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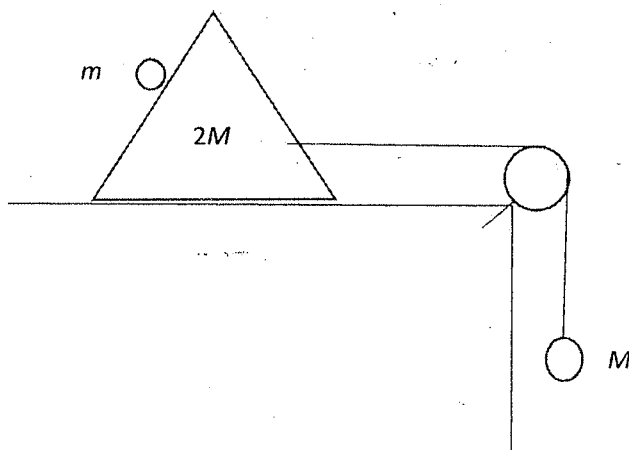
From 9:30 am. To 12:30

Answer All Questions in Part A and Answer Five Questions in Part B.

### PART A

- The position vectors of points  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  respectively. Let  $C$  be the midpoint of  $AB$ ,  $D$  be a point on  $AB$  such that  $AD:DB = 1:2$  and  $E$  be a point on  $AB$  such that  $AE:EB = 2:1$ . Find the position vectors of  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$ .
- If  $\underline{a}$  and  $(\underline{a} + \underline{b})$  are perpendicular vectors to each other, show that  $|\underline{a} + \underline{b}|^2 = |\underline{b}^2 - \underline{a}^2|$ .
- If the resultant of two equal forces inclined at an angle  $2\theta$  is twice the magnitude of the resultant when they inclined at an angle  $2\alpha$ , show that  $\cos \theta = 2 \cos \alpha$ .
- $ABCD$  is a square.  $E$  and  $F$  are the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $CD$  respectively. Forces  $5, 2\sqrt{5}, 5\sqrt{2}, 4\sqrt{5}, 1$  Newton act at  $A$  along  $AB, AE, CA, AF, AD$  respectively in the directions indicated by the order of the letters. Find the resultant.
- A sphere of radius  $a$  and weight  $W$  rests on a smooth inclined plane supported by a string of length  $l$  with one end attached to a point on the surface of the sphere and other end fastened to a point on the plane. If the inclination of the plane to the horizontal is  $\alpha$ , prove that the tension in the string is  $\frac{W(a+l) \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{2al+l^2}}$ .
- A motor car takes a time  $T$  to travel a distance  $d$ . In this journey, the motor car starts from rest, acquires a maximum velocity  $V$  with an acceleration of  $a_1$  and immediately after travels under retardation  $a_2$ , come to rest.  
  
Show that  $T = \sqrt{\frac{2d(a_1+a_2)}{a_1a_2}}$  and  $V = \sqrt{\frac{2da_1a_2}{a_1+a_2}}$ .
- An observer at a point  $120m$  vertically above, finds that a body passes him while ascending and again passes him while descending in five seconds. If the body is projected at ground level, find its velocity of projection.
- The coordinates of a point on the path of a projectile relative to a point  $O$  are  $(x, y)$ . If  $R$  is horizontal range, show that the angle of projection  $\theta$ , is given by  $\tan \theta = \frac{Ry}{x(R-x)}$ .

9. As shown in the figure, a mass  $M$  suspending vertically from a string passing over a smooth pulley, pulls a wedge of mass  $2M$  horizontally along a smooth horizontal table. A mass  $m$  is placed on the face of the inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. All motions take place in a vertical plane along the line of greatest slope. Show that the acceleration of  $m$  relative to the wedge is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}g(4M+m)}{(6M+m)}$ .



10. The direction of motion of an enemy vessel relative to a ship sailing due north at a speed  $u$  is  $45^\circ$  east of north. For another ship travelling due south with the same speed, the enemy vessel appears to be sailing in a direction  $30^\circ$  east of north. If the true direction of sailing of the enemy vessel is  $\theta$  east of north, show that  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3} - 1)$ .

### PART B

11. (a)  $OABC$  is a parallelogram.  $D$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .  $OD$  and  $AC$  intersect at  $E$ .  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \underline{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \underline{b}$ ,  $OE : ED = \lambda : 1$  and  $CE : EA = \mu : 1$ .
- Find  $\overrightarrow{OD}$  in terms of  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ . Hence write the vector  $\overrightarrow{OE}$  in terms of  $\lambda$ ,  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .
  - Find the vector  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  and write the vector  $\overrightarrow{OE}$  in terms of  $\mu$ ,  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .
  - Using the results obtained in (i) and (ii) above find  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .
  - When  $OD$  and  $CB$  produced meet at  $H$ , find  $\overrightarrow{OH}$ .
- (b)  $\underline{a} = \underline{i} + \sqrt{3}\underline{j}$  where  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{j}$  have the usual meaning.  $\underline{b}$  is a vector with magnitude  $\sqrt{3}$ . If the angle between the vectors  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , Find  $\underline{b}$  in the form  $x\underline{i} + y\underline{j}$  where  $x(< 0)$  and  $y$  are constants to be determined.

12. Forces  $P, Q, R, P, 2P, 3P$  N act along the sides  $AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA$  respectively of a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$  of side  $2a$  metres in the sense indicated by the order of letters.

(a). If the system is equivalent to a couple show that  $Q = 2P$  and  $R = 3P$  and calculate the moment of the couple.

(b). If the system is equivalent to a single force along  $AD$  find  $Q$  and  $R$  in terms of  $P$ .

13. (a) A rod of weight  $W$  whose centre of gravity divides its length in the ratio 2:1 lies in equilibrium inside a smooth hollow sphere. If the rod subtends an angle  $2\alpha$  at the centre of the sphere and makes angle  $\theta$  with the horizontal, prove that  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3} \tan \alpha$ .

Also find the reactions at the end of the rod in terms of  $W$  and  $\alpha$ .

(b) A uniform ladder of weight  $W$  rests on rough horizontal ground against a smooth vertical wall. The vertical plane containing the ladder is perpendicular to the wall and the ladder is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the vertical. Prove that if the ladder is on the point of slipping and  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction between it and the ground then  $\tan \alpha = 2\mu$ .

14. A balloon resting on the ground starts to ascend vertically with a uniform acceleration of  $\frac{g}{8} \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . After time  $t$  from the beginning, a body was released from the balloon. As a result,

the acceleration of the balloon increases to  $\frac{g}{4} \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . After another time  $\frac{t}{4}$ , the balloon bursts and starts to fall freely under gravity. Using the same axes, draw the velocity-time graphs for the balloon and the body,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity. Using this graph, find

- (i) the distance, the balloon has travelled when the body was released.
- (ii) the time taken by the body to attain the maximum height.
- (iii) the time taken by the balloon to attain the maximum height.
- (iv) the time taken for the balloon and the body to possess equal velocities and that velocity.

15. A body projected with a velocity  $u$ , inclined at angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal passes over a wall of height  $h$  at a horizontal distance of  $d$ . Find how high above the wall, it passes. If the body just passes above the wall, show that  $u^2 = \frac{ga^2}{2(d \tan \theta - h) \cos^2 \theta}$ .

If  $H$  is the maximum height attained by the body then show that  $H = \frac{d^2 \tan^2 \theta}{4(d \tan \theta - h)}$ .

If  $R$  is the range of the particle then show also that  $R = \frac{dh}{d \tan \theta - h}$ .

16. Two straight roads  $OA$  and  $OB$  meet at an acute angle  $\alpha$ . A car  $P$  moves along  $OA$  towards  $O$  with uniform speed  $u$ , while a second car  $Q$  moves along  $OB$ , away from  $O$  with uniform speed  $v$ . At  $t = 0$ , the car  $P$  is at a distance  $a$  from  $O$  and the car  $Q$  is at  $O$ . Find the velocity of  $P$ , relative to  $Q$

(i) Show that the shortest distance between the cars is  $\frac{av \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + 2uv \cos \alpha}}$  and find the time taken to reach shortest distance.

(ii) Show that the ratio of the distances from  $O$  when they are at shortest distance is

$$v + u \cos \alpha : u + v \cos \alpha$$

17. (a) A car weight  $W$  has maximum power  $H$ . In all circumstances there is a constant resistance  $R$  due to friction. When the car is moving up a slope of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ , its maximum speed is  $V$  and when it is moving down the same slope its maximum speed is  $2V$ . The maximum speed of the car on the level road is  $U$ . Find the maximum acceleration of the car when it is moving with speed  $\frac{U}{2}$  up the given slope.

- (b) Two particles  $A$  and  $B$  of masses  $5\text{kg}$  and  $3\text{kg}$  respectively are connected by a light inextensible string. This string passes underneath a light, smooth, movable pulley, bearing a weight of  $2\text{kg}$  and the particles  $A$  and  $B$  rest on two rough horizontal planes. The coefficient of friction for both particles is  $0.1$ . Find the accelerations of  $A$  and  $B$  and the tension in the string.

