Physics 160 Written Homework - Chapter 9

1 Rotation of Rigid Bodies

Two blocks hang from either end of a massless rope that runs over a pulley, treated as a thin solid disk, (An Atwood's Machine), and are held in place. One block has a mass of 12kg, the pulley has a mass of 2kg and radius 5cm, and the other block's mass is unknown. The blocks are released from rest, and after an unspecified period of time, the block of known mass has descended 2.5m and has a velocity of 3m/s toward the ground. The rope does not slip over the pulley, and the pulley spins on a frictionless axle. Find the unknown mass of the block.

Block A, mass 5kg, rests on a surface with $\mu_k = .6$. A massless rope is attached to its right side, and runs over a pulley, treated as a thin ring, mass 1kg and radius 5cm, to Block B, mass 7kg, which hangs from the rope and is held at rest. The rope does not slip over the pulley, and the pulley spins on a frictionless axle. Block B is released from rest, and after an unspecified period of time, it has descended 2m. Find the velocity of Block B at this point.