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Afternoon	Paper Reference <b>8FM0/26</b>
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**Further Mathematics**  
**Advanced Subsidiary**  
**Further Mathematics options**  
**26: Further Mechanics 2**  
**(Part of option J)**

**You must have:**  
 Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Green), calculator

Total Marks
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**Candidates may use any calculator allowed by Pearson regulations. Calculators must not have the facility for symbolic algebra manipulation, differentiation and integration, or have retrievable mathematical formulae stored in them.**

**Instructions**

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
 – *there may be more space than you need.*
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear. Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- Unless otherwise indicated, whenever a value of  $g$  is required, take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  and give your answer to either 2 significant figures or 3 significant figures.

**Information**

- A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.
- The total mark for this part of the examination is 40. There are 3 questions.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
 – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

**Advice**

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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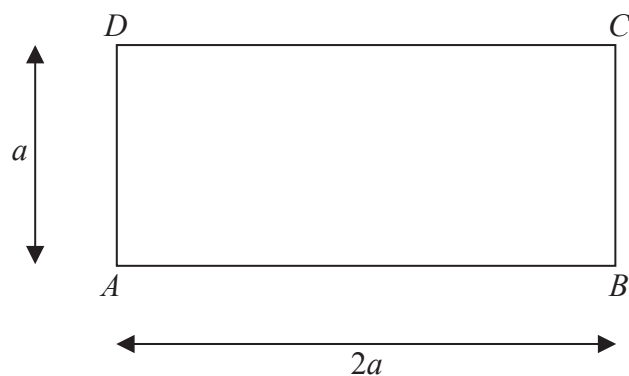


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a uniform rectangular lamina  $ABCD$  with  $AB = 2a$  and  $AD = a$ . The mass of the lamina is  $6m$ .

A particle of mass  $2m$  is attached to the lamina at  $A$ , a particle of mass  $m$  is attached to the lamina at  $B$  and a particle of mass  $3m$  is attached to the lamina at  $D$ , to form a loaded lamina  $L$  of total mass  $12m$ .

(a) Write down the distance of the centre of mass of  $L$  from  $AB$ . You must give a reason for your answer. (2)

(b) Show that the distance of the centre of mass of  $L$  from  $AD$  is  $\frac{2a}{3}$ . (3)

A particle of mass  $km$  is now also attached to  $L$  at  $D$  to form a new loaded lamina  $N$ .

(c) Show that the distance of the centre of mass of  $N$  from  $AB$  is  $\frac{(k + 6)a}{(k + 12)}$ . (4)

When  $N$  is freely suspended from  $A$  and is hanging in equilibrium, the side  $AB$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the vertical, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{2}$ .

(d) Find the value of  $k$ . (6)

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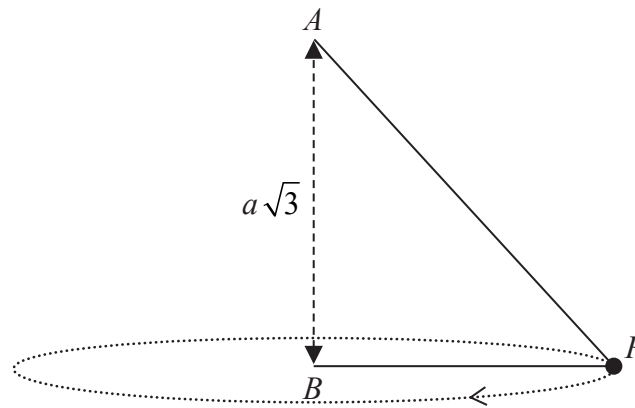


Figure 2

One end of a string of length  $3a$  is attached to a point  $A$  and the other end is attached to a point  $B$  on a smooth horizontal table. The point  $B$  is vertically below  $A$  with  $AB = a\sqrt{3}$ . A small smooth bead,  $P$ , of mass  $m$  is threaded on to the string. The bead  $P$  moves on the table in a horizontal circle, with centre  $B$ , with constant speed  $U$ . Both portions,  $AP$  and  $BP$ , of the string are taut, as shown in Figure 2.

The string is modelled as being light and inextensible and the bead is modelled as a particle.

- (a) Show that  $AP = 2a$  (2)
- (b) Find, in terms of  $m$ ,  $U$  and  $a$ , the tension in the string. (4)
- (c) Show that  $U^2 < ag\sqrt{3}$  (5)
- (d) Describe what would happen if  $U^2 > ag\sqrt{3}$  (1)
- (e) State briefly how the tension in the string would be affected if the string were not modelled as being light. (1)

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