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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:
Marks must be awarded in line with:
- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:
Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:
Marks must be awarded **positively**:
- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:
Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:
Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:
Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Mathematics Specific Marking Principles

1 Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.

2 Unless specified in the question, non-integer answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.

3 Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.

4 Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).

5 Where a candidate has misread a number or sign in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 A or B mark for the misread.

6 Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

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Mark Scheme Notes

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

M Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.

A Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).

B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.

DM or **DB** When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly, when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.

FT Implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only.

- A or B marks are given for correct work only (not for results obtained from incorrect working) unless follow through is allowed (see abbreviation FT above).
- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if the answer is correct to 3 significant figures or would be correct to 3 significant figures if rounded (1 decimal place for angles in degrees).
- The total number of marks available for each question is shown at the bottom of the Marks column.
- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not result in loss of marks unless the guidance indicates otherwise.
- Square brackets [ ] around text or numbers show extra information not needed for the mark to be awarded.

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Abbreviations

AEF/OE	Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent
AG	Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
CAO	Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no 'follow through' from a previous error is allowed)
CWO	Correct Working Only
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen Or Implied
SC	Special Case (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)
WWW	Without Wrong Working
AWRT	Answer Which Rounds To

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Along line of centres, PCLM: $5mv_B + mv_A = mu\cos\theta$	**M1**	Must include correct masses.
	NEL: $v_B - v_A = \frac{1}{2}u\cos\theta$	**M1**	Signs consistent with PCLM equation.
	$v_B = \frac{u}{4}\cos\theta,\ v_A = -\frac{u}{4}\cos\theta$	**A1**	
	Perpendicular to line of centres: speed of A is $u\sin\theta$	**B1**	
	$\frac{1}{2}m\left(\left(-\frac{u}{4}\cos\theta\right)^2 + (u\sin\theta)^2\right) = \frac{1}{2}5m\left(\frac{u}{4}\cos\theta\right)^2$	**M1**	Equate final kinetic energies, 3 terms, correct masses.
	$(\cos\theta)^2 = \frac{4}{5},\ \cos\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}},\quad \tan\theta = \frac{1}{2}$	**A1**	
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	In equilibrium: $2T\cos\theta = mg$	**M1**	
	Hooke's law: $T = \frac{\lambda}{2a}\times\left(\frac{5a}{2}-2a\right)=\frac{\lambda}{4}$	**B1**	
	Equate and use $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{5}$: $\lambda = \frac{10}{3}mg$	**A1**	
		3	
2(b)	EPE loss = $\frac{1}{2}\frac{\lambda}{4a}\left(\frac{20}{3}a-4a\right)^2$	**B1**	$\frac{80}{27}mga$
	Energy equation: $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mg\frac{8a}{3} = '\frac{80}{27}mga'$	**M1 A1**	All 3 terms required, dimensionally correct, their λ.
	$v = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{ga}{3}}$	**A1**	Any equivalent form.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	$u\sin 60° - 5g$, and $u\cos 60°$, or $u\sin 60° - 15g$, and $u\cos 60°$	**B1**	
	If θ is direction of velocity at $t = 5, [\tan\theta =] \dfrac{u\sin 60° - 5g}{u\cos 60°}$	**M1***	Accept equivalent for $t = 15$.
	For perpendicular directions, $\dfrac{u\sin 60° - 5g}{u\cos 60°} \times \dfrac{u\sin 60° - 15g}{u\cos 60°} = -1$	**M1dep**	Multiply two expressions involving relevant velocities and equate to – 1.
	Simplify: $\frac{3}{4}u^2 + 75g^2 - 10\sqrt{3}ug + \frac{1}{4}u^2 = 0, \quad u^2 - 100\sqrt{3}u + 7500 = 0$	**M1**	Simplify to quadratic in u (may see g).
	$u = 5\sqrt{3}g$	**A1**	OE. Accept $50\sqrt{3}$ or 86.6.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	Frictional force F and normal reaction R at point of contact of ring with plane. Resolve parallel to plane: $F + T\cos\alpha = W\sin\alpha$	**M1**	Only allow cos/sin errors for T and W components, sign errors. Accept equations for vertical and horizontal (both needed).
	Moments about O: $Fa = Ta\sin\alpha$	**B1**	
	Combine and substitute for α:	**M1**	Expression for T in terms of W.
	$T = \frac{1}{3}W$	**A1**	CAO
	Alternative solution for question 4(a)		
	Moments about point where ring touches plane: $Ta\sin\alpha + Ta\cos\alpha = Wa\sin\alpha$	**M1 A1**	Only allow cos/sin errors, sign errors. Must be dimensionally correct.
	Rearrange and substitute for α:	**M1**	Expression for T in terms of W.
	$T = \frac{1}{3}W$	**A1**	CAO
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4(b)	Resolve perpendicular to plane: $R = T\sin\alpha + W\cos\alpha$	**M1**	Only allow cos/sin errors for T and W components, sign errors.
	Use $F = \mu R$ and combine to reach an equation in μ only.	**M1**	From part **(a)**, $F + T\cos\alpha = W\sin\alpha$ or $F = T\sin\alpha$.
	$\mu = \frac{1}{7}$	**A1**	
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(a)	For A: $F_A - T = m \times a\omega^2$	**M1**	Only allow sign errors.
	$F_A = \mu mg = \frac{1}{5}mg$	**B1**	Accept with g replaced by 10.
	Combine: $T = \frac{1}{5}mg - \frac{4}{25}mg$	**M1**	To reach an equation in T and mg only. Accept with g replaced by 10.
	$T = \frac{1}{25}mg$	**A1**	CAO
		4	
5(b)	For B: $F_B + T = km \times 2a\omega^2$	**M1**	Only allow sign errors.
	$F_B = \mu kmg = \frac{1}{5}kmg$ and combine to find k	**M1**	To reach an equation in k only.
	$k = \frac{1}{3}$	**A1**	
		3	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	$2\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}t}=-\frac{1}{10}(2v-1)^2\mathrm{e}^{-t}$ so $\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{(2v-1)^2}=-\frac{1}{20}\mathrm{e}^{-t}\mathrm{d}t$ $\frac{p}{(2v-1)}=q\mathrm{e}^{-t}+A$	***M1**	Separate variables and attempt to integrate both sides. Where p and q are constants.
	$-\frac{1}{2(2v-1)}=+\frac{1}{20}\mathrm{e}^{-t}+A$	**A1**	AEF
	$t=0, v=3,\quad A\left[=-\frac{3}{20}\right]$	**DM1**	Substituting the boundary condition and obtain a value.
	$v=\frac{1}{2}+\frac{5\mathrm{e}^t}{3\mathrm{e}^t-1}$	***M1 A1**	Find v in terms of t . AEF.
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6(b)	Integrate: $x=pt+q\ln(\mathrm{re}^{\pm t}-s)\ [+B]$	***M1**	
	$x=\frac{1}{2}t+\frac{5}{3}\ln(3\mathrm{e}^t-1)\ [+B]$	**A1**	AEF
	$t=0, x=1,\ B=1-\frac{5}{3}\ln 2$	**DM1**	Substituting the boundary condition and obtain a value.
	$x=1+\frac{1}{2}t+\frac{5}{3}\ln\frac{(3\mathrm{e}^t-1)}{2}$	**A1**	AEF
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)	Energy: $\frac{1}{2}mu^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - mga(1-\cos\theta)$	***M1**	m must be present, dimensionally correct, no missing terms. Allow sin instead of cos. Allow sign errors.
	N2L: $mg\cos\theta = \frac{mv^2}{a}$	**B1**	No reaction when P loses contact.
	Eliminate v^2	**DM1**	
	$\cos\theta = \frac{u^2+2ag}{3ag}$	**A1**	AG
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7(b)	Vertical component of velocity of P when it leaves the sphere: $v\sin\theta$ $\left(=\sqrt{\frac{55ag}{216}}\right)$	***B1**	Must not come from u.
	$V^2 = (v\sin\theta)^2 + 2g\times a(1+\cos\theta)$	**DM1**	Use of '$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$'. Allow $\sin\theta$ for $\cos\theta$. Allow sign errors.
	$V = \sqrt{\frac{847ag}{216}}$	**A1**	AEF
		3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(c)	$t=\frac{1}{g}\left(\sqrt{\frac{847ag}{216}}-\sqrt{\frac{55ag}{216}}\right)$	**M1**	
	$\frac{1}{6}\left(\sqrt{847}-\sqrt{55}\right)\sqrt{\frac{a}{6g}}=1.48\sqrt{\frac{a}{g}}$	**A1**	
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