Newton's law of motion

Question Paper 3

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1 Particles A and B, of masses 0.9 kg and 0.6 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley. The system is released from rest with the string taut, with its straight parts vertical and with the particles at the same height above the horizontal floor. In the subsequent motion, B does not reach the pulley.

(i) Find the acceleration of A and the tension in the string during the motion before A hits the floor. [4]

After A hits the floor, B continues to move vertically upwards for a further 0.3 s.

(ii) Find the height of the particles above the floor at the instant that they started to move. [4]

2 Particles P and Q are attached to opposite ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a fixed smooth pulley. The system is released from rest with the string taut, with its straight parts vertical, and with both particles at a height of 2 m above horizontal ground. P moves vertically downwards and does not rebound when it hits the ground. At the instant that P hits the ground, Q is at the point X, from where it continues to move vertically upwards without reaching the pulley. Given that P has mass 0.9 kg and that the tension in the string is 7.2 N while P is moving, find the total distance travelled by Q from the instant it first reaches X until it returns to X. [6]

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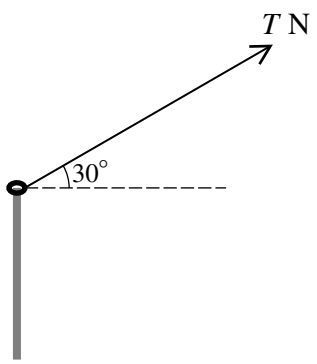

The diagram shows a ring of mass 2 kg threaded on a fixed rough vertical rod. A light string is attached to the ring and is pulled upwards at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. The tension in the string is T N. The coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod is 0.24. Find the two values of T for which the ring is in limiting equilibrium. [8]

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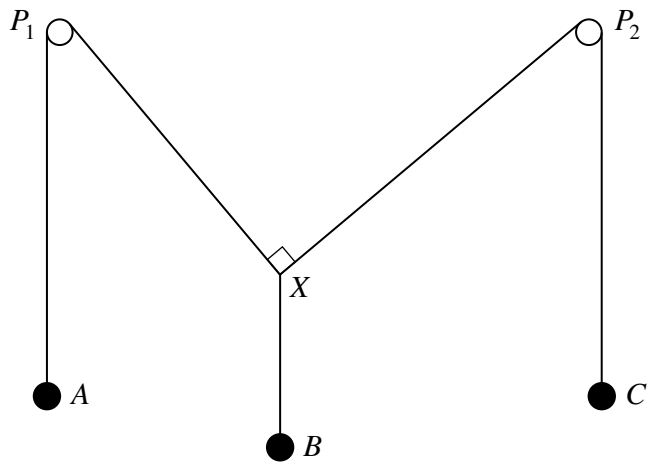

The diagram shows three particles A, B and C hanging freely in equilibrium, each being attached to the end of a string. The other ends of the three strings are tied together and are at the point X. The strings carrying A and C pass over smooth fixed horizontal pegs P_1 and P_2 respectively. The weights of A, B and C are 5.5 N, 7.3 N and W N respectively, and the angle P_1XP_2 is a right angle. Find the angle AP_1X and the value of W. [5]

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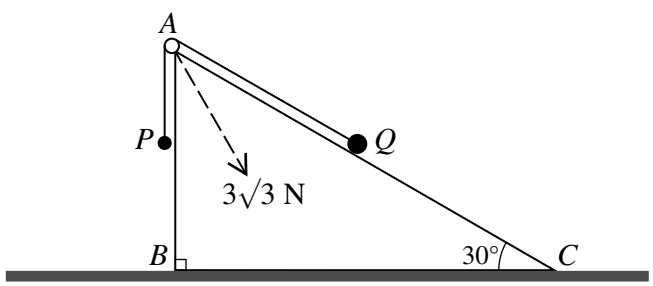

A small smooth pulley is fixed at the highest point A of a cross-section ABC of a triangular prism. Angle $ABC = 90°$ and angle $BCA = 30°$. The prism is fixed with the face containing BC in contact with a horizontal surface. Particles P and Q are attached to opposite ends of a light inextensible string, which passes over the pulley. The particles are in equilibrium with P hanging vertically below the pulley and Q in contact with AC. The resultant force exerted on the pulley by the string is $3\sqrt{3}$ N (see diagram).

(i) Show that the tension in the string is 3 N. [2]

The coefficient of friction between Q and the prism is 0.75.

(ii) Given that Q is in limiting equilibrium and on the point of moving upwards, find its mass. [5]

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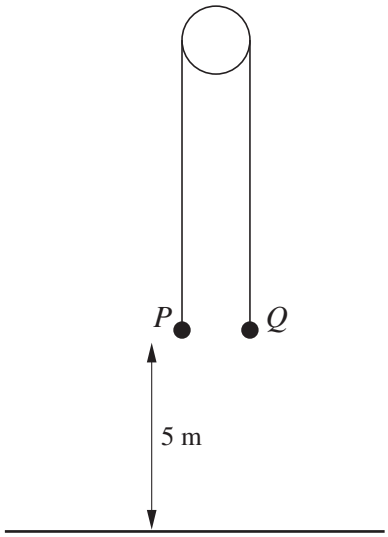

Particles P and Q, of masses 0.55 kg and 0.45 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth fixed pulley. The particles are held at rest with the string taut and its straight parts vertical. Both particles are at a height of 5 m above the ground (see diagram). The system is released.

(i) Find the acceleration with which P starts to move. [3]

The string breaks after 2 s and in the subsequent motion P and Q move vertically under gravity.

(ii) At the instant that the string breaks, find

(a) the height above the ground of P and of Q, [2]

(b) the speed of the particles. [1]

(iii) Show that Q reaches the ground 0.8 s later than P. [4]

7 A particle moves up a line of greatest slope of a rough plane inclined at an angle α to the horizontal, where $\cos\alpha = 0.96$ and $\sin\alpha = 0.28$.

(i) Given that the normal component of the contact force acting on the particle has magnitude 1.2 N, find the mass of the particle. [2]

(ii) Given also that the frictional component of the contact force acting on the particle has magnitude 0.4 N, find the deceleration of the particle. [3]

The particle comes to rest on reaching the point X.

(iii) Determine whether the particle remains at X or whether it starts to move down the plane. [2]