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**COURSE CODE: SPH 201**

**COURSE TITLE: DYNAMICS**

**EXAM VENUE: PHY LAB**

**STREAM: (BED SCI)**

**DATE: 06/09/16**

**EXAM SESSION: 2.00 – 4.00 PM**

**TIME: 2:00HRS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) in Section A and ANY other 2 questions in Section B.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

## QUESTION 1

- a. A uniform metre rule of mass 360 g is pivoted at 25 cm mark and at 85 cm mark. Three identical marbles each of masses 400 g are suspended at 15 cm, 60 cm and at 90 cm marks. Determine the reactions at the pivots (3 marks)
- b. Consider the following mass distribution in the Cartesian plane 5 kg at (0, 0), 3 kg at (0, 4), and 4 kg at (3,0). Where should a fourth object of 8 kg be placed so that the center of gravity of the four-object arrangement will be at (2,2) (3 marks)
- c. A 15.0-m, 500-N uniform ladder rests against a frictionless wall, making an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the rough horizontal ground.
- (i) Find the horizontal and vertical forces exerted on the base of the ladder by the Earth when an 800-N firefighter is 4.00 m from the bottom. (3 marks)
- (ii) If the ladder is just on the verge of slipping when the firefighter is 9.00 m up, what is the coefficient of static friction between ladder and ground? (3 marks)
- d. Two bodies with masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving at initial velocities  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  respectively undergo a perfectly elastic collision. Their velocities after impact are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. Show that

$$(u_1 - u_2) + (v_1 - v_2) = 0 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

- e. Calculate the net torque (magnitude and direction) on the beam in Figure 1.
- i) When rotated about point O (3 marks)
- ii) When rotated about point P (3 marks)

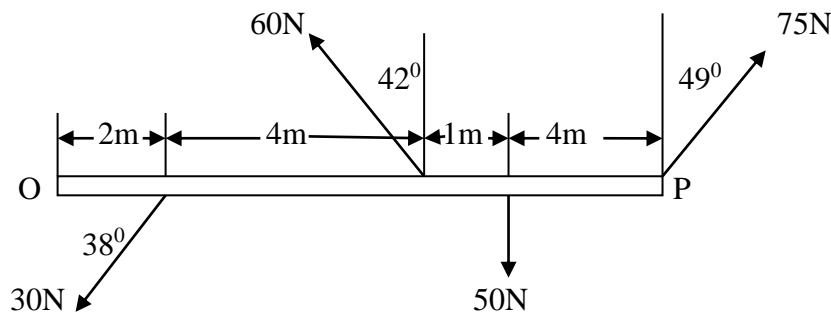


Figure 1

- f. Show that a body of mass  $m$  rotating at an angular acceleration  $\alpha$  on a circle of radius  $r$  experiences a net torque given by  $\sum \tau = I\alpha$ , where  $I$  is the moment of inertia. (3 marks)
- g. Define the term relativity (1 mark)

- h. State the two postulates of relativity (2 marks)
- i. Define the term frame of reference hence distinguish between inertial and non-inertial frames of reference (3 marks)

## SECTION B

### QUESTION 2

- a. Define the following terms
- i. Torque (1 mark)
  - ii. Centre of gravity (2 marks)
- b. A uniform beam of weight 200N and length 6m is horizontally attached to a vertical wall by a pin that enables it to rotate. Its far end is supported by a cable that makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizontal. A hungry 700-N monkey walks on the beam from the wall end towards the free end in an attempt to reach a 80N bunch of bananas that is freely suspended on the beam 1m away from the far end.
- i) Find the Tension in the wire and the Reaction force at the wall when the monkey is 3m away from the wall. (8 marks)
  - ii) If the wire can withstand a maximum tension of 900 N, what is the maximum distance the bear can walk before the wire breaks? (4 marks)
- c. Show that the moment of inertia of a hollow spherical shell of radius  $R$  and mass  $M$  is

given by 
$$I = \frac{2}{3}MR^2$$
 (5 marks)

### QUESTION 3

- a. A solid ball, a shell, a hoop and a solid cylinder all of equal mass  $M$  and uniform radius  $R$  are placed side by side without touching each other up a smooth inclined plane of height 6m. They are simultaneously released to roll freely down the incline. Determine the order in which they will leave the incline. (10 marks).
- b. A merry-go-round modeled as a disk of mass  $M = 200$  kg and radius  $R = 5$  m is rotating in a horizontal plane about a frictionless vertical axle. After a student with mass  $m = 80.0$  kg jumps onto the merry-go-round at the edge, the system's angular speed decreases to 4 rad/s. If the student walks slowly from the edge toward the center,
- i) find the angular speed of the system when she reaches a point 1.5 m from the edge. (3 marks)

- ii) Find the change in the system's rotational kinetic energy caused by her movement to the center. (3 marks)
- iii) Find the work done on the student as she walks to  $r = 1.5$  m. (4 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

- a. Distinguish between elastic and inelastic collisions (2 marks)
- b. Show that if two bodies  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are involved in an inelastic collision, then their total initial Kinetic energy and their total final kinetic energy are related by the equation

$$K_f(m_1 + m_2) - K_i(m_1) = 0 \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- c. An 8 g bullet is fired at a velocity of 400m/s into a 5kg monkey suspended freely on a tree. The bullet gets embedded into the monkey and the two swing as a simple pendulum.
  - i. Determine the maximum height risen by the system from the rest position of the monkey. (3marks)
  - ii. Given that the bullet took 3 seconds to settle into the monkey's body, how deep did it penetrate into the monkey. (3 marks)
- c. A 90-kg motorbike moving towards North East with a speed of 50 m/s collides with a 100kg Tuk tuk moving towards South East at 30.0 m/s. If the collision is perfectly inelastic, calculate the velocity of the vessels just after the collision and the kinetic energy lost as a result of the collision. (7 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

**(20 Marks)**

- a. Clearly Present the Galilean coordinate transformations (5 marks)
- b. With well labeled diagram and clear equations of relativity, discuss the Morley-Michelson experiment. (8 marks)
- c. Bob's spacecraft is traveling at  $0.6c$  in the positive  $x$ -direction, as measured by a nearby observer, while Mike is traveling in his own vehicle directly toward Bob in the negative  $x$ -direction at  $0.8c$  relative to the nearby observer. What's the velocity of Bob relative to Mike? (5 marks)

