Physics 201

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Multiple choice questions

Answer all of the following questions. Read each question carefully. **Fill the correct bubble on your scantron sheet.** Each question has exactly one correct answer. All questions are worth the same amount of points.

1. 

On a frictionless horizontal surface, three boxes are connected by inextensible massless strings and are pulled by a force $F$ as shown in the figure. The masses of the boxes are proportional to their sizes. Which string has to be the strongest so as not to break?

A. A  
B. B  
C. C  
D. A, B and C must be equally strong  
E. A and B must be equally strong.
The figure shows a top view of a ball on the end of a string traveling counterclockwise in a circular path. The speed of the ball is constant. If the string should break at the instant shown, the path that the ball would follow is

A. 1  
B. 2  
C. 3  
D. 4  
E. impossible to tell from the given information

3. A 5-kg object undergoes a displacement \( \Delta \vec{s} = -5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} \). During the displacement, a constant force \( \vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} \) acts on the object. All values are given in SI units. The work done by the force \( \vec{F} \) on this object is (in Joules)

A. \(-15\) J  
B. 16  
C. -34  
D. 1  
E. 6
4. A motor develops power as shown in the graph. The energy expended by the motor in the time interval between $t = 10$ s and $t = 30$ s is

A. 1.0 J  
B. 1.3 J  
C. 0.20 kJ  
D. 0.60 kJ  
E. 0.70 kJ
The shaded area in the figure represents a uniformly thick sheet of metal. The center of mass of the sheet is closest to point

A. 1  
B. 2  
C. 3  
D. 4  
E. 5

6. You shoot an arrow with a mass of 0.54 kg from a bow. The bow exerts a force of 125 N for 0.65s. The speed of the arrow as it leaves the bow is

A. 0.10 km/s  
B. 0.15 km/s  
C. 0.23 km/s  
D. 0.27 km/s  
E. 0.30 km/s
Two identical bodies of mass $M$ move with equal speeds $v$. The direction of their velocities is illustrated in the figure. The magnitude of the linear momentum of the system is

A. $2Mv$
B. $Mv$
C. $4Mv$
D. $\sqrt{2}Mv$
E. $4\sqrt{2}Mv$
A bicycle is moving at a speed $v = 12.6$ m/s. The wheels of the bicycle roll without slipping. A small stone is stuck to one of the tires. At the instant the stone is at point A in the figure, it comes free. The velocity of the stone (magnitude and direction) relative to the earth just after release is

A. 17.8 m/s at 45º above the horizontal, toward the front of the bicycle.
B. 12.6 m/s at 45º above the horizontal, away from the bicycle.
C. 12.6 m/s at 37º below the horizontal.
D. 12.6 m/s straight up.
E. 17.8 m/s at 45º above the horizontal, toward the back of the bicycle.
A solid disk \((I_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2} mR^2)\) rolls without slipping up a plane a distance \(s\). The plane is inclined at an angle \(\theta\) with the horizontal. The disk has mass \(m\), radius \(R\), and an initial translational speed \(v\). How far does the disk travel up the incline?

A. \(\frac{3v^2}{4g \sin \theta}\)

B. \(\frac{v^2}{2g \sin \theta}\)

C. \(\frac{Rv}{2g \sin \theta}\)

D. \(\frac{v^2}{2g(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)}\)

E. \(\frac{v^2}{g \sin \theta}\)
Assume that none of the objects is hollow.

If all of the objects illustrated in the figure have equal masses, which object has the largest moment of inertia about the indicated axis?

Hint: for this question, you don't need to know the formulas giving the moments of inertia of these particular solids. Just use the definition of the moment of inertia: \( I = \sum m_i r_i^2 \)

A. ring  
B. cross  
C. sphere  
D. cube  
E. rod
Questions 11 through 17 all refer to the same problem.

For this problem, assume no friction. A mass \( m_2 = 3.5 \text{ kg} \) rests on a horizontal table and is attached by strings to masses \( m_1 = 1.5 \text{ kg} \) and \( m_3 = 2.5 \text{ kg} \) as shown. The masses \( m_1 \) and \( m_3 \) hang freely. \( g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \)

11. Initially the system of the 3 masses is held at rest by a hand that exerts a normal force on \( m_2 \) (the hand is not represented on the drawing above).

If \( \vec{T}_1 \) is the tension by the string on \( m_1 \) and \( \vec{T}_3 \) is the tension by the string on \( m_3 \), how do the magnitudes of the tensions compare when the system is held at rest?

A. \( |\vec{T}_1| > |\vec{T}_3| \)
B. \( |\vec{T}_1| = |\vec{T}_3| \)
C. \( |\vec{T}_1| < |\vec{T}_3| \)
D. Can't tell. There is not enough information.
At t=0, the hand is removed from m2 and the 3 masses start moving from rest.

12. How do the magnitudes of the tensions $T_1$ and $T_3$ compare when the system is moving?
   
   A. $|T_1| > |T_3|
   
   B. $|T_1| = |T_3|
   
   C. $|T_1| < |T_3|
   
   D. Can't tell. There is not enough information.

13. When the system is moving, what is the acceleration of mass $m_2$ (in m/s$^2$)?

   A. 0
   
   B. 1.3
   
   C. 5.2
   
   D. 8.7
   
   E. 9.8
14. At instant $t_1$, $m_3$ has moved by 1 m from its initial position. From the initial position to the position at $t_1$, how does the work done on $m_3$ by the weight of $m_3$, $W_{\vec{w}_3E}$, compare with the work done on $m_1$ by the weight of $m_1$, $W_{\vec{w}_1E}$?

A. $|W_{\vec{w}_3E}| > |W_{\vec{w}_1E}|$
B. $|W_{\vec{w}_3E}| < |W_{\vec{w}_1E}|$
C. $W_{\vec{w}_3E} = W_{\vec{w}_1E}$
D. $W_{\vec{w}_3E} = -W_{\vec{w}_1E}$
E. Can't tell. There is not enough information.

15. At $t_1$, what is the kinetic energy of the three masses (in Joules)?

A. 0
B. 9.8
C. 19.6
D. 29.4
E. 39.2

16. At $t=0s$, the total mechanical energy of the system of the three masses and strings is 0J, what is its total mechanical energy at $t_1$ (in Joules)?

A. 0
B. 9.8
C. 39.2
D. -9.8
E. -39.2

17. What is the value of $t_1$ (in seconds)?

A. 1
B. 1.2
C. 1.5
D. 1.8
E. 2.1
Questions 18 through 21 all refer to the same problem.

A bar is constructed from three equally sized pieces made of different materials as shown below. It has a total mass of \( m = 3 \text{kg} \). The points A, B and C are located at the center of mass of each piece.

The bar is initially at rest on a frictionless horizontal surface. When forces of 5N and 10N are applied at the locations shown, the bar begins to rotate counterclockwise about its center of mass.

18. What can you say about the location of the center of mass of the bar? Choose the statement that is the most precise.

A. It is to the left of B
B. It is at B
C. It is to the right of B
D. It is at A
E. It is between A and B

19. What is the direction of the acceleration of the center of mass?

A. 
B. 
C. 
D. 
E. undefined since it is 0
20. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the center of mass (in m/s²)?

A. 0
B. 1.67
C. 3.33
D. 5
E. 15

21. In a second experiment, the forces applied on the bar are doubled (the 5N force becomes 10N and the 10N force becomes 20N). Nothing else changes.
How would the acceleration $a_{CM}$ of the center of mass and the angular acceleration $\alpha_{bar}$ of the bar compare between the first and the second experiments?

A. $|a_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = |a_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$ and $|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = |\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$
B. $|a_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = 2|a_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$ and $|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = 2|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$
C. $|a_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = 2|a_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$ and $|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = |\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$
D. $|a_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = |a_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$ and $|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = 2|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$
E. $|a_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = \frac{1}{2}|a_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$ and $|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 2}| = \frac{1}{2}|\alpha_{CM}^{exp\ 1}|$
Questions 22 through 27 all refer to the same problem.

On a frictionless horizontal table, one puck A of mass m moves with speed $2v$ to the right. An identical puck B moves with speed $v$ to the left as indicated on the figure below. At $t=0$ they collide with a massless rod and stick to the ends of the rod.

Error!

At $t<0$, the linear momentum of the system rod +A +B is:

A. $2mv\hat{x}$
B. $mv\hat{x}$
C. $-mv\hat{x}$
D. 0
E. $3mv\hat{x}$

At $t>0$, the linear momentum of the system rod +A +B is:

A. $2mv\hat{x}$
B. $mv\hat{x}$
C. $-mv\hat{x}$
D. 0
E. $3mv\hat{x}$
24. What is the angular momentum of the system rod+A+B just before the collision in the center of mass frame of the system rod+A+B? 
(\hat{z} is a unit vector out of the page on the figures above)

Hint: recall that for a point particle of mass m and velocity \( \vec{v} \), \( \vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v} \) and that for a system of particles \( \vec{L}_{total} = \sum \vec{L} \)

A. \( 2bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
B. \( \frac{3}{2}bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
C. 0  
D. \( -2bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
E. \( -\frac{3}{2}bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)

25. What is the angular momentum of the system rod+A+B just after the collision in the center of mass frame of the system rod+A+B? 
(\hat{z} is a unit vector out of the page on the figures above)

Hint: what is the net torque acting on the system rod + A + B?

A. \( 2bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
B. \( \frac{3}{2}bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
C. 0  
D. \( -2bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)  
E. \( -\frac{3}{2}bm\vec{v}\hat{z} \)
26. After the collision, what is the moment of inertia of the system rod+A+B about an axis of rotation going through its center of mass and parallel to \( \hat{z} \) ?

A. \( \frac{1}{4}mb^2 \)
B. \( \frac{1}{2}mb^2 \)
C. \( mb^2 \)
D. \( 2mb^2 \)
E. \( 4mb^2 \)

27. After the collision, what is the magnitude \( \omega \) of the angular velocity of the system rod+A+B about its center of mass?

A. 0
B. \( \frac{v}{2b} \)
C. \( \frac{2v}{b} \)
D. \( \frac{3v}{b} \)
E. \( \frac{4v}{b} \)