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## Physics 115.3

### MIDTERM EXAM – Alternative Sitting

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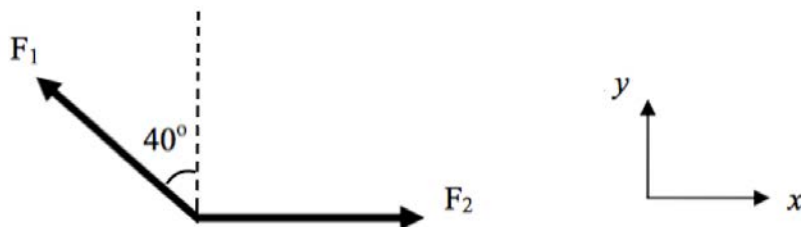
1. This is a closed book exam.
2. The test package includes a test paper (this document), an exam booklet, a formula sheet, a scratch card and an OMR sheet. The test paper consists of 8 pages, including this cover page. **It is the responsibility of the student to check that the test paper is complete.**
3. Only a basic scientific calculator may be used. Graphing or programmable calculators, or calculators with communication capability, or calculators in smart phones are **not** allowed.
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 name on the exam booklet and scratch card.
5. Enter your name and NSID on the OMR sheet.
6. The test paper, the exam booklet, the formula sheet, the scratch card, and the OMR sheet must all be submitted.
7. No test materials will be returned.

QUESTION NUMBER	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED
A1-12	12	
B1-4	8	
B5-8	8	
B9-12	8	
B13-16	8	
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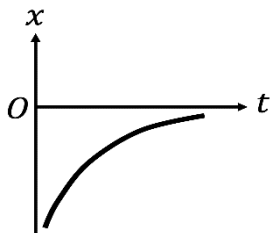
**PART A**

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

- A1. Forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  act on an object, with force  $F_2$  acting in the positive  $x$  direction. From the free body diagram and coordinate system shown, which one of the following is the correct expression for the  $y$  component of  $\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$ ?



- (A)  $F_1 \cos 40^\circ$                       (B)  $-F_1 + F_2 \cos 40^\circ$                       (C)  $F_1 \sin 40^\circ + F_2 \cos 40^\circ$   
 (D)  $-F_1 \sin 40^\circ$                       (E)  $F_1 \sin 40^\circ$
- A2. Which one of the following choices is correct for the units of  $\alpha$  in the expression  $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{Fx}{4m}}$ , where  $F$  is force in Newtons,  $x$  is displacement in meters, and  $m$  is mass in kilograms  
 (A)  $\text{m/s}^2$                       (B)  $\text{m/s}$                       (C)  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$                       (D)  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$                       (E)  $\text{kg m/s}$
- A3. Which one of the following values is a reasonable order-of-magnitude estimate of the volume of a medium-sized orange?  
 (A)  $1 \text{ cm}^3$                       (B)  $10 \text{ cm}^3$                       (C)  $100 \text{ cm}^3$                       (D)  $10 \text{ m}^3$                       (E)  $100 \text{ m}^3$
- A4. The position versus time graph of an object moving in one dimension is shown below.



Which one of the following statements about the motion of this object is correct?

- (A) The object is moving with constant velocity in the positive direction.  
 (B) The object is moving with constant velocity in the negative direction.  
 (C) The object is moving in the positive direction and speeding up.  
 (D) The object is moving in the negative direction and slowing down.  
 (E) The object is moving in the positive direction and slowing down.

- A5. A package is released by a plane flying with a constant horizontal velocity. A truck is directly below the plane at this time. The truck is driving on a flat road in the same direction as the plane is flying. Assume there is no wind or air resistance. Which one of the following statements is correct?
- (A) Whether or not the package lands on the truck depends on the mass of the package.
  - (B) If the truck initially has the same velocity as the plane and an acceleration in the same direction as its velocity, the package will land on the truck.
  - (C) Whether or not the package lands on the truck depends on the altitude of the plane.
  - (D) If the truck has the same constant velocity as the plane, the package will land on the truck.
  - (E) If the truck initially has the same velocity as the plane and an acceleration in the opposite direction to its velocity, the package will land on the truck.

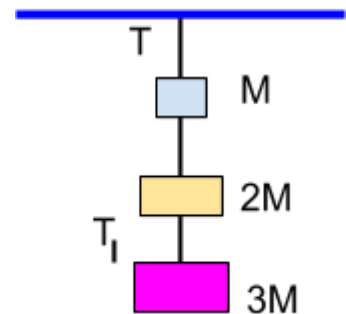
- A6. A moving walkway at an airport has a speed  $v$  and a length  $L$ . A woman stands on the walkway as it moves from one end to the other, while a man in a hurry to reach his flight walks on the walkway with a speed of  $2v$  relative to the moving walkway. Compared to the woman's time, how much sooner does the man reach the end of the walkway?

- (A)  $\frac{L}{v}$       (B)  $\frac{L}{3v}$       (C)  $\frac{2L}{3v}$       (D)  $\frac{4L}{3v}$       (E)  $\frac{L}{2v}$

- A7. If an object is in equilibrium, which one of the following statements is FALSE?

- (A) The object must be at rest.
- (B) The acceleration of the object is zero.
- (C) The net force acting on the object is zero.
- (D) The speed of the object is constant.
- (E) The velocity of the object is constant.

- A8. Three blocks are suspended from the ceiling by strings as shown. The top block has mass  $M$ , the middle block has mass  $2M$ , and the bottom block has mass  $3M$ . The tension in the string between the top block and the ceiling is  $T$ . What is the tension,  $T_1$ , in the string connecting the bottom block and middle block?

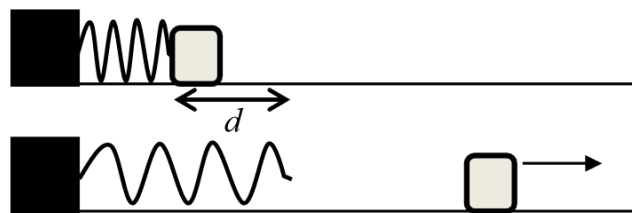


- (A)  $3T$       (B)  $\frac{3}{5}T$       (C)  $\frac{1}{2}T$   
 (D)  $\frac{2}{3}T$       (E)  $6T$

- A9. A painter holds a paint brush, of mass  $m$ , against the ceiling by applying a vertical force of magnitude  $F$ . The magnitude of the normal force of the ceiling on the brush is

- (A)  $F + m$       (B)  $F - m$       (C)  $F - mg$   
 (D)  $F + mg$       (E)  $0$

- A10. A person is holding a stone of mass  $m$  in her hand. The stone is initially at rest. She then throws the stone straight up with a velocity  $v$ . What is the net work done on the stone from the moment when she starts accelerating it to throw it upward until it reaches maximum height  $h$ ?
- (A)  $+mgh$       (B)  $0$       (C)  $-mgh$       (D)  $-\frac{1}{2}mv^2$       (E)  $+\frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- A11. A mass tied to the end of a string swings from its highest point down to its lowest point along a semi-circular trajectory. Let  $W_g$ ,  $W_T$  and  $W_a$  represent work done by gravity, tension, and air resistance, respectively. Which one of the following statements is correct?
- (A)  $W_g > 0, W_T = 0, W_a > 0$       (B)  $W_g > 0, W_T > 0, W_a < 0$   
 (C)  $W_g = 0, W_T = 0, W_a < 0$       (D)  $W_g < 0, W_T = 0, W_a < 0$   
 (E)  $W_g > 0, W_T = 0, W_a < 0$
- A12. An object on a frictionless surface is pushed against a horizontal ideal spring, so that the spring is compressed a distance  $d$ . The object is released, and it has a kinetic energy of  $KE_1$  when it loses contact with the spring. The object is then pushed against the spring so that it is now compressed a distance of  $2d$ . Which one of the following expressions is correct for the kinetic energy,  $KE_2$ , of the object when it loses contact with the spring?



- (A)  $KE_2 = 2KE_1$     (B)  $KE_2 = 4KE_1$     (C)  $KE_2 = KE_1$     (D)  $KE_2 = 8KE_1$     (E)  $KE_2 = 1.41KE_1$

## **PART B**

**WORK OUT THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING PART B QUESTIONS.**

**BEFORE SCRATCHING ANY OPTIONS, BE SURE TO DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR LOGIC AND CALCULATIONS.**

**YOU MAY FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO DO AS MANY OF THE PARTS OF A QUESTION AS YOU CAN BEFORE SCRATCHING ANY OPTIONS.**

**WHEN YOU HAVE AN ANSWER THAT IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR METHOD IS CORRECT, SCRATCH THAT OPTION ON THE SCRATCH CARD. IF YOU REVEAL A STAR ON THE SCRATCH CARD THEN YOUR ANSWER IS CORRECT (FULL MARKS, 2/2).**

**IF YOU DO NOT REVEAL A STAR WITH YOUR FIRST SCRATCH, TRY TO FIND THE ERROR IN YOUR SOLUTION. IF YOU REVEAL A STAR WITH YOUR SECOND SCRATCH, YOU RECEIVE 1.2 MARKS OUT OF 2.**

**REVEALING THE STAR WITH YOUR THIRD, FOURTH, OR FIFTH SCRATCHES DOES NOT EARN YOU ANY MARKS, BUT IT DOES GIVE YOU THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

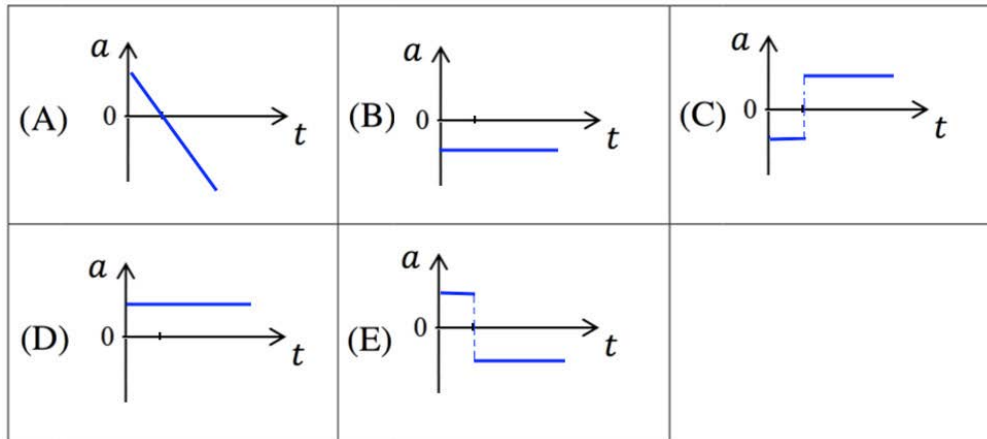
**YOU MAY ANSWER ALL FOUR PART B QUESTION GROUPINGS (1-4, 5-8, 9-12, AND 13-16) AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE MARKS FOR YOUR BEST 3 GROUPINGS.**

**USE THE PROVIDED EXAM BOOKLET FOR YOUR ROUGH WORK.**

**Grouping B1-B4**

An athlete stands with his hand outstretched 7.00 m above the bottom of a cliff and throws a ball directly upward. After 3.40 s, the ball falls past its initial position. Eventually the ball lands at the bottom of the cliff. We ignore air resistance and choose the +y direction to be upward.

B1. Which one of the following graphs best represents the acceleration versus time graph for the motion of the ball from just after it is released until just before it hits the bottom of the cliff?



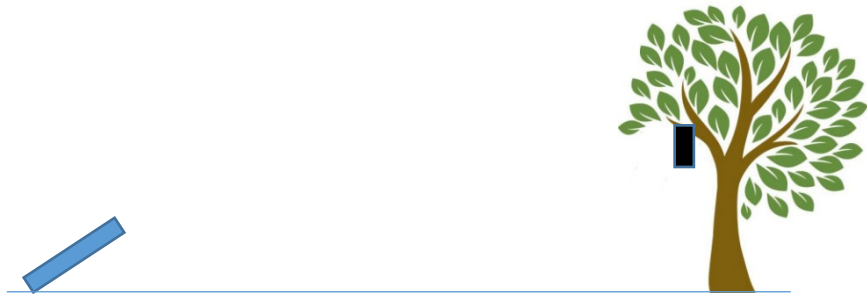
B2. Calculate the velocity of the ball at the instant it has left the athlete's hand.

B3. Calculate the velocity of the ball just before it reaches the bottom of the cliff.

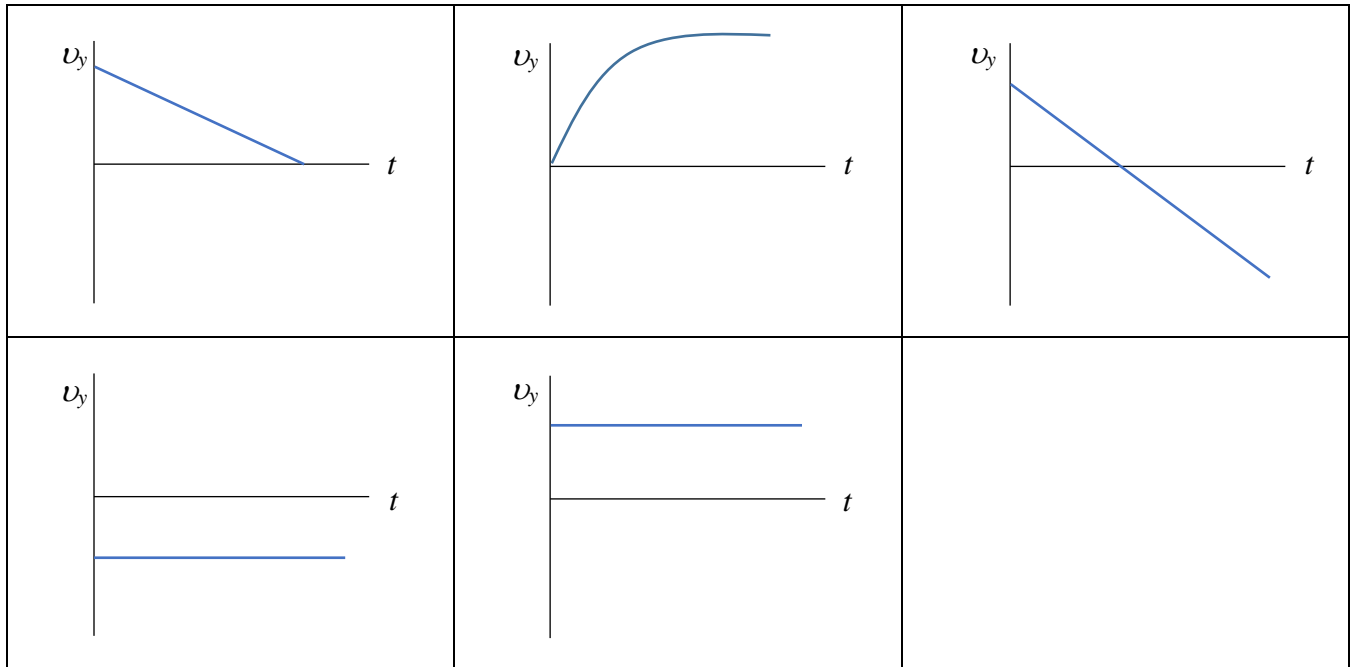
B4. With respect to the bottom of the cliff, calculate the maximum height that the ball reaches.

**Grouping B5-B8**

A launcher is a horizontal distance of  $R = 16.0$  m away from a target hung from the branch of a tree. The target is a vertical distance of  $h = 4.40$  m above the end of the launcher. A projectile is fired from the launcher, and it is moving horizontally when it hits the target.



B5. Ignoring air resistance, and choosing up as the positive vertical direction, which one of the following velocity versus time graphs best shows the vertical component of the velocity of the projectile from just after leaving the launcher until just before hitting the target?



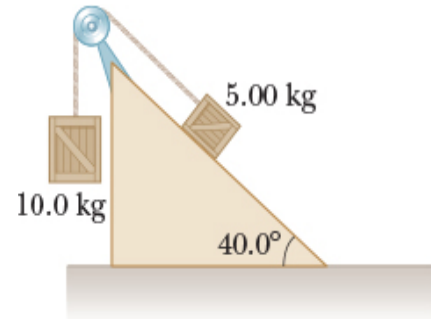
B6. Calculate the time for the projectile to reach the target.

B7. Calculate the speed with which the projectile was launched.

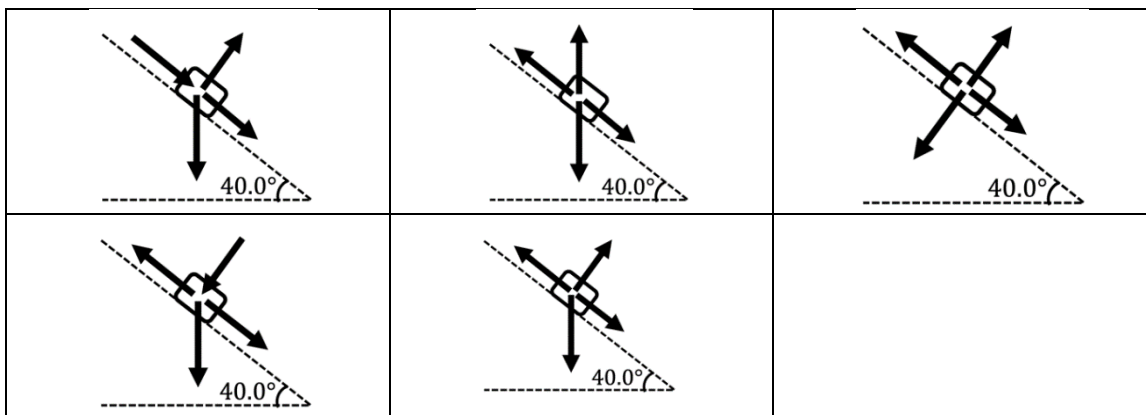
B8. Calculate the angle above the horizontal at which the launcher was aimed.

**Grouping B9-B12**

Two packing crates of masses  $m_1 = 5.00$  kg and  $m_2 = 10.0$  kg are connected by a light string that passes over a frictionless pulley as shown in the figure. The 5.00-kg crate lies on an incline of angle  $\theta = 40.0^\circ$ . The coefficient of kinetic friction between the 5.00-kg crate and the inclined surface is 0.200.



B9. Which one of the following free-body diagrams best represents the forces acting on the 5.00-kg crate?



B10. Let  $a$  represent the magnitude of the acceleration of the two crates. Which one of the following is the correct formula for the magnitude of the normal force of the incline on the 5.00-kg crate?

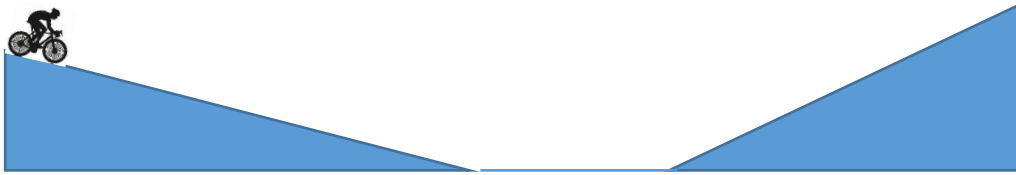
- (A)  $m_1 g \cos \theta$
- (B)  $m_1 g \sin \theta$
- (C)  $m_1 a \cos \theta$
- (D)  $\mu_k m_1 a \cos \theta$
- (E)  $\mu_k m_1 g \sin \theta$

B11. Calculate the magnitude of the acceleration of the two crates.

B12. Calculate the magnitude of the tension in the string.

**Grouping B13-B16**

A cyclist reaches a section of road that is downhill, then flat, then uphill. The cyclist coasts (i.e. does not apply any power to the pedals). You may assume that the magnitude of the net frictional force on the cyclist is constant, and that the net frictional force is always directed exactly opposite to the cyclist's motion.



The cyclist has a speed  $v_1$  at the start of the downhill section (at height  $h$  above the flat section) and a speed  $v_2$  at the same height on the uphill section. Let  $W_1$  be the work done on the cyclist by gravity on the downhill section and  $W_2$  be the work done on the cyclist by gravity on the uphill section.

B13. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $v_2 = v_1$  and  $|W_2| = |W_1|$
- (B)  $v_2 > v_1$  and  $|W_2| = |W_1|$
- (C)  $v_2 > v_1$  and  $|W_2| > |W_1|$
- (D)  $v_2 < v_1$  and  $|W_2| < |W_1|$
- (E)  $v_2 < v_1$  and  $|W_2| = |W_1|$

The downhill section is 465 m long and starts at a height  $h = 27.0$  m above the flat section. The flat section is 105 m long. The magnitude of the assumed constant frictional force on the cyclist is 26.0 N. The speed of the cyclist at the start of the downhill section is 37.0 km/h and the mass of the cyclist (+ bike) is 76.0 kg.

B14. Calculate the speed of the cyclist at the start of the flat section.

B15. Calculate the kinetic energy lost by the cyclist between the start and end of the flat section.

B16. Calculate the speed of the cyclist at the end of the flat section.

***END OF EXAMINATION***