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QUESTION 1

- 1.1 B ✓✓ (2)
- 1.2 A ✓✓ (2)
- 1.3 C ✓✓ (2)
- 1.4 D ✓✓ (2)
- 1.5 B ✓✓ (2)
- 1.6 D ✓✓ (2)
- 1.7 B ✓✓ (2)
- 1.8 C ✓✓ (2)
- 1.9 C ✓✓ (2)
- 1.10 B ✓✓ (2)

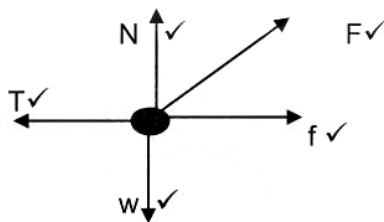
[20]**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 A body will remain in its state of rest or motion at constant velocity unless a (non-zero) resultant/net force acts on it. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark. (2)

2.2



Accept	
F_N	Normal force
F_A	Applied force
F_T	Tension force
F_g	Weight

(5)

2.3.1 $F_k = \mu_k N$
 $F_k = \mu_k (mg - F \sin \theta)$ } Any of the TWO ✓
 $= 0,7 [(5 \times 9,8) - (40 \sin 30^\circ)]$ ✓
 $= 20,30 \text{ N}$ ✓ (3)

2.3.2 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM 2.3.1**

5 kg block

$F_{\text{net}} = ma$
 $T - F \cos \theta - f_k = ma$ } Any of the TWO ✓
 $T - 40 \cos 30^\circ - 20,30$ ✓ = 0 ✓

$T = 54,94 \text{ N}$

Block M

$F_{\text{net}} = ma$
 $m g \sin \theta - \mu_k m g \cos \theta - T = ma$
 $m(9,8) \sin 60^\circ - (0,7)m(9,8) \cos 60^\circ - 54,94$ ✓ = 0
 $m = 10,86 \text{ kg}$ ✓ (5)

2.4.1 Remains the same. ✓ (1)

2.4.2 Decreases. (Accept increases - the acceleration changes from zero) (1)

2.4.3 By decreasing the angle:

- The horizontal component of the applied force (F_x) increases. ✓
- The kinetic friction experienced by the 5 kg block increases. ✓
- The net force decreases. ✓ (3)

2.5.1 Each body in the universe attracts every other body with a force that is directly proportional to the product of their masses ✓ and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between their centres. ✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(2)

2.5.2 $F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$ ✓
 $= \frac{6,67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5,98 \times 10^{24} \times 1,92 \times 10^{27}}{(6,38 \times 10^6 + 6,27 \times 10^{11})^2}$ ✓
 $F = 1,95 \times 10^{18} \text{ N}$ ✓ (4)

[26]

**QUESTION 3**

3.1 The motion during which the only force acting on an object is the gravitational force. ✓✓ (2/0) (2)

3.2.1 P ✓ (1)

3.2.2 Q ✓ (1)

3.3 $0 \text{ (m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1})$ ✓ (1)

3.4.1 $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$ ✓
 $100 \checkmark = \{0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} (9.8) \Delta t^2\}$ ✓
 $\Delta t = 4,52 \text{ s}$ ✓
 OR
 $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$ ✓
 $-100 \checkmark = 0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} (-9.8) \Delta t^2$ ✓
 $\Delta t = 4,52 \text{ s}$ ✓

OR

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$$

$$= (0)^2 + 2(9,8)(100)$$

$$v_f = 44,27 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{(v_i + v_f)}{2} \Delta t$$

$$100 \checkmark = \frac{(0 + 44,27)}{2} \Delta t$$

$$\Delta t = 4,52 \text{ s}$$
 (4)

3.4.2 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM 3.3**
Option 1 (DOWN AS POSITIVE)

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$$

$$= (0)^2 + 2(9,8)(100)$$

$$v_f = 44,27 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

POSITIVE MARKING FROM
3.3 & 3.4.1

Option 2 (DOWN AS POSITIVE)

$$v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$$

$$= 0 + 9,8(4,52)$$

$$v_f = 44,30 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

(3)

3.5 $\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$

$$\Delta y = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (9.8) \cdot 3^2$$

$$\Delta y = 44,1 \text{ m}$$

Height traveled by hot-air balloon = $62,1 - 44,1 = 18 \text{ m}$.

$$\Delta y = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2 \text{ (Or } \Delta y = v \cdot \Delta t)$$

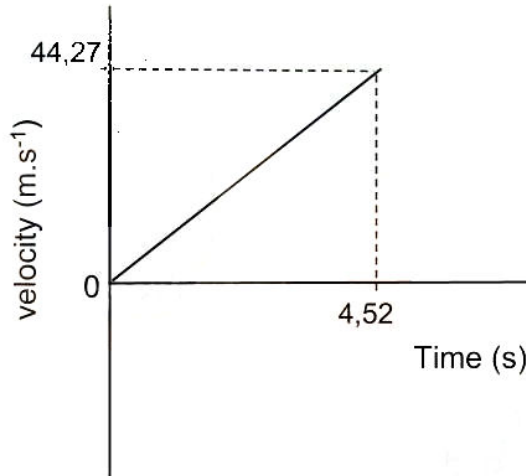
$$18 = \frac{v \cdot 3 + 0}{2}$$

$$= 6 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \text{ upwards}$$

(5)



3.6 DOWN AS POSITIVE



(4)

Criteria	
Correct shape	✓
Initial velocity	✓
Final velocity	✓
Time taken for the ball to strike the ground	✓

[21]**QUESTION 4**

4.1 The product of an object's mass and its velocity. ✓✓

(2)

4.2 $p = mv$ ✓
 $= 0,02 \times 300$ ✓
 $= \underline{6 \text{ kg.m.s}^{-1}, \text{ East/To the right}}$ ✓

(3)

4.3 The total linear momentum of an isolated system remains constant (is conserved). ✓✓ Stanmorephysics.com**Marking criteria**

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(2)

4.4.1 POSITIVE MARKING FROM 4.2

$m_1v_i + m_2v_i = m_1v_f + m_2v_f$ ✓
 $(0,02 \times 300) + 0 = (0,02 \times 180) + 5v_f$ ✓
 $v_f = 0,48 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ✓

(4)

4.4.2 **OPTION 1**

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$$

$$180^2 \checkmark = \underline{300^2 + 2a(0,3)} \checkmark$$

$$a = -96000 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$$

$$v_f = v_i + a\Delta t \checkmark$$

$$\underline{180 = 300 + (-96000)\Delta t} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta t = 0,00125 \text{ s} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta x = v_i\Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a\Delta t^2 \checkmark$$

$$\underline{0,3 = 300\Delta t + \frac{1}{2} (-96000) \Delta t^2} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta t = 0,00125 \text{ s} \checkmark$$

OPTION 2

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$$

$$\underline{180^2 = 300^2 + 2a(0,3)} \checkmark$$

$$a = -96000 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = ma$$

$$= 0,02 \times 96000 \checkmark$$

$$= 1920 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}}\Delta t = \Delta p \checkmark$$

$$F_{\text{net}}\Delta t = m(v_f - v_i)$$

$$\underline{1920 \times \Delta t = 0,02 (180 - 300)} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta t = 0,00125 \text{ s} \checkmark$$

OPTION 3

$$W_{\text{net}} = \Delta E_k$$

$$F_{\text{net}}\Delta x \cos\Theta = \frac{1}{2} m(v_f^2 - v_i^2)$$

$$F_{\text{net}} \times 0,3 \times \cos 180^\circ \checkmark = \frac{1}{2} 0,02 (180^2 - 300^2) \checkmark$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 1920 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}}\Delta t = \Delta p \checkmark$$

$$F_{\text{net}}\Delta t = m(v_f - v_i)$$

$$\underline{1920 \times \Delta t = 0,02 (180 - 300)} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta t = 0,00125 \text{ s} \checkmark$$

(5)
[16]

QUESTION 5

- 5.1 The total mechanical energy of an isolated system is conserved. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark. (2)

5.2 $mgh_i + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = mgh_f + \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$ ✓
 $(0,1)(9,8)(0,3) \checkmark + 0 = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(0,1)(v)^2 \checkmark$
 $v = 2,42 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \checkmark$ (4)

- 5.3 A collision during which (both momentum and) kinetic energy are conserved. ✓✓ (2)

5.4 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM 5.2**

$m_1v_i + m_2v_i = m_1v_f + m_2v_f$ ✓
 $(0,1 \times 2,42) \checkmark + 0 = 0,1v_{f1} + 0,92v_{f2} \checkmark$
 $0,242 = 0,1v_{f1} + 0,92v_{f2} \dots \text{eqn (1)}$
 $\sum E_{\text{before}} = \sum E_{\text{after}}$
 $\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 \checkmark$
 $\{\frac{1}{2}(0,1)2,42^2 \checkmark + 0 = \{\frac{1}{2}0,1v_{f1}^2 + \frac{1}{2}0,92v_{f2}^2\} \checkmark$
 $0,29 = 0,05v_{f1}^2 + 0,46v_{f2}^2 \dots \text{eqn (2)}$
 $v_{f2} = 0,48 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1} \checkmark$ (7)

- 5.5 Frictional force. ✓ (1)

5.6 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM 5.4****OPTION 1**

$W_{nc} = \Delta E_p + \Delta E_k$ ✓
 $W_{nc} = (0,92)(9,8)(0,01) \checkmark - 0 + (0-) \frac{1}{2}(0,92)(0,48)^2 \checkmark$
 $W_{nc} = -0,016 \text{ J} \checkmark$

OPTION 2

$W_{net} = \Delta E_k$ ✓
 $W_{net} = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$
 $= 0 - \frac{1}{2}(0,92)(0,48)^2 \checkmark$
 $= -0,106 \text{ J}$
 $W_{net} = W_N + W_{Fg} + W_{fk}$
 $-0,106 = 0 + (0,92 \times 9,8 \times 0,01 \times \cos 180^\circ) + W_{fk} \checkmark$
 $W_{fk} = -0,016 \text{ J} \checkmark$ (4)

[20]

QUESTION 6

- 6.1 The change in frequency of the sound detected by a listener, because the sound source and the listener have different velocities relative to the medium of sound propagation. ✓✓
 Or
 The change in frequency of the sound detected by a listener due to the relative motion between the source of the sound and the listener. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(2)

- 6.2 $f_L = \frac{v \pm v_L}{v \pm v_s} f_s$ ✓
 $250 \checkmark = \left(\frac{340+0}{340-v_s} \right) \checkmark$ 228, 26 ✓
 $v_s = 29,57 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ✓
 $120 \text{ km.h}^{-1} = 33,33 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ which is greater than $29,57 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$, therefore car does not exceed the speed limit. ✓

(6)

6.3 **POSITIVE MARKING FROM 6.2**

$$f_L = \frac{v \pm v_L}{v \pm v_s} f_s$$

$$F_L = \left(\frac{340-0}{340+29,57} \right) \checkmark$$

$$F_L = 210 \text{ Hz} \checkmark$$

(3)

- 6.4.1 Away ✓ (1)

- 6.4.2 Spectral lines of the star show a red shift✓, which is a shift towards longer wavelengths (lower frequency end) ✓ (2)

[14]

QUESTION 7

- 7.1 The magnitude of the electrostatic force exerted by one point charge (Q_1) on another point charge (Q_2) is directly proportional to the product of the magnitudes of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance (r) between them. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(2)

7.2 $F = \frac{kQ_1Q_2}{r^2}$ ✓

$$F = \frac{(9 \times 10^9 \times 8 \times 10^{-9} \times 2 \times 10^{-9})}{(0,2)^2}$$
 ✓

$$F = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}$$
 ✓

(4)

- 7.3 **S to T** ✓

(1)

- 7.4 The electric field at a point is the electrostatic force experienced per unit positive charge placed at that point. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(2)

7.5 $E_S = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$ ✓

$$= \left\{ \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 3 \times 10^{-9}}{(0,3)^2} \right\}$$
 ✓

$$= 300 \text{ N.C}^{-1} \text{ to the left.}$$

$$E_T = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 3 \times 10^{-9}}{(0,1)^2} \right\}$$
 ✓

$$= 2700 \text{ N.C}^{-1} \text{ to the left.}$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = E_S + E_T$$

$$E_{\text{net}} = 300 + 2700$$

$$= 3000 \text{ N.C}^{-1} \text{ to the left}$$
 ✓

(6)

[15]

QUESTION 8

8.1.1 Ohm's law. ✓

The potential difference across a conductor is directly proportional to the current in the conductor at constant temperature. ✓✓

Marking criteria

If any of the underlined key words/phrases in the **correct context** is omitted deduct 1 mark.

(3)

$$8.1.2 \quad \text{Gradient} = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta V}$$

$$= \frac{(1,0-0,2)}{(3,0-0,6)} \checkmark \text{ (any two correct points can be used)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

Resistance = 3 Ω ✓

(3)

8.1.3 Decreases. ✓

(1)

8.2.1 $\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$ ✓

$\frac{1}{R_p} = \left\{ \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{(6+2)} \right\}$ ✓

RP= 4, 8 Ω ✓

OR

$R_p = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)^{-1}$ ✓

$R_p = \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{(6+2)} \right)^{-1}$ ✓

RP= 4, 8 Ω ✓

(3)

8.2.2 $V = IR$
= 0, 3 x 12 ✓
= 3, 6 V

$I_2 = \frac{V}{R}$
= $\frac{3,6}{8}$ ✓

= 0, 45 A

$I = I_1 + I_2 = (0, 3 + \checkmark 0, 45)$

$I = 0, 75 \text{ A}$ ✓

(4)

8.2.3

8.2.3 $V_{\text{lost}} = Ir$
 $V_{\text{lost}} = 0, 75 \times 0,2 \checkmark = 0, 15 \text{ V}$

(4)





$$V_R = \mathcal{E} - V_{\text{lost}} - V_P = (6,75 - 0,15 - 3,6) \checkmark = 3 \text{ V}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$= \frac{3}{0,75} \checkmark$$

$$R = 4 \Omega \checkmark$$

TOTAL **[18]**
[150]

