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DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MEC-PR 119: ENGINEERING SCIENCE II

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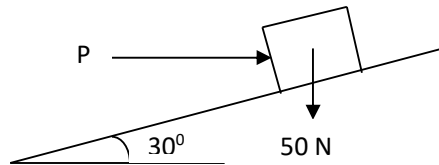
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## INSTRUCTIONS

- *This paper consists of FIVE questions*
  - *Question ONE is Compulsory*
  - *Answer any other TWO questions*
1. a) Define the following terms:-
    - i. Acceleration
    - ii. Displacement
    - iii. Coefficient of friction
    - iv. Angle of friction (4 marks)
  - b) A body of weight 300 N is lying on rough horizontal plane having a coefficient of friction of 0.3. Find the magnitude of the force which can move the body acting at an angle of  $25^{\circ}$  with horizontal (8 marks)
  - c) A train has a uniform acceleration of  $0.2 \text{ m/s}^2$  along a straight track. Calculate:-
    - i. The velocity after an interval of 16s from stand still
    - ii. Time required and distance covered to attain a velocity of 50 km/h
    - iii. Time taken for the velocity to increase from 30km/h to 50 km/h and the distance travelled during that time (18 marks)
  2. a) State at least four laws of dry friction (4 marks)

- b) A body resting on rough horizontal plane required a pull of 180 N inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the plane just to move it. It was found that a push of 220 N inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the plane just moves the body. Determine the weight of the body and the coefficient of friction. (16 marks)
3. a) A wheel initially at rest is subjected to a constant angular acceleration of  $2 \text{ rad/s}^2$  for 50s. Calculate the angular velocity attained and the number of revolutions the wheel makes in that time. (10 marks)
- b) A cricket ball is thrown vertically upwards at a velocity of 20 m/s. Calculate the time taken to reach the maximum height attained. Assume  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  and the air resistance to be negligible. (10 marks)
4. A body of weight 50 N is at rest on an inclined plane. A force P is applied horizontally as shown below. If  $\mu = 0.4$ . Find the range of values of P over which the body will remain at rest. (20 marks)



- 5 During road test a car starting from rest attains a speed in first gear of 23.4 km/h in 3s. Second gear is then engaged and the car reaches a speed of 64.4 km/h in a time 4s. Third gear is then engaged and the car reaches a speed of 112.7 km/h in a time of 5s. The car is then brought to rest from 112.7 km/h in a time of 4.8s. Calculate -:
- The acceleration of the car in all the three gears and the retardation
  - The total time taken for the test
  - The total distance covered during the test (20 marks)