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A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This exam consists of 60 questions worth two points each for a maximum of 120 points.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE NCS ANSWER SHEET BY MEANS OF HEAVY BLACK MARKS WITH A NUMBER 2 PENCIL. (Only a pencil mark will work; the optical scanner cannot read inked answers no matter what color or how dark.)

The questions are numbered from 1 to 60: make sure you enter your single letter answer into the answer line with the same number as the question you are answering.

Only the computer readable NCS answer sheet will be handed in. Keep this exam for you future use.

B) PREPARE YOUR ANSWER SHEET IN ADVANCE:

- 1) SIGN YOUR PERSONAL SIGNATURE INTO THE TOP MARGIN ABOVE THE NAME BOX of the NCS SHEET.
- 2) PRINT YOUR NAME, FAMILY NAME FIRST, INTO THE BOXES PROVIDED AND DARKEN THE CIRCLE FOR THE CORRESPONDING LETTER BELOW EACH BOX
- 3) INSERT YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER UNDER "IDENTIFICATION NUMBER" AND DARKEN THE CORRESPONDING CIRCLES BELOW EACH NUMBER.
- 4) MAKE NO STRAY MARKS ON THE ANSWER SHEET AND ERASE CLEANLY IF NECESSARY.

C) GENERAL ADVICE

Many students will not have time to finish this exam if they proceed at a leisurely pace. Therefore it is probably advantageous to earmark time-consuming items for later attention and skip forward to questions that can be answered more easily. No subtractions will be made for wrong answers, so that last minute best guessing is probably an advantageous strategy.

IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK!.....AND ASK EARLY RATHER THAN LATE.

ALSO FOR FAIRNESS' SAKE, PLEASE STOP WRITING WHEN THE EXAM ENDS. A PENALTY OF 8% OF THE RAW SCORE MAY BE IMPOSED UPON STUDENTS WHO TRY TO TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF THE COLLECTION PROCESS BY CONTINUING TO WRITE AFTER THE END HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.

Multiple Choice: Please select the choice that best answers the question and insert its letter into the corresponding line of your NCS answer sheet.

1. The quantity, $|\Delta x/\Delta t| = |(x_f - x_i)/(t_f - t_i)|$, also called the _____, is equal to the magnitude of the _____.
 - a. acceleration...velocity
 - b. velocity...speed
 - c. acceleration...speed
 - d. velocity...acceleration
 - e. speed...velocity
 - f. None of the above.

2. If the acceleration is constant and non-zero, the displacement increases at large time primarily as which power of the time?
 - a. t^3 (as the cube of t)
 - b. $t^0 = \text{constant}$ (independent of time)
 - c. $t^1 = t$ (linearly with t)
 - d. t^2 (quadratically, as the square of t)
 - e. It is not possible to say in general.
 - f. None of the above: we can know the correct power of t , but it is none of the above.

3. Which of the following statements about Venus is correct?
 - a. Venus has a constant velocity.
 - b. There is no net force acting on Venus.
 - c. The sun exerts a stronger force on Venus than Venus exerts on the sun.
 - d. Venus is driven along its orbit by magnetic forces.
 - e. Venus exerts a force on Mars of the same magnitude as Mars exerts on Venus
 - f. None of the above is true.

4. Which of the following statements about the moon is most correct?
 - a. The acceleration due to gravity on the moon is larger than on the earth because its radius is smaller.
 - b. The earth's gravitational pull on the moon exceeds the moon's gravitational pull on earth.
 - c. There is no net force acting on the moon, since in its rest frame, the centrifugal inertial pseudo-force just cancels the centripetal force the earth exerts.
 - d. The moon is continually accelerating toward the earth at a rate $g = 9.8\text{m/sec}^2 = (v_M)^2/R_{EM}$.
 - e. All of the above are true.
 - f. None of the above is true.

5. What is the force of earth's gravity upon a 1 kg mass located 100 earth radii from the earth's center?
 - a. 0.001 N
 - b. 0.01 N
 - c. 0.10 N
 - d. 1.0 N
 - e. 10.0
 - f. None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.

6. How large is the acceleration of a 5 kg weight due to earth's gravity when it floating freely in an earth satellite at an altitude equal to three earth radii?
- 10 m/s/s
 - 3.3 m/s/s
 - 2.5 m/s/s
 - 1.11 m/s/s
 - 0.625 m/s/s
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.
7. If you double the radius of a sphere, its surface area increases by what factor?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 8
 - None of the above.
8. The law of universal gravitation is written $F_G = GMm/r^2$. Which of the following reasons, if any, provides a valid and complete justification for using the form $F_G = mg$ when we studied projectile motion?
- The first form is not valid for projectile motion.
 - The first form does not work for projectile because it requires two masses.
 - The first form is not valid near the surface of the earth.
 - The second form is simpler and therefore aesthetically preferable to the first.
 - If the distance to the earth's center remains very close to R_E (the radius of the earth), the second form gives the same result as the first, except for a correction of magnitude h/R_E (where h is the height above the earth's surface), which is very small for most projectiles.
 - None of the above is a valid and complete justification for using the second form.
9. In considering how Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation arose, which of the following ideas was NOT necessary to arriving at the correct form of that law?
- That a rapid enough horizontal motion can place an object into an orbit around the earth.
 - That the force should be proportional to the product $M_1 * M_2$ of the two masses it affects.
 - That the acceleration of the moon is much smaller than g .
 - That the momentum of the earth-moon system is conserved.
 - All of the above were necessary ideas.
10. An astronaut has a mass of 80 kg and a weight of 800 N when he is standing on the surface of the earth. What is his mass when he is in a space station orbiting earth with a radius of three earth radii?
- zero
 - 8.8 kg
 - 80 kg
 - 88.9 kg
 - None of the above.

11. Over which of the following locations is it possible to have a geosynchronous satellite?
- New York City, because it is a communications center.
 - Quito, Ecuador, because it lies on the equator.
 - London, because it is on the prime meridian.
 - The North Pole, because it does not move as the earth rotates.
 - A geosynchronous satellite can be placed over any of the above locations.
 - A geosynchronous satellite can NOT be placed over any of these locations.
12. If a satellite is to be made geosynchronous in a circular orbit at a height of two earth radii, it seems obvious that its speed must be adjusted to make the period become exactly 24 hours. This task requires:
- enough energy to speed up or slow down the satellite.
 - engineering ingenuity to make the adjustment sufficiently precise.
 - adequate follow up adjustment to keep the speed correct.
 - All of the above steps, and more, are necessary.
 - None of the above can succeed, because the task is impossible.
13. A 300-kg satellite experiences a gravitational force of 1000 N. What is the altitude above the earth's surface of the satellite in orbit, most nearly? (R_E = Earth's Radius.)
- $9.0 R_E$
 - $8.0 R_E$
 - $3.0 R_E$
 - $2.0 R_E$
 - $1.7 R_E$
 - $0.7 R_E$
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.0.7.
14. What is the gravitational force between two 5.0-kg iron balls separated by a distance of 5.0 m, most nearly? (The gravitational constant is $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$.)
- $6.67 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$
 - $3.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}$
 - $6.67 \times 10^{-10} \text{ N}$
 - $3.34 \times 10^{-10} \text{ N}$
 - $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}$
 - None of the above is correct within 10%.
15. Kepler's third Law says that $T^2 = \text{constant} \cdot R^3$ for planetary motion. If planet A has a period, T_A , three times that of planet B, then A is _____ times as far from the sun as B.
- 0.33
 - 2
 - 3
 - 9
 - None of the above is correct within 10%.

16. The acceleration due to gravity on Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is about 1.4 m/s^2 . What would a 30-kg scientific instrument weigh on Titan, most nearly ?
- 43 N
 - 60 N
 - 84 N
 - 300 N
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.
17. Suppose Ted has a mass of 70 kg. How fast (in mph) would he have to run to have the same momentum as an 18-wheeler ($m = 20,000 \text{ kg}$) rolling along at 1.0 mph? (1 mi = 1609 m.)
- $1.3 \times 10^2 \text{ mph}$
 - $2.9 \times 10^2 \text{ mph}$
 - $7.8 \times 10^3 \text{ mph}$
 - $4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ mph}$
 - $8.9 \times 10^5 \text{ mph}$
 - None of the above answers is within 10 % of the correct result.
18. Newton's second law can be rearranged to show that the _____ is equal to the _____.
- change in momentum ... impulse
 - change in momentum ... change in impulse
 - momentum ... impulse
 - work kinetic energy
 - None of the above insertions leads to a true statement.
19. If an air track sled, B, at rest, is struck by an identical moving sled, A, the total final kinetic energy will be largest
- when the collision is totally inelastic so that the two sleds stick together, and the moving sled, A, provides the maximum follow-through force
 - when the collision is totally elastic so that sled A comes to a halt while sled B moves off with the full initial velocity of sled A.
 - for some partially inelastic collision between the above two extreme cases.
 - None of the above is correct: the final kinetic energy is independent of the inelasticity of the collision because of Conservation of Kinetic Energy.
20. Air bags are used by stunt people when they fall off buildings to reduce the _____ that occurs during the stopping of the fall.
- change in momentum
 - force
 - impulse
 - change in velocity
 - work
 - None of the above.

21. Which of the following will cause the largest change in the momentum of an object?
A force of _____ acting for _____.
- 5 N ... 8 s
 - 6 N ... 7 s
 - 7 N ... 6 s
 - 8 N ... 5 s
 - 9 N ... 4 s
 - Both b and c above cause the same largest change in the momentum.
22. If a 500 kg artillery shell explodes into fragments as it approaches its target with a speed of 720 km/hr, the total momentum of all its fragments will be equal in magnitude to:
- 1.0×10^5 kg-m/s
 - 3.6×10^4 kg-m/s
 - 3.6×10^7 kg-m/s
 - None of the above has correct units for momentum.
 - The answer depends upon the energy of the explosion.
23. What average force is required to stop a 130-kg football player running at 7 m/s in a time of 6 s, most nearly?
- 22 N
 - 150 N
 - 303 N
 - 2730 N
 - 5460 N
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.
24. A very hard rubber ball ($m = 0.6$ kg) is falling vertically at 10 m/s just before it bounces on the floor. The ball rebounds back at essentially the same speed. If the collision with the floor lasts 0.06 s, what is the average force exerted by the floor on the ball?
- 400 N
 - 200 N
 - 90 N
 - 20 N
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.
25. If we examine a ball in free fall, we find that the momentum of the ball is not constant. This is not a violation of the law of conservation of momentum because
- The force of gravity acts on the ball.
 - The ball experiences an external force.
 - The ball is not an isolated system.
 - A net work is done on the ball as it falls
 - All of the above answers are correct.

26. When a supernova star explodes, the total linear momentum of the star
- increases slowly
 - increases suddenly in the outward direction
 - decreases rapidly at first and then more slowly as the star expands.
 - decreases at a nearly uniform rate once the explosion has occurred.
 - remains constant.
 - There is not enough information to say.
 - None of the above is correct.
27. We can explain the recoil that occurs when a rifle is fired by using
- conservation of momentum.
 - Newton's second and third laws.
 - equal and opposite impulses.
 - equal and opposite changes in momentum
 - Any of the above.
28. Larry has a mass of 60 kg and runs across the classroom with a speed of 10 m/s and jumps onto a giant skateboard, initially at rest and with a mass equal to half of Larry's. If we ignore friction, what is the final speed of Larry and the skateboard, most nearly?
- 2 m/s
 - 15 m/s
 - 60 m/s
 - 120 m/s
 - 240 m/s
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.
29. Two air-track gliders are held together with a string. The mass of glider A is four times that of glider B. A spring is tightly compressed between the gliders. The gliders are initially at rest and the spring is released by burning the string. If glider A has a speed of 3 m/s after the release, how fast will glider B be moving?
- 0.75 m/s
 - 1.5 m/s
 - 3 m/s
 - 6 m/s
 - 12 m/s
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.
30. A father ($m = 80$ kg) and son ($m = 30$ kg) are standing facing each other on a frozen pond. The son pushes on the father and finds himself moving backward at 3 m/s after they have separated. How fast will the father be moving?
- 1.1 m/s
 - 1.84 m/s
 - 3.0 m/s
 - 4.9 m/s
 - 8.0 m/s
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer.

31. Assume that a red car has a mass of 1000 kg and a white car has a mass of 3000 kg., and both have the same momentum. Then
- the white car's kinetic energy is one-third as big
 - their kinetic energies are not equal.
 - the red car's kinetic energy is three times as big.
 - All of the statements a, b, & c above are true.
 - None of the above.
32. Under what conditions is the kinetic energy (K.E.) conserved (in the strict sense) in a collision?
- K.E. is always conserved.
 - K.E. is only conserved when the collision is totally elastic.
 - K.E. is conserved when there is no net outside force.
 - K.E. is conserved when there is no friction.
 - Kinetic energy is never "conserved" in a collision because it does not remain constant.
 - None of the above answers is correct.
33. In physics, the **net work** is defined as the product of the
- net force and the distance traveled.
 - net force and the time it is applied.
 - net force parallel to the motion and the distance traveled.
 - net force parallel to the motion and the time it is applied.
 - applied force and the distance traveled.
 - None of the above.
34. Two objects have different masses but the same momentum. If you stop them with the same constant retarding force, which one will stop in the shorter distance?
- Both stop in the same distance, because both require the same impulse to stop.
 - The lighter one, because it travels a shorter distance in the same time.
 - The heavier one, because it travels a shorter distance in the same time.
 - Both stop in the same distance, because both require the same net work to stop.
 - None of the above statements is correct.
35. How much work is performed by the gravitational force F on a synchronous satellite during one day?
- The work done is zero, because the force is always perpendicular to the velocity.
 - The work done is $F \cdot C$, where C is the circumference of the orbit
 - The work done is zero, because the net force on the satellite vanishes.
 - The work done is zero, because a synchronous satellite does not move.
 - The work done is $F \cdot D$, where D is the diameter of the orbit.
 - The work done is $F r$, where r is the radius of the orbit.
 - None of the above.

36. Which of the following properties of a ball is conserved as it falls freely in a vacuum?
- kinetic energy
 - mechanical energy
 - momentum
 - gravitational potential energy.
 - No conservation law applies because gravity does work on the ball as it falls.
 - None of the above is a true answer to the question.
37. Because the earth rotates once daily under the tidal bulges generated by the moon's gravitational attraction, and because the moon orbits the earth in about 28 days,
- we always have 2 high and 2 low tides in every 24 hour interval.
 - we sometimes have 2 low tides and 1 high tide in a 24 hour interval.
 - we sometimes have an extra high tide or low tide, in addition to the usual 2 high and 2 low tides.
 - we always have 1 high tide and 1 low tide every 24 hours.
 - All of the above responses are flawed: none is correct.
38. A man with a mass of 90 kg falls 8 m. How much kinetic energy does he gain?
- 7.2 J
 - 72 J
 - 720 J
 - 7200 J
 - 72000 J
 - None of the above statements is within 10% of the correct answer.
39. An 800-kg frictionless roller coaster starts from rest at a height of 30 m. What is its kinetic energy when it goes over the top of a hill that is 20 m high?
- 8,000 J
 - 16,000 J
 - 24,000 J
 - 80,000 J
 - 160,000 J
 - 240,000J
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.
40. A 1.5 kg. pendulum has a kinetic energy of 4.5 Joule at the lowest point in its swing. How high does it travel to its stopping point?
- 0.1m
 - 0.3 m
 - 1.0 m
 - 3.0 m
 - None of the above is correct within 10%.

41. If a spring, extended by 5 cm from its natural length, is relaxed to a smaller extension of 3 cm, its potential energy (P.E.) change by a factor, most nearly, of
- 0.35
 - 0.65
 - 0.85
 - 2.85
 - None of the above is within 10%.
42. A ball dropped from a height of 8 m bounces back to a height of 7 m before coming to rest. Which of the following statements is valid for this process?
- Kinetic energy is conserved.
 - Mechanical energy is conserved.
 - Gravitational potential energy is conserved.
 - The net work done by gravity was zero.
 - All of the above.
 - None of the above.
43. How much energy is required to light a 20-watt bulb for 120 h?
- 8.6×10^6 J
 - 1.44×10^5 J
 - 2.4×10^3 J
 - 240 J
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.
44. Imagine riding in a glass-walled elevator that goes up the outside of a tall building at a constant speed of 20 meters per second. If you drop a ball, an observer in the building will observe that at first the ball
- falls starting from rest.
 - rises starting with an upward speed of 20 m/s.
 - falls starting with a downward speed of 20 m/s.
 - remains stationary.
 - None of the above.
45. While you are standing on the sidewalk, you observe your friends pass by in a van traveling horizontally at a constant velocity. They and you make various physical measurements in your own frames of reference. Which of the following quantities has the same value in both reference systems?
- horizontal velocity components
 - kinetic energies
 - momenta
 - work done by vertical forces.
 - work done by horizontal forces.
 - None of the above quantities is the same in both frames

46. You can throw a ball vertically up in a car moving with a constant velocity and have it land back in your hand because
- there is no net horizontal force acting on the ball.
 - the reference system attached to the car is non-inertial.
 - there is a net force in the forward direction.
 - the pseudo-force in the backward direction is canceled by the inertial force.
 - None of the above completions yields a true statement
 - All of the above completions yield valid statements.
47. A ball is thrown horizontally at 30 m/s from a flatcar that is moving in a straight line at 40 m/s. Relative to a person on the ground, what is the horizontal speed of the ball when it is thrown directly forward?
- 70 m/s
 - 50 m/s
 - 40 m/s
 - 30 m/s
 - 10 m/s
 - None of the above.
48. An observer drops a ball in a train traveling along a straight, horizontal track with a constant acceleration in the forward direction. What would an observer in the train say about the force acting on the ball?
- The force has no horizontal component.
 - The force has no vertical component.
 - The force has a horizontal component in the forward direction.
 - There is a centrifugal force.
 - The force has a horizontal component in the backward direction.
 - None of the above.
49. You and a friend are rolling marbles on a horizontal table in the back of a moving van on a straight, level section of interstate highway. You start the marble rolling directly toward the side of the truck and observe that it curves toward the back. You conclude that the truck is
- not moving
 - moving at a constant velocity
 - speeding up
 - slowing down
 - None of the above conclusions can be validly drawn from the information given.
50. Which of the following could reasonably be cited as valid evidence that the earth rotates?
- The plane of a pendulum rotates as time passes.
 - The sun rises and sets each day.
 - Hurricane winds rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere; clockwise in the Southern.
 - A high precision measurement of the weight of a standard mass yields a slightly smaller value at sea level on the equator than at the north pole.
 - All of the above.

f. None of the above answers is correct.

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51. An elevator passenger's vertical acceleration, A , in an inertial frame, his mass, M , and the forces acting upon him due to gravity, F_{Grav} , and due to the floor, F_{floor} , are related (by NII) as follows: $MA = F_{\text{Grav}} + F_{\text{floor}}$. If we re-write this equation as:
- $$0 = F_{\text{Grav}} + F_{\text{floor}} - MA,$$
- We have added new physical content to the statement.
 - We have placed the outside world's forces on the same side of the equation as their effect, and have thus altered their physical implications.
 - We can re-interpret the result as the computation of observer, O_A , in a frame accelerating at a rate, A , which calculation uses a pseudo-force, and informs him that this person has an acceleration equal to A in O_A 's accelerating frame.
 - All of the above are true and valid completions.
 - None of the above is true.

The following questions many require more computation than those preceding. Please Select the choice that best answers the question and insert its letter into the corresponding line of your NCS answer sheet.

52. A cylindrical space station, far from any large masses, can be spun so that people on the inside surface of the station feel the effects of an "artificial gravity" force directed inward towards the axis of the cylinder. If the cylinder has a radius of 500 km, what must its angular velocity be in order to provide an artificial gravity just equal to $g = 10 \text{ m/s/s}$.
- 4.5×10^{-3} radians/sec
 - 4.5×10^3 radians/sec
 - 2.0×10^{-5} radians/sec
 - 2.0×10^5 radians/sec
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.

53. An 90-kg satellite orbits a distant planet in a circle of radius of 4000 km with a period of 280 min. From the radius and period, you calculate the satellite's acceleration to be 1.1 m/s^2 . What is the gravitational force on the satellite, most nearly?
- 10 N
 - 10^2 N
 - 10^3 N
 - 10^4 N
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result
54. A solid lead sphere of radius 10 m (about 66 ft across!) has a mass of about 57 million kg. If two of these spheres are floating in deep space with their centers 20 m apart, compute the gravitational force of attraction between them, and select the best answer from those listed below.
- ($G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$.)
- 60 N
 - 180 N
 - 540 N
 - 1620 N
 - 4860 N
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.

55. A 60 kg fighter pilot's ejection seat accelerates him upward at a rate of 5 times g , the near earth acceleration due to gravity ("5 g 's"). If his seat had a built in weight scale, what would it read during his ejection?
- 600 N
 - 2400 N
 - 3000 N
 - 3600 N
 - None of the above is within 10% of the correct answer..

56. A 1600-kg car traveling north at 14 m/s is struck by a 2000-kg truck traveling east at 14 m/s. If the truck and car crunch and move off locked together as a single unit, what is their speed immediately after the collision, most nearly?
- 8.9 m/s
 - 10.0 m/s
 - 14.0 m/s
 - 15.8 m/s
 - 20.4 m/s
 - None of the above answers is within 6% of the correct result.

57. A 20 kg block of wood loses 140 J of mechanical energy to friction as it slides down a ramp after starting at rest. If it started at a height of 15 m, we can conclude that its kinetic energy at the bottom of the ramp is, most nearly,
- a. 10 J
 - b. 60 J
 - c. 160 J
 - d. 300J
 - e. 1800 J
 - f. 2900 J
 - g. None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.
58. A block which weighs 15 N is moving upward with an initial kinetic energy of 34 J and is being accelerated by an upward force of 21N. If the block is lifted 6 m , what is the block's final kinetic energy, most nearly?
- a. 90 J
 - b. 70 J
 - c. 50 J
 - d. 30 J
 - e. 10 J
 - f. None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result

59. A room is being accelerated through space at 15 m/s^2 relative to the "fixed stars." It is far away from any massive objects. If a man weighs 700 N when he is at rest on earth, how much will he weigh in the room, most nearly ?
- zero
 - 350 N
 - 700 N
 - 1050 N
 - 1400 N
 - None of the above answers is within 10% of the correct result.
60. Assuming that the earth is a perfect sphere and that the force of gravity is constant over the surface, your weight (as determined by a bathroom scale) at the equator would be less than that at the North Pole by a small fraction due to the centrifugal force arising from the rotation of the earth about its axis. That fraction of your weight is equal to _____ (Use $R_E = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$)
- 3.4×10^{-2}
 - 3.4×10^{-3}
 - 3.4×10^{-4}
 - 3.4×10^{-5}
 - 3.4×10^{-6}
 - None of the above is within 10 % of the correct answer.