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[Chapter 9. Energy, Work, and Power](#)

Practice Problems

[1.](#)

A solid, cast-iron sphere (density of 0.256 lbm/in^3 (7090 kg/m^3)) of 10 in (25 cm) diameter travels without friction at 30 ft/sec (9 m/s) horizontally. Its kinetic energy is most nearly

(A)

900 ft-lbf (1.2 kJ)

(B)

1200 ft-lbf (1.6 kJ)

(C)

1600 ft-lbf (2.0 kJ)

(D)

1900 ft-lbf (2.3 kJ)

[2.](#)

The work done when a balloon carries a 12 lbm (5.2 kg) load to 40,000 ft (12 000 m) height is most nearly

(A)

2.4×10^5 ft-lbf (300 kJ)

(B)

4.8×10^5 ft-lbf (610 kJ)

(C)

7.7×10^5 ft-lbf (980 kJ)

(D)

9.9×10^5 ft-lbf (1.3 MJ)

[3.](#)

The power in horsepower (kW) that is required to lift a 3300 lbm (1500 kg) mass 250 ft (80 m) vertically in 14 sec is most nearly

(A)

40 hp (30 kW)

(B)

70 hp (53 kW)

(C)

90 hp (68 kW)

(D)

110 hp (84 kW)

[4.](#)

Approximately what volume in ft³ (m³) of water can be pumped to a 130 ft (40 m) height in 1 hr by a 7 hp (5 kW) pump? Assume 85% efficiency.

(A)

1500 ft³ (40 m³)

(B)

1800 ft³ (49 m³)

(C)

2000 ft³ (54 m³)

(D)

2400 ft³ (65 m³)

Solutions

[1.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

Since there is no friction, there is no rotation. The sphere slides. The kinetic energy can be found from the first law of thermodynamics (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*) or Bernoulli's equation (also *NCEES Handbook: The Bernoulli Equation*).

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{kinetic}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m}{g_c} \right) v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V\rho}{g_c} \right) v^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \right) \left(\frac{\rho}{g_c} \right) v^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 \left(\frac{\rho}{g_c} \right) v^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \pi \left(\frac{10 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^3 \left(\frac{0.256 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{in}^3}}{32.2 \frac{\text{lbm-ft}}{\text{lbf-sec}^2}} \right) \left(30 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \right)^2 \\ &= 1873 \text{ ft-lbf} \quad (1900 \text{ ft-lbf}) \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (D).

SI Solution

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{kinetic}} &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\rho V)v^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)v^2 \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3\rho v^2 \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}\pi\left(\frac{0.25\text{ m}}{2}\right)^3\left(7090\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)\left(9\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \\
 &= 2349\text{ J} \quad (2.3\text{ kJ})
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (D).

[2.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

From equation CERM13011(b) (also *NCEES Handbook: Closed Thermodynamic Systems*) and equation CERM13012 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), the work done by the balloon is

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \Delta E_{\text{potential}} = \frac{mg\Delta h}{g_c} \\
 &= \frac{(12\text{ lbm})\left(32.2\frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2}\right)(40,000\text{ ft})}{32.2\frac{\text{lbm-ft}}{\text{lbf-sec}^2}} \\
 &= 4.8 \times 10^5\text{ ft-lbf}
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

SI Solution

From equation CERM13011(a) (also *NCEES Handbook: Closed Thermodynamic Systems*) and equation CERM13012 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), the work done by the balloon is

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \Delta E_{\text{potential}} = mg\Delta h \\
 &= \frac{(5.2\text{ kg})\left(9.81\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right)(12\,000\text{ m})}{1000\frac{\text{J}}{\text{kJ}}} \\
 &= 612.1\text{ kJ} \quad (610\text{ kJ})
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

[3.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

Apply the first law of thermodynamics (also *NCEES Handbook: Closed Thermodynamic Systems* or *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*). The work required to lift the mass is

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= P\Delta t = \frac{mg\Delta h}{g_c} \\
 P &= \frac{mg\Delta h}{g_c\Delta t} \\
 &= \frac{(3300\text{ lbm})\left(32.2\frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2}\right)(250\text{ ft})}{\left(32.2\frac{\text{lbm-ft}}{\text{sec}^2\text{-lbf}}\right)\left(14\text{ sec}\right)\left(550\frac{\text{ft-lbf}}{\text{hp-sec}}\right)} \\
 &= 107\text{ hp} \quad (110\text{ hp})
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (D).

SI Solution

Apply the first law of thermodynamics (also *NCEES Handbook: Closed Thermodynamic Systems* or *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*). The work required to lift the mass is

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= P\Delta t = mg\Delta h \\
 P &= \frac{mg\Delta h}{\Delta t} = \frac{(1500 \text{ kg}) \left(9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) (80 \text{ m})}{(14 \text{ s}) \left(1000 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{kW}}\right)} \\
 &= 84.1 \text{ kW} \quad (84 \text{ kW})
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (D).

[4.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

Apply the first law of thermodynamics (also *NCEES Handbook: Closed Thermodynamic Systems* or *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*). The volume of water is found from the work performed.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{actual}} \Delta t &= W_{\text{done by pump}} \\
 \eta P_{\text{ideal}} \Delta t &= \Delta E_{\text{potential}} \\
 &= \frac{mg\Delta h}{g_c} \\
 &= \frac{(\rho V) g \Delta h}{g_c} \\
 V &= \frac{\eta P_{\text{ideal}} \Delta t}{\frac{\rho g \Delta h}{g_c}} \\
 &= \frac{(0.85) (7 \text{ hp}) \left(550 \frac{\text{ft-lbf}}{\text{hp-sec}}\right) (1 \text{ hr}) \left(3600 \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{hr}}\right)}{\frac{\left(62.4 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3}\right) \left(32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2}\right) (130 \text{ ft})}{32.2 \frac{\text{lbm-ft}}{\text{lbf-sec}^2}}} \\
 &= 1452 \text{ ft}^3 \quad (1500 \text{ ft}^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).

SI Solution

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{actual}} \Delta t &= W_{\text{done by pump}} \\
 \eta P_{\text{ideal}} \Delta t &= \Delta E_{\text{potential}} \\
 &= mg\Delta h \\
 &= (\rho V) g \Delta h \\
 V &= \frac{\eta P_{\text{ideal}} \Delta t}{\rho g \Delta h} \\
 &= \frac{(0.85) (5 \text{ kW}) \left(1000 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{kW}}\right) (1 \text{ h}) \left(3600 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{h}}\right)}{\left(1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) (40 \text{ m})} \\
 &= 39.0 \text{ m}^3 \quad (40 \text{ m}^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).