

**AAE 340 – Dynamics and Vibrations**

**Exam II**

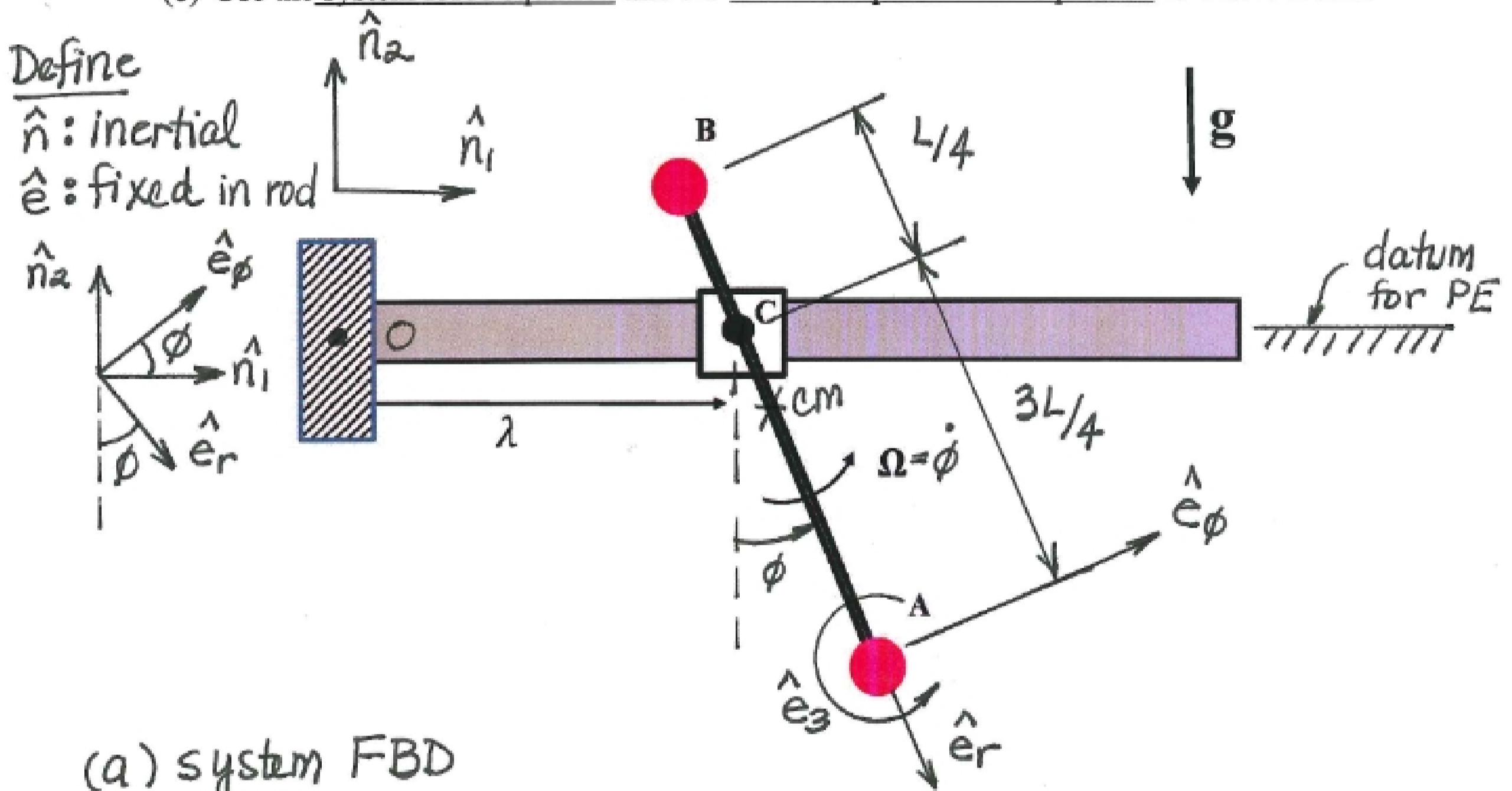
*Solutions*

Please read the problems carefully.  
Write clearly and use diagrams when necessary.

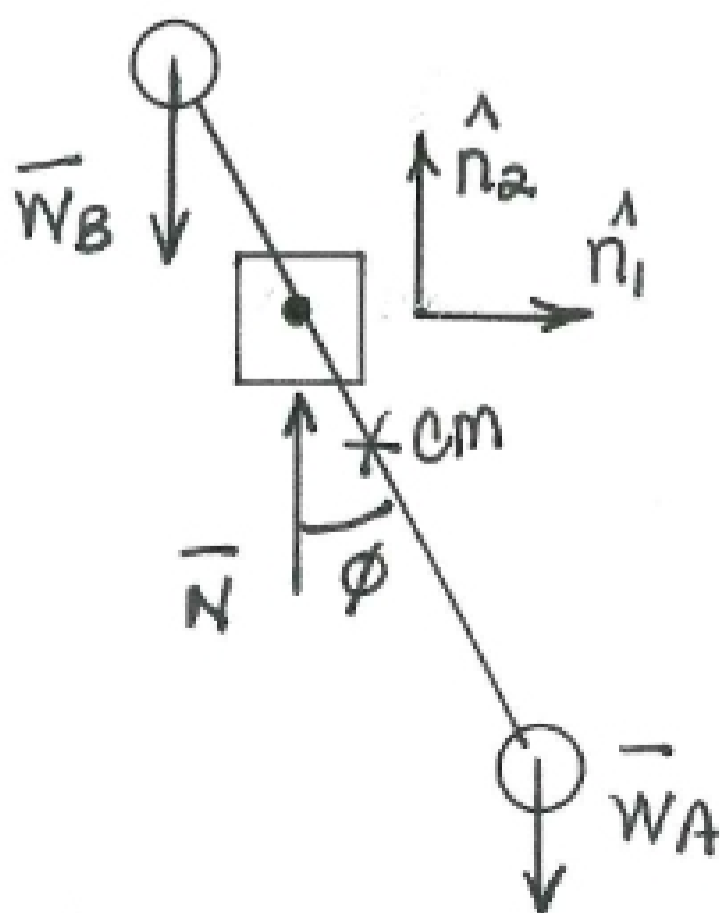
( 55 points)

1. The system below is comprised of the two red particles, each of mass  $m$ . Massless block C can slide along a frictionless horizontal track. Particle B is connected to A by a massless, inextensible rod of length  $L$ ; the rod can rotate in a vertical plane at the variable rate  $\Omega$ . Particle B is located at a distance  $L/4$  from C.

- (a) Sketch a system FBD. How many EOM are required and why?
- (b) (i) Total system energy is constant. Justify this statement and write any potential energy expressions if appropriate.  
 (ii) Linear momentum in one direction IS conserved. Justify this statement.
- (c) Use the system force equation and the moment equation about point C to derive EOM.



(a) system FBD



force models  $\bar{W}_B = \bar{W}_A = -mg \hat{n}_2$   
 $\bar{N}$  unknown normal

2 VOI :  $\lambda, \phi$

$\Rightarrow$  2 EOM

(b) (i) E constant

weight forces are conservative

both weight forces do work but potential energy expressions are available

$$V_B = +mg \frac{L}{4} \cos\phi \quad V_A = -mg \frac{3L}{4} \cos\phi$$

normal force does no work  $\bar{N} \cdot {}^n \bar{v}^c = 0$

$$\underbrace{N \hat{n}_2 \cdot \dot{\lambda} \hat{n}_1}_{=0} = 0$$

internal force in rod does no work because the distance between the particles is fixed

(ii)  $\bar{p}_{\text{total}}$  is NOT conserved because total external forces do not equal zero  $\bar{F}_{\text{external}} \neq \bar{0}$   
But in inertial direction  $\hat{n}_1$ :

$$\underbrace{\bar{F}}_{\text{external}} \cdot \hat{n}_1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{so } \bar{p} \cdot \hat{n}_1 \text{ is constant}$$

(c)  $\bar{F} = m {}^n \bar{A}^{\text{cm}}$  ( ${}^n \bar{A}^{\text{cm}}$  is generic!)

$$\bar{r}^{\text{cm}} = \lambda \hat{n}_1 + \frac{L}{4} \hat{e}_r$$

$${}^n \bar{v}^{\text{cm}} = \dot{\lambda} \hat{n}_1 + \frac{L}{4} \Omega \hat{e}_\phi$$

$${}^n \bar{A}^{\text{cm}} = \ddot{\lambda} \hat{n}_1 + \frac{L}{4} \dot{\Omega} \hat{e}_\phi - \frac{L}{4} \Omega^2 \hat{e}_r$$

$${}^n \bar{A}^{\text{cm}} = \left[ \ddot{\lambda} + \frac{L}{4} \dot{\Omega} \cos\phi - \frac{L}{4} \Omega^2 \sin\phi \right] \hat{n}_1 \\ + \left[ \frac{L}{4} \dot{\Omega} \sin\phi + \frac{L}{4} \Omega^2 \cos\phi \right] \hat{n}_2$$

$$\hat{n}_1: \boxed{\ddot{\lambda} + \frac{L}{4} \dot{\Omega} \cos\phi - \frac{L}{4} \Omega^2 \sin\phi = 0} \quad \text{EOM}$$

$$\hat{n}_2: m \left[ \frac{L}{4} \dot{\Omega} \sin\phi + \frac{L}{4} \Omega^2 \cos\phi \right] = N - 2mg$$