Physics ATAR - Year 12

Gravity and Motion
Test 2
2016

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Time Allowed: 50 Minutes

Notes to Students:

1. You must include **all** working to be awarded full marks for a question.
2. Marks will be deducted for incorrect or absent units and answers stated to an incorrect number of significant figures.
3. **No** graphics calculators are permitted – scientific calculators only.

Question 1 **(15 marks)**

A 1450 kg telecommunications satellite is placed into a geostationary orbit around the Earth.

(a) Explain why geostationary orbits are used for ground based communications.
(3 marks)

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(b) Calculate the distance it must be placed above the surface of the Earth, showing all derivations from know formulae.
(6 marks)

(c) Calculate the gravitational force the Earth exerts on the Satellite. (if you could not answer 1(b), use $r_o = 4.82 \times 10^7$ m.
(3 marks)

(d) Calculate the orbital speed of the satellite.

(3 marks)

Question 2 **(3 marks)**

An astronaut aboard the Russian Soyuz spacecraft has just docked with the International Space Station that orbits the Earth at an altitude of 400 km. The astronaut comments that he is weightless while floating in the spacecraft. Explain whether the astronaut's statement is correct.

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Question 3 **(5 marks)**

An irregular 5.00 m long horizontal platform of mass 100 kg is suspended by a cable at each end. When an 80.0 kg worker stands 2.00 metres from the left cable, the tension in each cable is equal. Calculate the location of the centre of mass of the platform.

Question 4 **(7 marks)**

A tall building's window cleaning platform has a large cantilever made of concrete slabs mounted on the roof (shown in image), to support the platform and the workmen.

(a) Explain why the concrete slabs must be present.

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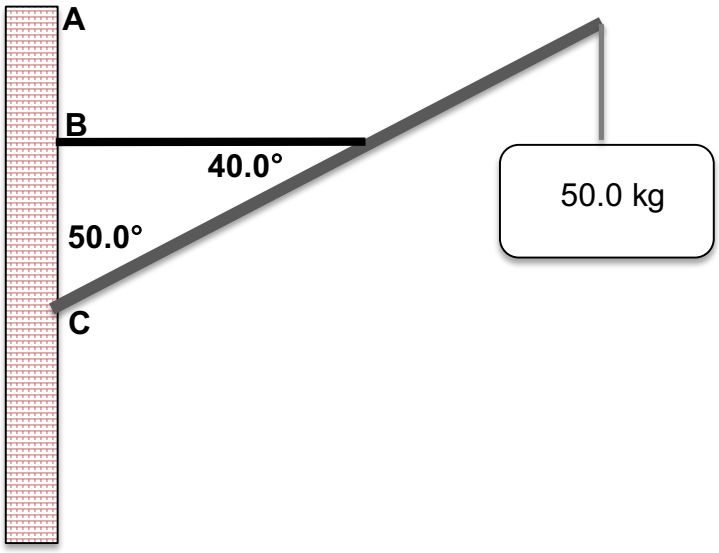
(b) Use the diagram to calculate the mass of concrete slabs required if the cantilever is used to support the platform and workmen of combined mass of 2.00×10^3 kg. Provide your measurements on the diagram.

(4 marks)

Question 5 **(16 marks)**

A 50.0 kg storefront sign is hung from a wall by a 3.00 m long rigid beam of uniform mass 30.0 kg and a cable as shown in the diagram below. The cable is attached 1.80 m from C along the beam.



(a) Calculate the tension in the cable.

(4 marks)

(b) Calculate the the force exerted on the beam by the wall, at point C.

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(c) Calculate the maximum mass the sign could be if the cable is attached at point B and can withstand a maximum tension of 2.00 kN before breaking.

(4 marks)

(d) The owner of store wants to mount the cable at point A, instead of B. State the effect this would have on the tension in the cable and explain your reasoning.
(4 marks)

Question 6 **(7 marks)**

People often say that an easy way to lose "weight" is to stand in a position where the moon is directly overhead. A 60.0 kg person stands on Earth and waits until the moon is directly overhead. The gravitational force exerted by the Earth on the person is 586.962 N

(a) Calculate the net force acting on the person due to the positions of the Earth and the Moon, when the Moon is directly overhead. Give your answer to **6 significant figures.**

(4 marks)

(b) Use the values calculated in (a) to determine how many apparent grams of mass would the person feel they have lost when standing in this position.

(3 marks)

Question 7 **(4 marks)**

A large construction crane, shown below, has extendable stabiliser legs that can allow the crane arm to lift a heavier load. Explain how the stabiliser legs allow the crane to do this.

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