



QUESTION WORKBOOK

Friction and inclined planes

Mechanics · Year 12–13

6 questions · 20 marks

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SECTION A · Warm-up

A1 State the friction law $F \leq \mu R$, explaining when the inequality is an equality. [2]

A2 A 6 kg box rests on a rough horizontal floor, $\mu = 0.4$. A horizontal force of 20 N is applied. Show that the box does not move, and state the friction force acting.

[3]

SECTION B · Standard

B1 The force on the same box is increased to 30 N. Find the acceleration. [4]

- B2** A block is released on a smooth slope inclined at 30° . Find its acceleration, and explain why the mass does not matter. [4]

- B3** A 3 kg block sits on a rough slope at 20° , $\mu = 0.5$. Show that it remains at rest. [4]

SECTION C · Stretch

- C1** Show that a block on a rough slope of coefficient μ is on the point of sliding when $\tan \theta = \mu$, and find the critical angle for $\mu = 0.5$. [3]