

# Kuwait University

## Physics Department

### Physics 101

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| Problem | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
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| Points  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |       |

Important Notes:

1. Answer all questions.
2. Each question will be assigned 2 points.
3. The solution should be given explicitly for each problem.
4. No solution = no points.
5. Check the correct answer for each question.
6. Take  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $\sin 37^\circ = 0.6$  and  $\cos 37^\circ = 0.8$ .
7. Mobiles and Pagers are not allowed during the exam.
8. Programmable calculators which can store equations are not allowed.

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1. An object starts from rest at  $x = 0$  and moves along the  $x$ -axis with constant acceleration of  $4 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Its average velocity (in  $\text{m/s}$ ) as it goes from  $x = 2 \text{ m}$  to  $x = 8 \text{ m}$  is:

- a) 1      b) 2      c) 3      d) 5      **e) 6**      f) Other

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{2}(4)t^2 \Rightarrow t_1 = 1 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{also } 8 = \frac{1}{2}(4)t^2 \Rightarrow t_2 = 2 \text{ s}$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{8-2}{2-1} = 6 \text{ m/s}$$

2. A particle starts from rest at  $x = 0$  and moves for  $10 \text{ s}$  with an acceleration of  $+2.0 \text{ cm/s}^2$ . For the next  $20 \text{ s}$ , the acceleration of the particle is  $-1.0 \text{ cm/s}^2$ . The position (in meters) of the particle at the end of this motion is:

- a) 3**      b) -1      c) 2      d) -3      e) 0      f) Other

$$\Delta x_1 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(2)(10)^2 = \underline{100 \text{ cm}}$$

$$v_f = v_0 + a t \Rightarrow 2(10) = 20 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\Delta x_2 = 20(20) + \frac{1}{2}(-1)(20)^2 = \underline{200 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\therefore \text{total distance} = 100 + 200 = 300 \text{ cm} = \underline{3 \text{ m}}$$

3. A ball falls freely, starting from rest. It travels a distance of  $25 \text{ m}$  between the second and the third second of time. Then the distance (in meters) it travels between the third and the fourth second is:

- a) 25      **b) 35**      c) 5      d) 30      e) 40      f) Other

$$\Delta y = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\therefore y_1 = -\frac{1}{2}(10)(3)^2 \Rightarrow -45 \text{ m}$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{1}{2}(10)(4)^2 \Rightarrow -80 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore |\Delta y| = |-80 - (-45)| = 35 \text{ m}$$



4. If  $\vec{C} = (2.5 \text{ cm}, 80^\circ)$ ,  $\vec{D} = (3.5 \text{ cm}, 120^\circ)$ , and  $\vec{E} = \vec{D} - 2\vec{C}$ , then the direction of  $\vec{E}$  relative to the x-axis (to the nearest degree) is:

- a)  $247^\circ$       b)  $235^\circ$       c)  $243^\circ$       **d)  $216^\circ$**       e)  $144^\circ$       f) Other

$$\vec{C} = 2.434 \hat{i} + 2.462 \hat{j} \quad \vec{D} = -1.75 \hat{i} + 3 \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{E} = -2.618 \hat{i} - 1.924 \hat{j}$$

$$|\vec{E}| = 3.25 \text{ cm}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1.924}{2.618} = 36.3^\circ \quad \therefore \theta = 180 + 36.3 \approx 216 \neq$$

5. Two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are given by  $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{B} = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$ . The scalar product of  $\vec{A}$  and a third vector  $\vec{C}$  is  $-16$ . The scalar product of  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{C}$  is  $18$ . The z component of  $\vec{C}$  is zero. The magnitude of  $\vec{C}$  is:

- a) 7.8      b) 6.4      **c) 3.6**      d) 5.0      e) 4.8      f) Other

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} &= 4C_x + 8C_y = -16 \\ \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} &= 6C_x - 2C_y = 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4C_x + 8C_y &= -16 \\ 2C_x - 8C_y &= 72 \implies C_x = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C_y = -3$$

$$|\vec{C}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{13} \approx 3.6 \neq$$

6. A projectile is launched with an initial speed of  $30 \text{ m/s}$  at an angle of  $60^\circ$  above the horizontal. Its velocity after  $3 \text{ seconds}$  in vector notation is:

- a)  $-4\hat{i} + 15\hat{j}$       **b)  $15\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$**       c)  $-15\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$       d)  $15\hat{i} - 14\hat{j}$       e)  $-4\hat{i} - 15\hat{j}$       f) Other

$$v_{fx} = v_{0x} \cos \theta \implies 15 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{fy} = v_{0y} - gt \implies -4 \hat{j} \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_f = +15\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} \neq$$

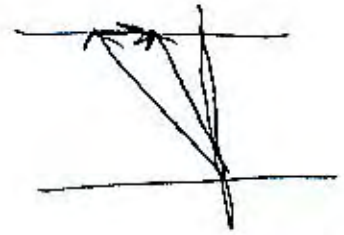
7. A 80 meter wide river flows due east at a uniform speed of 4 m/s. A boat with a speed of 10 m/s relative to the water leaves the south bank pointed in a direction of  $37^\circ$  west of north. The velocity of the boat relative to ground and its direction from east is:

- a) (5.4,  $104^\circ$ )    b) (10.2,  $76^\circ$ )    c) (9.17,  $90^\circ$ )    d) (8.25,  $76^\circ$ )    e) (8.25,  $104^\circ$ )    f) Other

$$\vec{v}_{bg} = \vec{v}_{br} + \vec{v}_{rg}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_{bg} = 10 \cos 127^\circ \hat{i} + 10 \sin 127^\circ \hat{j} + 4 \hat{i}$$

$$v_{bg} = -2 \hat{i} + 8 \hat{j}$$



$$|\vec{v}_{bg}| = \sqrt{68} = 8.25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{2} = 76 \Rightarrow \theta = 180 - 76 = 104^\circ$$

8. A 12 cm radius fan rotates 1500 Rev/min. The centripetal acceleration (in  $\text{km/s}^2$ ) on the tip of the blades is:

- a) 2.96    b) 296    c) 0.209    d) 0.526    e) 33.5    f) Other

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = 2\pi r f = 18.85 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = 2.96 \text{ km/s}^2$$

9. A particle starts moving from origin with initial speed  $\vec{v}_0 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$  m/s and a constant acceleration  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$  m/s. The speed of the particle (in m/s) when it reaches its maximum y-coordinates is:

- a) 12    b) 3    c) 5    d) 9    e) 15    f) Other

$$\text{When } v_{fy} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 4 + (-4)t \Rightarrow t = 1 \text{ sec}$$

$$\therefore v_{fx} = 3 + 2(1) \Rightarrow 5 \text{ m/s}$$



10. A 0.5kg object is hanging by a string from the ceiling. A constant wind is pushing it to make an angle of  $37^\circ$  with the vertical. The force  $F$  (in N) of the wind is:

a) 2.35      b) 6.25      c) 4.75      d) 5.35      e) 3.75      f) Other

X-axis

$$F - T \sin 37^\circ = 0$$

$$F = 0.6 T$$

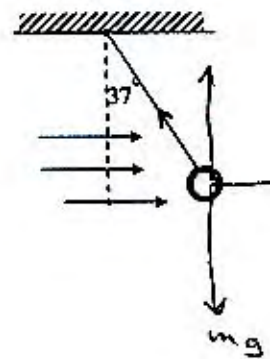
Y-axis

$$T \cos 37^\circ - mg = 0$$

$$0.8 T = (0.5)(10)$$

$$\therefore T = 6.25 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore F = (0.6)(6.25) = 3.75 \text{ N}$$



11. Two blocks  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are connected by a light cord and pulled along a frictionless surface by a 60N force  $F$  making an angle  $37^\circ$  with the surface as shown in the figure. If  $m_1 = 5\text{kg}$ , and  $m_2 = 20\text{kg}$ . The tension (in N) in the connected cord is:

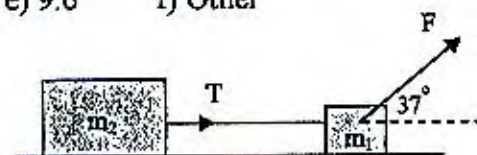
a) 38.4      b) 24.6      c) 48.3      d) 20      e) 9.6      f) Other

$$F \cos 37^\circ - T + T = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

$$60(0.8) = 25 a$$

$$a = 1.92 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$T = m_2 a = 38.4 \text{ N}$$



12. A 4 kg block ( $m_1$ ) on a frictionless incline is attached by a cord to a suspended ( $m_2$ ) as shown. Find the mass of ( $m_2$ ) so that the system is not moving (i.e.  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  will be at rest).

a) 2.4

b) 4.0

c) 3.1

d) 1.0

e) 5.5

f) Other

$$-m_1 g \sin 37^\circ + T - T + m_2 g = 0$$

$$10 m_2 = m_1 (10) \sin 37^\circ$$

$$10 m_2 = 24.07$$

$$m_2 \approx 2.4 \text{ kg}$$

