Question 1. [14 Marks]

A string is attached to the drum (radius r) of a spool (radius R) as shown in side and end views here. (A spool is device for storing string, thread etc.) A tension T is applied to the string at angle θ above the horizontal. The coefficients of kinetic and static friction between floor and spool are μ_k and μ_s respectively. We are interested in whether and when the spool will move left or right, and how this depends on the nature of the floor.

(a) Draw a free body diagram for the spool, showing the forces acting on it, for the case when it is in mechanical equilibrium. (The force vectors need not be to scale, but they should be in approximately the correct direction.)

(b) If it slides or skids, in which direction will it move when pulled by the string?

(c) If it rolls, in which direction will it move when pulled by the string?

(d) Showing all working, calculate the critical value of θ (call it \( θ_C \)) at which the condition goes from rolling to skidding.

(e) If \( θ > θ_C \), and if you pull sufficiently hard on the string, which way does the spool move? (No explanation is required.)
Question 2. [16 Marks]

a) 

A car, mass \( m = 800 \) kg, travelling at speed \( v \), collides with the rear of a van, mass \( M = 1600 \) kg. The two vehicles remain in contact and travel a distance \( D = 2.2 \) m along the road, in the same direction as the velocity of the car. All eight wheels (four on each vehicle) leave skid marks for the full distance \( D \). The coefficients for kinetic and static friction are \( \mu_k = 0.80 \) and \( \mu_s = 0.95 \) respectively.

(a) Showing your working, and noting any approximations you make or principles you use, derive an algebraic expression relating \( v \) to \( D \) and to the other data in this problem.

(b) Calculate the speed of the car before the collision. Express your answer in kilometers per hour.

(c) If the collision takes 100 ms, estimate the magnitude of the average force acting on the car during the collision.

(d) Estimate the magnitude of the average force that, during the collision, acts on a 70 kg person firmly held to the seat of the car by seatbelts.

(e) Imagine that you had to explain to a non-physicist the size of this force. Describe it quantitatively in several words.
Question 3 [21 Marks]

(a) A gas, not necessarily ideal, starts in state \((P_1, V_1, T_1)\) and undergoes a thermodynamic process that takes it to a state \((P_2, V_2, T_2)\), with the usual definitions of symbols. Write an expression for the work done on the gas by this process? Make sure you describe the meanings of any symbols used.

(b) (i) State the first law of thermodynamics, describing any symbols you use.

(ii) For a cyclic process what does this law then imply?

(c) (i) How much work is done on the steam when 2.00 moles of water at 100°C boils and becomes 2.00 moles of steam at 100°C at 1.00 atmosphere pressure? Assume that the steam behaves as an ideal gas. You may assume that the molar mass of water is 18.0 g/mole.

(ii) Determine the value of the increase in internal energy of the material as this occurs?

(d) A series of thermodynamic process takes place, as indicated in the PV-diagram in the Figure, between four states; A, B, C & D. The change in internal energy of a gas along the path from A to C is +800J, and the work done along the path ABC is -500J. In the parts of this question (below) make sure you include a full explanation of your calculations.

(i) How much energy must be added to the system as heat as the gas goes from state A through state B to state C?

(ii) If the pressure at state A is 5 times that at state C, what is the work done in going from state C to state D?
Question 4  [Marks 8]

(a) A large block, A, executes horizontal simple harmonic motion as it slides across a frictionless surface, connected by a spring to an immovable wall, as shown in the Figure. A small block, B, rests on top of it. Suppose the frequency of the simple harmonic motion is \( f = 1.50 \, \text{Hz} \), and the coefficient of static friction, \( \mu_s \), between blocks A and B is 0.60.

Determine the maximum amplitude of oscillation that block A can have, if there is no relative motion between blocks A & B.

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Question 5  [17 Marks]

(a) What general properties of a linear medium does the speed of a mechanical wave depend upon? Relate these properties together in an appropriate formula. Furthermore, for the special case of a transverse wave in a stretched string, give the specific formula for the wave speed. Describe any symbols that you use.

(b) (i) A transverse wave travelling on a taut string has an amplitude of 0.200 mm and a frequency of 500 Hz. It travels with a speed of 196 m/s. Write down an equation, in SI units, of the form \( y = A \sin(kx - \omega t) \), that describes this wave.

(ii) If the string has mass per unit length of 4.10 g/m then determine the tension in the string.

(c) A rope of mass \( m \) and length \( L \) is suspended vertically. Show that a transverse pulse travels the length of the rope in a time given by \( T = 2\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} \).
Question 6  [Marks 14]

(a) Explain how to tune two sinusoidal oscillators to exactly the same frequency using the phenomenon of beats.

(b) In the arrangement shown in the Figure an object can be hung from a string that passes over a light pulley. The linear mass density of the string is $\mu=0.00300$ kg/m. The string is connected to a frequency generator and set to oscillate at frequency $f$. The length of the string, between the pulley and the frequency generator, is $L=1.50$ m. When the mass $m$ hung on the string is either 16.0 kg or 25.0 kg standing waves are observed; however no standing waves are observed for any mass between these values. What is the frequency that the string is vibrating at? Hint: the greater the tension in the string the smaller the number of nodes there are in the standing wave.