

AP PHYSICS 1: WORK AND ENERGY

**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.

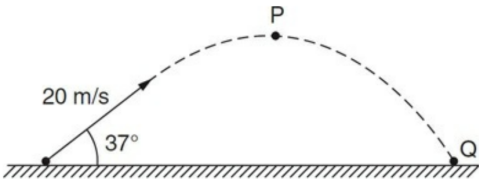
**Note:** To simplify calculations, you may use  $g = 10\text{ m/s}^2$  in all problems.

1. A 1 kg ball is thrown vertically downward from a 50-meter-high tower with an initial speed of 4 m/s. Just before striking the ground, the speed of the ball is 20 m/s. The energy lost to air friction is most nearly

(A) 101 J  
(B) 210 J  
(C) 308 J  
(D) 406 J  
(E) 508 J
7. An object is moved from rest at point  $P$  to rest at point  $Q$  in a gravitational field. The net work against the gravitational field depends on the

(A) mass of the object and the positions of  $P$  and  $Q$   
(B) mass of the object only  
(C) positions of  $P$  and  $Q$  only  
(D) length moved between points  $P$  and  $Q$   
(E) coefficient of friction

**Questions 2–3.** A 2 kg projectile is launched with a speed of 20 m/s from horizontal ground at an angle of  $37^\circ$  to the horizontal as shown. Point  $P$  is at the top of the path, and point  $Q$  is at the end of the path, just before the projectile again reaches the ground.



2. The kinetic energy of the projectile at point  $P$  is

(A) 108 J  
(B) 225 J  
(C) 256 J  
(D) 400 J  
(E) 525 J
3. The kinetic energy of the projectile at point  $Q$  is

(A) 108 J  
(B) 225 J  
(C) 256 J  
(D) 400 J  
(E) 525 J
4. If a projectile thrown directly upward reaches a maximum height  $h$  and spends a total time in the air of  $T$ , the average power of the gravitational force during the trajectory is

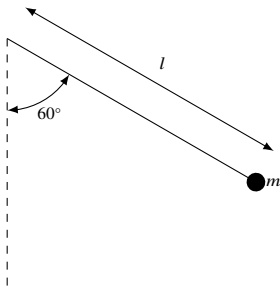
(A)  $P = 2mgh/T$   
(B)  $P = -2mgh/T$   
(C) 0  
(D)  $P = mgh/T$   
(E)  $P = -mgh/T$
5. Given that the constant net force on an object and the object's displacement, which of the following quantities can be calculated?

(A) the net change in the object's velocity  
(B) the net change in the object's mechanical energy  
(C) the average acceleration  
(D) the net change in the object's kinetic energy  
(E) the net change in the object's potential energy
6. An electron travels in a circle around a hydrogen nucleus at a very high speed. The work done by the electrostatic force acting on the electron after one complete revolution is

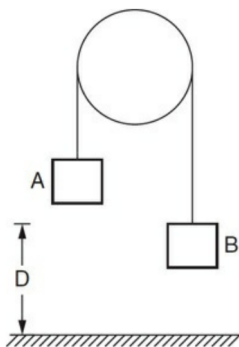
(A) zero  
(B) positive  
(C) negative  
(D) equal to the kinetic energy of the electron  
(E) equal to the potential energy of the electron

8. A pendulum bob of mass  $m$  is released from rest as shown in the figure below. What is the tension in the string as the pendulum swings through the lowest point of its motion?

(A)  $T = \frac{1}{2}mg$   
(B)  $T = mg$   
(C)  $T = \frac{3}{2}mg$   
(D)  $T = 2mg$   
(E) None of the above



9. Two blocks of mass  $m_A$  and  $m_B$  are connected by a string that passes over a light pulley. The mass of  $A$  is larger than the mass of  $B$ . The speed of mass  $A$  just before reaching the floor is:



- (A)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_A - m_B}{m_A + m_B}}gD$

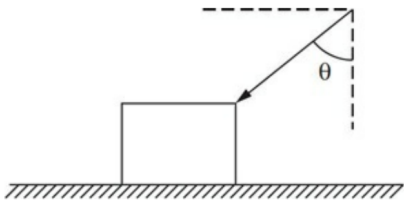
(B)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_A + m_B}{m_A - m_B}}gD$

(C)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_A}{m_A + m_B}}gD$

(D)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_B}{m_A + m_B}}gD$

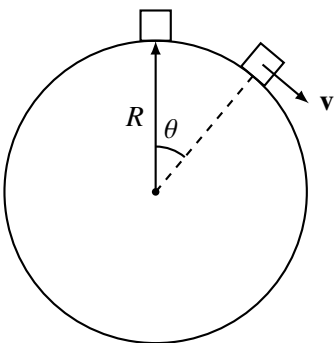
(E)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_A}{m_B}}gD$

**Questions 10–11.** A force is applied to a block of mass  $m$  at a downward angle of  $\theta$  to the vertical as shown. The block moves with a constant speed across a rough floor for a distance  $x$ .

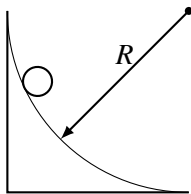


10. The work done by the applied force on the block is
  - (A)  $Fx \sin \theta$
  - (B)  $Fx \cos \theta$
  - (C)  $Fmx \sin \theta$
  - (D)  $Fmx \cos \theta$
  - (E) zero
11. The coefficient of friction between the block and the floor is
  - (A)  $\frac{F}{mg}$
  - (B)  $\frac{F \cos \theta}{mg}$
  - (C)  $\frac{mg}{F \cos \theta}$
  - (D)  $\frac{F \sin \theta + mg}{F \sin \theta}$
  - (E)  $\frac{F \cos \theta + mg}{F \sin \theta}$

**Questions 12–13.** A small block rests on the top of a smooth sphere of radius  $R$  when it is given a light tap so that it just begins sliding on the sphere. When the block reaches the angle  $\theta$ , it loses contact with the surface of the sphere.



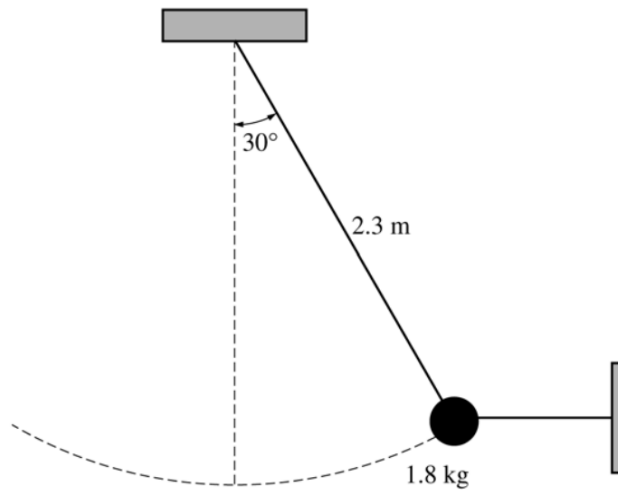
12. The kinetic energy of the block as it leaves the surface of the sphere is
  - (A)  $mgR$
  - (B)  $mgR \cos \theta$
  - (C)  $mgR \sin \theta$
  - (D)  $mg(R - R \cos \theta)$
  - (E)  $mg(R - R \sin \theta)$
13. The speed of the block as it leaves the surface of the sphere is
  - (A)  $\sqrt{2gm}$
  - (B)  $\sqrt{2gRm}$
  - (C)  $2gR \cos \theta$
  - (D)  $2g(R - R \cos \theta)$
  - (E)  $2g(R - R \sin \theta)$
14. A small ball starts from rest and rolls down a quarter-circle ramp of radius  $R$ . The speed of the ball at the point halfway down the ramp is most nearly



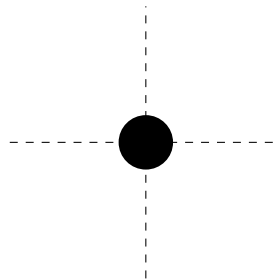
- (A)  $gR$
  - (B)  $2gR$
  - (C)  $\sqrt{gR \sin 45^\circ}$
  - (D)  $\sqrt{2gR \sin 45^\circ}$
  - (E) The speed cannot be determined without knowing the mass of the ball.

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**SECTION II**  
**5 Questions**

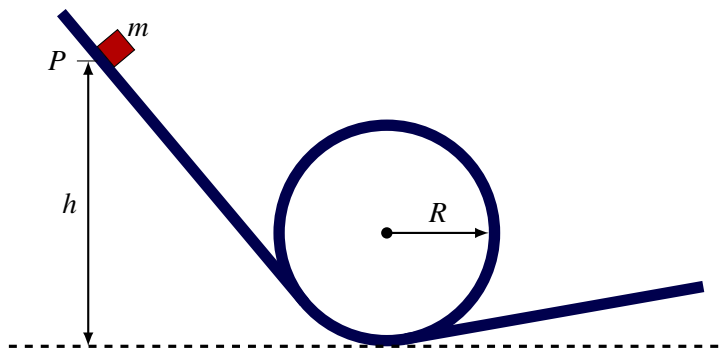
**Directions:** Answer all questions. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. All final numerical answers should include appropriate units. Credit depends on the quality of your solutions and explanations, so you should show your work. Credit also depends on demonstrating that you know 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. A simple pendulum consists of a bob of mass 1.8 kg attached to a string of length 2.3 m. The pendulum is held at an angle of  $30^\circ$  from the vertical by a light horizontal string attached to a wall, as shown above.
  - (a) On the figure below, draw a free-body diagram showing and labeling the forces on the bob in the position shown above.

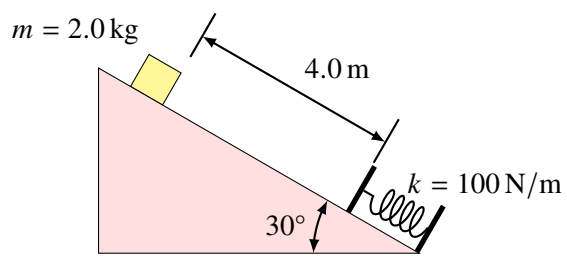


- - (b) Calculate the tension in the horizontal string.
  - (c) The horizontal string is now cut close to the bob, and the pendulum swings down. Calculate the speed of the bob at its lowest position.

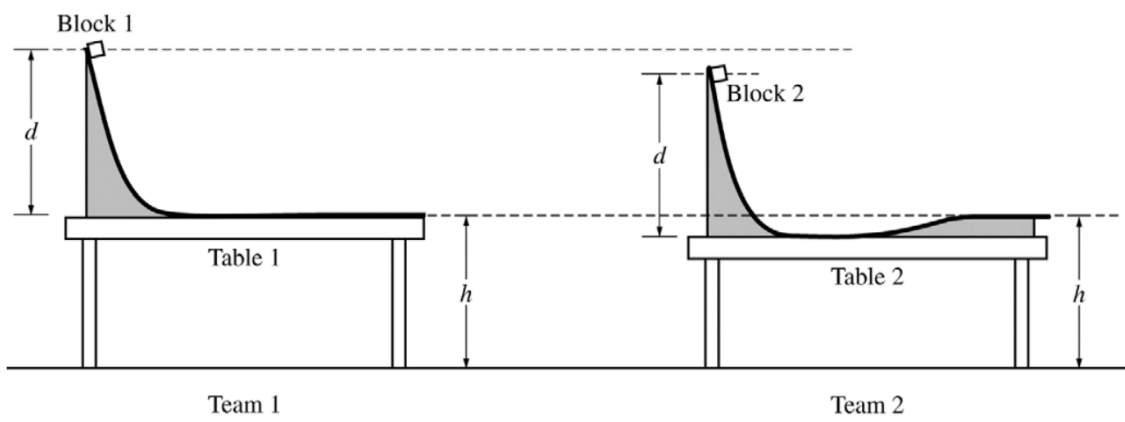


2. A small block of mass  $m$  slides without friction along the loop-the-loop track shown in the figure above. The block starts from point  $P$  a distance  $h$  above the bottom of the loop.
- (a) What is the kinetic energy of the block when it reaches the top of the loop?
  - (b) What is the acceleration at the top of the loop, assuming that it stays on the track?
  - (c) What is the least value of  $h$  for which the block will reach the top of the loop without leaving the track?

3. A 2.0-kg block is released 4.0 m from a massless spring with a spring constant of 100 N/m that is fixed along a frictionless plane inclined at  $30^\circ$ , as shown in the figure below. Please give answer to 3 significant figures.

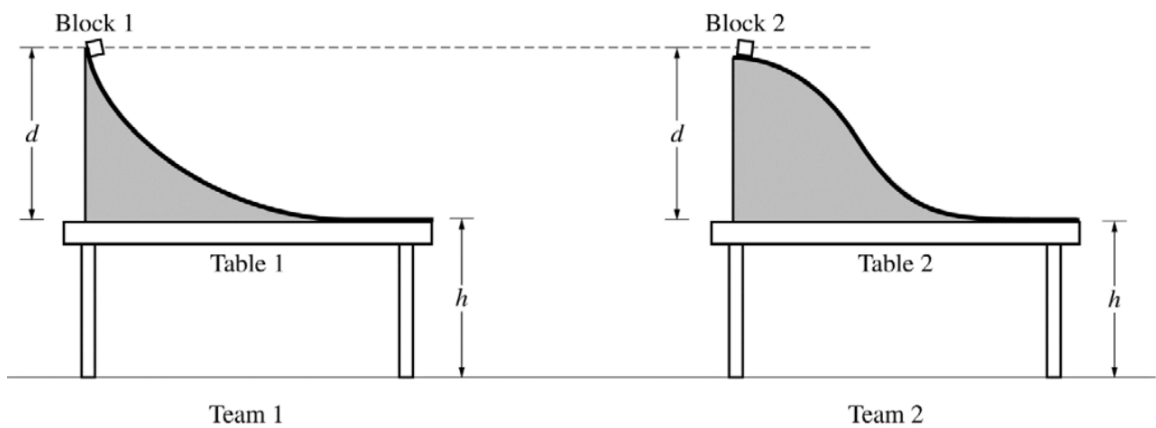


- (a) Find the maximum compression of the spring.
- (b) If the plane is not frictionless, and the coefficient of kinetic friction between it and the block is 0.20, find the maximum compression.
- (c) For the rough incline ( $\mu = 0.20$ ), how far up the incline will the block travel after leaving the spring?



4. A physics class is asked to design a low-friction slide that will launch a block horizontally from the top of a lab table. Teams 1 and 2 assemble the slides shown above and use identical blocks 1 and 2, respectively. Both slides start at the same height  $d$  above the tabletop. However, team 2's table is lower than team 1's table. To compensate for the lower table, team 2 constructs the right end of the slide to rise above the tabletop so that the block leaves the slide horizontally at the same height  $h$  above the floor as does team 1's block (see figure above).
- (a) Both blocks are released from rest at the top of their respective slides. Do block 1 and block 2 land the same distance from their respective tables?
- \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No
- Justify your answer.

In another experiment, teams 1 and 2 use tables and low-friction slides with the same height. However, the two slides have different shapes, as shown below.



- (b) Both blocks are released from rest at the top of their respective slides at the same time.
- i. Which block, if either, lands farther from its respective table?
- \_\_\_ Block 1    \_\_\_ Block 2    \_\_\_ The two blocks land the same distance from their respective tables.
- Briefly explain your reasoning without manipulating equations.

- ii. Which block, if either, hits the floor first?
- \_\_\_ Block 1    \_\_\_ Block 2    \_\_\_ The two blocks hit the floor at the same time.
- Briefly explain your reasoning without manipulating equations.

5. A pendulum of length  $L$  has a bob of mass  $m$ . It is released from some angle  $\theta_1$ . The string hits a peg at a distance  $x$  directly below the pivot, as shown in the figure below, effectively shortening the length of the pendulum. Find the maximum angle  $\theta_2$  between the string and the vertical when the bob is to the right of the peg.

