

**YEAR 7 SCIENCE  
PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
TEST**

**NAME:** SOLUTIONS

**CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Change to an object's motion is caused by unbalanced forces acting on the object. Earth's gravity pulls objects towards the centre of the Earth.

**Multiple Choice** Write the answer to each question in the appropriate box at right.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to when a force is equal and opposite to another force.

- (a) Balanced force
- (b) Unbalanced force
- (c) Magnitude
- (d) Friction

2. A force is measured in:

- (a) metres.
- (b) centimetres.
- (c) Newtons.
- (d) grams.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a force acting in the opposite direction to motion.

- (a) Direction
- (b) Unbalanced force
- (c) Gravity
- (d) Friction

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a force that pulls things towards Earth.

- (a) Direction
- (b) Unbalanced force
- (c) Gravity
- (d) Friction

5. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the way an object is travelling (left, right, up, down).

- (a) Direction
- (b) Balanced force
- (c) Gravity
- (d) Friction

6. The difference between two forces (measured in N) is:

- (a) gravity.
- (b) unbalanced force.
- (c) magnitude.
- (d) friction.

QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A
2	C
3	D
4	C
5	A
6	C
7	A
8	B
9	D
10	B

7. Forces acting on objects occur in pairs. This statement is:
- (a) true.
  - (b) false.
8. When one force in a pair of forces is greater than the other, it is called:
- (a) a balanced force.
  - (b) an unbalanced force.
  - (c) magnitude.
  - (d) friction.
9. If I am pushing a book towards you with a force of 10 N, and you are pushing the book back towards me with a force of 2 N, which way will the book move, and with what force?
- (a) Towards me with 5 N of force.
  - (b) Towards you with 5 N of force.
  - (c) Towards me with 8 N of force.
  - (d) Towards you with 8 N of force.
10. A push or pull exerted on an object or substance is called:
- (a) a force.
  - (b) motion.
  - (c) position.
  - (d) gravity.

**Short Answer** Write the answer to the questions in the spaces provided.

1. List the **three** commonly recognised **non-contact forces**.

- Gravity
- Electrostatic
- Magnetic

(3)

2. Give **three** examples of forces **other than non-contact forces**.

- Friction      Twisting      Exploding
- Pushing      Stretching
- Pulling      Colliding

(3)

[Any 3 - 1 mark each.]

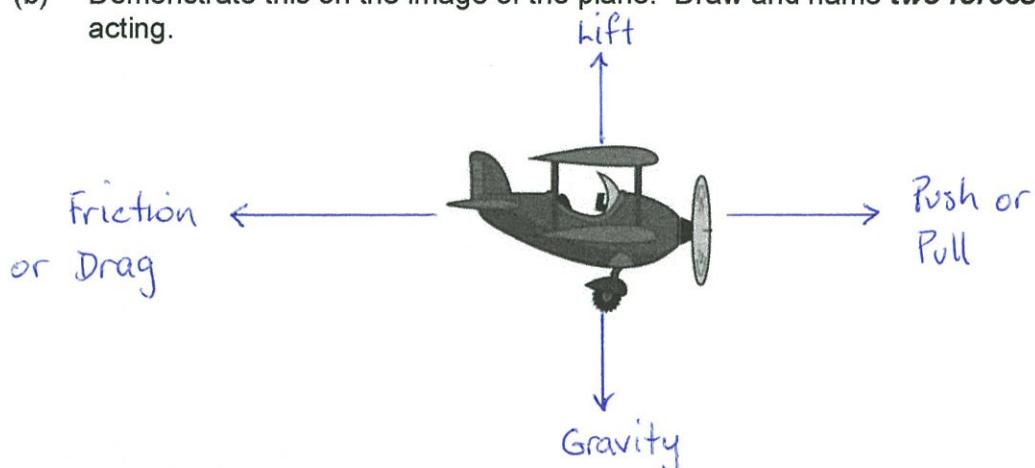
3. (a) How can we represent forces in diagrams?

Arrows. (1)

Length of arrow = size of force. (1)

(2)

- (b) Demonstrate this on the image of the plane. Draw and name **two forces** that may be acting.



(2)

4. Complete the sentence.

A force is a push or a pull.

(2)

5. List **four** things that a force can do to an object.

- Speed it up.
- Slow it down.
- Change its direction.
- Changes its shape.

(4)

6. What is friction?

The force occurring when one surface moves over another surface

(1)

7. Give an example of a situation in which friction is useful.

- Brakes on a car or bicycle.
- Grip on cricket bat, tennis racquet, etc.
- Tread on tyres.
- Safety floor in Science laboratory - no slip.
- Tread on shoes.

[Any reasonable example - 1 mark.]  
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