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SECTION B  
[40 MARKS]

Answer any TWO questions from this Section.

Please, note that if you answer more than two questions, only the first two will be marked.

1.
  - a.  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral, with  $G$  and  $H$  as the midpoints of  $DA$  and  $BC$  respectively. Show that  $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{DC} = 2\overrightarrow{GH}$  (8 marks)
  - b. A body weighing 14 N is attached to one end of a light, inextensible string. The other end of the string is fixed to a vertical wall. A horizontal force  $F$  holds the body in equilibrium when the measure of the angle between the wall and the string is  $60^\circ$ . Find:
    - i.  $T$ , the tension in the string (6 marks)
    - ii.  $F$ , the horizontal force (6 marks)
2.
  - a. If the vectors  $a = 2i + 3j$  and  $b = mi - 6j$  are perpendicular, find the value of  $m$ . (5 marks)
  - b. A car accelerates uniformly from rest to a speed of 40 m/s in 20 seconds. It continues to move at a constant speed of 40 m/s for 30 seconds and then accelerates uniformly from 40 m/s to 60 m/s in 20 seconds. It suddenly applies brakes and comes to rest in 10 seconds. (4 marks)
    - i. Draw a velocity-time graph for the car. (3 marks)
    - ii. Calculate the:
      - a. acceleration of the car for the first 20 seconds. (2 marks)
      - b. total distance the car travelled. (4 marks)
      - c. deceleration of the car (2 marks)

3.

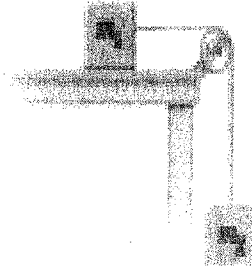
a.  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are the vertices of a triangle with position vectors:

$a = 3i - 4j - 4k$ ,  $b = 2i - j + k$  and  $c = i - 3j - 5k$  respectively.

i. Show that the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  form a right-angled triangle. **(4 marks)**

ii. Hence, calculate the area of the triangle  $ABC$ . **(3 marks)**

b. An object of mass  $m_1 = 2.5$  kg placed on a frictionless, horizontal table is connected to a string that passes over a pulley and then is fastened to a hanging object of mass  $m_2 = 5.5$  kg as shown in the figure below.



i. Draw free-body diagrams of both objects. **(3 marks)**

ii. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the objects. **(5 marks)**

iii. Find the tension in the string. [Take  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ ] **(5 marks)**