

# Mark Scheme Momentum Paper Questions

## Jan 2002—Jun 2008 (old spec)

Q4 Jun 2002

- 4(a)(i) length of card ✓  
 [or distance travelled by trolley A] ✓  
 time at which first light gate is obscured  
 [or time taken to travel the distance] ✓
- (ii) time at which second light gate is obscured  
 [or distance travelled after collision and time taken] ✓ (3)
- (b) momentum = mass  $\times$  velocity ✓  
 mass of each trolley ✓  
 (check whether)  $p_{\text{initial}} = p_{\text{final}}$  ✓ max(2)
- (c) incline the ramps ✓  
 until component of weight balances friction ✓  
 [or identify where the friction occurs ✓  
 sensible method of reducing ✓] (2)  
 (7)

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- (a) kinetic energy changes to potential energy ✓  
 potential energy calculated by measuring  $h$  ✓  
 equate kinetic energy to potential energy to find speed ✓  
 [or use  $h$  to find  $s$  ✓  
 use  $g \sin \theta$  for  $a$  ✓  
 use  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$  ✓]  
 [or use  $h$  to find  $s$  ✓  
 time to travel  $s$  and calculate  $v_{\text{av}}$  ✓  
 $v = 2v_{\text{av}}$  ✓] (3)
- (b)(i)  $p (= mv) = 0.5(0) \times 0.4(0) = 0.2(0)$  ✓ N s (or kg m s<sup>-1</sup>) ✓
- (b)(ii) (use of  $m_p v_p = m_t v_t$  gives)  $0.002(0) v = 0.2(0)$  ✓  
 $v = 100 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ✓ (4)
- (c)(i) kinetic energy is not conserved ✓
- (c)(ii) initial kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 0.002 \times 100^2 = 10$  (J) ✓  
 final kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times 0.4^2 = 0.040$  (J) ✓  
 hence change in kinetic energy ✓  
 (allow C.E. for value of  $v$  from (b)) (4)

(11)

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Q2 Jun 2003

- (a)(i) (gravitational) potential energy to kinetic energy ✓
- (ii) kinetic energy to heat energy  
[or work done against friction] ✓ (2)
- (b) e.g. when using light gates  
place piece of card on trolley of measured length ✓  
card obscures light gate just before trolley strikes block ✓  
calculate speed from length of card/time obscured ✓
- alternative 1: measured horizontal distance ✓  
speed = distance/time ✓  
time ✓
- alternative 2: measure  $h$  ✓  
equate potential and kinetic energy ✓  
 $v^2 = gh$  ✓
- alternative 3: data logger + sensor ✓  
how data processed ✓  
how speed found ✓ (3)
- (c) vary starting height of trolley  
[or change angle] ✓  
the greater the height the greater the speed of impact ✓
- [or alter friction of surface ✓  
greater friction, lower speed ✓] (2)
- (7)

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(a)(i) (use of  $F = ma$  gives)  $1.8 \times 10^3 = 900 a$  ✓

$a = 2.0 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  ✓

Q2 Jan 2004

(ii) (use of  $v = u + at$  gives)  $v = 2.0 \times 8.0 = 16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ✓

(allow C.E. for  $a$  from (i))

(iii) (use of  $p = mv$  gives)  $p = 900 \times 16$  ✓

$= 14 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$  (or N s) ✓ ( $14.4 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$ )

(allow C.E. for  $v$  from(ii))

(iv) (use of  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives)  $s = \frac{1}{2} \times 2.0 \times 8^2$  ✓

$= 64 \text{ m}$  ✓

(allow C.E. for  $a$  from (i))

(v) (use of  $W = Fs$  gives)  $W = 1.8 \times 10^3 \times 64$  ✓

$= 1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$  ✓ ( $1.15 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$ )

(allow C.E. for  $s$  from (iv))

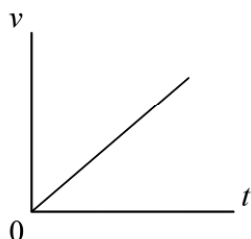
[or  $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 900 \times 16^2$  ✓

$= 1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$  ✓

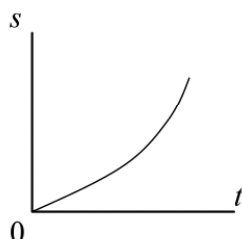
(allow C.E. for  $v$  from (ii))]

(9)

(b)



✓



✓

(2)

(c)(i) decreases ✓

air resistance increases (with speed) ✓

(ii) eventually two forces are equal (in magnitude) ✓

resultant force is zero ✓

hence constant/terminal velocity (zero acceleration)

in accordance with Newton's first law ✓

correct statement and application of Newton's first or second law ✓

max(5)

(16)

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Q6 Jun 2004

(a) kinetic energy not conserved ✓  
 [or velocity of approach is equal to velocity of separation] (1)

(b)(i) (use of  $p = mv$  gives)  $p = 4.5 \times 10^{-2} \times 60$  ✓  
 $= 2.7 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$  ✓

(ii) (use of  $F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$  gives)  $F = \frac{2.7}{15 \times 10^{-3}}$  ✓  
 $= 180 \text{ N}$  ✓

[or  $a = \frac{v-u}{t} = \frac{60}{15 \times 10^{-3}} = 4000 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$

$F = (ma) = 4.5 \times 10^{-2} \times 4000 = 180 \text{ N}$ ] (4)

(c)(i) 180 N ✓  
 (allow C.E. for value of  $F$  from (b) (ii))  
 in opposite direction (to motion of the club) ✓

(ii) body A (or club) exerts a force on body B (or ball) ✓  
 (hence) body B (or ball) exerts an equal force on body A (or club) ✓  
 correct statement of Newton's third law ✓

max (4)  
 (9)

Question 5																							
(a)	(i) (change in momentum of A) = - ✓ $25 \times 10^3$ ✓ kg m s <sup>-1</sup> (or N s) ✓ (ii) (change in momentum of B) = $25 \times 10^3$ kg m s <sup>-1</sup> ✓		4																				
(b)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>initial vel/m s<sup>-1</sup></th> <th>final vel/m s<sup>-1</sup></th> <th>initial k.e./J</th> <th>final k.e./J</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>truck A</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>1.25</td> <td>62500</td> <td>15600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>truck B</td> <td>0.67</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>6730</td> <td>33750</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		initial vel/m s <sup>-1</sup>	final vel/m s <sup>-1</sup>	initial k.e./J	final k.e./J	truck A	2.5	1.25	62500	15600	truck B	0.67	1.5	6730	33750		✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>Q5 Jun 2005</b>	4
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(c)	not elastic ✓ because kinetic energy not conserved ✓ kinetic energy is greater before the collision (or less after) ✓ [or justified by correct calculation]		3																				

Question 1			
(a)	momentum ✓ kinetic energy ✓	<b>Q1 Jun 2006</b>	<b>2</b>
(b)	(i) $450 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ✓ in the opposite direction ✓		<b>4</b>
	(ii) $\Delta p = 8.0 \times 10^{-26} \times 900$ ✓ $= 7.2 \times 10^{-23} \text{ N s}$ ✓		
(c)	force is exerted on molecule by wall ✓ to change its momentum ✓ molecule must exert an equal but opposite force on wall ✓ in accordance with Newton's second or third law ✓		<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>

Question 6			
(a)	momentum is a vector quantity hence the momentum of one trolley is positive and the other negative <b>or</b> momenta cancel ✓✓	<b>Q6 Jan 2007</b>	<b>2</b>
(b)	(i) momentum is conserved <b>or</b> correct use on Newton 3 (hence A must have the same magnitude of velocity after the collision as B but in opposite direction) since masses equal ✓✓		<b>4</b>
	(ii) collision is not likely to be elastic hence there is a decreases in $E_k$ ✓✓ <b>or</b> energy lost to other forms (such as heat)		
(c)	time how long it takes trolley to travel a measured distance ✓✓✓ divide distance by time		<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

Question 3			
(a)	(i) velocity/speed changes <b>or</b> acceleration ✓ the momentum decreases to zero ✓ because the wall exerts a force on the water ✓ hence water exerts an equal but opposite force on the wall ✓ in accordance with Newton's third law ✓ correct application of Newton's second law ✓	<b>Q3 Jan 2008</b>	<b>max 5</b>
	(ii) force is constant because water flows at a constant rate ✓		
(b)	(i) (i) (use of $p = mv$ ) $p = 18 \times 7.2$ ✓ $p = 130 \text{ N s}$ ✓		<b>3</b>
	(ii) force = $130 \text{ N}$ ✓ (c.e. from (i))		
(c)	magnitude is greater ✓ because there is a bigger (rate of) change of momentum ✓ <b>or</b> velocity <b>or</b> acceleration		<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>

Question 3		
(a)	accelerates uniformly/constantly for first 20 s ✓ (quoting numerical value ok) travels at constant speed (of $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) ✓ decelerates (to rest) ✓ (or negative acceleration) (n.b. only need to see uniformly/constant once)	<b>Q3 Jun 2008</b> 3
(b) (i)	(use of $p = mv$ ) $p = 1200 \times 15$ ✓ $p = 18000 \text{ N s}$ ✓	4
(ii)	rate of change of momentum = $18000/20 = 900 \text{ N}$ ✓	
(iii)	(use of $\text{distance} = \text{average speed} \times \text{time}$ ) $\text{distance} = (15 + 0)/2 \times 20$ $\text{distance} = 150 \text{ m}$ ✓	
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>

Question 6		
(a)	potential energy to kinetic energy ✓ (ignore mention of heat/sound)	<b>1</b>
(b) (i)	gain of $E_k = \text{loss of } E_p$ $\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = mgh$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 250 \times v^2 = 250 \times 9.81 \times 4.5$ $v^2 = 88.29$ $v = 9.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (if use $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ then -1 (answer $1.06 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ))	<b>Q6 Jun 2008</b> 4
(ii)	(use of $p = mv$ ) $p = 250 \times 9.4 = 2350 \text{ N s}$ ✓ (if $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ then get 2694 N)	
(iii)	(use $m_1u = m_2v$ ) $2350 = (250 + 2000) v$ ✓ $v = 1.0(4) \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ✓ (if $g = 10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ then get $1.06 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) if omit 250 kg then -1 (answer $1.18 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ )	
(c) (i)	(use of $E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ ) CE from (b) (iii) $E_k = \frac{1}{2} \times 2250 \times 1.042$ ✓ = 1200 J (1217 J) ✓	4
(ii)	(use of $\text{work done} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}$ ) (can use $\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$ ) $1217 = F \times 0.25$ ✓ $F = 4900 \text{ N}$ ✓ if include loss of $E_p$ then get 26940 N and full credit if use loss of $E_p$ but ignore $E_k$ then -1 mark	
(d)	resistive force from the ground will increase ✓ as pile gets deeper in the ground ✓	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>