

# Topic Tests: Challenge Tests – Set B

For AS / A Level Year 1 OCR A  
Statistics and Mechanics

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## Tests

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- Test 6.2b – Hypothesis Testing
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- Test 8.2b – Modelling in Mechanics & Forces and Motion
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## Solutions

# Teacher's Introduction

## Content

This pack contains 9 challenge level topic tests and solutions for the OCR A Applied Mathematics AS / Year 1 A Level content.

Each test comes with fully worked solutions, containing helpful tips, hints, and technique boxes for students who are struggling on a particular question.

These topic tests have been **fully cross-referenced** to the Pearson, Hodder and Collins textbooks for your convenience (see reference sheet on page 2). Each test has been designed to reflect the specification fully.

## About the challenge tests

These **challenge** tests have been designed to **stretch and challenge** your students. 50% of the marks come from questions similar in style to our fundamentals tests. These questions isolate and test the core skills in each topic. The other 50% of the marks come from questions of increased difficulty that progress and start to combine the concepts in the topic.

## Suggested use of the A and B tests

Each test in Set A has a corresponding test in Set B that features the same styles of questions but with different numbers. This allows for a variety of **flexible** uses including:

- **Test → Homework:** Students use test B as a homework to consolidate on areas of weakness identified from completing test A under test conditions in class.
- **Homework → Test:** Students revise as homework using test A before doing test B in class under test conditions.
- **Test → Classwork:** Students work through test B with teacher input to consolidate on areas of weakness identified from completing test A under test conditions in class.

**Classwork → Test:** Students work through test A with teacher input, before checking their learning by completing test B under test conditions.

## Timings

The recommended times for students to complete each test are given at the top of individual tests. Suggested times for our entire range of topic tests are also compiled in a table on the timings sheet for convenience (see page 3). For these fundamentals tests, the relevant times are the first two listed under each topic.

## Calculator use

The effective use of a calculator is one of the objectives of the new specification and is encouraged for all the enclosed tests. In particular, students should be comfortable using the statistical functions on their calculator.

## The large data set

As part of their assessment, students will be tested on data from the **large data set** provided by OCR. This data set contains data on workers' commutes and the age structure of the England & Wales population from two years in various locations. Familiarity with the large data set is assumed in these topic tests, but a copy of it is not needed to take the tests themselves.

## Also available from ZigZag Education

The perfect starting point for students of all abilities are our **fundamentals** tests. These isolate and test the core skills in each topic so that your students can show what they can do. They get a confidence boost and you can see at a glance where each student's weaknesses lie.

To prepare students for the exam itself, our **expert** tests contain 25% repeated marks from the fundamentals and challenge tests, and 75% exam-style material with compound/multistep questions.

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## Cross-referencing Grid

Topic	OCR A spec. points	Sub-topics	Edexcel Pearson textbook [ISBN: 9781292232539]
Data Collection	2.01a – d	Populations and samples, sampling, non-random sampling, types of data, the large data set	1
Measures of Location and Spread	2.02f – g	Measures of central tendency, other measures of location, measures of spread, variance and standard deviation, <i>coding (Edexcel only)</i>	2
Representations of Data & Correlation	2.02a – e, 2.02h – j	Outliers, box plots, cumulative frequency, histograms, comparing data, correlation, linear regression	3 - 4
Probability	2.03a – b	Calculations, mutually exclusive and independent events, Venn diagrams, tree diagrams	5
Statistical distributions	2.04a – c	Probability distributions, binomial distribution, cumulative probabilities	6
Hypothesis testing	2.05a – c	Hypothesis testing, finding critical values, one-tailed tests, two-tailed tests	7
Constant Acceleration	3.02a – d, 3.03f	Displacement-time graphs, velocity-time graphs, constant acceleration formulae, vertical motion under gravity	9
Modelling in Mechanics & Forces and Motion	3.01a – b, 3.03a – d, 3.03f – k, 3.03n, 3.03r	Force diagrams, forces as vectors, forces and acceleration, motion in 2 dimensions, connected particles, pulleys	8, 10
Variable Acceleration	3.02f	Functions of time, using differentiation, maxima and minima problems, using integration, constant acceleration	11

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# Timings Sheet

For the **fundamentals** tests, refer to the tests marked X.1a and X.1b.

For the **challenge** tests, refer to the tests marked X.2a and X.2b.

For the **expert** tests, refer to the tests marked X.3a and X.3b.

Topic test reference	Recommended time (minutes)	Topic test reference	Recommended time (minutes)	
Data Collection		Probability		
1.1.a	12	4.1a	30	
1.1b	12	4.1b	30	
1.2a	9	4.2a	26	
1.2b	10	4.2b	26	
1.3a	11	4.3a	32	
1.3b	12	4.3b	32	
Measures of Location and Spread		Statistical Distributions		M
2.1a	28	5.1a	24	
2.1b	28	5.1b	24	
2.2a	31	5.2a	24	
2.2b	30	5.2b	24	
2.3a	34	5.3a	31	
2.3b	32	5.3b	31	
Representations of Data & Correlation		Hypothesis Testing		
3.1a	16	6.1a	17	
3.1b	16	6.1b	17	
3.2a	19	6.2a	17	
3.2b	19	6.2b	17	
3.3a	22	6.3a	17	
3.3b	22	6.3b	17	

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## Variable Acceleration – Test B (36 mins)

Subtopics: Functions of time, using differentiation, maxima and minima problems, constant acceleration formulae

1. A monorail is moving in a straight line. The velocity of the monorail,  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup>, is given by  $v = t^2 + t - 12$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ 
  - a) Find the **initial velocity** of the monorail.
  - b) At what time  $t$  is the monorail instantaneously **at rest**?
  - c) Find the time at which the monorail has velocity 30 m s<sup>-1</sup>
2. A particle moves along a straight line. Its velocity  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup>, at time  $t$  seconds is given by  $v = 4t^3 - 12t^2 + 8t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . During this time the velocity of the particle is always positive. Find the **total distance travelled** by the particle between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$ .
3. A particle starts at the origin,  $O$ , and moves along the  $x$ -axis. The displacement  $s$  m, at time  $t$  seconds is given by  $s = 18t - 3t^2$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 6$ . Find the **maximum displacement** of the particle away from  $O$ .
4. A body is moving in a straight line with velocity  $v$  at time  $t$  given by the expression  $v = 2t^2 + 3t + 1$ 
  - a) Find an expression for the **acceleration** of the body at time  $t$ .  
The displacement,  $s$ , of the particle when  $t = 3$  is  $s = 100$
  - b) Find an expression for the **displacement** of the body at time  $t$ .
5. A particle is moving along a straight line. The initial velocity of the particle is 10 m s<sup>-1</sup>. At  $t$  seconds the acceleration,  $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup>, of the particle is given by  $a = 2t - 10$ 
  - a) Find the **velocity** of the particle at time  $t$  seconds.
  - b) Find the values of  $t$  for which the particle is instantaneously **at rest**.
6. A body moves in a straight line. At time  $t$  its velocity is equal to  $v = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  where  $u$  is the initial velocity and  $a$  is the constant acceleration. If the initial displacement is 0. Use calculus to show that the displacement,  $s$ , is given by  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ .
7. An astronomer models how a particle of dust thrown straight up from the Earth's surface will move up and then down. In her model the acceleration upwards,  $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup>, of the dust at a time  $t$  seconds after it is thrown upwards is described by the expression  $a = 2t^{-4/3} - 6t^{-5/3}$  for  $t \geq 0$ . The initial velocity is 3 m s<sup>-1</sup> upwards.
  - a) Find the **velocity** of the dust particle at a time  $t$  seconds after it was thrown upwards.  
When  $t = 1$  the dust is 54 m above the Moon's surface.
  - b) According to the model, how many **seconds** does it take for the dust to return to the Moon?
8. A squirrel running from the base of its tree to various nuts it has buried in the forest can be modelled as a particle moving along a straight line. The squirrel's velocity  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup> is given by  $v = 6t^2 - 14t - 10$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 6$ . At time  $t = 0$  it is 24 m from the base of its tree with positive velocity.
  - a) Find an expression for the **acceleration**,  $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup>, of the squirrel at time  $t$  seconds.
  - b) Show that the squirrel is at the base of its tree when  $t = 4$
  - c) At what other time is the squirrel at the base of its tree?

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## Solutions to Modelling in Mechanics & Forces and Motion – Test B

1. Horizontal forces are balanced so no resultant force horizontally

Resolving vertically ( $\downarrow$ )

$$56 - F = 13 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore F = 56 - 13 = 43 \text{ N} \quad \text{A1}$$

2. Resultant force =  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ N} \quad \text{M1}$

$\therefore$  magnitude of resultant force is

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 25} = \sqrt{41} = 6.40312... = 6.40 \text{ N (3 s.f.)} \quad \text{A1}$$

3. By Newton's first law, object in equilibrium has no resultant force

$$(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}) + (7a\mathbf{i} - 3b\mathbf{j}) + (16\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\therefore (8a + 16)\mathbf{i} + (-2b - 2)\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore 8a + 16 = 0 \quad \therefore 8a = -16 \quad \therefore a = -2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\therefore -2b - 2 = 0 \quad -12 = 2b \quad \therefore b = -6 \quad \text{A1}$$

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force

4. a)  $F = ma$

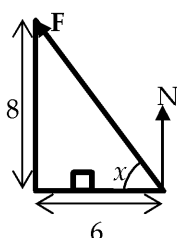
Magnitude of force F is

$$\left| (-6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}) \right| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{36 + 64} = 10 \text{ N} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$F = 10, a = 2.5$$

$$10 = m \times 2.5 \quad \therefore m = \frac{10}{2.5} = 4 \text{ kg} \quad \text{A1}$$

- b)



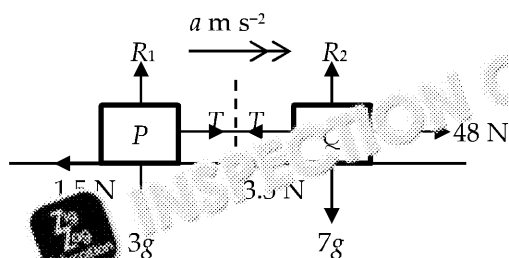
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triangle  
that is  
clockwise

$$\tan x = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \therefore x = \arctan \frac{4}{3} = 53.1301... = 53.1^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)} \quad \text{M1}$$

Bearings are measured clockwise from north, so

$$\text{bearing of } F = 270 + 53.1301... = 323.1301... = 323^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)} \quad \text{A1}$$

5. a)



Tip: Do  
partial  
forces  
calculations

$$F = ma (\rightarrow)$$

$$F = 48 - 3.5 - 1.5 = 43$$

$$m = 3 + 7 = 10 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$43 = 10a \quad \therefore a = \frac{43}{10} = 4.3 \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad \text{A1}$$

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Newton's  
system

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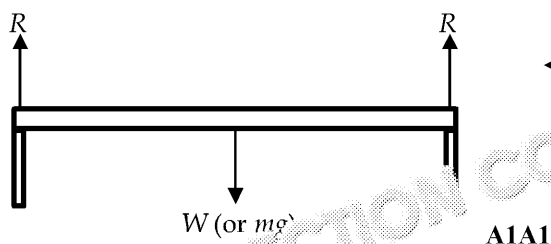
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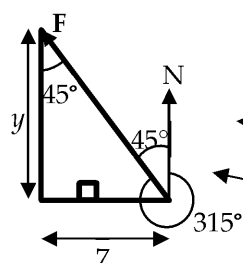
- b)  $F = ma$  for  $P$  ( $\rightarrow$ )  $\leftarrow$  **Technique**  
 $F = T - 1.5$ ,  $a = 4.3$ ,  $m = 3$  **M1**  
 $T - 1.5 = 3 \times 4.3$  **M1**  
 $T - 1.5 = 12.9$   $\leftarrow$  **Alternative**  
 $\therefore T = 14.4$  N **A1**
- c) The tension in the string is the same at  $P$  as at  $Q$  **A1**  
 The string does not have any mass **A1**

6.



7. Particle in equilibrium so resultant force is equal to zero **M1**  
 Resolving horizontally ( $\rightarrow$ ):  $2F + G - 18 = 0 \therefore 2F + G = 18$  (1)  
 Resolving vertically ( $\uparrow$ ):  $3F - G - 7 = 0 \therefore 3F - G = 7$  (2) **M1**  
 (1) + (2):  $2F + G + 3F - G = 18 + 7$   
 $\therefore 5F = 25 \therefore F = 5$  N **A1**  
 Substitute  $F = 5$  into (1):  
 $2 \times 5 + G = 18 \therefore G = 18 - 10 = 8$  N **A1**

8. a)



$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{7}{y} \quad \text{M1}$$

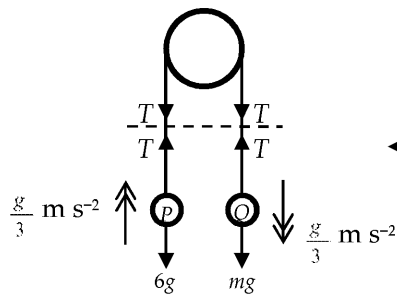
$$\therefore y = \frac{7}{\tan 45^\circ} = \frac{7}{1} = 7 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

- b)  $\mathbf{F} = (-7\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j})$  N  
 $|\mathbf{F}| = |(-7\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j})| = \sqrt{(-7)^2 + 7^2} = 7\sqrt{2} = 9.89949... = 9.90$  N (3 s.f.) **A1**

- c)  $F = ma$   $\leftarrow$  **Technique**  
 $F = 7\sqrt{2}$ ,  $m = 1.5$   
 $7\sqrt{2} = 1.5a \therefore a = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{1.5} = \frac{14\sqrt{2}}{3}$  **M1**  
 $\therefore a = 6.60$   $\text{ms}^{-2}$  (3 s.f.) **A1**

- d)  $v = u + at$   $\leftarrow$  **Technique**  
 $u = 3$ ,  $a = \frac{14\sqrt{2}}{3}$   
 $\therefore v = 0 + \frac{14\sqrt{2}}{3} \times 3$  **M1**  
 $\therefore v = 14\sqrt{2} = 19.7989... = 19.8$   $\text{m s}^{-1}$  (3 s.f.) **A1**

9. a)



$$F = ma \text{ for } P (\uparrow)$$

$$T - 6g = 6 \times \frac{g}{3} \therefore T - 6g = 2g \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore T = 8g \text{ N} \quad \text{A1}$$

b)  $F = ma$  for  $Q (\downarrow)$

$$mg - T = m \times \frac{g}{3} \therefore m \times \frac{g}{3} = \frac{8g}{3} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m}{3} \times \frac{g}{3} = 8 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{8 \times 3}{2} = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \text{ kg} \quad \text{A1}$$

c) The force exerted on the pulley by the string is  $2T$  N M1

$$\therefore \text{force} = 2T = 2 \times 8g = 16g \text{ N} \quad \text{A1}$$

d)  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$u = 0, t = 1.3, a = \frac{g}{3}$$

$$\therefore s = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{g}{3} \times 1.3^2 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore s = \frac{169g}{600} = 2.76033... = 2.76 \text{ m (3 s.f.)} \quad \text{A1}$$

Tip: Draw particle forces and calculate

Technique acting second upward

Technique acting second downward

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