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**MATHEMATICS**

**9709/42**

Paper 4 Mechanics

**February/March 2024**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

## INSTRUCTIONS

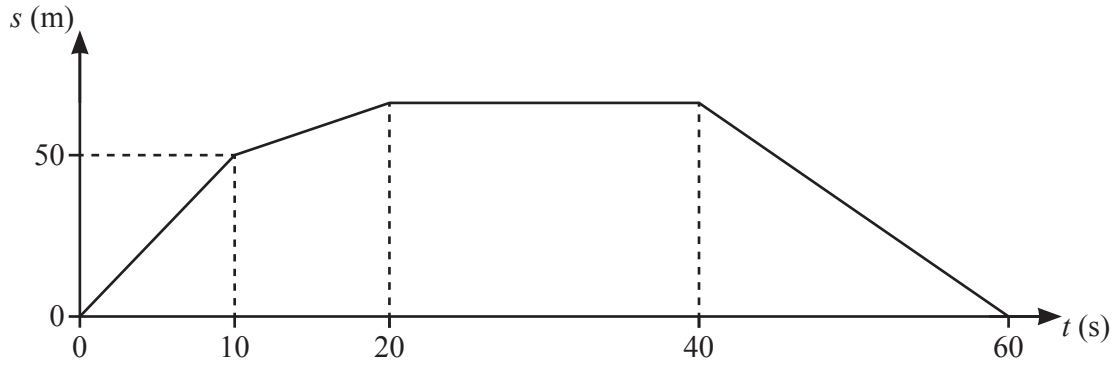
- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
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- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- 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  $10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

## 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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The displacement of a particle at time  $t$  s after leaving a fixed point  $O$  is  $s$  m. The diagram shows a displacement-time graph which models the motion of the particle. The graph consists of 4 straight line segments. The particle travels 50 m in the first 10 s, then travels at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for a period of 10 s. The particle then comes to rest for a period of 20 s, before returning to its starting point when  $t = 60$ .

- (a) Find the velocity of the particle during the last 20 s of its motion. [2]

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- (b) Sketch a velocity-time graph for the motion of the particle from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 60$ . [3]

- 2 A particle is projected vertically upwards from horizontal ground. The speed of the particle 2 seconds after it is projected is  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and it is travelling **downwards**.

(a) Find the speed of projection of the particle. [2]

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(b) Find the distance travelled by the particle between the two times at which its speed is  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [2]

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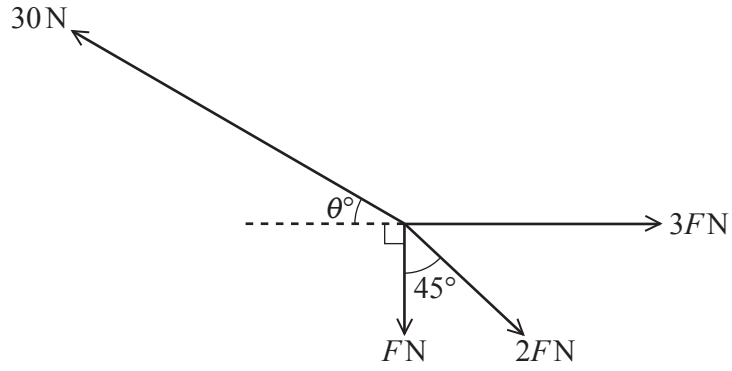
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Four coplanar forces act at a point. The magnitudes of the forces are  $F\text{N}$ ,  $2F\text{N}$ ,  $3F\text{N}$  and  $30\text{N}$ . The directions of the forces are as shown in the diagram.

Given that the forces are in equilibrium, find the value of  $F$  and the value of  $\theta$ . [6]

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- 5 A particle moves in a straight line starting from a point  $O$ . The velocity  $v$   $\text{m s}^{-1}$  of the particle  $t$  s after leaving  $O$  is given by

$$v = t^3 - \frac{9}{2}t^2 + 1 \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq 4.$$

You may assume that the velocity of the particle is positive for  $t < \frac{1}{2}$ , is zero at  $t = \frac{1}{2}$  and is negative for  $t > \frac{1}{2}$ .

- (a) Find the distance travelled between  $t = 0$  and  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ . [4]

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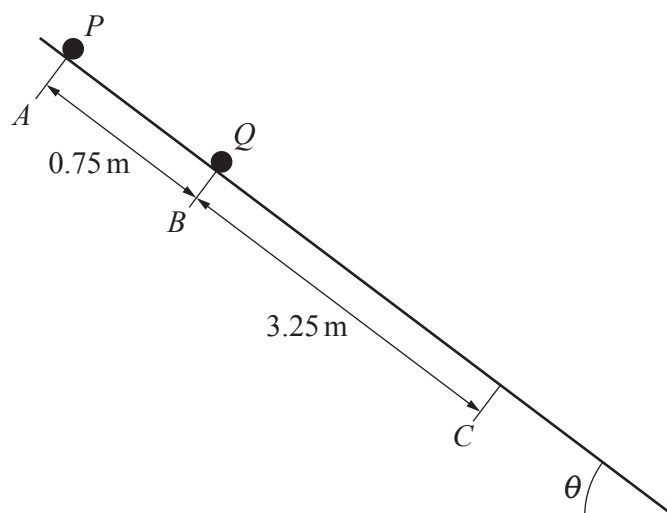








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The diagram shows two particles  $P$  and  $Q$  which lie on a line of greatest slope of a plane  $ABC$ . Particles  $P$  and  $Q$  are each of mass  $m$  kg. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin \theta = 0.6$ . The length of  $AB$  is  $0.75$  m and the length of  $BC$  is  $3.25$  m. The section  $AB$  of the plane is smooth and the section  $BC$  is rough. The coefficient of friction between each particle and the section  $BC$  is  $0.25$ . Particle  $P$  is released from rest at  $A$ . At the same instant, particle  $Q$  is released from rest at  $B$ .

- (a) Verify that particle  $P$  reaches  $B$   $0.5$  s after it is released, with speed  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [3]

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- (b) Find the time that it takes from the instant the two particles are released until they collide. [4]

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The two particles coalesce when they collide. The coefficient of friction between the combined particle and the plane is still  $0.25$  .

- (c) Find the time that it takes from the instant the particles collide until the combined particle reaches  $C$ . [5]

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