

AP PHYSICS 1: DYNAMICS

Directions: Each of the questions or incomplete statements below is followed by five suggested answers or completions. Select the one that is best in each case and place the letter of your choice in the corresponding box on the student answer sheet.

Note: To simplify calculations, you may use $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ in all problems.

1. A small moving block collides with a large block at rest. Which of the following is true of the forces the blocks apply to each other
 - (A) The small block exerts twice the force on the large block compared to the force the large block exerts on the small block.
 - (B) The small block exerts half the force on the large block compared to the force the large block exerts on the small block.
 - (C) The small block exerts exactly the same amount of force on the large block that the large block exerts on the small block.
 - (D) The large block exerts a force on the small block, but the small block does not exert a force on the large block.
 - (E) The small block exerts a force on the large block, but the large block does not exert a force on the small block.

Questions 2-3

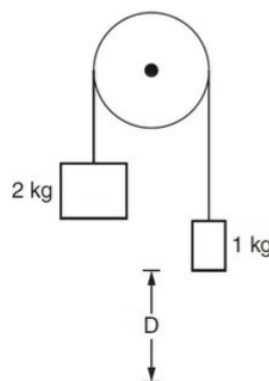
Two blocks, 4.0 kg and 2.0 kg, are connected by a string. An applied force F of magnitude 18 N pulls the blocks to the left.



2. The acceleration of the 4.0 kg block is
 - (A) 2.0 m/s^2
 - (B) 3.0 m/s^2
 - (C) 4.0 m/s^2
 - (D) 4.5 m/s^2
 - (E) 6.0 m/s^2
3. The tension in the string between the blocks is
 - (A) 4.0 N
 - (B) 6.0 N
 - (C) 12 N
 - (D) 16 N
 - (E) 18 N

Questions 4-5

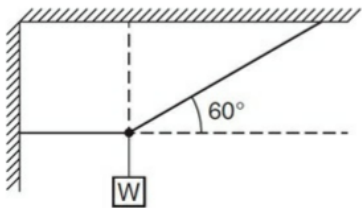
A system consists of two blocks having masses of 2 kg and 1 kg. The blocks are connected by a string of negligible mass and hung over a light pulley, and then released from rest.



4. The acceleration of the 2 kg block is most nearly
 - (A) $\frac{2}{9}g$
 - (B) $\frac{1}{3}g$
 - (C) $\frac{1}{2}g$
 - (D) $\frac{2}{3}g$
 - (E) g
5. The speed of the 2 kg block after it has descended a distance D is most nearly
 - (A) $\sqrt{\frac{4gD}{3}}$
 - (B) $\sqrt{\frac{2gD}{3}}$
 - (C) $\sqrt{\frac{gD}{3}}$
 - (D) $\sqrt{\frac{gD}{2}}$
 - (E) $\sqrt{\frac{4gD}{6}}$

Questions 6–7

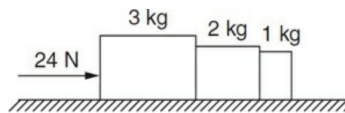
A weight of magnitude W is suspended in equilibrium by two cords, one horizontal and one slanted at an angle of 60° from the horizontal, as shown.



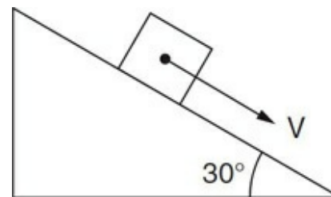
6. Which of the following statements is true?
- (A) The tension in the horizontal cord must be greater than the tension in the slanted cord.
 - (B) The tension in the slanted cord must be greater than the tension in the horizontal cord.
 - (C) The tension is the same in both cords.
 - (D) The tension in the horizontal cord equals the weight W .
 - (E) The tension in the slanted cord equals the weight W .
7. The tension in the horizontal cord is
- (A) equal to the tension in the slanted cord
 - (B) one-third as much as the tension in the slanted cord
 - (C) one-half as much as the tension in the slanted cord
 - (D) twice as much as the tension in the slanted cord
 - (E) three times as much as the tension in the slanted cord

Questions 8–9

Three blocks of mass 3 kg, 2 kg, and 1 kg are pushed along a horizontal frictionless plane by a force of 24 N to the right, as shown.



8. The acceleration of the 2 kg block is
- (A) 144 m/s^2
 - (B) 72 m/s^2
 - (C) 12 m/s^2
 - (D) 6 m/s^2
 - (E) 4 m/s^2
9. The force that the 2 kg block exerts on the 1 kg block is
- (A) 2 N
 - (B) 4 N
 - (C) 6 N
 - (D) 24 N
 - (E) 144 N
10. A block of mass 4 kg slides down a rough incline with a constant speed. The angle the incline makes with the horizontal is 30° . The coefficient of friction acting between the block and incline is most nearly

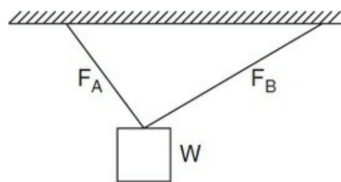


- (A) 0.1
- (B) 0.2
- (C) 0.3
- (D) 0.4
- (E) 0.6

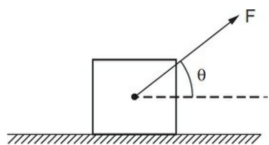
11. A ball is thrown straight up into the air, encountering air resistance as it rises. What forces, if any, act on the ball as it rises?

(A) A decreasing gravitational force and an increasing force of air resistance
 (B) An increasing gravitational force and an increasing force of air resistance
 (C) A decreasing gravitational force and a decreasing force of air resistance
 (D) A constant gravitational force and an increasing force of air resistance
 (E) A constant gravitational force and a decreasing force of air resistance

12. A weight w is hung from two threads, A and B , as shown below. The magnitudes of the tensions in each string are F_A and F_B , respectively. Which of the following describes the relationship between F_A , F_B , and W ?



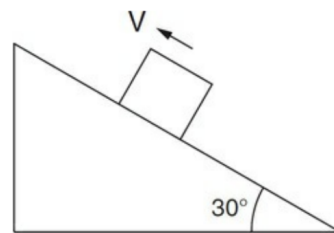
- (A) $F_A = F_B = W$
 (B) $F_A = F_B$
 (C) $F_A < F_B$
 (D) $F_A > F_B$
 (E) $F_A + F_B = W$
13. A force of magnitude F pulls up at an angle θ to the horizontal on a block of mass m . The mass remains in contact with the level floor and the coefficient of friction between the block and the floor is μ . The frictional force between the floor and the block is



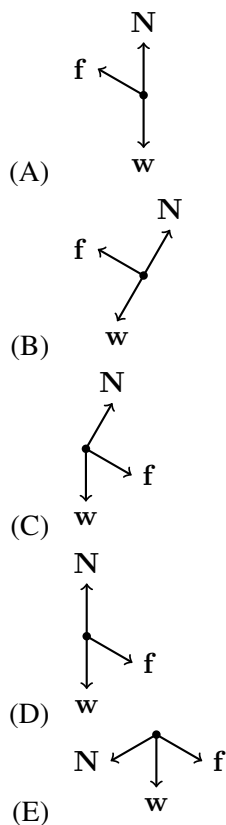
(A) μmg
 (B) $\mu(mg - F \sin \theta)$
 (C) $\mu(mg + F \sin \theta)$
 (D) $\mu(mg - F \cos \theta)$
 (E) $\mu(mg + F \cos \theta)$

Questions 14–15

A 1 kg block is sliding up a rough 30° incline and is slowing down with an acceleration of -6 m/s^2 . The mass has a weight w , and encounters a frictional force f and a normal force N . The direction up the ramp is positive.



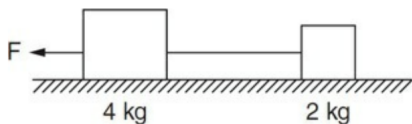
14. Which of the following free body diagrams best represents the forces acting on the block as it slides up the plane?



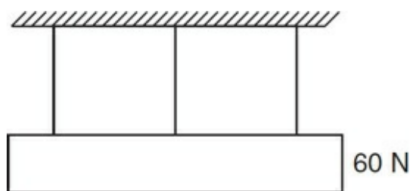
15. The magnitude of the frictional force f between the block and the plane is most nearly

(A) 1 N
 (B) 2 N
 (C) 3 N
 (D) 4 N
 (E) 5 N

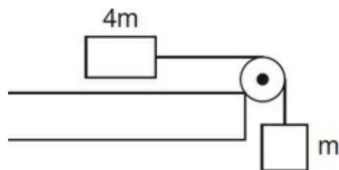
16. Two blocks are pulled by a force of magnitude F along a level surface with negligible friction as shown. The tension in the string between the blocks is



- (A) $F/4$
 (B) $F/2$
 (C) $F/3$
 (D) F
 (E) $2F$
17. A block weighing 60 N hangs from three ropes as shown. Which of the following statements is true?

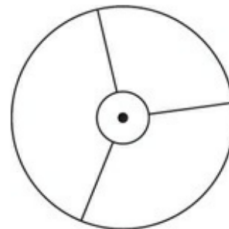


- (A) Each rope has a tension of 60 N.
 (B) The tension in each rope is higher in the lower part than in the upper part of the rope.
 (C) The tension in each rope is higher in the upper part than in the lower part of the rope.
 (D) The rope in the center has a higher tension than the other two ropes.
 (E) Each rope has a tension of 20 N.
18. A block of mass $4m$ can move without friction on a horizontal surface. Another block of mass m is attached to the larger block by a string that is passed over a light pulley. The acceleration of the system is



- (A) $g/5$
 (B) $g/2$
 (C) $2g/3$
 (D) g
 (E) $5g$

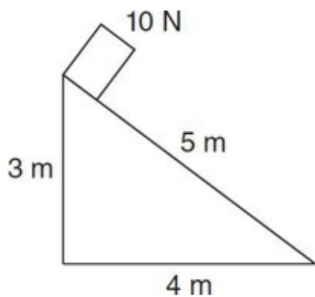
19. Three strings are attached to a ring in the center of a force table. The top view of the force table is shown. For the ring to remain in the center of the table, which of the following must be true?



- (A) The vector sum of the three forces must equal zero.
 (B) The lengths of the strings must be equal.
 (C) The strings must form an angle of 90° relative to each other.
 (D) The magnitudes of two of the tensions in the strings must equal the tension in the third string.
 (E) The tension in each string must be equal to each other.

Questions 20–21

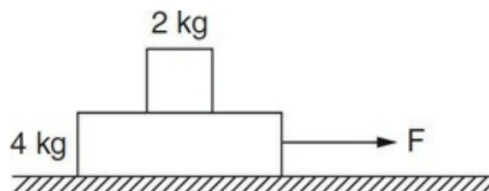
A 10 N block sits atop an inclined plane in the shape of a right triangle of sides 3 m, 4 m, and 5 m, as shown. The block is allowed to slide down the plane with negligible friction.



20. The acceleration of the block is most nearly
- (A) 2 m/s^2
 - (B) 4 m/s^2
 - (C) 6 m/s^2
 - (D) 10 m/s^2
 - (E) 12 m/s^2
21. The normal force exerted on the block by the plane is most nearly
- (A) 2 N
 - (B) 4 N
 - (C) 6 N
 - (D) 8 N
 - (E) 10 N
22. A constant force acts on a particle in such a way that the direction of the force is always perpendicular to its velocity. Which of the following is true of the particle's motion?
- (A) The acceleration of the particle is increasing
 - (B) The acceleration of the particle is decreasing.
 - (C) The speed of the particle is increasing.
 - (D) The speed of the particle is constant.
 - (E) The speed of the particle is decreasing.

Questions 23–24

A block of mass 2 kg rests on top of a larger block of mass 4 kg. The larger block slides without friction on a table, but the surface between the two blocks is not frictionless. The coefficient of friction between the two blocks is 0.2. A horizontal force \mathbf{F} is applied to the 4 kg mass.



23. What is the maximum force that can be applied such that there is no relative motion between the two blocks?
- (A) zero
 - (B) 1 N
 - (C) 2 N
 - (D) 4 N
 - (E) 12 N
24. What is the acceleration of the 2 kg block relative to the 4 kg block if a force is applied to the 4 kg block that causes the 4 kg block to accelerate at 3 m/s^2 to the right?
- (A) 1 m/s^2 to the right
 - (B) 1 m/s^2 to the left
 - (C) 2 m/s^2 to the right
 - (D) 2 m/s^2 to the left
 - (E) zero

AP PHYSICS 1 & C: DYNAMICS**SECTION II****6 Questions**

Directions: Answer all questions. The suggested time is about 10 minutes for answering each of the questions. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. All final numerical answers should include appropriate units. Credit depends on the quality of your solutions and explanations, so you should show your work. Credit also depends on demonstrating that you know which physical principles would be appropriate to apply in a particular situation. Therefore, you should clearly indicate which part of a question your work is for.

1. Two balls are thrown with equal speeds v_0 from the top of a cliff of height H . One ball is thrown upward at an angle α above the horizontal; the other ball is thrown downward at an angle of β below the horizontal. Show that each ball strikes the ground with the same speed, and find that speed in terms of H and the initial speed v_0 .

2. Blocks 1 and 2 of masses m_1 and m_2 , respectively, are connected by a light string, as shown above. These blocks are further connected to a block of mass M by another light string that passes over a pulley of negligible mass and friction. Blocks 1 and 2 move with a constant velocity v down the inclined plane, which makes an angle θ with the horizontal. The kinetic friction force on block 1 is f and that on block 2 is $2f$.

(a) On the figure below, draw and label all the forces on block m_1 .

Express your answers to each of the following in terms of m_1 , m_2 , g , θ and f .

- (b) Determine the coefficient of kinetic friction between the incline plane and block 1.
- (c) Determine the value of the suspended mass M that allows blocks 1 and 2 to move with constant velocity down the plane.
- (d) The string between blocks 1 and 2 is now cut. Determine the acceleration of block 1 while it is on the inclined plane.

3. A model rocket of mass 0.250 kg is launched vertically with an engine that is ignited at time $t = 0$, as shown above. The engine provides an impulse of 20.0 N·s by firing for 2.0 s. Upon reaching its maximum height, the rocket deploys a parachute, and then descends vertically to the ground.
- (a) On the figures below, draw and label a free-body diagram for the rocket during each of the following intervals.
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| i. While the engine is firing | ii. After the engine stops, but before the parachute is deployed | iii. After the parachute is deployed |
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- (b) Determine the magnitude of the average acceleration of the rocket during the 2.0 s firing of the engine.
- (c) What is the maximum height the rocket will reach?
- (d) At what time after $t = 0$ will the maximum height be reached?

4. An ideal spring of unstretched length 0.20 m is placed horizontally on a frictionless table as shown above. One end of the spring is fixed and the other end is attached to a block of mass $M = 8.0$ kg. The 8.0 kg block is also attached to a massless string that passes over a frictionless pulley. A block of mass $m = 4.0$ kg hangs from the other end of the string. When this spring-and-block system is in equilibrium, the length of the spring is 0.25 m and the 4.0 kg block is 0.70 m above the floor.
- (a) On the figures below, draw free-body diagrams showing and labelling the forces on each block when the system is in equilibrium.

$$M = 8.0 \text{ kg}$$



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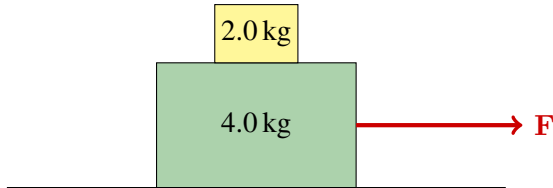


- (b) Calculate the tension in the spring.
(c) Calculate the force constant of the spring.

The string is now cut at point P .

- (d) Calculate the time taken by the 4.0 kg block to hit the floor.
(e) Calculate the frequency of the oscillation of the 8.0 kg block.
(f) Calculate the maximum speed attained by the 8.0 kg block.

5. A 2.0 kg block sits on a 4.0 kg that is resting on a frictionless table, as shown below. The coefficient of friction between the blocks are $\mu_s = 0.30$ and $\mu_k = 0.20$.
- (a) What is the maximum force \mathbf{F} that can be applied if the 2.0 kg block is not to slide on the 4.0 kg block.
 - (b) If \mathbf{F} is half this value, find the acceleration of each block and the force of friction acting on each block.
 - (c) If \mathbf{F} is twice the value found in (a), find the acceleration of each block.



6. A 2.0 kg body rests on a smooth wedge that has an inclination of 60° and an acceleration \mathbf{a} to the right such that the mass remains stationary relative to the wedge.
- (a) Find acceleration \mathbf{a} .
 - (b) What would happen if the wedge were given a greater acceleration?

