

Physics  
Centripetal Force and Acceleration,  
Form: **A**

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Section 1. Multiple Choice

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- (c) How many revolutions does the reel make?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
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