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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  $g_{\text{new}}$  :

- 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  $a = g_{\text{new}}$  we can solve:

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

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

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

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

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

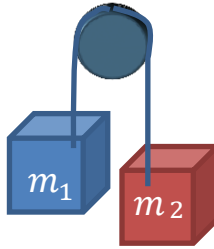
- ii. Solve for  $\vec{a}$ .

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

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

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

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:

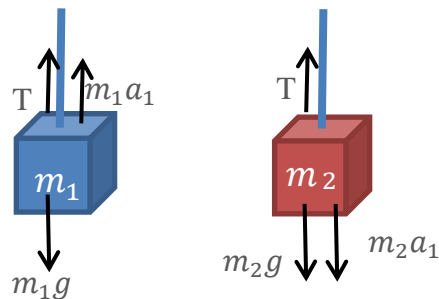
- b. Let  $m_1 = 3 \text{ kg}$  and  $m_2 = 5 \text{ kg}$ :

- 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  $m_2$ :