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Instructions:

- Do your own work.
- Answer the questions below in the space provided.
- Make sure you show all your work and any equations that you use.
- Please place a box around your answers.
- Remember to give the correct units with all numerical answers

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

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1. You have just arrived on a new planet and wish to find its acceleration of gravity. You launch a ball vertically upward with an initial velocity of 10 m/s. The ball takes 2s to reach its maximum height.

- a. What happens to the velocity of the ball at its maximum height.

Answer (2pts):

At the maximum height, the velocity of the ball is zero ($\vec{v} = 0 \text{ m/s}$)

- b. Use your answer in part a) to find g_{new} :

i. This is a “rate equation” problem: $v = v_0 + a t$ where a (the acceleration) is the rate-of-change of the speed.

ii. Using $v = v_0 + a t$, where $a = g_{new}$ we can solve:

$$1. v = v_0 + g_{new} t \text{ and } v = 0 \frac{m}{s}, v_0 = 10 \frac{m}{s}, t = 2 s$$

$$2. v - v_0 = g_{new} t$$

$$3. \frac{v - v_0}{t} = g_{new}$$

$$4. \text{ Thus } \frac{-10 \text{ m/s}}{2 s} = 5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

2. A train traveling at 30 m/s approaches a station stop. It starts slowing with constant deceleration 200 m away from the station.

- a. Select the equation you would use to find the acceleration of the train?

Choice (2 pts):

$$i. x(t) = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$i. v^2 = v_0^2 + 2 a \Delta x$$

- b. Use your chosen equation to find the acceleration (remember acceleration is a vector):

i. Do you have all the information you need (yes/no)? **yes**

ii. Solve for \vec{a} .

$$1. v = 0 \frac{m}{s}, v_0 = 30 \frac{m}{s}, \Delta x = 200 \text{ m}$$

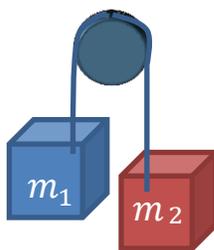
$$2. v^2 - v_0^2 = 2 a \Delta x; \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2 \Delta x} = a$$

$$3. \frac{(0 \frac{m}{s})^2 - (30 \frac{m}{s})^2}{2(200 \text{ m})} = \frac{9 \text{ m}}{4 \text{ s}^2} = 2.25 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Information:

Solution (2 pts):

3. Consider a system of two blocks connected by a light-weight, flexible cord over a massless, frictionless pulley as shown below:



- a. If a_1 is the acceleration of m_1 and a_2 is the acceleration of m_2 :
- How are the magnitudes $|a_1|$ and $|a_2|$ related? $|a_1| = |a_2|$
 - Explain your reasoning.

The two masses, m_1 and m_2 are connected by the cord. The tension in the cord must be the same at block 1 as at block 2. Thus, the accelerations must be equal.

Answer:
Reasoning:

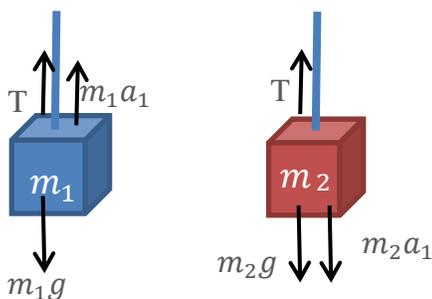
- b. Let $m_1 = 3\text{ kg}$ and $m_2 = 5\text{ kg}$:
- What is the **sign** of the acceleration of m_1 ? + (make sure you watch the magnitudes of the masses)
 - What is the **sign** of the acceleration of m_2 ? - (make sure you watch the magnitudes of the masses)
 - Explain your reasoning.

The larger mass will experience a greater *force* caused by gravity and will tend to move in the negative y-direction.

a_1 :
 a_2 :
Reasoning:

- c. Draw a free-body diagram for each block on the figures below. Remember to label the forces and include a coordinate system (don't forget about the string!).

Block 1:
Block 2:
Coordinate System:



- d. Forces:
- Write down the **sum of the forces** acting on m_1 : $m_1 a_1 = T - m_1 g$
 - Write down the **sum of the forces** acting on m_2 : $-m_2 a_1 = T - m_2 g$

Forces on m_1 :
Forces on m_2 :