

Answers: Circular Motion

1.

(a)	Vertical arrows in opposite directions in correct positions	1	
	Labelled weight/mg and tension/T	1	[2]
(b)	Two forces, one vertical, the other along string, correctly labelled, ecf (a)	1	
	Resultant force/vector sum of the tension and weight/forces is a horizontal force/ (component of) tension provides horizontal force;	1	
	acting towards centre of rotation/axis	1	[3]
(c)	(i) $v = 2\pi rf$ or $2\pi r/T$	1	
	$= 2\pi \times 0.05 \times 1.2 = 0.38 \text{ (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$	1	
	(ii) $F = mv^2/r$	1	
	$F = 0.02 \times 0.377^2 / 0.05; = 0.057 \text{ (N)}$ ecf	2	[5]
(d)	Moves in circle of larger diameter/ longer path	1	
	Larger centripetal force/acceleration is required at higher speed	1	
	Provided by larger horizontal component of tension/greater angle of string to axis	1	
		1	[3]

2. (You can skip this question now and come back after we study 'Gravitational Fields'.)

a	i	Arrows of equal length towards; and directed through centre of orbit	2
	ii	For circular orbit centripetal force required; force of attraction is along line joining stars which must therefore be diameter of circle/AW	2
b		F : force (of attraction) between M's/stars	
		G : gravitational constant/AW	
		M : mass of a star	
		R : radius of orbit (of star system) 1 mark for 2 correct; 2 marks for all 4	2
c	i	$v = \text{distance/time or circumference of circle/period} = 2\pi R/T$;	1
	ii	$F = mv^2/r$ or Mv^2/R ; so $F = 4\pi^2 MR/T^2$	2
	iii	$F = GM^2/4R^2 = 4\pi^2 MR/T^2$; suitable algebra to show $M = 16\pi^2 R^3/GT^2$	2
d		$M = 16 \times 9.87 \times (5 \times 10^{10})^3 / 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (8.64 \times 10^6)^2$	1
		giving $M = 4.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ (kg)}$ possible ecf from b(i)	1

3.

a	i	vertical arrow through seat labelled weight/W/mg	1
		arrow upwards along chain labelled tension/T	1
	ii	resultant/unbalanced force/vector sum of tension and weight/(horizontal) component of tension; directed/acting towards centre of circle/rotation/axis/pillar	1
	iii	$F = mv^2/r$	1

- b i** $a = 3.528 \text{ (m s}^{-2}\text{)}$ or
 $T \sin \theta = mv^2/r$ 1
and/or $T \cos \theta = mg$ 1
 $\tan \theta = v^2/rg$ or $4.2^2/5 \times 9.8$; $= 0.36$ (giving $\theta = 19.8^\circ$) max 4 2
marks
- ii** No change as mass cancels out in b(i)/angle is independent of mass 1 5

4.

a	i	arrows to show R (or N) vertically up and mg (or W) vertically down and along the same line (within $\pm 2 \text{ mm}$) ✓	1
a	ii	$mg - R = \frac{mv^2}{r} \therefore R = mg - \frac{mv^2}{r}$ ✓ $\left[= m \left(g - \frac{v^2}{r} \right) \right]$	1
a	iii	use of $R = m \left(g - \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$ gives $R = 12 \left(9.81 - \frac{11^2}{23} \right)$ ✓ $= 55 \text{ (54.6) (N)}$ ✓	2
b		R decreases (as v increases) ✓ because mg is unchanged but $\frac{mv^2}{r}$ is larger ✓ at higher speeds R becomes $= 0$ [or package is not in contact with the floor] ✓ supported by calculation eg when $v = 15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $R = 0.33 \text{ N}$ (or ≈ 0) ✓	max 3

5.

(a) Resultant force required

- The direction of speed OR velocity is changing ✓
- There is an acceleration/rate of change in momentum ✓ 2

(b)(i) Angular speed

- Use of an angle divided by a time ✓
- $7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ OR 0.26 rad h^{-1} OR $4.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ OR 15° h^{-1} ✓ 2

(ii) Resultant force on student

- Use of $F = mr\omega^2$ OR $v = r\omega$ with $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ ✓
- 2.0 N ✓ 2

(iii) <u>Scale reading</u>		
Evidence of contact force = mg – resultant force	✓	
Weight of girl = 588 (N) OR 589 (N) OR 60×9.81 (N)	✓	
Scale reading = 586 N OR 587 N [ecf their mg – their F]	✓	3

6.

(a) <u>Radius of circular path</u>		
Correct use of $v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$ (allow substitution of their T)	✓	
Radius = 70 – 80 m (74.48 m)	✓	(2)
(b) <u>Resultant force</u>		
$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ [seen or used]	✓	
Force = 0.08 N (0.077 N) [Allow ecf of their radius.]	✓	
Towards the centre of the circular path / towards hub.	✓	(3)
(c) <u>Forces on the man</u>		
(i) Force P : <u>Normal</u> contact/reaction force / EM force / push of capsule or floor <u>on man</u>	✓	
Force Q : Pull of Earth on man / weight / gravitational pull	✓	(2)
(ii) <u>Resultant</u> force (to centre) (at A provided by) friction	✓	
	✓	(2)
(iii) at B resultant provided (by force Q being greater than P)	✓	(1)

7.

Explanation

There is a resultant (or net or unbalanced) force	✓	
Plus any 3 of following:-		
Direction of motion is changing	✓	
Velocity is changing	✓	
Velocity change implies acceleration	✓	
Force produces acceleration by $F = ma$ (or N_2)	✓	
Force (or acceleration) is towards centre / there is a centripetal force (or acceleration) / no force (or acceleration) parallel to motion	✓	
No work done, so speed is constant	✓	Max
		3

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