

**The University of Zambia**  
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**PHY 1010: Introductory Physics- I**

All questions carry equal marks. The marks are shown in brackets. Question 1 is compulsory. Attempt three more questions. Clearly indicate on the answer script cover page which questions you have attempted.

Time: Two hours.

Maximum marks = 100.

Write clearly your name, computer number, and tutorial group number on the answer book.

Wherever necessary use:

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 : \rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 : 1 \text{ hp} = 746 \text{ watts} : 1 \text{ ton} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

Some equations you may find useful:

$$x = v_{\text{avg}} t : v_f = v_0 + at : v_f^2 = v_0^2 + 2ax : x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2 : W = mg : \mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$$

$$f = \mu F_N : Ft = \Delta p = m(v_f - v_0) : \text{work} = Fs \cos \theta : \text{K.E.} = (1/2)mv^2 : F = ma$$

$$\text{G.P.E.} = mgh : \text{power} = \text{work/time} = Fv : \Delta PE + \Delta KE + \Delta TE = 0$$

$$R = \frac{2u^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\theta}{g} : y = x \tan \theta - \frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} x^2 : t = \frac{2u \sin \theta}{g} : v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{v_f + v_0}{2}$$

$$v_T = \omega r : \omega_f = \omega_0 + \alpha t : \omega_f^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\theta : \theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2 : F_c = (mv^2 / r) : I = mk^2 : a_T = \alpha r :$$

$$L = I\omega : \tau = I\alpha = Fr : v_T = (2\pi r) / T : \tan \theta = v^2 / rg : I = \sum mr^2 : KE_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 :$$

$$1 \text{ rev} = 360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad} : F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} : \text{volume of a sphere} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

For Question 1, you must use the blank answer sheet provided.

For other questions, clearly indicate which one you are attempting:

Example:

**Question 2(b)**

**DO NOT** write the question number in the top left corner of the page, and then staple over it!! We have to see it.

**Question 1:** Sample answers: F (a), G (d).... etc. For each correct answer, 2.5 marks. For each wrong answer, (0.83) will be deducted. No answer, zero mark. No deduction of marks for not attempting. Minimum total mark for Question 1 is zero. **So don't be afraid to attempt!!** [10 × 2.5 = 25]

(A) In any collision between two objects there need not be the conservation of

- (a) linear momentum ✓
- (b) total energy ✓
- (c) kinetic energy ✓
- (d) angular momentum ✗

(B) An object in equilibrium may not have

- (a) any torques acting on it ✗
- (b) any force acting on it
- (c) acceleration
- (d) velocity

(C) Momentum is most closely related to

- (a) potential energy
- (b) kinetic energy
- (c) power
- (d) impulse ✗

(D) Object A strikes object B, which is initially at rest. The maximum transfer of energy from A to B occurs when  $m_A$  is

- (a) greater than  $m_B$
- (b) less than  $m_B$  ✗
- (c) equal to  $m_B$
- (d) any of the above, depending on the speed of A

(E) The gravitational acceleration of an object

- (a) varies somewhat over the surface of the Earth ✗
- (b) has the same value everywhere on the surface of the Earth
- (c) has the same value everywhere in space
- (d) is greater on the moon because of its smaller diameter

✗(F) The rotational equivalent of force in linear motion is

- (a) angular momentum
- (b) moment of inertia
- (c) weight ✗
- (d) torque ✗

$$f = ma$$

$$= I =$$

$$L = I \omega$$

$$= I \omega^2$$

$$I \omega^2$$

$$f = \frac{L}{r} =$$

$$= \frac{I \omega}{r}$$

(G) A ballet dancer spins faster when she folds her arms due to

- (a) increase in energy and increase in angular momentum
- (b) constant angular momentum and increase in kinetic energy
- (c) decrease in friction
- (d) increase in energy and decrease in angular momentum

(H) In what direction does the force exerted by the lower hinge of a door act?

- (a) straight up
- (b) straight down
- (c) horizontally outward toward the door
- (d) horizontally inward toward the door support

$$L = I\omega$$

(I) The product of torque and the angular displacement through which the torque acts is called

- (a) rotational inertia
- (b) work
- (c) moment of inertia\*
- (d) radius of gyration\*



$I$

$\tau \theta$

$I\alpha \times \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}$

(J) The centre of gravity of an object

- (a) is always at the geometrical centre
- (b) is sometimes arbitrary
- (c) is always in the interior of the object
- (d) maybe outside the object

**Attempt any three questions from the following:**

**Q 2 (a)** A 600 g pool ball moving at 2.0 m/s hits a second pool ball of the same mass at rest. The first ball moves off at 1.5 m/s at an angle of  $30^\circ$  from the original direction. Assume the surface of the pool table to be frictionless. Find:

- i) the angle at which the second ball moves off, and
- ii) the speed of the second ball after impact.

**[13]**

**(b)** A 5 kg cat walks out on a hinged beam held in the horizontal position by a support wire in order to try and reach a basket containing frozen 2.0 kg fish hanging at the end of the beam as shown in figure 1. The beam is uniform and weighs 20 N, and is 3 m long.

- i) Draw a free-body diagram for the arrangement, and
- ii) find the tension in the support wire and the components of the reaction force at the hinge when the cat is 1 m away from the hinge.

**[12]**

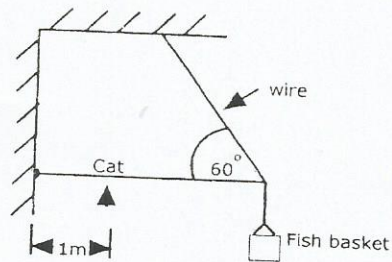
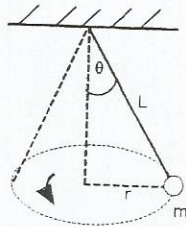


Figure 1

- Q 3 (a) Consider the conical pendulum shown below in which a bob of mass  $m$  tied to a string of length  $L$  moves in a circular path of radius  $r$ . Sketch the forces acting on it in a free-body diagram and obtain the expression for the final velocity  $v$ .

[9]



- (b) An electric fan is turned off and its angular velocity decreases from 500 rev/min to 200 rev/min in 4 s. Find:

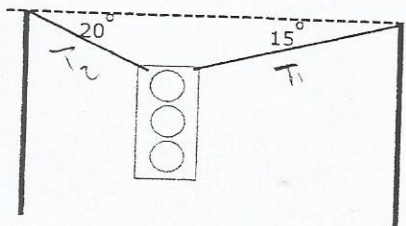
- the angular acceleration in  $\text{rad/s}^2$ ;
- the angular displacement in radians after 4 s; and
- how long it takes the fan to come to rest?

[9]

- (c) A 950 N traffic signal unit is suspended from a cables attached to posts on either side of the road. The cable on the right makes an angle of  $15^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal. The cable on the left makes an angle of  $20^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal.

- Calculate the ratio of the tensions in the two cables,  $T_1/T_2$ . (The tension in the cable on the right is  $T_1$ ).
- Calculate the tension  $T_2$  in the cable on the left

[7]



$$S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$= 209.69 +$$

$$20.910$$

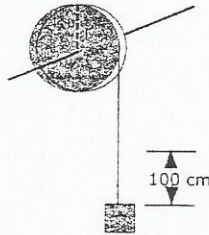
$$52.36$$

- Q 4 (a) A wheel of radius 6 cm is mounted so as to rotate about a horizontal axis through its centre. A string of negligible mass wrapped round its circumference carries a mass of 200 g attached to its free end. When allowed to fall, it descends through 100 cm in 5 seconds. Calculate:

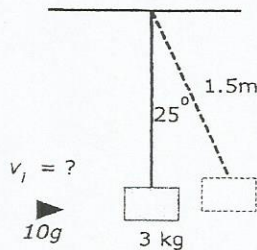
Moment of inertia =  $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$

- its moment of inertia; and
- the tension in the cord.

[12]



- (b) A sphere of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$  starts from rest at a height  $h$  and rolls down a  $25^\circ$  slope which is 3.55 m long. What is the linear velocity of the sphere as it leaves the slope? [ $I_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$ ] [10]
- (c) A 3 kg metal ball is moving with a velocity of 5 m/s. How large is the force needed to stop the metal ball in a time interval of  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$  seconds? [3]
- Q 5 (a) A train has to negotiate a curve of radius 300 m; in order to minimize wear on the outer wheels the outer rail has to be raised by a height  $h$  in relation to the inner rail. The speed limit of this section is 40 kph and the rails are 1 m apart. Calculate the height  $h$ . [7]
- (b) When 100 J of work is done on a heavy wheel, its angular speed increases from 60 rev/min. to 180 rev/min. What is its moment of inertia? [8]
- (c) A 10 g bullet is fired horizontally into a 3 kg block of wood suspended from a string 1.5 m long. The bullet gets lodged into the block. The block swings up because of the impact deflecting the string to a position  $25^\circ$  from the vertical. Find the initial speed of the bullet. [10]



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