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Important:

- 1. Answer all questions and problems (No solution = no points).
- 2. Full mark = 40 points as arranged in the above table.
- 3. Give your final answer in the correct units.
- 4. Assume $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.
- 5. Mobiles smart watches are **<u>strictly prohibited</u>** during the exam.
- 6. Programmable calculators, which can store equations, are not allowed.
- 7. Cheating incidents will be processed according to the university rules.

GOOD LUCK

Part I: Short Problems (3 points each)

<u>SP1.</u> In the figure $|\vec{A}| = 15$, $|\vec{B}| = 22$, find the scalar product $(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ of the two vectors.



<u>SP2.</u> A river has a steady speed of 0.5 m/s. A student swims upstream a distance of 1 km. If the student can swim at a speed of 1.2 m/s in still water, how long does the trip take?



<u>SP3.</u> A box (m = 20 kg) starts from rest at point A and slides down on a <u>rough surface</u>. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the box and the surface is $\mu_k = 0.3$ and the distance from A to B is d = 5 m, as shown. Find the change (loss) in total mechanical energy between A and B $(E_B - E_A)$.

$$n = mg \cos 36.9^{\circ}$$
$$W_{f_k} = -\mu_k n d = -\mu_k (mg \cos 36.9^{\circ}) d$$
$$= -(0.3)(20)(10) \cos 36.9^{\circ} (5) = -240 J$$
$$\Delta E = W_{f_k} = -240 J$$



<u>SP4.</u> A block of mass 0.4 kg compresses a spring (k = 370 N/m) a distance x = 20 cm, then the block is released from rest at point A. The block reaches the maximum height at point B. Find the maximum height (h_{max}) of the block. Ignore air resistance.

$$E_{i} = E_{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kx^{2} = mgh_{max}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(370)(0.2)^{2} = (0.4)(10)h_{max}$$

 $h_{max} = 1.85 \ m$



<u>SP5.</u> A thin massless rod in the xy plane is acted on by two forces as shown in the figure. Calculate the net torque about point O and specify its direction.

 $\vec{\tau}_{net} = \vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2$

 $= r_1 F_1 \sin(90^o) - r_2 F_2 \sin(53^o)$

 $= 1.4(60)(1) - (0.6)(70)(0.8) = 50.5 N \cdot m$

The rod rotates counterclockwise.



<u>SP6.</u> A 1200 kg car travelling east at 25 m/s collides with a 1600 kg truck travelling north. After the collision, the vehicles stick togother and move as shown. <u>Find the final speed</u> (v_f) of the wreckage.

$$m_1 v_{1_{xi}} + m_2 v_{2_{xi}} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f \cos(37^o)$$

 $1200 (25) + 0 = (2800)v_f \cos(37^o)$

$$v_f = \frac{1200\ (25)}{(2800)\ \cos(37^o)} = 13.4\ m/s$$



<u>SP7.</u> An object of mass 2 kg moves along the x-axis. A net force acts on it **along the <u>positive</u> x-axis** with the expression for the force given by $F(t) = t^3 - 3t^2 + 2$, where t is measured in seconds and F is measured in N. If the object moves at 3 m/s in the <u>negative</u> x-axis at t = 0 s, <u>find its velocity</u> at t = 4 seconds.

$$J = \Delta \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{J} = \int_{t=0}^{t=4} \vec{F}(t)dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=4} (t^3 - 3t^2 + 2) \hat{i} dt = \left[\frac{t^4}{4} - t^3 + 2t\right]_0^4 \hat{i} = 8 \hat{i} \, kg \cdot m/s$$

$$\vec{L} = m \Delta \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + \frac{\vec{j}}{m} = -3\hat{\imath} + \frac{8\hat{\imath}}{2} = 1\hat{\imath}$$
 m/s

Part II: Long Problems (5 points each)

LP1. Two blocks $(m_1 = 3 kg, m_2 = 6 kg)$ are connected by a light rope passing over **a massless**, frictionless pulley. A constant horizontal **friction force** $(\mu_k = 0.6)$ acts on block 2 as it slides on the table. The two blocks move with initial speed v_i and come to rest after moving a distance 2 m.

(a) Find the acceleration of the system.

For M_{total} :

$$\sum F = M_{total} a$$

$$m_1 g - f_k = M_{total} a$$

$$30 - (0.6)(6)(10) = 9 a$$

$$a = -0.67 m/s^2$$



(b) Find the tension in the rope.

For m_1 :

$$\sum F = m_1 a$$
$$m_1 g - T = m_1 a$$
$$30 - T = (3)(-0.67)$$
$$T = 32 N$$

(c) Find the initial speed of the two blocks (v_i).

$$v_f^2 = v_o^2 + 2 \ a \ \Delta x$$

 $0 = v_o^2 + 2 \ (-0.67) \ (2) \implies v_o = 1.63 \ m/s$

LP2. A ball is tossed from an upper-story window of a building. The ball is given an initial velocity of 8 m/s, as shown. It strikes the ground 3 s later.

(a) How far horizontally from the base of the building does the ball strike the ground?

$$\Delta x = (v_0 \cos \alpha_0)t$$
$$= [8 \cos(20^\circ)](3)$$
$$= 22.6 m$$



(b) Find the height (*h*) from which the ball was thrown.

$$v_{0y} = -v_0 \sin \alpha_0 = -8 \sin(20.0^\circ) = -2.74 m/s$$

$$\Delta y = v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$= (-2.74)(3) - \frac{1}{2} (10)(3)^2$$

$$= -53.2 m$$

$$h = 53.2 m$$

(c) What is the velocity of the ball in unit vector notation just before it hits the ground?

$$v_x = v_0 \cos \alpha_0 = 8 \cos(20.0^\circ) = 7.5 \ m/s$$
$$v_y = v_{0y} - gt$$
$$= -2.74 - (10)(3) = -32.7 \ m/s$$
$$\vec{v} = (7.5 \ \hat{\iota} - 32.7 \ \hat{\jmath}) \ m/s$$

LP3. The frictionless heavy disk in the figure has radius R = 0.3 m and a moment of inertia $I = 1.62 kg \cdot m^2$. The rope does not slip on the disk rim. The masses m₁ and m₂ are released from rest.

(a) Find the speed of m₂ just before it strikes the ground.

$$E_{i} = E_{f}$$

$$m_{2}gh = m_{1}gh + \frac{1}{2}(m_{1} + m_{2})v_{f}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}I\omega_{f}^{2}$$

$$(m_{2} - m_{1})gh = \frac{1}{2}\left(m_{1} + m_{2} + \frac{l}{R^{2}}\right)v_{f}^{2}$$

$$(4 - 2)(10)9.6 = \frac{1}{2}\left(2 + 4 + \frac{1.62}{0.3^{2}}\right)v_{f}^{2}$$

$$v_{f} = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$m_{2}=4\text{ kg}$$

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(b) Find the rotational kinetic energy of the pulley just before the block m₂ strikes the ground.

$$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}I\left(\frac{\nu}{R}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1.62)\left(\frac{4}{0.3}\right)^2 = 144 \text{ J}$$

(c) Find the work done by gravity on m_1 during this motion.

 $w_{mg}(on m_1) = -m_1 g y = -(2)(10)(9.6) = -192 J$

Part III: Questions (Choose the correct answer, one point each)

<u>Q1.</u> An object moves along the *x*-axis with constant acceleration. The initial velocity is negative, and the acceleration is positive. Which of the following $v_x - t$ graphs best describes this motion?



<u>Q2.</u> The potential energy *U* with respect to position *x* is given by the following diagram. In which regions is the <u>force positive</u> ($F_x > 0$)?



<u>Q3.</u> A cylinder is rotating **clockwise** about the y axis as shown with **increasing** angular speed. **The**



<u>Q4.</u> Which of the following statements is true for an <u>elastic collision</u>?

- * The momentum of the system is conserved, but the kinetic energy of the system is not conserved.
- * Neither the momentum nor the kinetic energy of the system is conserved.
- * The kinetic energy of the system is conserved but the momentum of the system is not conserved.

(*)Both the kinetic energy and momentum of the system are conserved.