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ENGINEERING MECHANICS II: KINEMATICS & DYNAMICS – TCW 1201**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer any **five (5)** questions

**Time: 3 hours  
Total Marks: 100**

**QUESTION I**

The velocity of a particle moving along the x-axis is given as a function of time; the position is given at some instant as follows:

$$v(t) = 60t - 20 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\text{At } t=0, x(0) = 20m$$

(a) Determine the position of the particle as a function of time. **[2 marks]**

(b) Determine the acceleration of the particle as a function of time. **[2 marks]**

© Evaluate the:

(i) position, **[2 marks]**

(ii) velocity, and **[2 marks]**

(iii) acceleration of the particle at  $t = 8s$ . **[2 marks]**

(d) Determine the total distance traveled by the particle between time  $t = 8s$  and time  $t = 12s$ . **[4 marks]**

(e) Sketch displacement  $x(t)$ , the velocity  $v(t)$ , and the acceleration  $a(t)$  for the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 10s$ . **[6 marks]**

## QUESTION 2

Two race cars start from rest at the same time. Acceleration of car A is given by

$$30e^{-t/5} \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ and that of car B is given by } 20e^{-t/5} \text{ m/s}^2.$$

(a) Determine the distance at which car B overtakes car A . [10 marks]

(b) Also determine their relative velocity at that time. [10 marks]

## QUESTION 3

(a) Write short notes on the collision of elastic bodies. [6 marks]

The bars shown in figure Q3 are sliding freely on a horizontal rod. For the conditions specified in table Q3, determine:

(b) The final velocity of both beads. [8 marks]

© The percentage of the initial kinetic energy lost as a result of the collision of the two bars.  
e is the coefficient of restitution.

[6 marks]

**Table Q3**

$m_A$	$v_A$	$m_B$	$v_B$	e
10kg	5m/s	6kg	2m/s	0.3



**Figure Q3**

## QUESTION 4

A 10kg projectile is fired horizontally with an initial velocity of 100m/s from the top of a hill, which is 100m above the surrounding area.

(a) Determine the range R of the projectile (horizontal distance

traveled). [10 marks]

(b) The elapsed time before it strikes the ground. Air resistance is negligible. [10 marks]

### **QUESTION 5**

(a) Mention five characteristics of dry friction. [5 marks]

(b) Briefly explain the three types of friction problems [3 marks]

(c) Distinguish between the coefficient of static friction and the coefficient of kinetic friction. [4 marks]

(d) A 30 kg mass is pulled along a flat surface at a constant speed by a cable tension  $T$  at an angle of  $40^\circ$  in relation to the horizontal direction as shown in figure Q5 below. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the surface and the mass varies from  $\mu_k = 0.20$  to  $0.35$ . Determine the range of values of the magnitude of this tension  $T$ . [8 marks]

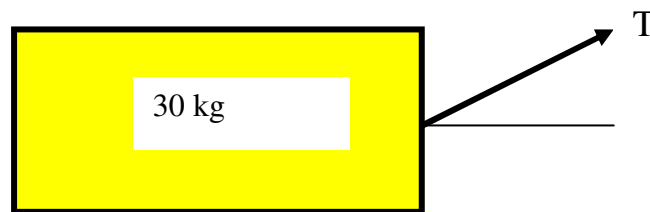


Figure Q5

### **QUESTION 6**

From all the topics covered, explain why engineers should study mechanics with a special emphasis to dynamics. [20 marks]

### **QUESTION 7**

(a) Derive an expression for the parallel axis theorem of an area. [4 marks]

(b) Determine the centroidal coordinates of the trapezoidal area shown in figure Q7. [8 marks]

(c) Also determine the moment of inertia of the composite body about the X and the Y axis.  
[8 marks]

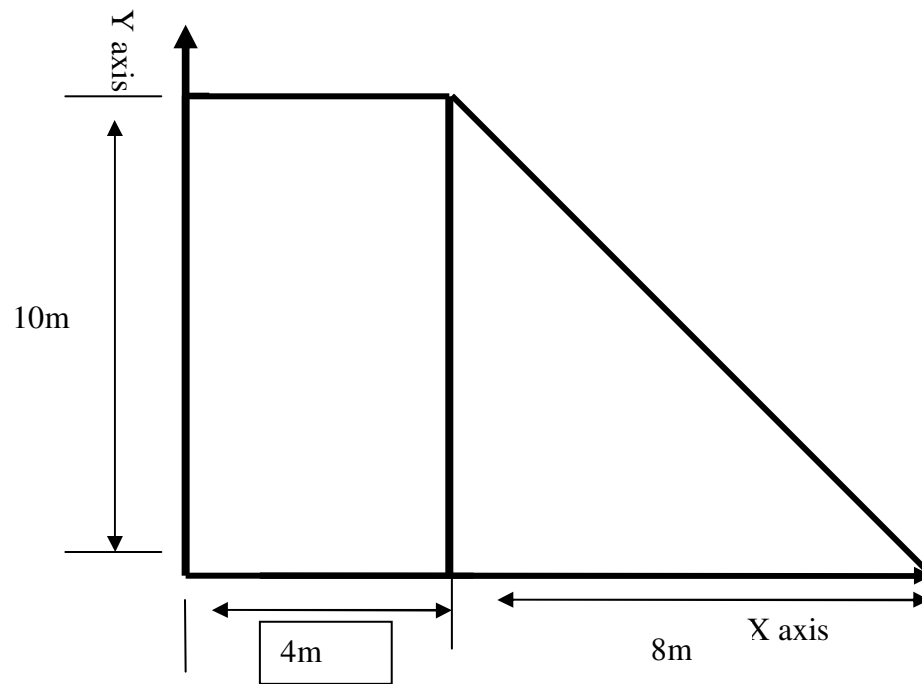


Figure Q7

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