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# Physics 201

## Exam 2

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### Multiple choice questions [60 points]

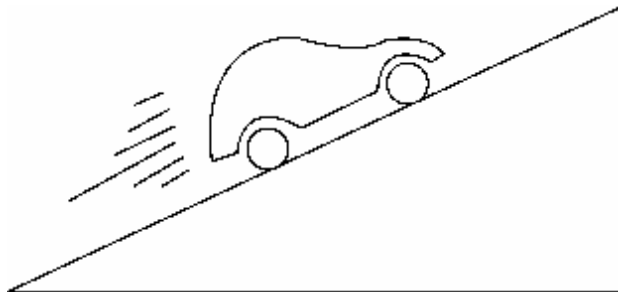
Answer all of the following questions. Read each question carefully. **Fill the correct bubble on your scantron sheet.** Each correct answer is worth 4 points. Each question has exactly one correct answer.

1. You take the elevator from the first to the fourth floor. The normal force acting on you by the elevator does zero work.  
**A. True**  
**B. False**
2. You are standing on your skateboard. Your friend gives a gentle push to the skateboard. The friction force acting on you by the skateboard does  
**A. negative work**  
**B. zero work**  
**C. positive work**
3. You place a ruler on a sheet of paper on a horizontal table. You pull the sheet fast and hard enough so that the ruler slides on the paper. The friction force acting on the ruler by the paper does  
**A. negative work**  
**B. zero work**  
**C. positive work**
4. Normal forces are always directed vertically upward.  
**A. True**  
**B. False**
5. Gravity is a conservative force  
**A. True**  
**B. False**
6. Kinetic friction is a conservative force  
**A. True**  
**B. False**

7. When a particle moves on a circle, the acceleration of the particle is always directed toward the center of the circle

- A. True
- B. False

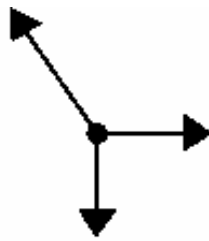
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Which of the following free-body diagrams represents the car going uphill at a constant speed?



(1)



(2)



(3)

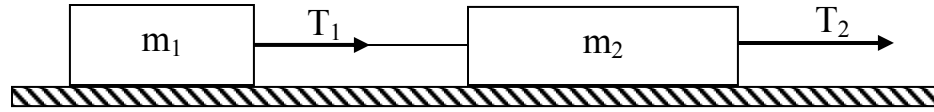


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- A. (1)
- B. (2)
- C. (3)
- D. (4)

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9. Two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , connected by a massless string, are accelerating uniformly on a frictionless surface as shown. What is the ratio of the tensions  $T_1/T_2$ ?



- A.  $m_1/m_2$
- B.  $m_2/m_1$
- C.  $(m_1 + m_2)/m_1$
- D.  $m_1/(m_1 + m_2)$
- E.  $m_2/(m_1 + m_2)$

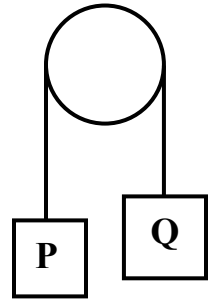
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Questions 10 through 15 all refer to the same problem.

Blocks P and Q are connected by a massless, inextensible string that runs over a frictionless peg. The masses of block P and Q are  $M_P$  and  $M_Q$ .  $M_P$  is less than  $M_Q$ .

10 The magnitude of the net force on block P is

- A. less than  $M_P g$
- B. equal to  $M_P g$
- C. greater than  $M_P g$  but less than  $M_Q g$
- D. equal to  $M_Q g$
- E. greater than  $M_Q g$



At time  $t_1$ , block P is moving down with speed  $v_1=4\text{cm/s}$ . At time  $t_2>t_1$ , it has speed  $v_2=2\text{cm/s}$  directed down. Between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , block P moves 10 cm down. Questions 11 through 15 refer to this time interval.

11 The sign of the net work done on block P is

- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. zero

12 The sign of the work done on block P by the string is

- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. zero

13 Compare the absolute value of the work done on block P by the string ( $|W_{PS}|$ ) to the absolute value of the work done on block P by the Earth ( $|W_{PE}|$ )

- A.  $|W_{PS}|$  is greater than  $|W_{PE}|$
- B.  $|W_{PS}|$  is less than  $|W_{PE}|$
- C.  $|W_{PS}|$  is equal to  $|W_{PE}|$

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**14** The sign of the work done on block Q by the string ( $W_{QS}$ ) is

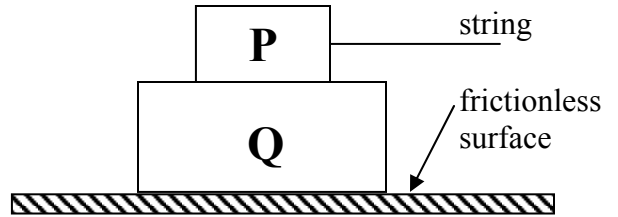
- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. zero

**15** Compare the absolute value of the work done on block P by the string ( $|W_{PS}|$ ) to the absolute value of the work done on block Q by the string ( $|W_{QS}|$ ).

- A.  $|W_{PS}|$  is greater than  $|W_{QS}|$
- B.  $|W_{PS}|$  is less than  $|W_{QS}|$
- C.  $|W_{PS}|$  is equal to  $|W_{QS}|$

**PROBLEM [40 points]**

A string pulls on block P, which is on top of block Q. Block Q has mass  $m_Q$  and block P has mass  $m_P$ . The coefficients of friction between P and Q are  $\mu_s$ (static) and  $\mu_k$ (kinetic). The acceleration of gravity is  $g$ . Neglect friction between block Q and the table.



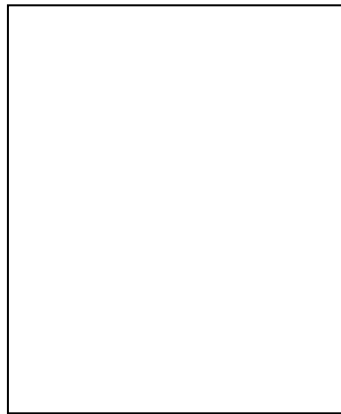
**For questions 1-4 assume that block P does not slip on block Q.**

1). [3 pts] In the spaces provided, indicate the directions of the velocities, accelerations, and net forces of each block. If any of these is zero, state so explicitly. (The velocity of P is given.)

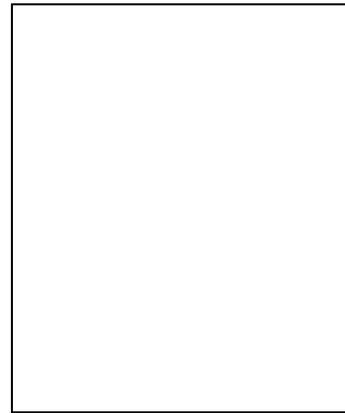
	v	a	$F_{net}$
P	→		
Q			

2). [10 pts] Draw free-body diagrams for blocks P and Q. Label each arrow to indicate: the type of force, the object the force is exerted on, and the object the force is exerted by.

Block P



Block Q



3). [8 pts] Write an expression for the maximum acceleration of block P if it does not slip on block Q. Your expression should only use quantities taken from this list:  $m_P$ ,  $m_Q$ ,  $g$ ,  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_k$

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- 4). [8 pts] Write an expression for the maximum tension in the string if block P does not slip on block Q. Your expression should only use quantities taken from this list:  $m_P$ ,  $m_Q$ ,  $g$ ,  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_k$

**For questions 5 and 6, assume that the force exerted by the string,  $T_{PS}$ , is sufficiently large that block P begins to slip on block Q.**

- 5). [3 pts] Indicate the directions of the velocities, accelerations, and net forces of each block a short time after block P starts to slip. If any of these is zero, state so explicitly. (The velocity of P is given.)

	v	a	$F_{net}$
P	→		
Q			

- 6). [8 pts] Write an expression for the acceleration of block P. Your expression should only use quantities taken from this list:  $T_{PS}$ ,  $m_P$ ,  $m_Q$ ,  $g$ ,  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_k$