SECTION B: MECHANICS K

Answer ALL questions.

4.1 A light see-saw is 10 m long with the pivot 3 m from the left.

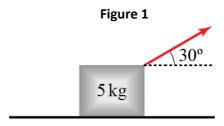
Figure 1

10 m

3 m

- **a** A 4 kg weight is placed on the left-hand end of the see-saw. Write down the anticlockwise moment about the pivot.
- (3 marks)
- **b** A force of magnitude *F* N is applied to the right-hand end of the seesaw. The force acts vertically downwards. Write down the clockwise moment about the pivot due to this weight.
- (1 mark) (3 marks)

- **c** Find the value of *F* for which the system is in equilibrium.
- **5.3** An object resting on a rough surface is attached to a rope angled at 30° to the horizontal. The rope is pulled with a force of *P* N. The mass of the object is 5 kg.



a Draw a diagram showing all the forces acting on the object. Describe the origin of each force using words.

(4 marks)

b By resolving forces in the horizontal and vertical directions, calculate the magnitude of each force in the diagram, giving your answers in terms of *P* where appropriate.

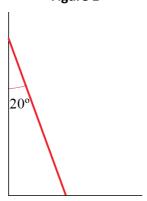
(4 marks)

c If P = 20, the object does not slip. Use this information to give a bound on μ in the form of an inequality.

(6 marks)

- **8.3** A ball falling vertically through viscous fluid is subject to a drag force of magnitude kv N, where v m s⁻¹ is the speed of the ball at time t seconds. The mass of the ball is 1 kg.
 - a Draw a force diagram showing the forces on the ball. (2 marks)
 - **b** Find an expression for *v* when the ball is in equilibrium. (2 mark)
 - c Explain why $\frac{dv}{dt} = g kv$ (3 marks)
 - **d** Show, by substitution, that $v = \frac{g}{k} (1 e^{-kt})$ satisfies this equation in part c. (3 marks)
 - e Explain why this solution agrees with your answer to part b. (1 mark)
 - f Describe one limitation of this model. (1 mark)
 - **7.1** A 10 m long, uniform ladder has a mass of 6 kg and makes an angle of 20° with a smooth vertical wall. It stands on a rough horiztonal floor, which has coefficient of friction 0.3 with the bottom of the ladder.

Figure 1



- **a** Draw a diagram showing all the forces acting on the ladder. Describe the origin of each force using words.
- (4 marks)
- **b** Calculate the magnitude of each force and hence determine whether or not the ladder slips.
- (13 marks)