

## Old-Exam.Questions-Chapt-15

### T072

**Q27.** A block of mass 20 g is attached to a horizontal spring with spring constant of 25 N/m. The other end of the spring is fixed. The block is pulled a distance 10 cm from its equilibrium position ( $x = 0$ ) on a frictionless horizontal table and released. The frequency of the resulting simple harmonic motion is (Ans: 5.6 Hz)

**Q28.** A horizontal spring is fixed at one end. A block attached to the other end of the spring undergoes a simple harmonic motion on a frictionless table. Which one of the following statements is correct? (Ans: The frequency of the motion is independent of the amplitude of oscillation.)

**Q29.** A simple pendulum consists of a mass  $m = 6.00$  kg at the end of a light cord of length  $L$ . The angle  $\theta$  between the cord and the vertical is given by  $\theta = 0.08 \cos[(4.43 t + \pi)]$ , where  $t$  is in second and  $\theta$  is in radian. Find the length  $L$ . (Ans: 0.50 m)

**Q30.** A block attached to an ideal horizontal spring undergoes a simple harmonic motion about the equilibrium position ( $x = 0$ ) with an amplitude  $x_m = 10$  cm. The mechanical energy of the system is 16 J. What is the kinetic energy of the block when  $x = 5.0$  cm? (Ans: 12 J)

### T071

**Q12.** A 2.00 kg uniform meter stick ( $L = 1.00$  m) is pivoted at one of its end and made to oscillate in a vertical plane about this end. The period of oscillation is: (Ans: 1.64 s)

**Q13.** A 0.20 kg object attached to a horizontal spring whose spring constant is 500 N/m executes simple harmonic motion. If its maximum speed is 5.0 m/s, the amplitude of its oscillation is: (Ans: 0.10 m)

**Q14.** A 3.0 kg block, attached to a spring, executes simple harmonic motion according to the relation:  $x = 2.0 \cos(50 t)$ , where  $x$  is in m and  $t$  is in s. The spring constant of the spring is: (Ans:  $7.5 \times 10^3$  N/m)

**Q15.** A particle is in simple harmonic motion along the  $x$  axis. The amplitude of the motion is  $x_m$ . When it is at  $x = 10$  cm, its kinetic energy  $K = 6.0$  J and its potential energy  $U = 4.0$  J (measured with  $U = 0$  at

$x = 0$ ). When it is at  $x = -5.0$  cm, the kinetic and potential energies are: (Ans:  $K = 9.0$  J and  $U = 1.0$  J)

**T062**

**Q14.** The displacement of a particle oscillating along the  $x$ -axis is given as a function of time according to the equation:  $x(t) = 0.50 \cos(\pi t + \pi/2)$ . The magnitude of the maximum acceleration of the particle is: (Ans:  $4.9$   $\text{m/s}^2$ )

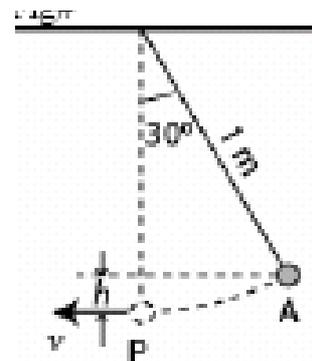
**Q15.** A block of mass  $2.0$  kg attached to a spring oscillates in simple harmonic motion along the  $x$  axis. The limits of its motion are  $x = -20$  cm and  $x = +20$  cm and it goes from one of these extremes to the other in  $0.25$  s. The mechanical energy of the block-spring system is: (Ans:  $6.3$  J)

**Q16.** The mechanical energy of a block-spring system executing simple harmonic motion is  $8.0$  J and the amplitude  $x_m = 12$  cm. When  $K = 6.0$  J, the displacement of the block is: (Ans:  $x = 6.0$  cm)

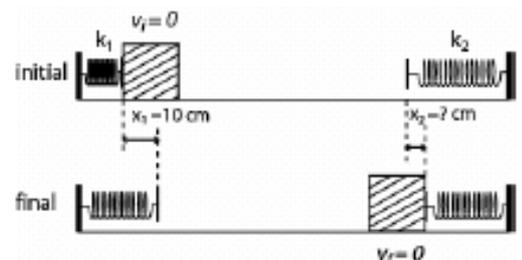
**Q17.** A physical pendulum consists of a uniform solid disk (radius  $R = 10.0$  cm) supported in a vertical plane by a pivot located at a distance  $d = 5.0$  cm from the center of the disk. The disk is made to oscillate in a simple harmonic motion of period  $T$ . Find  $T$ . (Ans:  $0.78$  s)

**T061**

**Q6.** A simple pendulum consists of a  $2.0$  kg mass attached to a  $1.0$  m long string. It is released from rest at an angle of  $30^\circ$  (point A) as shown in Fig 3. Its speed ( $v$ ) at the lowest point P is: (Ans:  $1.6$  m/s)



**Q7.** Two springs of spring constants  $k_1 = 40$  N/m and  $k_2 = 160$  N/m are fixed opposite to each other on a frictionless floor as shown in Fig. 4. A  $0.50$  kg block, not attached to any of the springs, oscillates between the two springs. If the block compresses the first spring by a maximum distance of  $10$  cm then it will compress the second spring by a maximum distance of: (Ans:  $5.0$  cm)



### T052

Q27. A mass  $m_1 = 1.0$  kg is connected to a spring (with spring constant equal to  $k$ ) and oscillates on a horizontal frictionless table with a period of 1.0 s. When  $m_1$  is replaced with another unknown mass  $m_2$ , the period changes to 2.0 s. Find the value of  $m_2$ . (Ans: 4.0 kg)

Q28. A 0.500 kg block is connected to a spring ( $k = 20.0$  N/m) and oscillates on a horizontal frictionless table. Calculate the maximum kinetic energy of the block if the amplitude of the simple harmonic motion is 3.00 cm. (Ans:  $9.00 \times 10^{-3}$  J)

Q29. If the displacement of a block-spring system is described by the following equation:  $x(t) = 0.2 \cos(10t)$  where  $x$  is in m, and  $t$  is in s. What is the speed of the block when its displacement is  $x = 0.1$  m? (Ans: 1.73 m/s)

Q30. A simple pendulum has a period of 10.0 s if the free fall acceleration is  $g$ . What would its period be if the free fall acceleration is  $g/2$ ? (Ans: 14.1 s)

### T051

Q27. In simple harmonic motion, the magnitude of the acceleration is greatest when: (Ans: the displacement is maximum)

Q28. A particle is in simple harmonic motion along the  $x$  axis. The amplitude of the motion is  $x_m$ . At one point in its motion its kinetic energy is  $K = 5$  J and its potential energy measured with  $U = 0$  at  $x = 0$ ) is  $U = 3$  J. When it is at  $x = x_m$ , the kinetic and potential energies are: (Ans:  $K = 0$  and  $U = 8$  J)

Q29. A 0.25-kg block oscillates at the end of the spring with a spring constant of 200 N/m. If the system has an energy of 6.0 J, then the amplitude of the oscillation is: (Ans: 0.24 m)

Q30. A simple pendulum has length  $L$  and period  $T$ . As it passes through its equilibrium position, the string is suddenly clamped at its midpoint (See Fig. 9). (Ans:  $\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}$ )

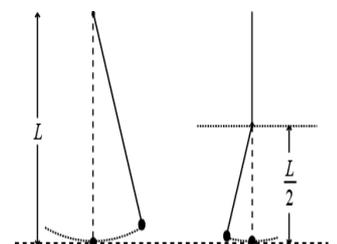


Figure 9

### **T042**

Q12. A block of mass 0.50 kg is attached to a horizontal spring ( $k = 160 \text{ N/m}$ ). The block is pulled a distance 20 cm from its un-stretched position on a frictionless horizontal surface. What is the magnitude of its maximum acceleration? (Ans:  $64 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

Q13. A simple pendulum of length =  $L_1$  on Earth oscillates with a period =  $T$ . Another pendulum of length =  $L_2$  on the Moon oscillates with a period =  $2T$ . Find the ratio  $L_1/L_2$ . (Take  $g$  on Moon =  $(1/6)g$  on Earth.) (Ans:  $3/2$ )

Q14. A block-spring system has an amplitude of 4.0 cm and a maximum speed of 0.60 m/s. What is the frequency of oscillation? (Ans: 2.39 Hz)

Q15. A particle oscillates according to the equation:  $x = 0.20 \cos(\pi t)$ , where  $\pi = 3.14$ . What is the period of the motion? (Ans: 2.0 s)

### **T041**

Q12. A simple pendulum of length 1.55 m has a period ( $T$ ) on the surface of Earth. What is the length of the pendulum to have the same period ( $T$ ) on the surface of Moon where  $g = 1.67 \text{ m/s}^2$ ? A1 0.26 m

Q13. A block-spring system oscillates with simple harmonic motion according to the equation  $x = 0.20 \cos(10 * t + \pi/2)$ , where  $x$  is in m and  $t$  is in s. The mass of the block is 2.0 kg. Find the total energy of the system. (Ans: 4.0 J)

Q14. A 2.0-kg mass connected to a spring of force constant 8.0 N/m is displaced 5.0 cm from its equilibrium position and released. It oscillates on a horizontal, frictionless surface. Find the speed of the mass when it is at 3.0 cm from its equilibrium position. (Ans: 0.08 m/s)

Q15. Which of the following equations represent a simple harmonic motion [ $F$  is the force and  $x$  is a displacement]? : 1)  $F = -2x$ ; 2)  $F = 5x$ ; 3)  $F = -10x$ ; 4)  $F = 3x^2$ ; 5)  $F = -3x^2$  ( Ans: 1 & 3 ).

### **T032**

Q27. In a simple harmonic motion, the magnitude of the acceleration is: (Ans: proportional to the displacement)

Q28. A 3.0 kg block, attached to a spring, executes simple harmonic motion according to  $x = 2 \cos(50t)$  where  $x$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds. The spring constant of the spring is: (Ans: 7500 N/m)

Q29. A particle is in simple harmonic motion along the  $x$  axis. The amplitude of the motion is  $X_m$ . At one point in its motion its kinetic energy is  $K = 5$  J and its potential energy is  $U = 3$  J. When it is at  $X = X_m$ , the kinetic and potential energies are: (Ans:  $K = 0$  J and  $U = 8$  J)

Q30. The period of a simple pendulum is 1.0 s on Earth where the acceleration of gravity is  $g$ . When brought to a planet where the acceleration of gravity is  $g/16$ , its period becomes: (Ans: 4.0 s)

### **T031**

Q12. A 5.0 kg mass stretches a spring by 10 cm when the mass is attached to the spring. The mass is then displaced downward an additional 5.0 cm and released. Its position ( $y$ ) in m from its equilibrium position as a function of time ( $t$ ) is: ( Ans:  $y = 0.05 \cos(10 * t)$ )

Q13. A particle ( $m = 0.2$  kg) is attached to a spring. The motion of the particle is described by  $x = 0.10 \cos(10t + \pi/3)$  where  $x$  is m and  $t$  is in s. What is the mechanical energy of the particle? A1 0.1 J

Q14. The frequency of small oscillations of a simple pendulum of length ( $L$ ) on the surface of Earth is ( $f$ ). What will be its frequency on the surface of the Moon if we increase its length to become ( $2L$ )? (Take:  $g(\text{Moon}) = 0.17 g(\text{Earth})$ ) (Ans:  $0.29 * f$ )

Q15. A mass  $m = 2$  kg is attached to a spring having a force constant  $k = 300$  N/m. The mass is displaced from its equilibrium position and released. Its period of oscillation (in s) is approximately (Ans: 0.5)