

Physics 101  
First Major Exam 991

Q1 The position (x) of a particle moving along the x-axis depends on time (t) according to the equation:  
$$x = a*t^{**2} - b*t^{**3}$$
where: x is in meters and t is in seconds. What would be the dimensions of b?

- (A) L/T\*\*3
- (B) L\*T\*\*3
- (C) L/T\*\*2
- (D) 1
- (E) 1/T\*\*3

Q2 How many molecules of water are there in a cup containing 250 cm\*\*3 of water?

1. Molecular mass of H<sub>2</sub>O = 18 g/mole  
Density of water = 1.0 g/cm\*\*3  
Avogadro s number = 6.02 \* 10\*\*23 molecules/mole

- (A) 8.4 \* 10\*\*24
- (B) 6.0 \* 10\*\*23
- (C) 1.9 \* 10\*\*26
- (D) 3.7 \* 10\*\*28
- (E) 2.5 \* 10\*\*3

Q3 Using the fact that the speed of light in space is about 3.00 \* 10\*\*8 m/s, determine how many miles

1. light will travel in one hour.  
(1 mile = 1.61 km)

- (A) 6.71\*10\*\*8 miles
- (B) 2.50\*10\*\*6 miles
- (C) 5.40\*10\*\*9 miles
- (D) 8.32\*10\*\*3 miles
- (E) 4.83\*10\*\*2 miles

- Q4 A particle moves with a constant speed along the circumference of a circle of radius 5 m. It completes one revolution every 20 s. What is the magnitude of its average velocity during the first 5 s? Assume that at  $t = 0$ , the particle is on +x-axis (see figure 1).

- (A)  $\sqrt{2}$  m/s  
(B)  $1/\sqrt{2}$  m/s  
(C) 1.57 m/s  
(D) zero m/s  
(E) 2.54 m/s

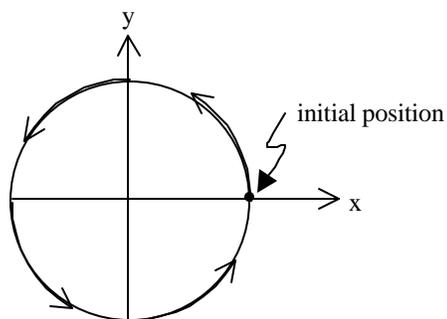


Figure 1

- Q5 A particle moves along the x-axis according to the equation:  
2.  $x = 50t + 10t^2$   
where  $x$  is in m and  $t$  is in s. Calculate the instantaneous velocity of the particle at  $t = 3$  s.

- (A) 110 m/s  
(B) 50 m/s  
(C) 20 m/s  
(D) 240 m/s  
(E) 90 m/s

Q6 A balloon carrying a package is ascending  
 ch (going vertically upward) at the rate of 12 m/s.  
 2. When it is 80 m above the ground the package is  
 released. How long does it take the package  
 to reach the ground?

- (A) 5.4 s
- (B) 4.0 s
- (C) 8.9 s
- (D) 3.1 s
- (E) 1.5 s

Q7 If vector  $A = 28 i + 11 j$  and vector B  
 ch (magnitude of  $B = 25$ ) as shown in figure 2, what  
 3. is the magnitude of the sum of these two vectors?

- (A) 32
- (B) 35
- (C) 39
- (D) 45
- (E) 23

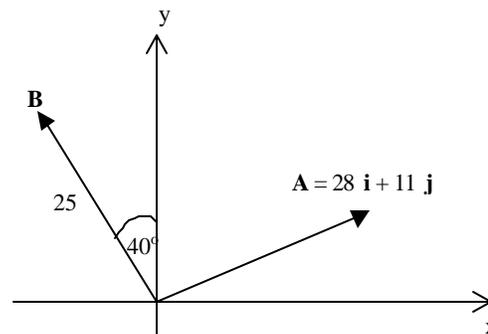


Figure 2

Q8 Vector  $A = -6 i + 14 j$ . Find vector B  
 ch whose magnitude is twice that of A and  
 3. is opposite in direction to A.

- (A)  $12 i - 28 j$
- (B)  $-6 i + 14 j$
- (C)  $3 i - 7 j$
- (D)  $- i + j$
- (E)  $18 i - 12 j$

Q9 If vector  $A = 6\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}$  and vector  $B = -12\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}$ , what angle does vector  $C = 2A - B$  make with the  $+x$ -axis measured counterclockwise.

- (A) 315 deg
- (B) 45 deg
- (C) 135 deg
- (D) 90 deg
- (E) 225 deg

Q10 A particle moves in the  $x$ - $y$  plane with a constant acceleration given by  $a = (-4\mathbf{j}) \text{ m/s}^2$ . At  $t=0$  its position is  $(10\mathbf{i}) \text{ m}$  and its velocity is  $(-2\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}) \text{ m/s}$ . What is the distance from the origin to the particle at  $t=2 \text{ s}$ ?

- (A) 10 m
- (B) 14 m
- (C) 6.4 m
- (D) 2.7 m
- (E) 8.9 m

Q11 A ball is thrown horizontally from the top of a building 100 m high. The ball strikes the ground at a point 65 m from the base of the building (see figure 3). What is the speed of the ball just before it strikes the ground?

- (A) 47 m/s
- (B) 33 m/s
- (C) 29 m/s
- (D) 56 m/s
- (E) 73 m/s

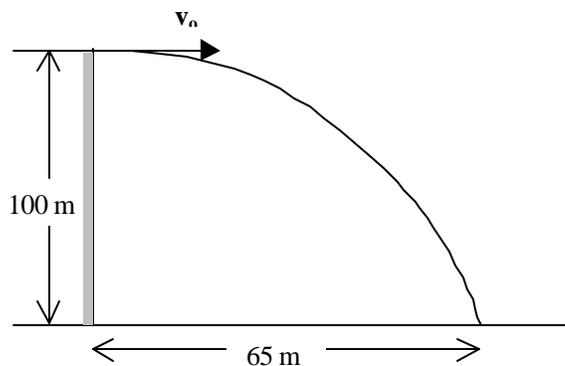


Figure 3

Q12 A rock is projected from ground level as shown in figure 4. Four seconds later the rock is observed to strike the top of a 10-m tall fence that is a horizontal distance of 75 m from the point of projection. Determine the speed ( $v_0$ ) with which the rock was projected.

- (A) 29 m/s
- (B) 26 m/s
- (C) 15 m/s
- (D) 10 m/s
- (E) 18 m/s

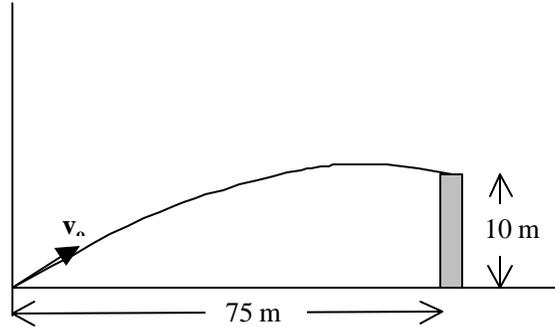


Figure 4

Q13 A 140-m wide river flows with a uniform speed of 4.0 m/s toward the east. Starting from a point on the north bank it takes 20 s for a boat to cross the river with constant speed to a point directly across on the south bank. What is the speed of the boat relative to the water?

- (A) 8.1 m/s
- (B) 9.5 m/s
- (C) 5.7 m/s
- (D) 7.0 m/s
- (E) 10. m/s

Q14 In figure 5, if  $P = 6.0$  N, what is the magnitude of the force exerted by block (2) on block (1)? Assume the surface is frictionless.

- (A) 4.8 N
- (B) 6.4 N
- (C) 7.2 N
- (D) 5.6 N
- (E) 1.2 N

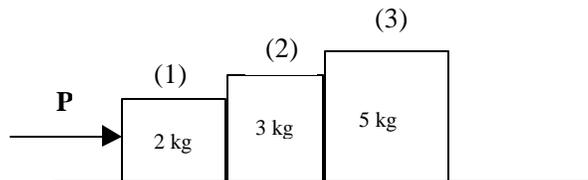


Figure 5

Q15 A 3.0 kg block is pushed across a horizontal surface by a force  $F = 20 \text{ N}$  as shown in figure 6. If the coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the surface is 0.30, and  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , what is the magnitude of the acceleration of the block?

- (A) 1.8  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (B) 2.1  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (C) 3.3  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (D) 1.1  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (E) 5.8  $\text{m/s}^2$

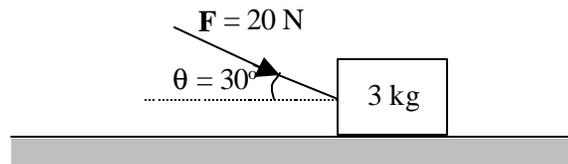


Figure 6

Q16 A 2.0 kg object has a velocity of  $(4 \text{ i}) \text{ m/s}$  at  $t=0$ . A constant resultant force of  $(2 \text{ i} + 4 \text{ j}) \text{ N}$  then acts on the object for 3.0 s. What is the magnitude of the velocity of the object at the end of the 3 s interval?

- (A) 9.2  $\text{m/s}$
- (B) 6.3  $\text{m/s}$
- (C) 8.2  $\text{m/s}$
- (D) 7.2  $\text{m/s}$
- (E) 12  $\text{m/s}$

Q17 Two masses  $M$  and  $3M$  are connected by a light cord as shown in figure 7. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the surface and the  $3M$  block is 0.20, and the coefficient of kinetic friction between the surface and the  $M$  block is 0.30. If  $F = 14 \text{ N}$  and  $M = 1.0 \text{ kg}$ , what is the magnitude of the acceleration of either block?

- (A) 1.3  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (B) 2.0  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (C) 1.5  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (D) 1.8  $\text{m/s}^2$
- (E) 3.5  $\text{m/s}^2$

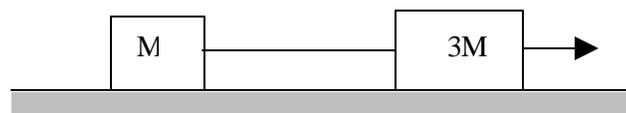
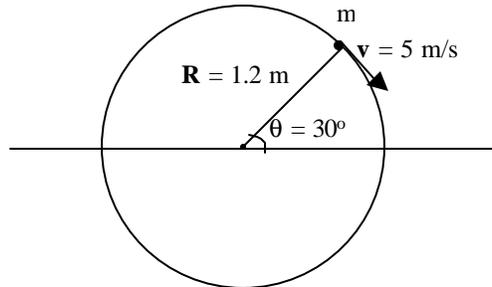


Figure 7

Q18 An object (attached to the end of a string) swings in a vertical circle of radius  $R = 1.2 \text{ m}$  (see figure 8). At an instant when  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , the speed of the object is  $5.0 \text{ m/s}$ . Find the magnitude of the total acceleration of the object.

- (A)  $22.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
- (B)  $18.6 \text{ m/s}^2$
- (C)  $31.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
- (D)  $12.0 \text{ m/s}^2$
- (E)  $44.4 \text{ m/s}^2$



Q19 On a rainy day the coefficient of friction between the tires of a car and a level circular track is reduced to half its usual value. The ratio of the maximum safe speed on a rainy day for rounding the circular track to its usual value (when it is not raining) is

- (A) 0.71
- (B) 0.25
- (C) 0.50
- (D) 0.29
- (E) 1.0

Q20 Which of the following statements is TRUE

- (A) Radial acceleration is due to the change in the direction of the velocity.
- (B) Tangential acceleration is due to the change in the direction of the velocity.
- (C) A projectile is fired at an angle  $45^\circ$ , the acceleration is zero at the maximum height.
- (D) A projectile is fired at an angle  $45^\circ$ , the velocity is zero at the maximum height.
- (E) The action and reaction forces always act on the same object.