Q1:

(1): By Newton's second law,  $F=ma, \ a=\frac{F}{m}=\frac{20}{3+8+9+5}=\boxed{0.8}\ m/s^2.$ 

(2): The tension provides the accelerations for A and B.

Therefore, we have  $T = ma = (3+8) \cdot 0.8 = \boxed{8.8} N$ .

(3): The tension provides the accelerations for A, B and C.

Therefore, we have  $T = ma = \boxed{16} N$ .

Q2:

(1): The tension of the upper spring and the compression of the lower spring balanced the weight of the object. We have

$$mg = k(L - x) + k(L - x)$$

$$x = \boxed{L - \frac{mg}{2k}}$$

(2): Using the reference frame outside the elevator, the object is accelerating with an acceleration a.

Therefore, using the reference frame inside the elevator, the ball is decelerating with a deceleration a to remain stationary, which exert a downward force of ma. On the other hand, there is a downward force mg, the weight of the object.

The tension balanced the forces, and hence has a magnitude of  $\boxed{ma + mg}$ .

Q3:

Consider the coefficient of restitution, we have  $e = -\frac{V_A - V_B}{2V - (-V)}$ ,

i.e. 
$$V_B - V_A = 3eV$$
.

Moreover, by the conservation of momentum, we have

$$(3M)(2V) + (M)(-V) = (3M)(V_A) + (M)(V_B)$$
, i.e.  $3V_A + V_B = 5V$ .

Solving, we have 
$$V_A = \boxed{\frac{5V - 3Ve}{4}}$$
 and  $V_B = \boxed{\frac{5V + 9Ve}{4}}$ .

Q4:

(1): Consider the heat transfer, we have

$$(300 \cdot 4.2 + 400 \cdot 2.0) \cdot (T - 20) = 200 \cdot 0.90 \cdot (95 - T)$$

$$T = 26$$

(2):

$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$p_2 = \boxed{1.5 \times 10^5}$$

(3): 
$$W_{outside} = -W_{gas} = -p\Delta V = \boxed{400} J$$
.

(4): By 
$$U = \frac{3}{2}nRT$$
,  $\Delta U = 600R = 4980~J$ .

By the first law of thermodynamics,  $W_{gas} = Q - \Delta U = 5020~J.$ 

Therefore,  $p(V_2 - V_1) = 5020$ , i.e.  $V_2 \approx \boxed{0.14} m^3$ .

Q5:

(1): 
$$F_B = \frac{k_c q_D q_B}{(3\sqrt{2})^2} = \boxed{2.0 \times 10^{-3}} N.$$

(2): As the electric field from  $q_D$  at C is in the direction (b) and that from  $q_B$  is in the direction (d), consider the vector sum, the resultant electric field is in the direction (c).

Moreover, the magnitudes of the two electric fields are both

$$\frac{k(2.0\times10^{-6})}{(3.0)^2} = 2\times10^3 \ N/C.$$

Therefore, the magnitude of the resultant electric field is  $\sqrt{2}(2\times10^3)\approx \boxed{2.8\times10^3}\,N/C$ .

(3): The electric potential due to  $q_B$  is equal to that due to  $q_D$ , which are both  $\frac{k(2.0\times 10^{-6})}{3.0}=6\times 10^3~V.$ 

Therefore,  $\phi_C = 2 \times 6 \times 10^3 = \boxed{1.2 \times 10^4} V$ .

Q6:

(1): When S is opened, the equivalent resistance is  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}} + R_3 = 2.8 \Omega$ .

By Ohm's law, V = IR,  $I_3 = I = \frac{E}{R} = \boxed{2.5} A$ .

(2): 
$$I_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} I = \boxed{0.50} A$$
.

(3): When S is closed, the equivalent resistance is  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4}} = 2 \Omega$ . Similar to (1) and (2),  $I = 3.5 \ A$  and  $I_2 = \boxed{0.70} \ A$ .

Q7:

Express y as a function of t and x respectively, we have  $T = \boxed{2.0} \ s$  and  $\lambda = \boxed{4.8} \ m.$ 

Then,  $v = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \boxed{2.4} m/s$ .