

Question 1

$$T^2 = 4\pi^2 R^3 / GM \quad (4)$$

$$6.57 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg} \quad (-1 \text{ for omission of or incorrect units}) \quad (3)$$

Question 2

6. (i) State Newton's law of universal gravitation.

force proportional to product of masses // $F \propto \frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2}$ / $F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{d^2}$ 3

inversely proportional to square of distance // correct notation given 3

(ii) Explain what is meant by angular velocity. Derive an equation for the angular velocity of an object in terms of its linear velocity when the object moves in a circle.

rate of change of angle // $\frac{\theta}{t}$ and correct notation given 3

$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t}$ (stated or implied) 3

$\omega = \frac{vt}{rt} / \frac{v}{r}$ 3

The International Space Station (ISS), shown in the photograph, functions as a research laboratory and a location for testing of equipment required for trips to the moon and to Mars. The ISS orbits the earth at an altitude of 4.13×10^5 m every 92 minutes 50 seconds.

(iii) Calculate (a) the angular velocity, (b) the linear velocity, of the ISS.

$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ 3

$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{5570} / 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (-1 for omission of or incorrect units) 3

$v = r\omega$ 3

$v = (6.783 \times 10^6) \times (1.1 \times 10^{-3}) = 7651.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ 3

(-1 for omission of or incorrect units)

(iv) Name the type of acceleration that the ISS experiences as it travels in a circular orbit around the earth.

centripetal / gravitational 3

What force provides this acceleration?

gravitational (do not accept "gravity") 3

(v) Calculate the attractive force between the earth and the ISS.

$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ // $F = mr\omega^2$ 3

$F = 3.884 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$ (-1 for omission of or incorrect units) 3

Hence or otherwise, calculate the mass of the earth.

$F = \frac{GmM}{r^2}$ // $T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$ // $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$ 3

$M = \frac{Fr^2}{Gm}$ // $M = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GT^2}$ // $M = \frac{(8.63)r^2}{G}$ 3

$M = 5.95 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ (-1 for omission of or incorrect units) 3

(vi) If the value of the acceleration due to gravity on the ISS is 8.63 m s^{-2} , why do occupants of the ISS experience apparent weightlessness?

they are in freefall // ISS accelerating at the same rate as occupants 3

(vii) A geostationary communications satellite orbits the earth at a much higher altitude than the ISS. What is the period of a geostationary communications satellite?

1 day 5

(mass of ISS = $4.5 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$; radius of the earth = $6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$)

Question 3

(a) Define the moment of a force.

$(T =) \text{ force} \times (\text{perp}) \text{ distance} / F \times d$

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When the toy is knocked over, it always returns to the upright position. Explain why this happens.

(toy non-vertical) c.g. has a (turning) moment about fulcrum / point of support/contact /
 (c.g. has) zero turning moment when toy is in vertical position

(any valid reference, e.g. 'low c.g.', 'equilibrium', 'turning moment', ... 3 marks)

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(b) State the conditions necessary for the equilibrium of a body under a set of co-planar forces.

(vector/algebraic) sum of the forces = zero // forces up = forces down // $\Sigma F = 0$

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sum of the (turning) moments (about any point) = zero // CTM = ACTM // $\Sigma T = 0$

Three children position themselves on a uniform see-saw so that it is horizontal and in equilibrium. The fulcrum of the see-saw is at its centre of gravity. A child of mass 30 kg sits 1.8 m to the left of the fulcrum and another child of mass 40 kg sits 0.8 m to the right of the fulcrum. Where should the third child of mass 45 kg sit, in order to balance the see-saw?

$30g(1.8) / 40g(0.8) / 45g(x)$

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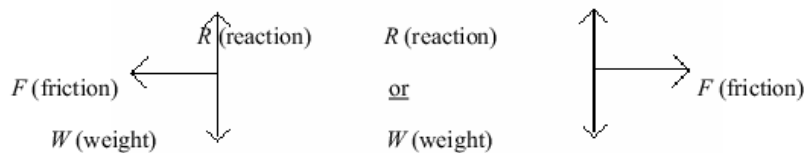
$30g(1.8) = 40g(0.8) + 45g(x)$

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$x = 0.488 \text{ m} / 0.49 \text{ m} / 49 \text{ cm}$ (-1 for omission of or incorrect unit)

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(c) A simple merry-go-round consists of a flat disc that is rotated horizontally. A child of mass 32 kg stands at the edge of the merry-go-round, 2.2 metres from its centre. The force of friction acting on the child is 50 N. Draw a diagram showing the forces acting on the child as the merry-go-round rotates.



(-1 per each unlabelled force; 3 marks per each correct force)

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What is the maximum angular velocity of the merry-go-round so that the child will not fall from it, as it rotates?

$F = m \omega^2 r$

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$50 = (32)(\omega)^2 (2.2)$

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$\omega = 0.842 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

(-1 for omission of or incorrect unit)

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If there was no force of friction between the child and the merry-go-round, in what direction would the child move as the merry-go-round starts to rotate?

child remains stationary / any appropriate answer, e.g. 'it depends on the frame of reference'

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Question 6

Define (i) velocity, (ii) angular velocity. (12)

- (i) rate of change // $\frac{dx}{dt}$ / $\frac{ds}{dt}$ 3
of displacement // where ($x \Rightarrow$) s = displacement 3
['speed in a given direction' ... 3 marks]
- (ii) change in angular displacement / angle // $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ // $(\omega) = \theta / t$ 3
per sec // θ angular displ. / angle // notation 3

Derive the relationship between the velocity of a particle travelling in uniform circular motion and its angular velocity. (12)

$$\theta = \frac{|\text{arc}|}{r} = \frac{vt}{r}$$

$$\theta = \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{vt}{r} = \omega t$$

$$v = \omega r$$

Alternative method:

$$\theta = s / r$$

$$\theta / t = s / rt$$

$$\omega = v / r$$

$$v = \omega r$$

A student swings a ball in a circle of radius 70 cm in the vertical plane as shown. The angular velocity of the ball is 10 rad s⁻¹.

What is the velocity of the ball? How long does the ball take to complete one revolution? (9)

$$v (= \omega r) = (10)(0.70) \quad / \quad 7.0 \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad 3$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \quad 3$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi(0.70)}{7} = \frac{2\pi}{10} \quad / \quad 0.63 \text{ s} \quad (-1 \text{ for omission of or incorrect unit}) \quad 3$$

Draw a diagram to show the forces acting on the ball when it is at position A. (6)

weight (W) downwards; force(F)/reaction (R) upwards (-1 if either force omitted) 3
centripetal force to left (due to friction or curled fingers) 3
(description without diagram ... -1)

The student releases the ball when it is at A, which is 130 cm above the ground, and the ball travels vertically upwards. Calculate

- (i) the maximum height, above the ground, the ball will reach;
(ii) the time taken for the ball to hit the ground after its release from A. (17)

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as \quad 3$$

$$0 = (7)^2 + 2(-9.8)s \quad / \quad s = 2.5(0) \text{ m} \quad 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{max. height} = 2.5 + 1.30 \quad / \quad 3.8 \text{ m} \quad 3$$

Overall: A \Rightarrow max. height \Rightarrow ground:

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \quad 3$$

$$-1.30 = 7t - \frac{1}{2}(9.8)t^2 \quad 3$$

(time =) $t = 1.59 \text{ s}$ (no penalty applied for units here) 2

Alternative method for time taken:

from point A to max. height: $v = u + at \quad / \quad 0 = 7 - 9.8t \quad / \quad t = 0.71(43) \text{ s} \quad (3)$

from max. to ground: [$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow$] $3.8 = 0(t) + 4.9t^2 \quad / \quad t = 0.88 \text{ s} \quad (3)$

total time = $0.71 + 0.88 \quad / \quad 1.59 \text{ s}$ (units not required) (2)

Question 5

Define (i) angular velocity, (ii) centripetal force. (12)

(i) $\omega = \theta/t$ // angle traced out / angular displacement // rate of change 3

correct notation // per unit time / sec // of angle 3

(ii) $F = mv^2/r$ or $m\omega^2r$ // force on body in circular motion 3

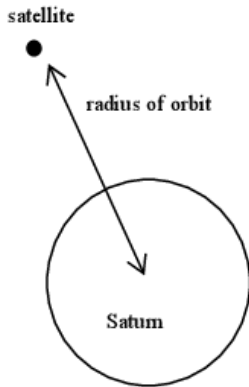
correct notation // towards the centre (of orbit) 3

State Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation. (6)

$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2}$ / $F \propto \frac{m_1m_2}{d^2}$ // force proportional to product of masses 3

correct notation // inversely proportional to distance squared 3

A satellite is in a circular orbit around the planet Saturn. Derive the relationship between the period of the satellite, the mass of Saturn and the radius of the orbit. (15)



Gravitational force = centripetal force 3

$v^2 = GM/r$ or $\omega^2 = GM/r^3$ 3

$T = 2\pi r/v$ or $T = 2\pi/\omega$ 3

$T^2 = 4\pi^2 r^2/v^2$ or $T^2 = 4\pi^2/\omega^2$ 3

$T^2 = 4\pi^2 r^3/GM$ 3

(final formula presented without derivation .. 3 marks only)

The period of the satellite is 380 hours. Calculate the radius of the satellite's orbit around Saturn. (9)

$T = 380 \times 60 \times 60$ / 1.368×10^6 / 1.37×10^6 (s) 3

$(380 \times 3600)^2 = 4\pi^2 r^3 / (6.7 \times 10^{-11})(5.7 \times 10^{26})$ 3

$r = 1.2 \times 10^9$ m (-1 for omission of or incorrect unit) 3

The satellite transmits radio signals to earth. At a particular time the satellite is 1.2×10^{12} m from earth. How long does it take the signal to travel to earth? (9)

$v = s/t$ 3

$(3.0 \times 10^8) = (1.2 \times 10^{12})/t$ 3

$t = 4000$ s / 1.1 h (-1 for omission of or incorrect unit) 3

It is noticed that the frequency of the received radio signal changes as the satellite orbits Saturn.

Explain why. (5)

Doppler effect // satellite moves towards (earth) 3

due to relative motion between source (of signal) and detector // and away from earth / detector 2

(universal gravitational constant = 6.7×10^{-11} N m² kg⁻² mass of Saturn = 5.7×10^{26} kg;
speed of light = 3.0×10^8 m s⁻¹)

Question 6

(b) The moon orbits the earth. What is the relationship between the period of the moon and the radius of its orbit?

$T \propto$ // $T^2 \propto$ // period squared is proportional to //

$\sqrt{R^3}$ // R^3 // radius cubed

$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 R^3}{GM}$ 7 marks

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