



# Physics 101

Fall Semester  
Second Midterm Exam  
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#	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	SP1	SP2	SP3	SP4	SP5	SP6	SP7	SP8	SP9	LP1	LP2	LP3	Total
Pts	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	40

**Important:**

1. Answer all questions and problems.
2. Full mark = 40 points as arranged in the above table.
  - i) 5 Questions
  - ii) 9 Short Problems
  - iii) 3 Long Problems
3. No solution = no points.
4. Use SI units.
5. Check the correct answer for each question.
6. Assume  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
7. Mobiles are **strictly prohibited** during the exam.
8. Programmable calculators, which can store equations, are not allowed.
9. Cheating incidents will be processed according to the university rules.

**GOOD LUCK**

**Part I: Questions (Choose the correct answer, 2 points each)**

**Q1.** A box is accelerated by a force of 100 N. After 10 s, a second force of 100 N is exerted on the box in the opposite direction, so that **the two forces cancel each other, then the box**

- \* is brought to rest immediately.
- \* is brought to rest within 10 s.
- \* will continue to move with decreasing speed.

☒ will continue to move with constant speed.

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**Q2.** In a uniform circular motion, **the vectors that point toward the center of the circular path are:**

- ☒ acceleration and net force.
- \* velocity and acceleration.
  - \* velocity and net force.
  - \* velocity, acceleration, and net force.
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**Q3.** A man pushes a block up an incline at **constant speed**. The block's kinetic energy is **K** and the potential energy is **U**. **As the block moves up the incline,**

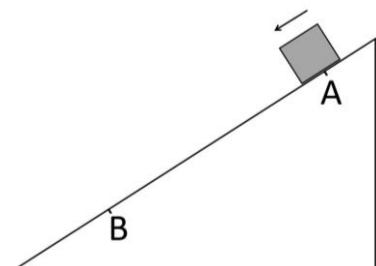
- \* Both **K** and **U** increase.
  - \* **K** increases and **U** remains the same.
- ☒ **K** remains the same and **U** increases.
- \* **K** decreases and **U** increases.
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**Q4.** A 60 kg student is standing on a scale in an elevator. If the scale reads 650 N, then the elevator is:

- \* moving downward with increasing speed.
- ☒ moving downward with decreasing speed.
- \* moving upward with decreasing speed.
  - \* moving upward with constant speed.
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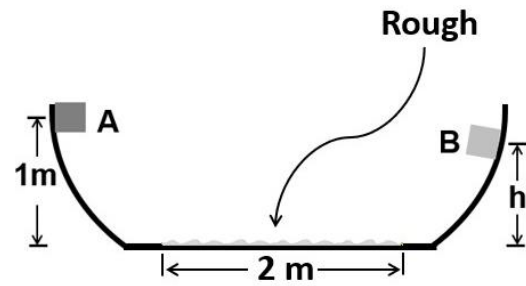
**Q5.** A block slides along a **rough incline**. Its total mechanical energy (**E**) and potential energy (**U**) respectively at point A are (70 J and 50 J) and at point B are (40 J and 40 J). **The work done by the frictional force on the block between points A and B is:**

- \* - 10      \* - 20 J      ☒ - 30 J      \* - 40 J



**Part II: Short Problems (2 points each)**

**SP1.** A 2 kg block is released **from rest** at point A and slides on the shown track. The track is frictionless except a portion from the **flat part which is rough** ( $\mu_k = 0.2$ ). If the block stops momentarily at point B, find the value of h.



$$E_f - E_i = -\mu_k mgd$$

$$mgh - mg(1) = -\mu_k mgd$$

$$h = 1 - \mu_k d = 1 - (0.2)(2) = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

**SP2.** In the shown figure, if  $m_1 = 3 \text{ kg}$ ,  $m_2 = 2 \text{ kg}$  and the horizontal surface is frictionless, find the magnitude of the force exerted on block 1 by block 2 ( $F_{21}$ ).

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{+20 \hat{i}}{5} = +4 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$25 - F_{21} = m_1 a = 12 \Rightarrow F_{21} = 13 \text{ N}$$



**SP3.** A box of mass  $m = 32 \text{ kg}$  rests on the bed of a truck. If the coefficients of friction between the box and the truck's bed are ( $\mu_s = 0.4$  and  $\mu_k = 0.3$ ). Find the **minimum acceleration** of the truck so the box slides.



$$ma_{\min} = f_{s\max} = \mu_s mg$$

$$a_{\min} = \mu_s g = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$$

**SP4.** A box moves on a **frictionless horizontal surface** under the influence of the two forces  $\vec{F}_1 = (50\hat{i} + 60\hat{j})\text{ N}$ ,  $\vec{F}_2 = (120\hat{i} + 80\hat{j})\text{ N}$ . Find the **total power delivered to the block** when its **velocity is  $\vec{v} = (5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})\text{ m/s}$** .

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = (170\hat{i} + 140\hat{j})\text{ N}$$

$$P = \vec{F}_{net} \cdot \vec{v} = 170(5) + 140(3) = 1270\text{ W}$$

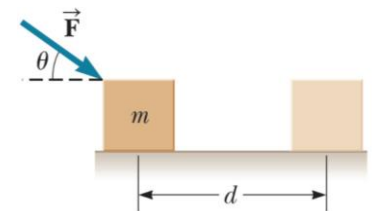
OR

$$P_1 = \vec{F}_1 \cdot \vec{v} = (50)(5) + (60)(3) = 430\text{ W}$$

$$P_2 = \vec{F}_2 \cdot \vec{v} = (120)(5) + (80)(3) = 840\text{ W}$$

$$P = P_1 + P_2 = 1270\text{ W}$$

**SP5.** A 3 kg block is pushed a distance  $d = 5\text{ m}$  along a frictionless horizontal floor by a constant applied force of magnitude  $F = 16\text{ N}$  directed at an angle  $\theta = 36.9^\circ$  as shown in the figure. **Determine the work done on the block by the applied force.**



$$W_F = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = F d \cos(\theta)$$

$$W_F = (16)(5) \cos(36.9^\circ) = 64\text{ J}$$

**SP6.** How many **revolutions per minute (rpm)** would a **20 m diameter** Ferris wheel need to make so that the passengers feel “**weightless**” at the top-most point?

$$n - mg = -\frac{mv^2}{R}$$

$$\text{feel weightless} \Rightarrow n = 0 \Rightarrow mg = \frac{mv^2}{R} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{Rg} = 10\text{ m/s}$$

$$f = v \left( \frac{60}{2\pi R} \right) = 10 \left( \frac{60}{2(3.14)(10)} \right) = 9.55\text{ rpm}$$



**SP7.** A block of mass  $m$  is **at rest** at point  $(0, 0)$  m. A net force  $\vec{F} = (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$  N acts on the block **for 10 s** to move it to the point  $(20, 10)$  m. **Find the mass of the block.**

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

$$(20\hat{i} + 10\hat{j}) = 0 + 50\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = (0.4\hat{i} + 0.2\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} = m(0.4\hat{i} + 0.2\hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

**OR**

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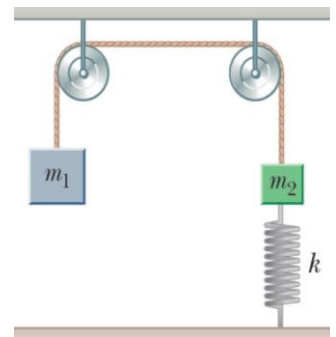
$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t = (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) \text{ m/s} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{r} = (20\hat{i} + 10\hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Work} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{r} = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - 0$$

$$(4)(20) + 2(10) = \frac{1}{2} m (20) \Rightarrow m = \frac{100}{10} = 10 \text{ kg}$$

**SP8.** Two blocks ( $m_1 = 8 \text{ kg}$ ,  $m_2 = 2 \text{ kg}$ ) are connected by a light cord that passes over two frictionless pulleys as shown in the figure. The block of mass  $m_2$  is attached to a spring of force constant  $k = 500 \text{ N/m}$ . If the system is **released from rest**, and the **spring is initially not stretched or compressed**, find the **maximum displacement  $d$  of  $m_2$ .**



$$E_i = E_f$$

$$0 = m_2 g d + \frac{1}{2} k d^2 - m_1 g d$$

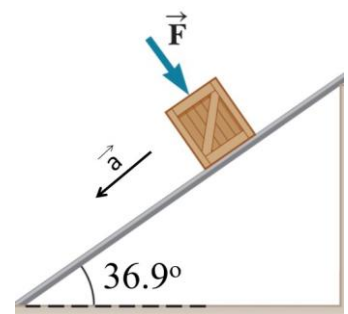
$$d = \frac{(m_1 - m_2)g}{\frac{1}{2}k} = 0.24 \text{ m}$$

**SP9.** The force  $F = 16 \text{ N}$  is applied on a  $3 \text{ kg}$  box perpendicular to the rough incline ( $\mu_k = 0.3$ ). **With what acceleration will the box slide down?**

$$n = F + mg \cos(36.9^\circ) = 16 + 30 \cos(36.9^\circ) = 40 \text{ N}$$

$$mg \sin(36.9^\circ) - \mu_k n = ma$$

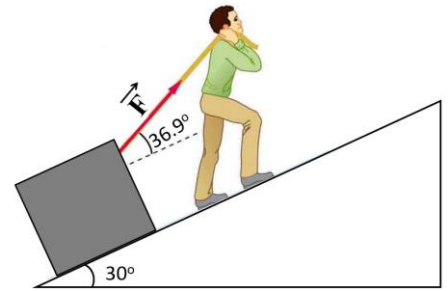
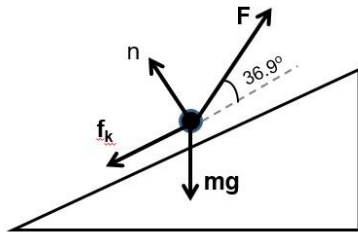
$$a = \frac{mg \sin(36.9^\circ) - \mu_k n}{m} = \frac{18 - 12}{3} = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$$



**Part III: Long Problems (4 points each)**

**LP1.** A man pulls a 20 kg box and the box moves with **constant speed** up a **rough** ramp as shown in the figure. The length of the ramp is 3 m and the man pulls with a force of  $F = 200\text{ N}$ .

a) Draw the free body diagram for the box



b) Find the work done on the box by gravity

$$W_{mg} = -mgh = -mgL \sin(30^\circ) = -(20)(10)(3)(\sin(30^\circ)) = -300\text{ J}$$

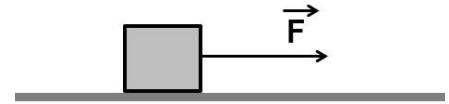
c) Find the work done on the box by the man

$$W_F = |\vec{F}| |\vec{d}| \cos(36.9^\circ) = 200(3)(0.8) = 480\text{ J}$$

d) Find the work done on the box by the normal force n.

$$W_n = 0$$

**LP2.** A constant horizontal force  $F$  is applied on the 20 kg box and the box moves with constant speed on a rough horizontal surface ( $\mu_k = 0.5$ ) as shown in the figure.



a) Find the magnitude of the friction force.

$$f_k = \mu_k mg = (0.5)(200) = 100 \text{ N}$$

b) Find the magnitude of the applied force.

$$F = f_k = 100 \text{ N}$$

c) Find the total work done on the box.

$$\text{Since } \vec{v} \text{ is constant} \Rightarrow W_{total} = 0$$

d) With what acceleration will the box move after removing the applied force  $F$ ?

$$f_k = ma = 20 a$$

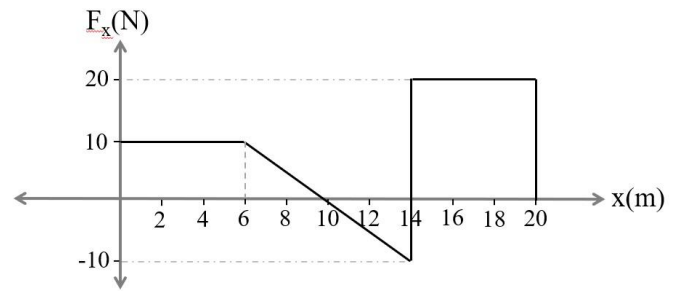
$$-100 \text{ N} = 20 a \Rightarrow a = -5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

**LP3.** An object of mass 4.8 kg rests on a frictionless horizontal surface. A variable force is applied on the object to move it from the origin along the x-axis. The force as a function of position is shown in the graph.

a) What is the speed of the object at  $x = 6$  m.

$$W = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2) = \text{Area}$$

$$60 \text{ J} = 2.4 (v_f^2 - 0) \Rightarrow v(6 \text{ m}) = 5 \text{ m/s}$$



b) What is the work done on the object by the force  $F_x$  as it moves from  $x = 0$  m to  $x = 20$  m?

$$W = \text{Area} = 6(10) + 6(20) = 180 \text{ J}$$

c) At what position, if any, does the acceleration change from positive to negative.

$$\text{At } x = 10 \text{ m}$$

d) At what position, if any, does the direction of the velocity change from positive to negative.

None