



# **A-Level Physics**

## **Rotational Kinetic Energy**

### **Mark Scheme**

**Time available: 66 minutes**

**Marks available: 36 marks**

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## Mark schemes

1.

- (a) Equates initial  $E_p$  to linear  $E_k$  and rotational  $E_k$  ✓

Substitutes values and uses  $V = r\omega$  ✓

Calculates  $V$  to give  $0.51 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ✓

$$9.2 \times 10^{-2} \times 9.81 \times 0.5 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 9.2 \times 10^{-2} V^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \times \frac{V^2}{0.005^2}\right)$$

$$V = 0.51 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

*Some substitution of data must be seen for MP2*

*Do not allow MP3 for no consideration of linear  $E_k$*

*Give 1 mark if  $mgh = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$  used with*

*answer  $0.51 \text{ m s}^{-1}$*

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- (b) Calculates  $\alpha$  from  $\alpha = T/I$  ✓

Attempts to use any appropriate equation(s) of motion (for angular motion) ✓

Substitutes into equation(s) of motion and calculates  $\theta$  ✓

$$\alpha = (8.3 \times 10^{-4}) / 8.6 \times 10^{-5} = 9.65 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$$

$$\text{or } 9.7 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$$

$$\theta = 145 \times 10 - \frac{1}{2} \times 9.7 \times 10^2 = 967 \text{ rad or } 970 \text{ rad}$$

*MP2:  $\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2\alpha\theta$  is not enough on its own as there are two unknowns.*

*MP2: Quoting appropriate formula(e) is not enough. There must be some attempt at substituting the data.*

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2.

- (a)  $2.9 \text{ rev s}^{-1}$  equivalent =  $2\pi \times 2.9 \text{ rad s}^{-1} = 8.2 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

$$\text{OR } I = 2 E_k / \omega^2$$

$$\text{OR correct substitution in } E_k = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 \text{ ✓}$$

$$\text{leading to } I = 6.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ ✓}$$

*1st mark for correct conversion  $\text{rev s}^{-1}$  OR rearranging energy equation in terms of  $I$  OR correct substitution in  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$*

*2nd mark for correct answer.*

*Do not allow final answer to 1 sig fig e.g. 0.06*

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- (b)  $I$  depends on how mass is distributed about axis (of rotation)

For arms, screw and punch same mass is/point masses are closer to axis than the steel balls (making  $M$  of  $I$  lower) ✓

$I$  depends on  $r^2$  so  $I$  changes greatly for small change in  $r$  ✓

*Allow 'other parts' or 'other components' if it is clear this means screw, punch and arms*

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(c)  $\alpha = \frac{2 \times \pi \times (0.29)}{0.089} = -205 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$  ✓

Attempt to use  $\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 + 2\alpha\theta$  or  $\theta = \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$

or  $\theta = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$  ✓

giving  $\theta = 0.81 \text{ rad}$  ✓

*Condone missing sign or  $\alpha$  given as positive Accept 200 rad s<sup>-2</sup>*

*If  $\alpha$  positive, 2nd mark for attempt to use*

$$\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 - 2\alpha\theta \text{ or } \theta = \omega_1 t - \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

*or  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t$  ✓*

*ECF for value of  $\omega$  used in (a)*

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(d) ( $I = 2 m r^2$  and  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$ )

Increasing  $y$  by 15% gives new  $I = 1.15^2 \times$  original  $I$  (or 1.32) ✓

Increasing  $R$  by 15% increases  $I$  by  $1.15^3$  (or 1.52) ✓

Second option gives greater increase in  $I$ , and  $E_k$  also increased (by same ratio). ✓

*Accept answers without calculation:*

*$I$  prop to  $y^2$  ✓*

*$I$  prop to  $R^3$  ✓*

*For same % increase in  $y$  or  $R$ ,  $I$  and hence  $E_k$  increases more by increasing  $R$  ✓*

*Note:  $E_k = m r^2 \omega^2 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho r^2 \omega^2$  for each ball*

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- (e) ✓ against N m s

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**3.**

(a)

	Place a tick or ticks in this column
The moment of inertia will decrease	
The angular velocity will decrease	✓
The angular momentum will be unaltered	✓

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(b) Flywheel acts as store of energy ✓

Able to deliver large amount of  $E_K$  in short time ✓

Without flywheel motor would stall during stamping (as load torque excessively high) ✓

max 2

(c) Converts  $\text{rev min}^{-1}$  to  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ : 67.0 and 37.7  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$  ✓

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2} \times 25 \times (67.0^2 - 37.7^2) = 3.83 \times 10^4 \text{ J } \checkmark$$

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(d)  $\alpha = (\omega_2 - \omega_1)/t$ 

$$= (67.0 - 37.7)/5.0 = 5.86 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \checkmark$$

$$T = I \alpha$$

$$= 25 \times 5.86 = 147 \checkmark$$

*If (67 - 0)/5.0 used, leading to  $T = 335$  give 1 mark**Allow approach using angular displacement  $\theta$  and change in energy* $\theta$ 

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(e)  $P = \Delta E_K / t = 7.7 \text{ kW } \checkmark$ 

$$\text{OR } P = T \times \omega_{\text{AVE}} = 147 \times 52.4 = 7.7 \text{ kW } \checkmark$$

*Allow CE from 01.4*

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(f) For smaller speed variation, greater  $I$  required ✓

$$I \text{ proportional to } \rho t r^4 \quad (I = \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2 t \rho r^2) \quad \checkmark$$

Shows that greatest  $\rho t r^4$  is for flywheel B ✓ (hence B)

OR discusses qualitatively:

A has smaller  $r$  but compensated for by greater  $t$  and  $\rho$  (hence greater  $m$ ) ✓

B has smaller mass because of low  $\rho$  and  $t$  but much greater  $r$   
 $r$  is squared twice ✓

$$m_A = 498 \text{ kg}, m_B = 228 \text{ kg}$$

i.e.  $m_A$  roughly  $2 \times m_b$

but  $r_B^2$  is roughly  $3 \times r_A^2$

hence  $I_B > I_A$

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(a) (Gravitational potential energy of falling mass) is converted to linear/translational ke of mass and rotational ke of wheel ✓

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and internal energy in bearings / air around wheel ✓

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(b) (Use of  $mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + T\theta$ )

$$mgh = 2.94 \text{ J}$$

$$(0.200 \times 9.81 \times 1.50) = (0.5 \times 0.200 \times 2.22^2) + (0.5 \times I \times 6.73^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 0.493 \text{ J}$$

$$+ (7.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 4.55)$$

$$T\theta = 0.0728 \text{ J}$$

$E_P$  or  $E_K$  correct ✓

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*If friction torque not worked out out, give up to max 2 marks. Give full marks if friction torque worked out and stated as negligible.*

All  $E_P$ ,  $E_K$  and  $T\theta$  correct ✓

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Leading to  $I = 2.41(3) / 22.6 \checkmark (= 0.107 \text{ kg m}^2)$

Gives

$$I = 0.108 \text{ kg m}^2$$

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(c)  $\alpha = T / I = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} / 0.107 = 0.0701 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \checkmark$

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substitution of  $\omega_2 = 0$ ,  $\omega_1 = 6.73$  and  $\alpha$  into  $\omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 - 2\alpha\theta$

leading to  $\theta = 323 \text{ rad } \checkmark$

**OR**

$$\frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = T\theta \quad 0.5 \times 0.107 \times 6.73^2 = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \theta \checkmark$$

$$\theta = 323 \text{ rad } \checkmark$$

*Give CE if*

*$I = 0.108 \text{ kg m}^2$  used*

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