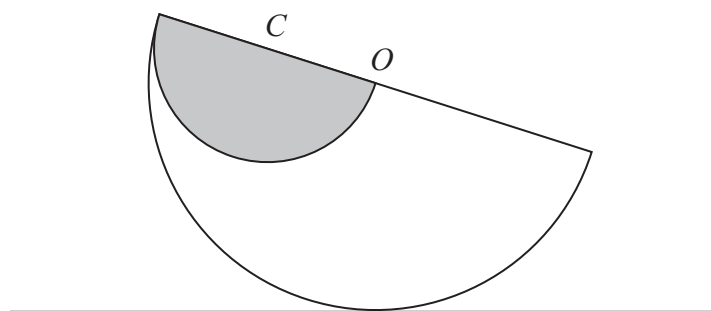


Figure 6

The angle between  $CO$  and the horizontal is  $\theta$ .

- (c) Find the exact value of  $\tan \theta$ .

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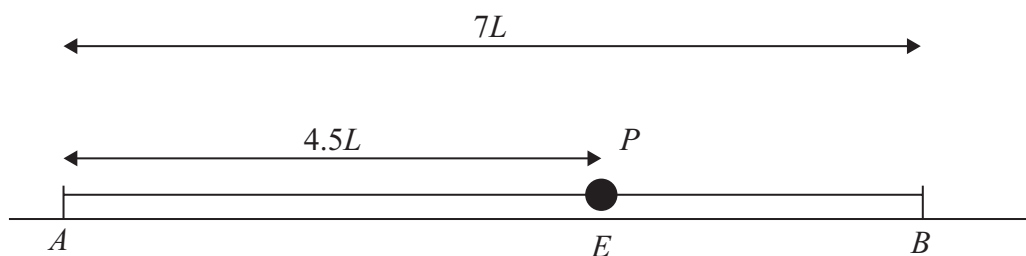


Figure 7

A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  lies at rest on a smooth horizontal table.

One end of a light elastic string, of natural length  $3L$  and modulus of elasticity  $mg$ , is attached to  $P$ . The other end is attached to a point  $A$  on the table.

One end of a second light elastic string, of natural length  $2L$  and modulus of elasticity  $2mg$ , is also attached to  $P$ . The other end is attached to a point  $B$  on the table where  $AB = 7L$ .

The particle  $P$  rests in equilibrium on the table at the point  $E$ , where  $AEB$  is a straight line and  $AE = 4.5L$ , as shown in Figure 7.

The particle  $P$  is now held at the point  $C$  on  $AB$ , where  $AC = 5L$ , and released.

(a) Show that  $P$  moves with simple harmonic motion with centre  $E$  and period  $\pi\sqrt{\frac{3L}{g}}$  (7)

(b) Find, in terms of  $L$  and  $g$ , the maximum speed of  $P$ . (3)

(c) Find, in terms of  $L$  and  $g$ , the exact amount of time, in any one oscillation, for which the speed of  $P$  is less than or equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{gL}{12}}$  (6)



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