

Q1. Which of the following is a vector quantity?

- A) Speed
- B) Distance
- C) Displacement
- D) Work

Answer: C) Displacement

Explanation:

Displacement has both magnitude and direction, so it is a vector. Others listed are scalars.

Q2. Two vectors A and B are such that $|A| = 3$ units and $|B| = 4$ units. If the angle between them is 90° , the magnitude of $A + B$ is:

- A) 1 unit
- B) 7 units
- C) 5 units
- D) 6 units

Answer: C) 5 units

Explanation:

Use vector addition formula:

$$|A + B| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos\theta}$$

Here, $\cos 90^\circ = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$= \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ units}$$

Q3. The direction of the resultant of two vectors is given by:

A) $\cos^{-1}(B/A)$

B) $\tan^{-1}(B/A)$

C) $\tan^{-1}(A/B)$

D) $\sin^{-1}(A/B)$

Answer: B) $\tan^{-1}(B/A)$

Explanation:

For vectors at right angles:

$$\tan \theta = (B \sin \theta) / (A + B \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{If } \theta = 90^\circ, \text{ then direction angle} = \tan^{-1}(B/A)$$

Q4. Which of the following quantities has the unit m/s^2 and is a vector?

A) Velocity

- B) Speed
- C) Acceleration
- D) Displacement

Answer: C) Acceleration

Explanation:

Acceleration is the rate of change of velocity and is a vector with SI unit m/s^2 .

Q5. A projectile is launched with velocity u at an angle θ to the horizontal. What is the maximum height reached?

- A) $u^2 \sin^2\theta$ divided by g
- B) $u^2 \cos^2\theta$ divided by g
- C) $u \sin\theta$ divided by g
- D) u^2 divided by g

Answer: A) $u^2 \sin^2\theta$ divided by g

Explanation:

Maximum height $H = (u^2 \sin^2\theta) / (2g)$

Q6. What is the horizontal range of a projectile launched with velocity u at angle θ ?

- A) $u^2 \sin^2\theta$ divided by g
- B) $u^2 \sin 2\theta$ divided by g
- C) $u^2 \cos\theta$ divided by g
- D) $u^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta$ divided by g

Answer: B) $u^2 \sin 2\theta$ divided by g

Explanation:

$$\text{Range } R = (u^2 \sin 2\theta) / g$$

Q7. What is the shape of the trajectory of a projectile?

- A) Circle
- B) Ellipse
- C) Parabola
- D) Hyperbola

Answer: C) Parabola

Explanation:

The path followed by a projectile under gravity (neglecting air resistance) is a parabola.

Q8. The time of flight of a projectile launched at angle θ with velocity u is:

- A) $(2u \sin\theta)$ divided by g
- B) $(u \sin\theta)$ divided by g
- C) $(u \cos\theta)$ divided by g
- D) $(u^2 \sin 2\theta)$ divided by g

Answer: A) $(2u \sin\theta)$ divided by g

Explanation:

Time of flight $T = (2u \sin\theta) / g$

Q9. If two vectors are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction, their resultant is:

- A) Maximum
- B) Zero
- C) Minimum
- D) Cannot be found

Answer: B) Zero

Explanation:

Equal and opposite vectors cancel each other \Rightarrow resultant = 0

Q10. Which one of the following is true for projectile motion?

- A) Vertical velocity remains constant
- B) Horizontal acceleration is equal to g
- C) Vertical acceleration is zero
- D) Horizontal velocity remains constant

Answer: D) Horizontal velocity remains constant

Explanation:

In ideal projectile motion (no air resistance), horizontal velocity is constant; only vertical component changes due to gravity.

Q11. A particle moves with velocity v at an angle θ above the horizontal. What is the horizontal component of velocity?

- A) $v \sin\theta$
- B) $v \cos\theta$
- C) $v \tan\theta$

D) $v / \cos\theta$

Answer: B) $v \cos\theta$

Explanation:

Horizontal component = $v \times \cos\theta$

(Vertical component would be $v \sin\theta$)

Q12. The scalar product of two perpendicular vectors is:

A) Zero

B) Maximum

C) Minimum

D) Unity

Answer: A) Zero

Explanation:

Dot product $A \cdot B = AB \cos\theta$

If $\theta = 90^\circ$, $\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow$ scalar product = 0

Q13. The cross product of two vectors is a:

- A) Scalar
- B) Vector
- C) Complex quantity
- D) Dimensionless number

Answer: B) Vector

Explanation:

Cross product $A \times B$ = vector perpendicular to both A and B

Q14. A projectile has the same range R when projected at angles θ and $(90^\circ - \theta)$. Which condition must be satisfied?

- A) $\sin\theta = \cos\theta$
- B) $\sin 2\theta = \sin 2(90^\circ - \theta)$
- C) $\theta = 45^\circ$
- D) $R = 0$

Answer: B) $\sin 2\theta = \sin 2(90^\circ - \theta)$

Explanation:

$R = (u^2 \sin 2\theta) / g \Rightarrow$ same range means same $\sin 2\theta$

Since $\sin 2\theta = \sin 2(90^\circ - \theta)$, the condition holds

Q15. For a particle under projectile motion, which statement is not correct?

- A) Acceleration remains constant
- B) Horizontal range is maximum at 45°
- C) Velocity is zero at the highest point
- D) Horizontal velocity remains unchanged

Answer: C) Velocity is zero at the highest point

Explanation:

At highest point, only vertical velocity = 0. Horizontal velocity $\neq 0 \Rightarrow$ total velocity $\neq 0$

Q16. If the range of a projectile is R and the maximum height is H , then the ratio R divided by H is:

- A) $4 \cot\theta$
- B) $4 \tan\theta$
- C) $\cot\theta$
- D) $\tan\theta$

Answer: A) $4 \cot\theta$

Explanation:

$$\text{Range} = (u^2 \sin 2\theta) / g$$

$$\text{Height} = (u^2 \sin^2 \theta) / (2g)$$

$$\Rightarrow R / H = (2 \sin 2\theta) / \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\text{Using identity: } \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ratio} = 4 \cot \theta$$

Q17. The direction of the vector $A \times B$ is given by:

- A) Along A
- B) Along B
- C) Perpendicular to both A and B
- D) Same as $A + B$

Answer: C) Perpendicular to both A and B

Explanation:

Cross product of two vectors results in a vector perpendicular to both

Q18. If a projectile is projected at an angle of 30° with initial speed 20 m/s, what is the maximum height? (Take $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

- A) 5 m
- B) 10 m
- C) 15 m
- D) 20 m

Answer: B) 10 m

Explanation:

$$H = (u^2 \sin^2 \theta) / (2g) = (20^2 \times \sin^2 30^\circ) / (2 \times 10) \\ = (400 \times 1/4) / 20 = 100 / 20 = 5 \text{ m}$$

🔍 Correct answer: A) 5 m (earlier B was mistakenly marked)

Q19. Which pair of vectors has maximum resultant?

- A) Same magnitude and opposite direction
- B) Same magnitude and perpendicular
- C) Same magnitude and same direction
- D) Unequal magnitudes and opposite directions

Answer: C) Same magnitude and same direction

Explanation:

Maximum resultant = $A + B \Rightarrow$ occurs when $\theta = 0^\circ$

Q20. If two vectors have unequal magnitudes, can their sum be zero?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Only if perpendicular
- D) Only if equal angles between them

Answer: B) No

Explanation:

Only two vectors with equal magnitudes and opposite directions can add up to zero

Q21. A ball is thrown horizontally from the top of a 45 m high building with speed 10 m/s. How far from the building will it strike the ground? (Take $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

- A) 30 m
- B) 45 m
- C) 20 m
- D) 10 m

Answer: A) 30 m

Explanation:

$$\text{Time to fall} = \sqrt{2h / g} = \sqrt{2 \times 45 / 10} = \sqrt{9} = 3 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Horizontal distance} = \text{speed} \times \text{time} = 10 \times 3 = 30 \text{ m}$$

Q22. A vector has components $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$. What is its magnitude?

A) 5

B) 7

C) 25

D) $\sqrt{13}$

Answer: A) 5

Explanation:

$$|A| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Q23. A projectile has horizontal range R and maximum height H. The time of flight in terms of R and H is:

A) $\sqrt{2H/g}$

B) $\sqrt{2R/g}$

C) $\sqrt{4H/g}$

D) $R / \sqrt{2gH}$

Answer: D) $R / \sqrt{2gH}$

Explanation:

From $H = (u^2 \sin^2 \theta) / (2g)$, $R = (u^2 \sin 2\theta) / g \Rightarrow$

Using algebra: $T = R / (u \cos \theta)$ and $u \sin \theta = \sqrt{2gH} \Rightarrow T = R / \sqrt{2gH}$

Q24. Which of the following represents a situation of non-uniform circular motion?

- A) Car turning with constant speed
- B) Electron revolving in hydrogen atom
- C) Earth revolving around Sun in elliptical orbit
- D) Object tied to a string moving in horizontal circle at constant speed

Answer: C) Earth revolving around Sun in elliptical orbit

Explanation:

In elliptical motion, speed and direction both vary \Rightarrow non-uniform circular motion

Q25. A particle moves such that its position vector is $\mathbf{r} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$. What is the angle with the x-axis?

- A) 30°
- B) 37°
- C) 45°
- D) 53°

Answer: D) 53°

Explanation:

$$\tan\theta = y/x = 3/4 \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(3/4) = 53^\circ$$

Q26. A projectile is thrown at angle 60° with speed 10 m/s. What is the time to reach max height? ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

- A) 1 s
- B) 2 s
- C) $\sqrt{3}$ s
- D) 0.5 s

Answer: A) 1 s

Explanation:

$$T/2 = u \sin\theta / g = (10 \times \sqrt{3}/2) / 10 = \sqrt{3}/2 \approx 0.866 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{But actual } \sin 60^\circ \approx 0.866, \text{ so } T = (10 \times 0.866) / 10 = 0.866 \text{ s}$$

☐ Closest correct option: A) 1 s

Q27. If a vector has components along x and y axes as equal, then angle with x-axis is:

- A) 30°
- B) 45°
- C) 60°
- D) 90°

Answer: B) 45°

Explanation:

$$\tan\theta = y/x = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(1) = 45^\circ$$

Q28. What is the unit vector along the vector $A = 6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$?

- A) $(3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j})/5$
- B) $(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})/10$
- C) $(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})/\sqrt{100}$
- D) $(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})/\sqrt{36}$

Answer: C) $(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})/\sqrt{100}$

Explanation:

$$|A| = \sqrt{36 + 64} = \sqrt{100} \Rightarrow \text{unit vector} = A / |A| = (6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j})/\sqrt{100}$$

Q29. If a particle moves such that its acceleration is always perpendicular to velocity, then:

- A) Speed increases
- B) Speed decreases
- C) Path is linear
- D) Speed remains constant

Answer: D) Speed remains constant

Explanation:

When acceleration \perp velocity, only direction changes; magnitude (speed) stays constant.

Q30. If R is range, and u the speed of projection, which expression gives angle for maximum range?

- A) $\sin\theta = 1$
- B) $\cos\theta = 0$
- C) $\sin 2\theta = 1$
- D) $\tan\theta = 1$

Answer: C) $\sin 2\theta = 1$

Explanation:

Maximum range when $\sin 2\theta = 1 \Rightarrow 2\theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$

Q31. Two vectors of equal magnitude make an angle θ .

Resultant is maximum when:

- A) $\theta = 90^\circ$
- B) $\theta = 0^\circ$
- C) $\theta = 60^\circ$
- D) $\theta = 180^\circ$

Answer: B) $\theta = 0^\circ$

Explanation:

Resultant = $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos\theta}$

Maximum when $\cos\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0^\circ$

Q32. A vector A makes angle 30° with x-axis. What is its y-component if $|A| = 10$?

- A) 10
- B) 5
- C) $10 \sin 30^\circ$
- D) $10 \cos 30^\circ$

Answer: C) $10 \sin 30^\circ$

Explanation:

$$\text{y-component} = A \sin \theta = 10 \times \sin 30^\circ = 10 \times 0.5 = 5$$

Q33. The magnitude of displacement after completing half circle of radius r is:

- A) $2\pi r$
- B) πr
- C) 0
- D) $2r$

Answer: D) $2r$

Explanation:

Half circle \Rightarrow displacement = straight-line distance between ends of diameter = $2r$

Q34. The dot product of a vector with itself is:

- A) 1
- B) 0
- C) Its magnitude
- D) Square of its magnitude

Answer: D) Square of its magnitude

Explanation:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = |\mathbf{A}|^2$$

Q35. For a projectile, at what point is speed minimum?

- A) At projection
- B) At highest point
- C) At landing
- D) Cannot be determined

Answer: B) At highest point

Explanation:

At highest point, vertical velocity = 0 \Rightarrow total speed is only horizontal (minimum)

Q36. A projectile is launched with a speed of 40 m/s at 30° . What is the horizontal range? (Take $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

- A) 80 m
- B) 160 m
- C) 120 m
- D) 140 m

Answer: B) 160 m

Explanation:

Range,

, so

m

Q37. A particle is acted upon by two perpendicular forces 3 N and 4 N. What is the magnitude of the resultant force?

- A) 7 N
- B) 5 N
- C) 1 N
- D) 12 N

Answer: B) 5 N

Explanation:

N

Q38. If a projectile is thrown at angle θ and its complementary angle is $90^\circ - \theta$, then the ratio of their maximum heights is:

- A) 1
- B) $\tan^2\theta$
- C) $\cot^2\theta$
- D) $1/\tan\theta$

Answer: B) $\tan^2\theta$

Explanation:

Height

For complementary angle, $\sin^2(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos^2\theta \Rightarrow$

Q39. A car takes a turn on a circular path with constant speed. Which of the following is true?

- A) Linear velocity is constant
- B) Angular velocity is zero
- C) Acceleration is radially inward
- D) Car is in equilibrium

Answer: C) Acceleration is radially inward

Explanation:

In uniform circular motion, acceleration (centripetal) is directed toward the center

Q40. A plane is flying with velocity 200 m/s at 60° to the horizontal. What is the vertical component?

- A) 100 m/s
- B) 150 m/s
- C) 173.2 m/s
- D) 200 m/s

Answer: C) 173.2 m/s

Explanation:

m/s

Q41. The angle between two vectors A and B is 90° , then what is $|A \times B|$?

A) AB

B) $A + B$

C) 0

D) A/B

Answer: A) AB

Explanation:

Q42. A projectile reaches a height H in time T. What is the vertical component of initial velocity?

A) gT

B) $gT/2$

- C) $2gT$
- D) $\sqrt{2gH}$

Answer: A) gT

Explanation:

At maximum height, vertical velocity = 0

Q43. The angle between vectors $A = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and $B = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ is:

- A) 0°
- B) 45°
- C) 90°
- D) 180°

Answer: C) 90°

Explanation:

Dot product zero \Rightarrow angle = 90°

Q44. A body moves in a circular path of radius r with uniform speed v . Its angular velocity is:

- A) v
- B) v / r
- C) $v \times r$
- D) v^2 / r

Answer: B) v / r

Explanation:

Angular velocity

Q45. If a projectile takes 4 s to reach max height, what is total time of flight?

- A) 2 s
- B) 4 s
- C) 6 s
- D) 8 s

Answer: D) 8 s

Explanation:

Time to reach max height = $T/2 \Rightarrow$ total time = $2 \times 4 = 8$