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G481 Mechanics

	Quest	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	(a)		A quantity that has (both) magnitude / size and direction		Not 'A quantity that has direction'
	(b)		Circled /underlined quantities are: acceleration, displacement and weight	B1	Note: All three need to be identified for a mark
	(c) (i)		Constant / steady / uniform acceleration (up to 4 s) Or Velocity increases at a steady / constant / uniform rate Or Has acceleration of 3.5 (m s ⁻²)	B1	Not Accelerates up to 4 s / 'uniform motion' for the first B1 mark Not 'Accelerates at a constant rate'.
			Constant / steady / uniform velocity (after 4 s) Or Zero acceleration Or Travels at a velocity of 24 (m s ⁻¹)	B1	Allow: 'speed' instead of velocity Allow: 2 mark for 'Constant acceleration and then constant speed / velocity'
		(ii)	distance = area (under graph)	C1	Allow: The C1 mark is for distance = $\frac{1}{2}(10+24)\times4.0$
			distance = 68 (m)	A1	Allow: Bald 68 (m) scores 2 marks Bald $\frac{1}{2}$ (4×14) or 28 (m) scores 1 mark for 'area of triangle'
		(iii) 1	Answer in the range: 1.1 to 1.2 (s)	B1	
	(iii) 2		Same areas under graphs		
			$14t = 10t + (0.5 \times 3.5 \times t^2)$	C1	Note: The C1 mark is for substitution
			$t = 2.28 \text{ (s)} \approx 2.3 \text{ (s)}$	A 1	Allow: Bald 2.3 (s) scores 2 marks Allow: Bald ' $t = 2 \times \text{(iii)1}$.' Scores 2 marks
			Total	9	

	Questio	n Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	(a)	Downward arrow at P	B1	Arrow must be close to or at point P
	(b)	From <u>gravitational</u> potential (energy) to kinetic (energy) / KE / E _k (wtte)	B1	The term gravitational to be included and spelled correctly in (b) to gain the <u>first</u> B1 mark
		Any further detail: KE maximum at bottom / Zero (G)PE at bottom / (G)PE is maximum at top / (G)PE and KE at top (wtte)	B1	Not: Heat / sound at ground
	(c)	The acceleration / force / weight is at right angles to horizontal motion / velocity (wtte)	B1	Allow: 'In this direction the force / acceleration is zero'
	(d)	time = $\frac{3.6}{7.0}$ (= 0.514 s)	B1	Allow : time = $\sqrt{(1.3 \times 2)/9.81}$ (= 0.515 s) Allow : Use of 9.8 (m s ⁻²)
	(e)	$u = 0$ and $v = u + at$ or $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ 'vertical' velocity = $9.81 \times 0.5(14)$ or 'vertical' velocity = $\sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 1.3}$	C1	Watch out for:
		'vertical' velocity = 5.0 (m s ⁻¹) $v^{2} = 7.0^{2} + 5.0^{2}$	C1	Note : Getting an answer 5.0 (m s ⁻¹) scores the first 2 marks
		$v = 8.6 \text{ (m s}^{-1})$	A0	Note : Using $t = 0.5$ (s) gives 8.55 (m s ⁻¹) Note : Bald answer scores zero marks – since this is a 'show' question (Allow full marks for correct analysis using the principle of conservation of energy.)
		Total	8	

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3	(a)		(Force is 1 N) when a 1 kg mass has an acceleration of 1 m s ⁻²		Not: '1 kg and 1 m <u>s⁻¹</u> ' Allow: (1 N =) <u>1 kg</u> × <u>1 m s⁻²</u>
	(b)		The <u>mass</u> of particles increases (at its speed gets closer to the speed of light)	B1	Not: 'weight of particle increases' Not: 'mass changes / different'
	(c)	(i)	net force = 120 (N) $a = \frac{120}{900}$ $a = 0.13 \text{ (m s}^{-2})$	C1 A1	Note: Bald answer scores 2 marks; answer must be 2 sf or more
		(ii)	The drag force changes with speed / acceleration is not constant	B1	
	(d)		$F = 72 \times 1.4 \ (= 100.8 \ N) \ / \ weight = 72 \times 9.81 \ (= 706.32 \ N)$ $T = (72 \times 9.81) + (72 \times 1.4)$	C1	Note: Bald 101 (N) or 706 (N) scores 1 mark
			T = 807 (N) or 810 (N)	A1	Note: Bald answer scores 3 marks Bald 605.52 to at least 2 sf scores 1 mark
			Total	8	

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
4	(a)		torque of a couple = one of forces × perpendicular distance (between forces)	B1	Not: 'force × perpendicular distance'
	(b)		Torque and moment are to do with 'distance multiplied by force'	B1	
	(c)	(i)	$moment = 6.0 \times 0.40$ $moment = 2.4 (N m)$	B1	
		(ii)	Weight / force acts through the pivot Or (perpendicular) distance from pivot is (reduced to) zero (wtte)	B1	Allow : weight is 'vertically below' / 'directly below' the pivot Reference to pivot / point P (wtte) is essential
	(d)		 Any three from: 1. (Suspend plate from a point and then) mark a vertical line on the plate (wtte) 2. Plumb line / 'pendulum' (used to find the vertical line) 3. Hang from another point / place (and draw another vertical line) (wtte) 4. Where the lines intersect gives position of centre of gravity (wtte) 	B1×3	Note: For 1st point accept 'mark line of string' Allow: 1 mark for 'By trial and error find a position where the plate balances'
	(e)		(sum of) clockwise moment(s) = (sum of) anticlockwise moment(s) $(18\times0.14)+(60\times0.32)=0.035F$ $F\approx620 \text{ (N)}$	C1 C1 A1	Not: 'CWM = ACWM' Allow: working in consistently in cm Note: Bald answer scores 3 marks Allow: 1 mark for 21.72 (N m) or 2172 (N cm)
			Total	10	

(Quest	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
5	5 (a)		$F_H = 20\cos 38 = 15.76 \approx 15.8 \text{ (N)}$	B1	Allow: 2 sf answers of 16 (N) and 12 (N)	
			$F_V = 20\sin 38 = 12.31 \approx 12.3$ (N)	B1	Allow: 1 mark if vertical and horizontal components have been interchanged	
	(b)	(i)	net force vertically = 0 / weight = upward forces	C1		
			weight = 12.3 + 12.3	C1	Possible ecf from F_V value from (a)	
			weight = 24.6 (N) ≈ 25 (N)	Α0		
			correct triangle of forces diagram	C1	At least one label needed (e.g. 20, correct angle, etc) – arrows not needed	
			correct determination of weight	C1	Weight in the range 22 - 27 (N)	
			weight = 24.6 (N) ≈ 25 (N)	A0		
		(ii)	(ii) mass = $\frac{25}{9.81}$ = 2.55 (kg)		C1	Note : 2.51 kg if 24.6 N is used
			density = $\frac{2.55}{2.9 \times 10^{-4}}$	C1		
			density = 8.8×10^3 (kg m ⁻³)	A1	Note : 'weight/volume' scores zero Note : Answer is 8.7×10^3 if 2.51 kg is used Allow : 2 marks if $g = 10$ used and $25 \text{ N} \rightarrow 2.5$ kg $\therefore \rho = 8620$ (kg m ⁻³) Note : Bald 8.7×10^3 or 8.8×10^3 scores 3 marks Allow : 1 mark if 20 N is used instead of 25 N – this gives 7030 (kg	
			Total	7	m ⁻³)	
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6	(a)	stopping distance = thinking distance + braking distance	B1	
	Any two factors from: speed, mass, condition of tyres, condition of brakes, condition of road, gradient of road		B1×2	Allow: KE if neither mass nor speed is mentioned.
		For each factor, correct description of how braking distance is affected E.g:	B1×2	For description marks, reference to 'distance' instead of 'braking distance' is fine
		 Greater speed means greater distance Or distance ∞ speed² (ora) 		For 1 st bullet point allow reference to kinetic energy
		Greater mass means greater distance Or distance ∞ mass (ora)		Allow : 'more' or 'longer' instead of 'greater' when referring to distance
		 Worn tyres / brakes implies less friction therefore greater distance (ora) Wet / slippery / icy road means less friction therefore greater distance (ora) Uphill means shorter distance (ora) 		Do not allow 'grip' for friction for 3 rd and 4 th bullet points
	(c)	 (Several) satellites used Distance from (each) satellite is determined Position / distance is determined using c / speed of e.m waves / radio waves / microwaves and delay time (wtte) 	B1 B1 B1	Note : The term 'satellite(s)' to be included and spelled correctly, on all occasions, to gain this first (or second) B1 mark (Deduct this mark only once.)
	4. Trilateration is used to locate the position of the car Or position of car is where circles / spheres cross (wtte)		B1	Do not allow this 4 th mark for just a diagram of intersecting spheres / circles
		Total	9	

	Ques	tion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
7	(a)		elastic potential (energy) / strain (energy)	B1	Note: The candidates do not need to include 'energy' since it is in the stem of the question Not: 'stored energy' / 'elastic energy'
	(b)	(i)	strain = $\frac{0.35 \times 10^{-3}}{1.2}$ = $2.9(2) \times 10^{-4}$	B1	
		(ii)	stress = $1.9 \times 10^{11} \times 2.92 \times 10^{-4}$ (= 5.55×10^{7} Pa) tension = $5.55 \times 10^{7} \times 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$	C1	Possible ecf from b(i)
			tension = 7.8 (N)	A1	Allow: Bald answer scores 2 marks
	(c)	(i) 1	10 ⁻⁹ (m)	B1	
		(i) 2	Material does not return to original length / shape/ size when the force / stress is removed	B1	There must be reference to stress / force removed to score this mark Note: If there is no reference to unloading then allow 'material is permanently deformed'
		(ii)	50 times (stronger)	B1	
	(i		Less mass / less weight / lighter Stronger / greater tensile strength	B1 B1	
			Total	9	

Grade Thresholds

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Unit Threshold Marks

Unit		Maximum Mark	Α	В	С	D	E	U
G481	Raw	60	42	37	32	27	23	0
	UMS	90	72	63	54	45	36	0

Specification Aggregation Results

No aggregation was available in this session.

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