

Q3. A spaceship 50m long passes the earth at a speed of 2.8×10^8 m/s. what will be its apparent length?

Given:- $l_0 = 50\text{m}$; $v = 2.8 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$

Formula:- $l = l_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$

Solution :- $l = 50 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2.8 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8}\right)^2} = 18\text{m}$

Ans:- The apparent length of the moving spaceship is 18m.