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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

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General Instructions for Marking

1. The total number of marks for the paper is 40.

2. The Edexcel Mathematics mark schemes use the following types of marks:

- **M** marks: method marks are awarded for 'knowing a method and attempting to apply it', unless otherwise indicated.
- **A** marks: Accuracy marks can only be awarded if the relevant method (M) marks have been earned.
- **B** marks are unconditional accuracy marks (independent of M marks)
- Marks should not be subdivided.

3. Abbreviations

These are some of the traditional marking abbreviations that will appear in the mark schemes.

- bod – benefit of doubt
- ft – follow through
- the symbol $\surd$ will be used for correct ft
- cao – correct answer only
- cso - correct solution only. There must be no errors in this part of the question to obtain this mark
- isw – ignore subsequent working
- awrt – answers which round to
- SC: special case
- oe – or equivalent (and appropriate)
- dep – dependent
- indep – independent
- dp decimal places
- sf significant figures
- * The answer is printed on the paper
- ⌐ The second mark is dependent on gaining the first mark

4. For misreading which does not alter the character of a question or materially simplify it, deduct two from any A or B marks gained, in that part of the question affected.

5. Where a candidate has made multiple responses and indicates which response they wish to submit, examiners should mark this response.
   If there are several attempts at a question which have not been crossed out, examiners should mark the final answer which is the answer that is the most complete.

6. Ignore wrong working or incorrect statements following a correct answer.

7. Mark schemes will firstly show the solution judged to be the most common response expected from candidates. Where appropriate, alternatives answers are provided in the notes. If examiners are not sure if an answer is acceptable, they will check the mark scheme to see if an alternative answer is given for the method used

General Principles for Mechanics Marking

(But note that specific mark schemes may sometimes override these general principles)

- Rules for M marks: correct no. of terms; dimensionally correct; all terms that need resolving (i.e. multiplied by cos or sin) are resolved.

- Omission or extra g in a resolution is an accuracy error not method error.

- Omission of mass from a resolution is a method error.

- Omission of a length from a moments equation is a method error.

- Omission of units or incorrect units is not (usually) counted as an accuracy error.

- dM indicates a dependent method mark i.e. one that can only be awarded if a previous specified method mark has been awarded.

- Any numerical answer which comes from use of g = 9.8 should be given to 2 or 3 SF.

- Use of g = 9.81 should be penalised once per (complete) question.
  N.B. Over-accuracy or under-accuracy of correct answers should only be penalised *once* per complete question. However, premature approximation should be penalised every time it occurs.

- Marks must be entered in the same order as they appear on the mark scheme.

- In all cases, if the candidate clearly labels their working under a particular part of a question i.e. (a) or (b) or (c),……then that working can only score marks for that part of the question.

- Accept column vectors in all cases.

- Misreads – if a misread does not alter the character of a question or materially simplify it, deduct two from any A or B marks gained, bearing in mind that after a misread, the subsequent A marks affected are treated as A ft

- Mechanics Abbreviations
  M(A) Taking moments about A
  N2L Newton's Second Law (Equation of Motion)
  NEL Newton's Experimental Law (Newton's Law of Impact)
  HL Hooke's Law
  SHM Simple harmonic motion
  PCLM Principle of conservation of linear momentum
  RHS, LHS Right hand side, left hand side

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
1(a)	*ABCD* *ABE* lamina		
	$12a^2$ $\frac{9a^2}{2}$ $\frac{15a^2}{2}$	B1	1.2
	$2a$ a $\overline{x}$	B1	1.2
	Moments about *AB*	M1	2.1
	$(12a^2, 2a) - (\frac{9a^2}{2}, a) = \frac{15a^2}{2}\overline{x}$	A1	1.1b
	$\overline{x} = \frac{13a}{5}$ *	A1*	2.2a
		(5)	
1(b)	Use of trigonometry to find a relevant angle	M1	3.1a
	$\tan a = \frac{\frac{3a}{2}}{4a - \frac{13a}{5}}$	A1	1.1b
	$a = 47^o$ or 133^o (nearest degree)	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
			(8 marks)

Notes:		
1a	B1	Any equivalent ratios
	B1	Or correct distances from a parallel axis
	M1	Or moments about a parallel axis
	A1	Correct unsimplified equation for their axis
	A1*	Correct given answer correctly obtained. Condone $\frac{13}{5}a$
1b	M1	A complete method to obtain angle with e.g. vertical or horizontal
	A1	Correct unsimplified equation (or its reciprocal)
	A1	cao

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
2(a)	$0 = 3 - \sqrt{2t+1}$	M1	2.1
	$t = 4$	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
2(b)	Differentiate v wrt t	M1	2.1
	$a = \dfrac{-1}{\sqrt{2t+1}}$	A1	1.1b
	$a = \dfrac{1}{v-3}$*	A1*	2.2a
		(3)	
2(c)	$-\dfrac{4}{3} = \dfrac{1}{v-3}$	M1	2.1
	$v = 2.25$ (m s^{-1})	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
2(d)	Integrate v wrt t	M1	2.1
	$3t - \dfrac{1}{3}(2t+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} (+C)$	A1	1.1b
	$\left[3t - \dfrac{1}{3}(2t+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}\right]_0^4 - \left[3t - \dfrac{1}{3}(2t+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}\right]_4^{7.5}$	M1	3.1a
	$5\dfrac{1}{6}$ (m)	A1	1.1b
		(4)	
			(11 marks)

Notes:

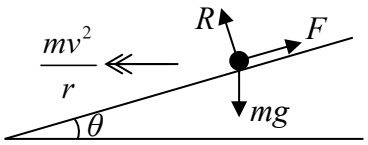
2a	M1	Correct equation
	A1	cao
2b	M1	Both powers decreasing by 1
	A1	Correct expression
	A1*	Given answer correctly obtained including "$a =$" seen in solution
2c	M1	Correct equation
	A1	cao
2d	M1	Both powers increasing by 1
	A1	Correct expression

	M1	Correct method by considering change of direction
	A1	Accept 5.2 or better

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
3(a)	$\dfrac{2a\sin\frac{p}{4}}{\frac{p}{4}}\cos\frac{p}{4}$	M1	2.1
	$\dfrac{4a}{p}$ *	A1*	1.1b
		(2)	
3(b)	AD BD Arc CD framework		
	$2.5a$ $2a$ πa $8a+\pi a$	B1	1.2
	Moments about AC	M1	3.1a
	$2.5a\times a+2a\times a+\pi a\times\dfrac{4a}{p}=(8a+\pi a)\bar{x}$	A1	1.1b
	$\bar{x}=\dfrac{17a}{2(8+p)}$ *	A1*	2.2a
		(4)	
3(c)	Moments about D or any other complete method	M1	3.1a
	$kMg\times 2a=Mg\left(2a-\dfrac{17a}{2(8+\pi)}\right)$	A1	1.1b
	$k=\dfrac{15+4p}{4(8+p)}$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
			(9 marks)

Notes:		
3a	M1	Correct expression using either trigonometry or Pythagoras': $\sqrt{2^2-\text{"distance"}^2}=\dfrac{2a\sin\frac{p}{4}}{\frac{p}{4}}$ leading to "distance" = …
	A1*	Correct given answer correctly obtained. Condone $\dfrac{4}{p}a$.
3b	B1	Any equivalent ratios
	M1	Or moments about a parallel axis (distances consistent with framework not lamina). Allow consistently cancelled a. Must have the correct number of terms.
	A1	Correct unsimplified equation for their axis
	A1*	Correct given answer correctly obtained. Condone $\dfrac{17a}{2(p+8)}$

3c	M1	Correct no.of terms, dim correct or e.g. M(A) *and* vertical resolution.
	A1	Correct unsimplified equation in k,Mg, a and π only. Condone correctly cancelled terms.
	A1	cao (denominator does not need to be factorised)

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
4(a)	$R = mg$	B1	1.1b
	Equation of motion horizontally	M1	3.4
	$F = m\dfrac{\frac{gr}{4}}{r}$ $(= \dfrac{1}{4}mg)$	A1	1.1b
	Use $F = \mu R$	M1	1.2
	$\mu = \dfrac{1}{4}$ *	A1*	2.2a
		(5)	
4(b)			
	Resolve vertically	or perpendicular to slope	M1	3.4
	$R\cos\theta + F\sin\theta = mg$	$R - mg\cos\theta = \dfrac{mv^2}{r}\sin\theta$	A1	1.1b
	Equation of motion horizontally	or parallel to slope	M1	3.4
	$R\sin\theta - F\cos\theta = m\dfrac{\left(\frac{4gr}{35}\right)}{r}$	$mg\sin\theta - F = \dfrac{mv^2}{r}\cos\theta$	A1	1.1b
	Use of $F = \dfrac{1}{4}R$		M1	1.2
	Eliminate F and R and obtain equation in $\tan\theta$: $\dfrac{\tan\theta - \frac{1}{4}}{1 + \frac{1}{4}\tan\theta} = \dfrac{4}{35}$		M1	3.1b
	$\tan\theta = \dfrac{3}{8}$ $\left(= \dfrac{51}{136} = 0.375\right)$		A1	1.1b
		(7)	
			(12 marks)

Notes:

4a	B1	cao
	M1	Correct no. of terms and use of given velocity seen
	A1	Correct equation

	M1	Use of $F = \mu R$
	A1*	Correct answer correctly obtained
4b	M1	Correct no. of terms, condone sin/cos confusion and sign errors
	A1	Correct equation
	M1	Correct no. of terms, condone sin/cos confusion and sign errors
	A1	Correct equation
	M1	Use of $F = \frac{1}{4}R$ (where $R \neq mg$ or $mg\cos\theta$)
	M1	Produce equation in $\tan\theta$ only
	A1	cao. Condone 0.38 or better