



A-Level Physics

Angular Momentum

Mark Scheme

Time available: 78 minutes

Marks available: 44 marks

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Mark schemes

1.

- (a) Attempt at calculating area above or below t axis or both ✓
 (Ang displacement =) $2.80 + 2.10 - 3.15 = 1.75 \text{ rad}$
 $(\frac{1.75}{12.0} =) 0.15 \text{ (rad s}^{-1}\text{)} ✓$

Method must be valid

MP2: correct answer only

(calculator value = 0.145833)

*MAX1 if counting square method used and answer rounds to 0.15
 (rad s⁻¹)*

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- (b) $P = T\omega$ giving 546 (W) ✓

Allow ecf for 590 (W) from

using $\omega_1 = 1.5 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

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- (c) Selects steepest part of graph and

determines gradient $\alpha = \frac{1.40 - (-0.90)}{5.0} = 0.46 \text{ (rad s}^{-2}\text{)} ✓_1$

$T = I\alpha = 9660 \text{ N m } ✓_2$

Adds friction torque to give 10 100 (N m) ✓₃

*Accept any correct calculation of steepest graph slope: eg from 2 s
 to 5 s*

$$\alpha = \frac{1.4}{3.0} = 0.467 \text{ giving } T = 9800 \text{ N m}$$

or 5 s to 7 s

$$\alpha = \frac{0.9}{2.0} = 0.45 \text{ giving } T = 9450 \text{ N m}$$

Allow ECF from MP2 to MP3

Treat 10 000 (Nm) as a 2 sf answer if consistent with their working.

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- (d) (net) $T \times t = 9660 \times 5.0 = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ (N m s)} ✓$

OR

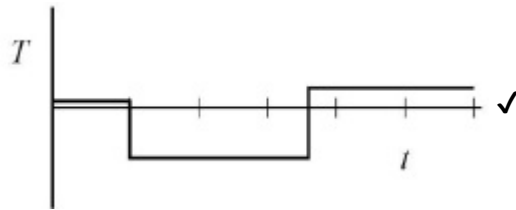
$\Delta(I\omega) = 2.1 \times 10^4 (1.40 - (-0.90)) = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ (N m s)} ✓$

*For first method allow ECF for torque ✓₂ from (c), but not for ✓₃
 value*

(calculator value = 48300)

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(e)



Tick (✓) against 3rd box

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2.

- (a) (The M of I decreases) because more mass closer to axis of rotation ✓₁
 $I\omega$ /angular momentum constant since no external torque ✓₂
since I decreases, ω must increase ✓₃

For ✓₁ must have the idea of mass distribution around axis of rotation. Do not accept answers which give only decrease in radius as reason for lower M of I.

For ✓₂ condone answers which do not mention the condition of no external torque. ✓₃ cannot be awarded if conservation of rotational kinetic energy used.

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- (b) $I_1\omega_1 = I_2\omega_2$ $\omega_1 = 4.3 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ ✓

Accept the answer 4.3 rad s^{-1} if no working shown.

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- (c) Finds time for one rotation ✓

Divides 1.2 by time

AND

gives answer for complete rotations, not rounded up. ✓

$$\text{time for 1 rotation} = 2\pi/14.2 = 0.442 \text{ s}$$

$$1.2/0.442 = 2.7 \text{ rotations/turns/somersaults.}$$

$$\text{OR Angle turned through} = 14.2 \times 1.2 = 17.04 \text{ rad}$$

$$17.04/2\pi = 2.7 \text{ rotations}$$

OR

Finds angle turned through in 1.2 s ✓

Divides by 2π

AND

gives answer for complete rotations, not rounded up. ✓

Expect to see 2 complete rotations/turns/somersaults.

For MP2 give CE for time or angle from MP1

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- (d) Any 2 from:
- build up a greater initial angular speed around the bar ✓
so reaches a greater height/will rotate faster in tuck ✓
 - release at a greater angle from the horizontal ✓
so will rise to greater height giving more time for somersaults ✓
 - get into tuck position earlier/get out of tuck position later ✓
so turning for more time ✓
 - get into tighter tuck position ✓ reducing I_2 , and increasing ω_2 ✓
Any 2
statement ✓ and correct reason ✓ scores 2 marks for each.

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3.

- (a) The (total) angular momentum (of a system) remains constant provided no external torque acts (on the system) ✓

Must see 'angular'. Condone 'is conserved' for 'is constant'

*Allow ang momtm before equals/is same as ang momtm after OR
initial ang momtm = final ang momtm*

Allow $I\omega$ is constant if symbols explained

Do not allow 'force' in place of 'torque'

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- (b) Use of $I = I_{\text{BODY}} + 2 \times mr^2$ ✓

$$I_1 = (71 + 2 \times 5.0 \times 4.1^2) = 239 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ ✓}$$

$$(\approx 240 \text{ kg m}^2)$$

For 2 marks 239 must be seen

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- (c) M of I decreases ✓

Because more mass closer to axis **OR** (for pods) $I = (\Sigma)mr^2$ with r less ✓

$I\omega$ / angular momentum remains constant/is conserved

(So as I decreases) ω must increase ✓

Condone 'inertia' for 'moment of inertia'

2nd mark is for the reason why I is decreasing. Answer must relate to pods or masses getting closer to the axis. 'radius decreasing' on its own is not enough. Accept: pods get closer to axis/body as this implies mass is getting closer.

Both points needed for 3rd mark

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(d) (Applies conservation of angular momentum/ $I_1\omega_1 = I_2\omega_2$)

$$I_1\omega_1 = 240 \times 1.3 = (312 \text{ (N m s)}) \checkmark$$

$$312 = (71 + 2 \times 5.0 \times 0.74^2) \omega_2$$

$$\omega_2 = 4.08 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \checkmark$$

Therefore max speed not reached OR arms can be retracted safely✓

OR

$$I_1\omega_1 = 240 \times 1.3 = (312 \text{ (N m s)}) \checkmark$$

$$312 = (71 + 2 \times 5.0 \times r_2^2) 4.2$$

$$r_2 = 0.57 \text{ m} \checkmark$$

So with r at circumference max speed not reached OR arms can be retracted safely✓

OR

$$I_1\omega_1 = 240 \times 1.3 = (312 \text{ (N m s)}) \checkmark$$

$$312 = 4.2 I_2 \text{ at safety limit}$$

$$I_2 = 74(.3) \text{ kg m}^2 \checkmark$$

$$\text{Actual } I_2 = 76.5 \text{ kg m}^2$$

Therefore max speed not reached OR arms can be retracted safely✓

Using 239 kg m² instead of 240 kg m² leads to

$$\omega^2 = 4.06 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Useful: } I_2 = 76.5 \text{ kg m}^2$$

Only credit last mark if conservation of angular momentum is used

Allow a judgement based on incorrect working (eg AE) provided conservation of angular momentum is used

Using 239 kg m² instead of 240 kg m² leads to

$$r_2 = 0.55 \text{ m}$$

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4.

(a) The (total) angular momentum (of a system) remains constant provided no external torque acts (on the system) ✓

Do not accept 'force' in place of 'torque'

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(b) I is the sum of the $m r^2$ products for point masses m at radius r ✓

Or WTTE

Not m is the mass and r the radius – must refer to point or small masses or distribution of mass

OR

$\Sigma m r^2$ with m and r defined

OR

I is a measure of the mass and the way the mass is distributed about an axis

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More of the satellite's mass is at greater radius ✓

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(Small change in r) gives large change in r^2 , hence large change in I

OR even though m of panels is small, much of m is at a greater radius and radius is squared ✓

For 2nd mark must refer to effect of r^2 .

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(c) Angular momentum = $110 \times 5.2 = 572$ ✓

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N m s OR $\text{kg m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ ✓

accept

$\text{kg m}^2 \text{rad s}^{-1}$

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(d) (Use of conservation of ang momtm) $572 = 230 \times \omega_2$ ✓

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$\omega_2 = 572 / 230 = 2.49 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ ✓

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5.

(a) Law of conservation of angular momentum applies and $I_1 \omega_1 = I_2 \omega_2$

OR Law of conservation of angular momentum applies and angular momentum = $I \omega$ ✓
(because no external torque acts)

Adding plasticine increases I ✓

So ω must decrease to maintain $I \omega$ constant / to conserve angular momentum ✓

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(b) $I \times 3.46 = (I + 0.016 \times 0.125^2) \times 3.31 \checkmark$

$I = 0.00552 \text{ kg m}^2 \checkmark 3 \text{ sf} \checkmark$

Useful: $mr^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$

Sig fig mark s an independent mark

*If method correct but incorrect conversion of g to kg or mm to m,
award 1 mark out of first 2 marks*

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(c) (i) $\Delta E = \frac{1}{2}I \omega_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}(I + mr^2)\omega_2^2$
 $= [\frac{1}{2} \times 5.52 \times 10^{-3} \times 3.46^2] -$
 $[\frac{1}{2} \times 5.77 \times 10^{-3} \times 3.31^2] \checkmark$
 $= 1.39 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J} \checkmark$

CE for I of turntable or I of plasticine from 2b

Answers will vary depending on rounding e.g. accept 1.43×10^{-3}

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(ii) Work done against friction / deforming plasticine as it collides with turntable / to move or accelerate plasticine \checkmark

Allow heat loss on collision

Do not allow energy to sound

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