

## Theory



# A2-1

Official (English)

## A Mechanical Model for Phase Transitions<sup>1</sup>

**A.1** (0.5 pt)  
Equations of motion

**B.1** (1.0 pt)  
Equilibrium angle(s)

$\theta_0 =$

**B.2** (0.5 pt)  
Sketch of  $\theta_0$ .

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# A2-2

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**B.3** (0.5 pt)

Sketch of the magnitude of the normal reaction

**B.4** (1.0 pt)

The potential

$$P =$$

$$Q =$$

$$S =$$

**B.5** (1.0 pt)

The coefficients

$$a(\omega) =$$

$$b(\omega) =$$

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# A2-3

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**B.6** (1.0 pt)

Representative plots of the potential

**B.7** (1.0 pt)

Bead analogues

$\mathcal{M} \rightarrow$

$T/T_c \rightarrow$

$\beta =$

**B.8** (1.0 pt)

Oscillation frequency

$\Omega_0 =$

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# A2-4

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**B.9** (1.0 pt)  
Sketch of  $\Omega_0$

**C.1** (1.0 pt)  
Condition for equilibrium angles

$x =$

$y =$

**C.2** (0.5 pt)  
Representative values for  $\theta_0$   
(a)  $\theta_0 =$

(b)  $\theta_0 =$