# UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

**Department of Physics and Engineering Physics**

**Physics 115.3**

**MIDTERM TEST**

October 23, 2009 Time: 90 minutes

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(Last) **Please Print** (Given)

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This is a closed book exam.
2. The test package includes a test paper (this document), a formula sheet, and an OMR sheet. The test paper consists of 8 pages. **It is the responsibility of the student to check that the test paper is complete**.
3. Only Hewlett-Packard HP 10s or HP 30s or Texas Instruments TI-30X series calculators may be used.
4. Enter your name and student number on the cover of the test paper and check the appropriate box for your lecture section. Also enter your student number in the top right-hand corner of each page of the test paper.
5. Enter your name and STUDENT NUMBER on the OMR sheet.
6. The test paper, the formula sheet and the OMR sheet must all be submitted.
7. The marked test paper will be returned. The formula sheet and the OMR sheet will NOT be returned.

***ONLY THE THREE PART B QUESTIONS THAT YOU INDICATE WILL BE MARKED***

***PLEASE INDICATE WHICH THREE PART B QUESTIONS ARE TO BE MARKED***

| QUESTION NUMBER | TO BE MARKED | MAXIMUM MARKS | MARKS OBTAINED |
|---|---|---|---|
| A1-15 | - | 15 | |
| B1 | ❑ | 10 | |
| B2 | ❑ | 10 | |
| B3 | ❑ | 10 | |
| B4 | ❑ | 10 | |
| TOTAL | | 45 | |

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**PART A**

**FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN PART A, ENTER THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ON THE OMR SHEET.**

A1. A typical influenza (H1N1) virus has a diameter of approximately 80 μm, when viewed in an electron microscope. Which one of the following options correctly expresses this diameter in scientific notation, in metres, to 2 significant figures?

(A) $8.00 \times 10^{-4}$ m (B) $8.00 \times 10^{-5}$ m (C) $8.0 \times 10^{-4}$ m (D) $8.0 \times 10^{-5}$ m (E) $8.0 \times 10^{-3}$ m

A2. The mathematical relationship between three physical quantities is given by $a = b^2/c$. If the dimension of *b* is [**L**]/[**T**] and the dimension of *c* is [**L**], which one of the following choices is the dimension of *a*?

(A) [**L**] (B) $\frac{[\mathbf{L}]}{[\mathbf{T}]}$ (C) $\frac{[\mathbf{L}]^2}{[\mathbf{T}]^2}$ (D) [**T**] (E) $\frac{[\mathbf{L}]}{[\mathbf{T}]^2}$

A3. A physics student in a hot air balloon ascends vertically. Consider the following four forces that arise in this situation:

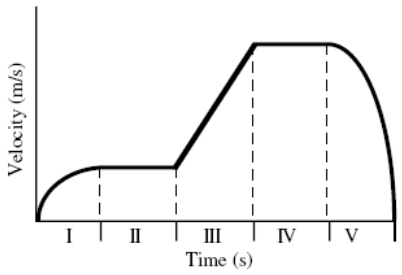
F1 = the weight of the hot air balloon
F2 = the weight of the student
F3 = the force of the student pulling on the earth
F4 = the force of the hot air balloon pulling on the student

Which two forces form an "interaction pair" that obeys Newton's third law?

(A) F1 and F2 (B) F2 and F3 (C) F1 and F3
(D) F2 and F4 (E) F3 and F4

A4. A 2.0-kg object moves in a straight line on a horizontal frictionless surface. The graph shows the velocity of the object as a function of time. The various equal time intervals are labeled I, II, III, IV, and V. The net force on the object always acts along the line of motion of the object. Which section(s) of the graph correspond to a condition of zero net force?

(A) V only
(B) III only
(C) II and IV
(D) II, III, and IV
(E) I, III, and V




A5. Jupiter has 320 times the mass of the earth and a radius 11 times greater than that of the earth. Calculate the magnitude of the gravitational field strength at the surface of Jupiter, compared to that at the surface of the earth, $g_E$.

(A) $\frac{121}{320} g_E$ (B) $\frac{320}{11} g_E$ (C) $\frac{11}{32} g_E$ (D) $\frac{121}{160} g_E$ (E) $\frac{320}{121} g_E$

A6. Which one of the following statements is correct concerning a situation where the net force on an object is **not** zero.

(A) The object **must** have an increasing speed.
(B) The object **must** have a decreasing speed.
(C) The object **must** be moving in a straight line.
(D) The object **must** have a velocity that is not constant.
(E) The object's acceleration **must** be zero.

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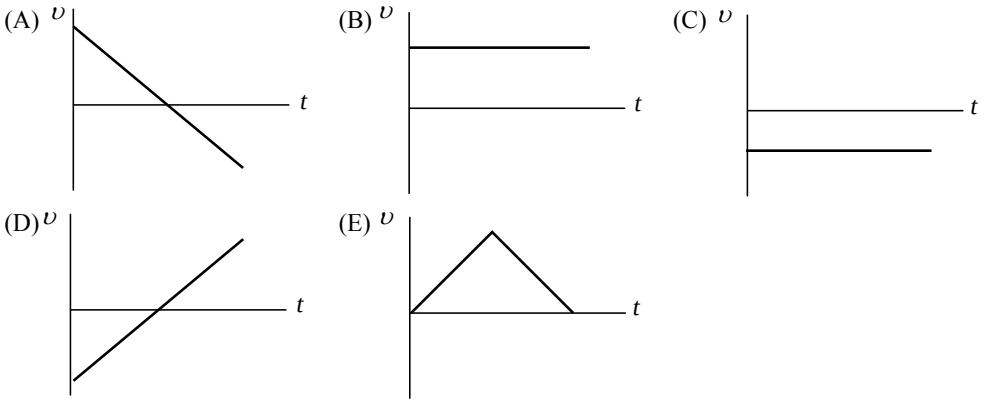
A7. John and Mary leave their apartment to go to school. John walks 3 km west and then turns and walks 4 km north. Mary walks a distance of 5 km in a direction of 53° north of west directly across an open field. Both John and Mary arrive at school at the same time. Which one of the following statements is correct concerning John's and Mary's average speeds and average velocities during their walks?

(A) Their average speeds are the same, their average velocities are not.
(B) Their average velocities are the same, their average speeds are not.
(C) Both their average speeds and their average velocities are the same.
(D) Neither their average speeds nor their average velocities are the same.
(E) The question cannot be answered without additional information.

A8. A ball is thrown vertically upward. Eventually it returns to the point from which it was thrown. Which one of the following velocity versus time graphs is correct for the motion of the ball while it is in free fall? (Up has been chosen as the positive direction and air resistance is negligible.)




A9. If a car is travelling eastward and slowing down, which one of the following statements correctly describes the car's motion?

(A) The car has a constant speed.
(B) The car has a constant velocity.
(C) The car's acceleration is directed eastward.
(D) The car's acceleration is directed westward.
(E) The car's velocity is directed westward.

A10. Two identical balls are thrown horizontally from the roof of a building at the same time. Ignoring air resistance, if the initial velocity of ball 1 is twice the initial velocity of ball 2, which one of the following statements is **true**?

(A) Ball 1 reaches the ground first.
(B) Ball 2 reaches the ground first.
(C) Both balls reach the ground at the same time and with the same final velocity.
(D) Both balls reach the ground at the same time but ball 1 has a greater final speed.
(E) Both balls reach the ground at the same time but ball 2 has a greater final speed.

A11. An object moving in a circle at a constant speed has an acceleration that is

(A) in the direction of motion.
(B) toward the centre of the circle.
(C) away from the centre of the circle.
(D) opposite to the direction of motion.
(E) zero.

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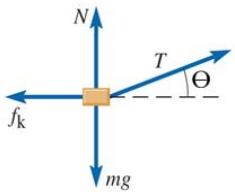
A12. An object is initially moving in uniform circular motion with angular speed $\omega_1$ and radius $r_1$. Both the angular speed and the radius are then doubled, and the object is once again in uniform circular motion. Which one of the following expressions for the new radial acceleration is **true**?

(A) $2r_1\omega_1$ (B) $4r_1\omega_1$ (C) $8r_1\omega_1^2$ (D) $4r_1\omega_1^2$ (E) $\left(\frac{\omega_1^2}{4}\right)r_1^2$

A13. The following is a free body diagram of an object which undergoes a displacement of magnitude $\Delta r$ along the horizontal direction. Which one of the following equations represents the *total work* done on the object?




(A) $(T\sin\theta)\Delta r$ (B) $(T\cos\theta)\Delta r$
(C) $(T\cos\theta - T\sin\theta)\Delta r$ (D) $(T\cos\theta - f_k)\Delta r$
(E) $(T\sin\theta - f_k)\Delta r$

A14. A ball on the end of a string is being swung in a vertical circle at constant speed. Where in the ball's trajectory is the tension in the string greatest in magnitude?

(A) The tension in the string is constant throughout the ball's motion.
(B) The tension in the string is greatest at the highest point of the ball's motion.
(C) The tension in the string is greatest at the lowest point of the ball's motion.
(D) The tension in the string is greatest when the string is horizontal and the ball is moving up.
(E) The tension in the string is greatest when the string is horizontal and the ball is moving down.

A15. A projectile is launched at an angle $\theta$ above the horizontal. Ignoring air resistance, what fraction of its initial kinetic energy does the projectile have at the top of its trajectory?

(A) $\cos\theta$ (B) $\sin\theta$ (C) $\tan\theta$ (D) $\cos^2\theta$ (E) $\sin^2\theta$

## PART B

**ANSWER THREE OF THE PART B QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES AND INDICATE YOUR CHOICES ON THE COVER PAGE.**

**FOR EACH OF YOUR CHOSEN PART B QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, GIVE THE COMPLETE SOLUTION AND ENTER THE FINAL ANSWER IN THE BOX PROVIDED.**

**THE ANSWERS MUST CONTAIN THREE SIGNIFICANT FIGURES AND THE UNITS MUST BE GIVEN.**

**SHOW AND EXPLAIN YOUR WORK – NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANSWERS ONLY.**

**EQUATIONS NOT PROVIDED ON THE FORMULAE SHEET MUST BE DERIVED.**

**USE THE BACK OF THE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR YOUR ROUGH WORK.**

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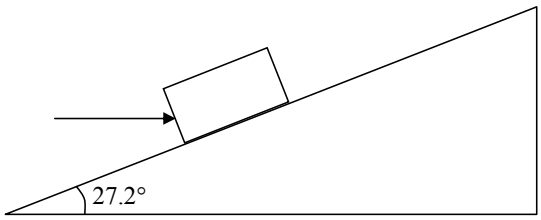
B1. A 262-N force is directed horizontally as shown to push a 29.1-kg box up a ramp at a constant speed. There is friction between the box and the ramp.




(a) On the diagram above, draw all the forces acting on the box and show your choice of coordinate system. (Air resistance can be ignored.) (*3 marks*)

(b) Calculate the magnitude of the normal force of the ramp on the box. (*4 marks*)

(c) Calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction between the ramp and the box. (*3 marks*)

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B2. A small log is floating on a fast-moving river. A child standing on a bridge over the river drops a stone so that it hits the front of the log as the log passes under the bridge. The log is moving with a constant speed of 5.00 m/s and the stone is dropped from rest from a height of 75.0 m above the log. You may ignore any effects due to air resistance.

(a) Calculate the speed of the stone just before it hits the log. (*3 marks*)

(b) Calculate the elapsed time from the stone's release until it hits the log. (*4 marks*)

(c) Calculate the horizontal distance of the log from the bridge when the child releases the stone. (*3 marks*)

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B3. Europa travels around Jupiter in an orbit of radius $6.71 \times 10^8$ m with a period of 3.55 days.

(a) Calculate the angular speed of Europa in its orbit. Express your answer in rad/day and rad/s. (*2 marks*)

(b) Calculate the distance (arclength) that Europa travels in 1.00 day. (*3 marks*)

(c) Given that the gravitational force of Jupiter on Europa keeps Europa in its circular orbit, calculate the mass of Jupiter. (*5 marks*)

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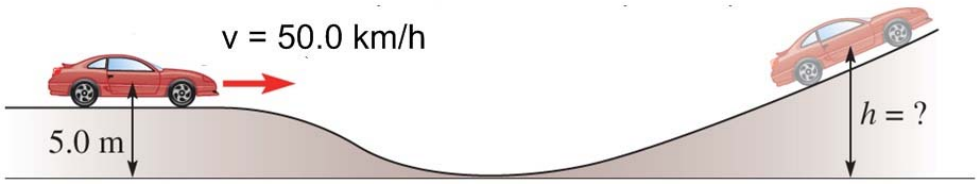
B4. A car of mass 1250 kg is moving at a speed of 50.0 km/h at a height of 5.00 m above the bottom of a hill, when it runs out of gas. The car coasts (without the engine on) down the hill and then coasts up the other side of the hill until it comes to rest. You may assume that air resistance and frictional forces are negligible.




(a) Calculate the initial kinetic energy of the car (express your answer in Joules). (*4 marks*)

(b) Calculate *h*, the highest point that the car reaches above the bottom of the hill. (*6 marks*)

***END OF EXAMINATION***