## Circular Motion Questions:

## MCQs:

- 1. In a uniform circular motion, the direction of linear velocity is along the
  - a. Tangent to the curve path b. Radius vector towards the centre
  - c. Perpendicular to the plane of the circular motion d. Radius vector
- 2. The angular speed of the wheels of a bicycle is  $8\pi$  rad/s. Their period of rotation is **a.** 0.25 s b. 0.4 s c.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  s d. 4s
- 3. A particle describes a circular path of diameter 20 m every 2s. The average angular speed of the particle during 4s is
  - a.  $20 / \pi \text{ rad/s}$  b.  $10 / \pi \text{ rad/s}$  c.  $5 / \pi \text{ rad/s}$  d.  $\pi \text{ rad/s}$
- 4. The speed of revolution of a particle around a circle is halved and its angular speed is doubled what happens to the radial acceleration?
  - **a. Remains unchanged** b. Halved c. Doubled d. Quadrupled
- 5. A body is describing circular motion with constant speed *v* along a circular path of radius *r*. Then its tangential acceleration will be, [MOE]

a. 
$$\frac{v^2}{2\pi r}$$
 b.  $\frac{v^2}{\pi r}$  c.  $\frac{v^2}{r}$  d. C

6. Two particles of equal masses are revolving in a circular path of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  respectively with the same speed. What will be the ratio of their forces?

a. 
$$\frac{r_1}{r_2}$$
 b.  $\sqrt{\frac{r_2}{r_1}}$  c.  $\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^2$  d.  $\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2$ 

7. A 600gm object is tied to a string 1m long and it is rotated in a horizontal circle of radius 0.8m. Then the tension produced in the string is,

a. g b.  $\frac{g}{2}$  c.  $\frac{5g}{2}$  d.  $\frac{3g}{2}$ 

8. A bucket filled with water is revolved in a vertical circle of radius 4m. The time period of revolution will nearly be if water just does not fall,

a. 3s **b. 4s** c. 8s d. 10s

9. A body moves in a circle with radius of 25cm at 2rev/sec. The acceleration of body in  $m/s^2$  is,

a.  $\pi^2$  b.  $2\pi^2$  c.  $4\pi^2$  d.  $8\pi^2$ 

10. Two vehicles are describing uniform circular motion along two circular tracks of radii  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  such that these vehicles complete one revolution in equal time. Then the ratio of their acceleration is:

a. 1:1 b.  $R_1:R_2$  c.  $R_2:R_1$  d.  $R_1^2:R_2^2$ 

11. A body of mass 0.1 kg tied by a string is rotating around a vertical circle of radius 1m with a speed of 10m/s. What is the tension experienced by the string at the highest point?

a. 8*N* b. 11*N* c. 10*N* **d. 9***N* 

SQs:

- 1. Why are roads banked on the curved path?
- 2. Explain why a cyclist inclines himself to the vertical while moving around the circular path?
- 3. A uniform circular motion is an accelerated motion. Justify the statement.
- 4. In a circus why does not a motorcyclist fall when he moves on the vertical walls of the 'well of death'?
- 5. A solid tied at a string's end is revolved vertically. At what point the tension in the string will be the greatest?
- 6. Why a force is necessary to keep a body moving with uniform speed in a circular path?
- 7. What is the source of centripetal force to a satellite revolving round the earth?
- 8. Why it is more difficult to revolve a stone by tying it to a longer string than by tying it to a shorter string?
- 9. Define angular velocity. Derive the relation between linear velocity and angular velocity.

## Numerical:

- 1. A particle of mass 0.3kg vibrates with a period of 2s if the radius is 0.5m.<br/>What is its maximum kinetic energy?[Ans: 0.37J]
- 2. A coin placed on a disc rotates with a speed of  $33\frac{1}{3}rev/min$  provided that the coin is not more than 10*cm* from the axis. Calculate the coefficient of static friction between the coin and the disc. [Ans: 0.122]
- 3. A stone of mass 2kg tied with string is whirled in a vertical circle of radius 1m with a constant speed of 10m/s. Find the maximum and minimum tensions of the string. (Use  $g = 9.8m/s^2$ ) [Ans: 219.6N, 180.4N]4.
- 4. An object of mass 4kg moves around a circle of radius 6m with a constant speed of 12m/s. Calculate the angular velocity and the force towards the centre. [Ans: 2 rad/s, 96N]

- 5. A body of mass 0.2kg is whirled in a horizontal circle of radius 0.5m by a string inclined at  $30^{\circ}$  to the vertical. Calculate the tension in the string and the speed of the mass in the horizontal circle. [Ans: 22. 3N, 1.7m/s]
- 6. An object of mass 0.5kg is rotated in a horizontal circle by a string in 1m long. The maximum tension in the string before it breaks is 50N. What is the greatest number of revolutions per second of the object? [Ans:  $1.6\frac{rev}{s}$ ]
- 7. A stone with mass 0.8kg is attached to one end of a string 0.9m long. The string will break if its tension exceeds 600N. The stone is whirled in a horizontal circle, and the other end of the string remains fixed. Find the maximum speed, the stone can attain without breaking string. [Ans:  $0.75 \frac{rev}{r}$ ]
- 8. A mass of 0.2kg is rotated by a string at a constant speed in a vertical circle of radius 1m. If the minimum tension in the string is 3N, calculate the magnitude of the speed and the maximum tension in the string. [5m/s, 7N]
- 9. At what angle should a circular road be banked so that a car running at 50km/hr be safe to go round the circular turn of 200m radius? [Ans: 5.5<sup>0</sup>]

## Exam Style Questions:

- A boy is operating a remote-controlled toy car on a horizontal circular track, as shown in The track has a radius of 1.8 m and the car travels around the track with a constant speed.
  - a. Explain why the car is accelerating, even though it is travelling at a constant speed.
  - b. The car has a mass of  $0 \cdot 50 \, kg$ . The boy now increases the speed of the car to  $6 \cdot 0 \, m/s$ . The total radial friction between the car and the track has a maximum

value of 7.0 *N*. Show by calculation that the car cannot continue to travel in a circular path.

c. The car is now placed on a track, which includes a raised section. This is shown in The raised section of the track can be considered as the arc of a circle, which has radius r of 0.85 m. The car will lose

contact with the raised section of track if its speed is greater than  $v_{max}$ . Show

that  $v_{max}$  is given by the relationship  $v_{max} = \sqrt{rg}$ 

. The diagram shows a stone tied to the end of the length of the string. It is whirled round in a horizontal circle of radius 80 cm. The stone has a mass of 90 g and it completes 10 revolutions in a time of 8.2 s.



a. Calculate,

i. The time taken for one revolution.

[**0**. **8**2*sec*]

 $[6.13ms^{-1}]$ 

 $[47ms^{-2}]$ 

[4.2*N*]

- ii. The distance travelled by the stone during one revolution (this distance is equal to the circumference of the circle). [5.03m]
- iii. The speed of the stone as it travels in the circle.
- iv. The centripetal acceleration of the stone.
- v. The centripetal force on the stone.
- b. What provides the centripetal force on the stone?
- c. What is the angle between the acceleration of the stone and its velocity?
- 3. A car mass 820kg travels at a constant

speed of  $32ms^{-1}$  along a banked track. The track is banked at an angle of  $20^{0}$  to the horizontal.

- a. The net vertical force on the car is zero. Use this to show that the contact force R on the car is 8.56kN.
- b. Use the answer from (a) to calculate the radius of the circle described by the car. [*Ans*: 287*m*]



c. Write the one application of the banking of road and write its significance.

