

EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF POLYTECHNIC EDUCATION

(MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION)

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

FINAL EXAMINATION

JUNE 2012 SESSION

JJ311: MECHANIC OF MACHINES

DATE: 22 NOVEMBER 2012 (THURSDAY)

DURATION: 2 HOURS (2.30 PM - 4.30 PM)

This paper consists of **SIX (6)** pages including the front page.
Structured (6 questions – answer 4 questions)

CONFIDENTIAL

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED
BY THE CHIEF INVIGILATOR**

(The CLO stated is for reference only)

CONFIDENTIAL

JJ311: MECHANIC OF MACHINES

INSTRUCTION:

This section consists of **SIX (6)** structured questions. Answer **FOUR (4)** questions only.

QUESTION 1

A rope is wound on a drum of a lift machine which has a diameter of 1.2 m, a mass of 25 kg and 0.19 m radius of gyration. Tied at both ends of the rope are two masses 65 kg and 30 kg respectively. Calculate:

(CLO 1 : C3)

- i) Driving torque needed to raise the mass of 65 kg with 2.5 m/s^2 acceleration. (10 marks)
- ii) Linear velocity as the load is rising at 2.5 m/s^2 acceleration where the power produced by the drum is 1.4 kW. (5 marks)
- iii) The acceleration of the system when the drum is allowed to move freely. (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

A mass of 64 kg is suspended vertically from 2 parallel springs with the same coefficient. Static deflection caused by the mass is 52 mm. The mass is pulled downward 65 mm and then released. Calculate:

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| | (CLO1 : C3) |
| i) The spring constant for each spring. | (5 marks) |
| ii) The initial acceleration for the body. | (5 marks) |
| iii) The periodic time of oscillation. | (5 marks) |
| iv) The maximum force of the spring. | (5 marks) |
| v) The velocity where the body is at 25 mm from the stability. | (5 marks) |

QUESTION 3

A piston, connecting rod and crank mechanism is shown in the **Figure Q3**. The crank rotates at a constant velocity of 300 rad/s. Find the acceleration of the piston and the angular acceleration of the link BC. The figure is not drawn to scale.

(CLO 1 : C3)

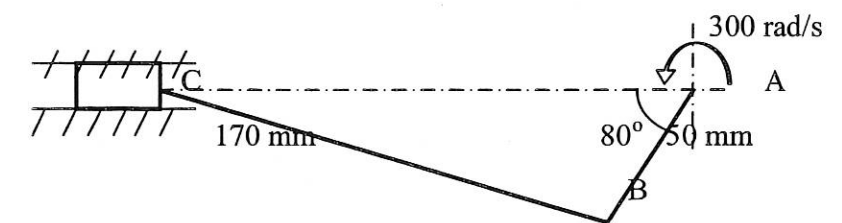


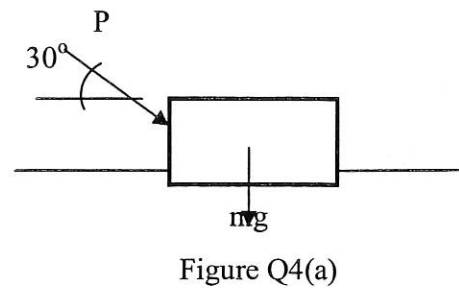
Figure Q3

- Draw the velocity diagram and determine the velocity of C relative to B. (10 marks)
- Calculate the acceleration of the piston and the angular acceleration of the link BC. (15 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) Calculate the magnitude of push, P that will move the wooden crate to the point of sliding as shown in Figure Q4(a) below. Coefficient of friction between the crate and the floor is 0.55. Wooden crate = 20.41 kg.

(CLO 2 : C3)
(8 marks)



- b) A block is positioned on a 30° incline surface. The block is pulled by a force 10° from the incline surface. The coefficient of static friction is 0.25.

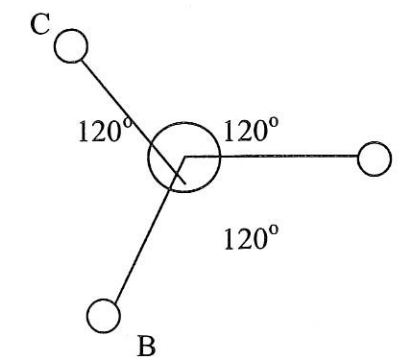
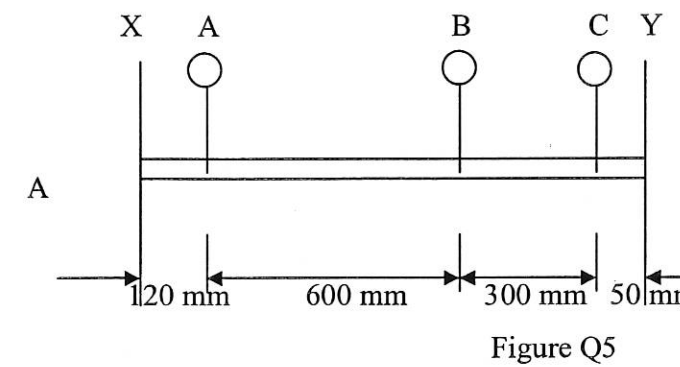
(CLO2 : C3)

- i) Sketch a free body diagram of balance forces in both x and y directions. (3 marks)
- ii) Calculate the value of forces to initiate the inclined motion. (9 marks)
- iii) Calculate the operational efficiency. (5 marks)

QUESTION 5

Calculate the mass and the angle at which it should be positioned in plane X and Y at a radius of 200 mm in order to produce a complete dynamic balance of the system shown in Figure Q5 below.

(CLO 2 : C3)
(25 marks)



QUESTION 6

- a) State TWO (2) types of belts used in a belt drive. (CLO 2 : C1)
(2 marks)
- b) Two pulleys with a diameter of 0.5 m and 1.4 m respectively are connected by a flat belt. If the distance between the center of the pulleys is 1.7 m, calculate the length of the belt needed.

(CLO 2 : C3)
(8 marks)

- c) A pulley of 750 mm effective diameter is driven by a flat belt running at 420 rpm. The coefficient of friction between the pulley and the belt is 0.29 and the angle of contact is 120°. The maximum permissible tension in the belt is 530 N. Calculate the power transmitted by the belt.

(CLO 2 : C3)
(15 marks)