

Grading Comments for TAM 202 HW# 1 , Jan 31, 2001

a) Total points — 10 pts (2.41 (1 pt) , 2.65 (2 pt)
2.81 (5 pts) , 2.83 (3 pts))

b) Common Errors =

① 2.65 , the angle between \vec{r} and \vec{F} is not exactly 60°

One should calculate \vec{r} by sum of \vec{OB} and \vec{BA} (see solution) and then use $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ to calculate \vec{M} . Do not directly assume that $\theta = 60^\circ$ and use $M = |\vec{r}| |\vec{F}| \sin 60^\circ$

② 2.81 (g) and (h). Some students do not realize that the moment of \vec{F}_2 about axis DC is not a vector. (It should be a scalar since the direction of the moment is given about axis DC).

③ 2.83 (a) the calculation of unit normal vector. One should know the normal vector he/she calculated is inward or outward (or say inplane or out of plane)

(c) A clear picture (see solution.) will help one to determine the coordinate of point E.

(c) Things students should notice =

① please show steps as clear as possible. Do not neglect your algebraic symbols connecting steps, i.e. " $=$ " and so on.

② Neater hand-writing is better!

③ Do not forget about vector notation; in order to distinguish vectors and scalars. ④ units are important!