



AP[®] Physics C: Mechanics 2006 Free-Response Questions

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CONSTANTS AND CONVERSION FACTORS		UNITS		PREFIXES			
		Name	Symbol	Factor	Prefix	Symbol	
1 unified atomic mass unit,	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $= 931 \text{ MeV}/c^2$			10^9	giga	G	
Proton mass,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	meter	m	10^6	mega	M	
Neutron mass,	$m_n = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	kilogram	kg	10^3	kilo	k	
Electron mass,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	second	s	10^{-2}	centi	c	
Electron charge magnitude,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	ampere	A	10^{-3}	milli	m	
Avogadro's number,	$N_0 = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$	kelvin	K	10^{-6}	micro	μ	
Universal gas constant,	$R = 8.31 \text{ J}/(\text{mol}\cdot\text{K})$	mole	mol	10^{-9}	nano	n	
Boltzmann's constant,	$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$	hertz	Hz	10^{-12}	pico	p	
Speed of light,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$	newton	N	VALUES OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS FOR COMMON ANGLES			
Planck's constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$ $= 4.14 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}\cdot\text{s}$ $hc = 1.99 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J}\cdot\text{m}$ $= 1.24 \times 10^3 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}$	pascal	Pa				
Vacuum permittivity,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$	joule	J				
Coulomb's law constant,	$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}^2$	watt	W				
Vacuum permeability,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} (\text{T}\cdot\text{m})/\text{A}$	coulomb	C				
Magnetic constant,	$k' = \mu_0/4\pi = 10^{-7} (\text{T}\cdot\text{m})/\text{A}$	volt	V				
Universal gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{s}^2$	ohm	Ω				
Acceleration due to gravity at Earth's surface,	$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$	henry	H				
1 atmosphere pressure,	$1 \text{ atm} = 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ $= 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$	farad	F				
1 electron volt,	$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	tesla	T				
		degree		θ	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$
		Celsius	$^\circ\text{C}$	0°	0	1	0
		electron-volt	eV	30°	1/2	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/3$
				37°	3/5	4/5	3/4
				45°	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	1
				53°	4/5	3/5	4/3
				60°	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1/2	$\sqrt{3}$
				90°	1	0	∞

The following conventions are used in this examination.

- I. Unless otherwise stated, the frame of reference of any problem is assumed to be inertial.
- II. The direction of any electric current is the direction of flow of positive charge (conventional current).
- III. For any isolated electric charge, the electric potential is defined as zero at an infinite distance from the charge.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C EQUATIONS FOR 2006 and 2007

GEOMETRY AND TRIGONOMETRY

Rectangle

$$A = bh$$

Triangle

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

Circle

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$C = 2\pi r$$

Parallelepiped

$$V = \ell wh$$

Cylinder

$$V = \pi r^2 \ell$$

$$S = 2\pi r \ell + 2\pi r^2$$

Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$S = 4\pi r^2$$

Right Triangle

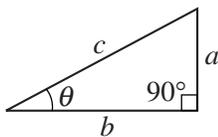
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

A = area
 C = circumference
 V = volume
 S = surface area
 b = base
 h = height
 ℓ = length
 w = width
 r = radius



CALCULUS

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}, n \neq -1$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x|$$

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

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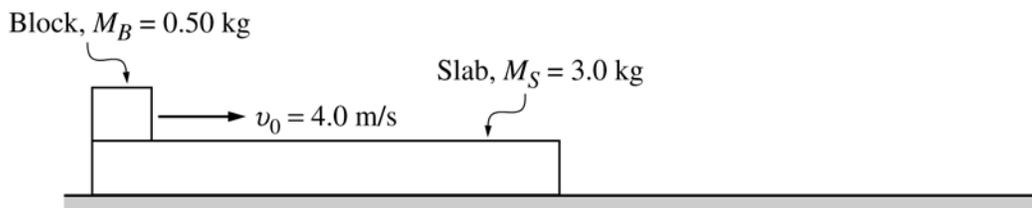
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SECTION II

Time—45 minutes

3 Questions

Directions: Answer all three questions. The suggested time is about 15 minutes for answering each of the questions, which are worth 15 points each. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. Show all your work in the pink booklet in the spaces provided after each part, NOT in this green insert.



Mech 1.

A small block of mass $M_B = 0.50$ kg is placed on a long slab of mass $M_S = 3.0$ kg as shown above. Initially, the slab is at rest and the block has a speed v_0 of 4.0 m/s to the right. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the slab is 0.20, and there is no friction between the slab and the horizontal surface on which it moves.

- (a) On the dots below that represent the block and the slab, draw and label vectors to represent the forces acting on each as the block slides on the slab.

Block

Slab



At some moment later, before the block reaches the right end of the slab, both the block and the slab attain identical speeds v_f .

- (b) Calculate v_f .
- (c) Calculate the distance the slab has traveled at the moment it reaches v_f .
- (d) Calculate the work done by friction on the slab from the beginning of its motion until it reaches v_f .

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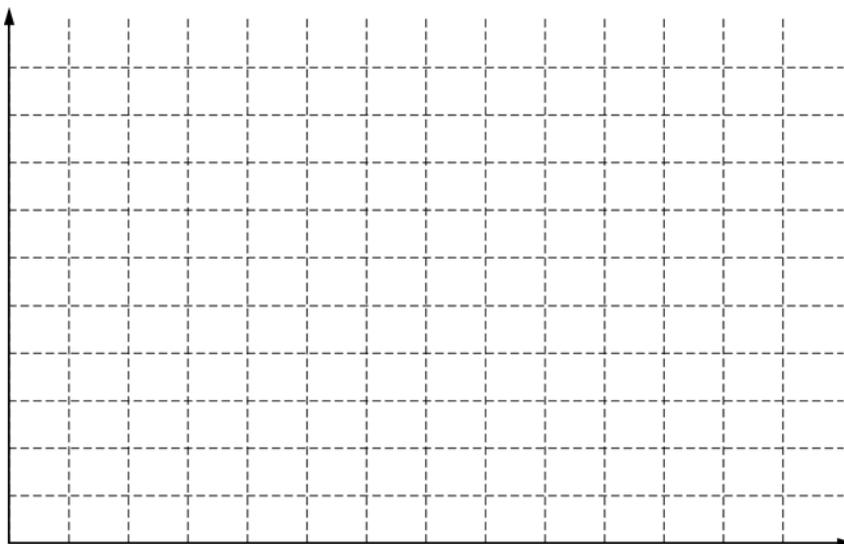
Mech 2.

A nonlinear spring is compressed various distances x , and the force F required to compress it is measured for each distance. The data are shown in the table below.

x (m)	F (N)	
0.05	4	
0.10	17	
0.15	38	
0.20	68	
0.25	106	

Assume that the magnitude of the force applied by the spring is of the form $F(x) = Ax^2$.

- Which quantities should be graphed in order to yield a straight line whose slope could be used to calculate a numerical value for A ?
- Calculate values for any of the quantities identified in (a) that are not given in the data, and record these values in the table above. Label the top of the column, including units.
- On the axes below, plot the quantities you indicated in (a) . Label the axes with the variables and appropriate numbers to indicate the scale.



- Using your graph, calculate A .

The spring is then placed horizontally on the floor. One end of the spring is fixed to a wall. A cart of mass 0.50 kg moves on the floor with negligible friction and collides head-on with the free end of the spring, compressing it a maximum distance of 0.10 m.

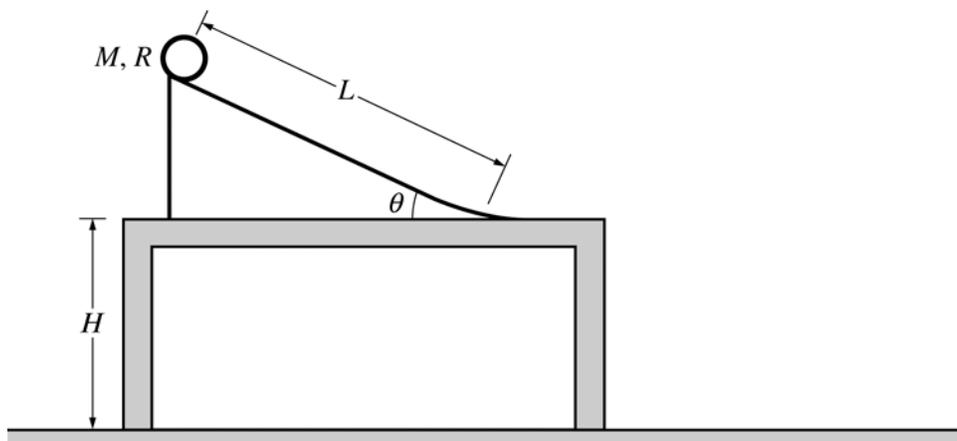
- Calculate the work done by the cart in compressing the spring 0.10 m from its equilibrium length.
- Calculate the speed of the cart just before it strikes the spring.

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Mech 3.

A thin hoop of mass M , radius R , and rotational inertia MR^2 is released from rest from the top of the ramp of length L above. The ramp makes an angle θ with respect to a horizontal tabletop to which the ramp is fixed. The table is a height H above the floor. Assume that the hoop rolls without slipping down the ramp and across the table. Express all algebraic answers in terms of given quantities and fundamental constants.

- (a) Derive an expression for the acceleration of the center of mass of the hoop as it rolls down the ramp.
- (b) Derive an expression for the speed of the center of mass of the hoop when it reaches the bottom of the ramp.
- (c) Derive an expression for the horizontal distance from the edge of the table to where the hoop lands on the floor.
- (d) Suppose that the hoop is now replaced by a disk having the same mass M and radius R . How will the distance from the edge of the table to where the disk lands on the floor compare with the distance determined in part (c) for the hoop?

___ Less than ___ The same as ___ Greater than

Briefly justify your response.

END OF EXAM