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COURSE TITLE: APPLIED MATHEMATICS

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TIME: 2 PM -4 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY (30MARKS)

a) Define the following terms.

(4mks)

i) Moment of a force.

ii) Force couple.

b) A ball travelling horizontally at 9m/s rolls over the edge of a cliff. Determine the velocity of the ball after two seconds. (3mks)

c) Two particles A and B travelling in the opposite direction collide head-on. A has a mass of 2kg and was travelling at 5m/s while B has a mass of 3kg and a velocity of V m/s. After the collision they both move with a velocity of 3m/s. Determine the initial velocity of B. (3mks)

d) A block of weight 1000N resting on a smooth horizontal surface is pulled by a force $P = 500N$ inclined at an angle of 30° to the horizontal as shown below:-



Determine:-

i) Normal reaction force on the block from the ground. (3mks)

ii) Horizontal frictional force from the ground which is needed to prevent the block from sliding. (2mks)

e) An object undergoes SHM in the y-direction at an amplitude of 120mm and a period of 36 seconds. You observe that after the start of your clock the object first crosses the y-axis going in the negative y direction at 15 seconds.

i) Sketch the y-motion of the particle. (2mks)

ii) Calculate the phase angle. (4mks)

f) Given two forces F_1 and F_2 acting at a point O with an angle α between them, using the parallelogram law of forces, show that:-

i) $R^2 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2F_1F_2 \cos \alpha$ (4mks)

ii) If $\alpha = 180^\circ$, show that $R = F_1 - F_2$ (2mks)

g) Show that for a body negotiating a corner on a balanced road.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{Rg} \quad (3\text{mks})$$

QUESTION TWO. (20mks).

a) A body of mass 2kg swings in a horizontal circle at the end of a cord of length 20m. Determine:-

i) The constant speed of the body if the rope makes an angle of 30° with the vertical. (4mks)

ii) The tension in the string. (3mks)

iii) The centripetal force. (3mks)

b) A car of mass M travelling at 20m/s negotiates a bend which has a radius of curvature of 250m. Given that the road is banked at an angle α so that the car is able to negotiate the corner.

i) By resolving forces vertically, find an equation relating N , the normal reaction, angle α and the mass M of the car. (4mks)

ii) Resolving forces horizontally, determine the inward force responsible for producing the centripetal acceleration if the mass of the car is 800kg. (3mks)

iii) Determine the value of angle α for which the car can not slide. (3mks)

QUESTION THREE. (20mks).

a) A load of mass 300g stretches a spring by 10cm. The spring is then stretched by 5.0cm and released. Determine:-

(i) The spring constant. (3mks)

ii) The maximum acceleration. (4mks)

iii) Velocity through equilibrium positions. (4mks)

iv) The equation of motion. (4mks)

b) For a simple pendulum oscillating at an angle θ , show that $T_{string} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$ where L is the length of the string. (5mks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MKS)

- a) Define (2mks)
- i) Periodic motion
 - ii) Simple harmonic motion
- b) A student throws a block of metal on a spring scales which oscillates about the equilibrium position with a period of $T=0.5$ seconds. The amplitude of vibration $A=2.0$ cm and path length is 4.0cm. Find:
- i) Frequency (2mks)
 - ii) Maximum acceleration (3mks)
 - iii) Maximum velocity (2mks)
- c) A particle of mass M is projected with a speed v up a rough slope which is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the slope is μ . Show that the maximum distance x travelled up the slope by the particle before it starts to slide down again is given by $x = \frac{v^2}{2g(\sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta)}$ (6mks)
- d) i) Define moment of inertia (1mk)
- ii) Show that the radius of gyration for a uniform rod of length L rotating about its end is $0.577L$ from that end. (4mks)

QUESTION FIVE. (20mks).

- a)i) Define power. (2mks)
- ii) Show that the power output of an engine which delivers W joules of work in a time T is given by $p = F \times v$ where v is the speed (6mks)
- b) A car of mass 800kg has an engine with a maximum power output of 50kw. Calculate the fastest speed the car can attain. (12 mks)
- i) On a flatsurface, working against a constant resistance force of 1,000N.
 - ii) With no resistance, but up a slope of 10°
 - iii) Up a slope inclined at 10° and with a resistance of 500N.
 - iv) Going down a slope inclined at 2° and against a resistance of 1500N.