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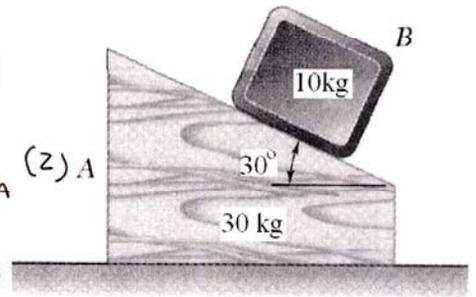
QUESTION	MARK
1 (50%)	
2 (50%)	
TOTAL	

1. (50%) Block A has a mass of 30 kg and block B has a mass of 10 kg. Neglect friction. Determine  
 (a) the acceleration of the block A and (b) the acceleration of block B relative to A.

$$A \uparrow B: m_B g \cos 30^\circ - N = m_B a_A \sin 30^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$15 \quad B \rightarrow: m_B g \sin 30^\circ = -m_B a_A \cos 30^\circ + m_B a_{B/A} \quad (2) \quad A$$

$$\leftarrow: N \sin 30^\circ = m_A a_A \quad (3)$$



$$\text{From (3), } N = \frac{m_A a_A}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

Substituting (4) for  $N$  in (1),

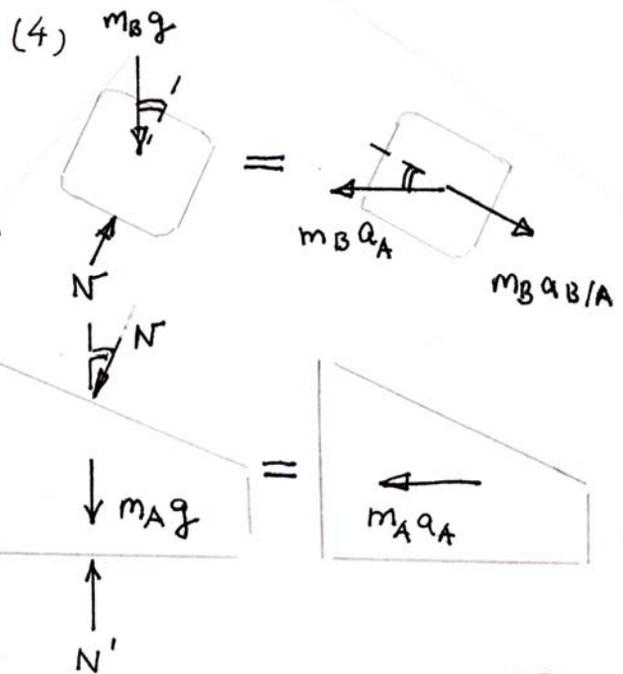
$$m_B g \cos 30^\circ - \frac{m_A a_A}{\sin 30^\circ} = m_B a_A \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\therefore a_A = \frac{m_B g \cos 30^\circ}{m_B \sin 30^\circ + \frac{m_A}{\sin 30^\circ}}$$

$$= 1.307 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Equation (2):

$$a_{B/A} = g \sin 30^\circ + a_A \cos 30^\circ = 6.03 \text{ m/s}^2$$



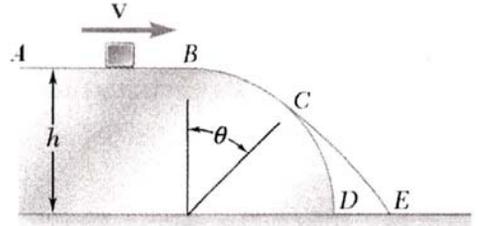
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2. (50%) A small block initially slides from A to B at a speed of  $v = 4 \text{ m/s}$  on a horizontal surface at a height of  $h = 10 \text{ m}$  above the ground. Determine (a) the angle  $\theta$  at which it will leave the cylinder surface BCD, and (b) the speed of the small block when it hits the ground at E. Neglect friction and air resistance.

Energy B  $\rightarrow$  C :

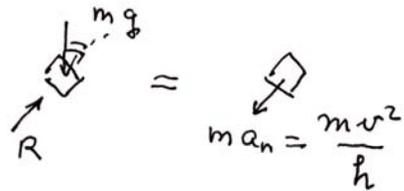
$$\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + mgh \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore v^2 = v_0^2 + 2gh(1 - \cos \theta) \quad \dots(1)$$



Momentum @ C :

$$-R + mg \cos \theta = \frac{mv^2}{h}$$



$$R = 0 \rightarrow v^2 = gh \cos \theta \quad \dots(2)$$

(2) into (1) :

$$gh \cos \theta = v_0^2 + 2gh(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$3 \cos \theta = \frac{v_0^2}{gh} + 2 = \frac{4^2}{9.81 \times 10} + 2$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = 0.721, \quad \boxed{\theta = 43.9^\circ}$$

Energy B  $\rightarrow$  E :  $\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v_E^2 + 0$

$$v_E^2 = v_0^2 + 2gh = 16 + 2 \times 9.81 \times 10 = 212.2$$

$$\boxed{v_E = 14.6 \text{ m/s}}$$

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