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FACULTY: Basic and Applied Sciences
DEPARTMENT: Physical and Chemical Sciences
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COURSE CODE: PHY 214 COURSE UNITS: 2 units

COURSE TITLE: Classical Mechanics II

DURATION: 2 hours



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TOTAL MARKS: 60

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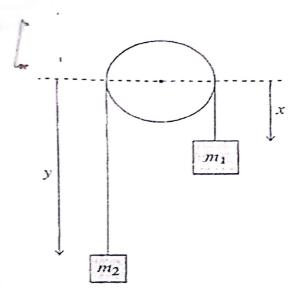
INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Write your matriculation number in the space provided above and also on the cover page of the exam booklet.
- 2. This question paper consists of 3 pages with printing on both sides.
- 3. Answer questions only in the exam booklet provided.
- 4. More marks are awarded for detailed solution than for the final numerical answer.
- 5. Box your final answers. Marks will be deducted for untidy work.
- 6. Attempt any (3) of the Five (5) questions. Each question is worth 20 points.
- 7. All approximations should be rounded up to 2 decimal places (2 d.p.)
- 8. Your final answers should be in S.I. units

Question 1

The Atwood machine below contains two masses m_1 and m_2 suspended by an inextensible string of length l which passes over a massless pulley with frictionless bearings and radius R.

- (a) Using the newton laws of motion, find the acceleration of the system
- (b) Obtain the Lagrange equation of motion and solve for the acceleration of the system.



Question 2

A one-dimensional particle moving along the x-axis is subjected to a force, F = -Kx.

- (a) Write down the Lagrangian of the system
- (b) Find the Lagrange equation of motion and solve it.

Question 3

Consider a free particle not under the influence of any force that is confined to move along the x axis. Using x as the generalized coordinate, find:

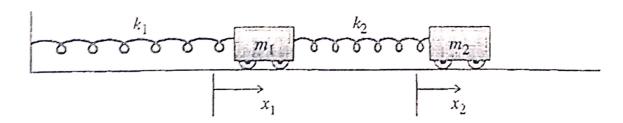
- (a) the Lagrangian, generalized momentum, and Hamiltonian for the particle
- (b) write and solve the Hamilton's equation of motion

Question 4

A mass on the end of a spring which is undergoing simple harmonic motion with angular frequency, ω has its displacement represented by the equation, $x(t) = B_1 Cos(\omega t) + B_2 Sin(\omega t)$

- (a) Solve for B_1 and B_2 in terms of the initial position, x_0 and velocity, v_0 at t = 0.
- (b) Given that the oscillator's mass, spring constant, x_0 , and v_0 are 0.5Kg, 50N/m, 3m, and 50m/s respectively, find the values of ω , B_1 and B_2 .

Question 5



- (a) Find the normal frequencies, ω_1 and ω_2 , for the two carts shown in the figure above, assuming that $m_1 = m_2$, and $k_1 = k_2$.
- (b) Find and describe the motion for each of the normal modes in turn