

Example Items

Physics Pre-AP

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STAAR PHYSICS REFERENCE MATERIALS



FORCE AND MOTION

$$\text{Average velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{change in time}}$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{final velocity} - \text{initial velocity}}{\text{change in time}}$$

$$a = \frac{v_f - v_i}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{(\text{final velocity})^2 - (\text{initial velocity})^2}{2(\text{displacement})}$$

$$a = \frac{v_f^2 - v_i^2}{2\Delta d}$$

$$\text{Displacement} = \left(\text{initial velocity} \right) \left(\text{change in time} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (\text{acceleration}) \left(\text{change in time} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta d = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2$$

$$\text{Centripetal acceleration} = \frac{(\text{tangential velocity})^2}{\text{radius}}$$

$$a_c = \frac{v_t^2}{r}$$

$$\text{Net force} = (\text{mass})(\text{acceleration})$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = ma$$

$$\text{Work} = (\text{force})(\text{distance})$$

$$W = Fd$$

$$\text{Torque} = (\text{force})(\text{lever arm})$$

$$\tau = Fr$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{work}}{\text{time}}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$\text{Pythagorean theorem}$$

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

GRAVITATIONAL, ELECTRICAL, AND MAGNETIC FORCES

$$\text{Force of gravitational attraction between 2 objects} = \left(\text{universal gravitation constant} \right) \left(\frac{\left(\text{mass of 1st object} \right) \left(\text{mass of 2nd object} \right)}{\left(\text{distance between centers of objects} \right)^2} \right)$$

$$F_g = G \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Force between 2 charged particles} = \left(\text{Coulomb's constant} \right) \left(\frac{\left(\text{charge of 1st particle} \right) \left(\text{charge of 2nd particle} \right)}{\left(\text{distance between particles} \right)^2} \right)$$

$$F_{\text{electric}} = k_c \left(\frac{q_1 q_2}{d^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Electrical power} = (\text{voltage})(\text{current})$$

$$P = VI$$

$$\text{Current} = \frac{\text{voltage}}{\text{resistance}}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

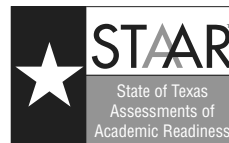
$$\text{Equivalent resistance for resistors in series}$$

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

$$\text{Equivalent resistance for resistors in parallel}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

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ENERGY AND MOMENTUM

$$\text{Kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2}(\text{mass})(\text{velocity})^2 \qquad KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\text{Gravitational potential energy} = (\text{mass})\left(\frac{\text{acceleration}}{\text{due to gravity}}\right)(\text{height}) \qquad PE_g = mgh$$

$$\text{Elastic potential energy} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\text{spring}}{\text{constant}}\right)\left(\frac{\text{distance stretched}}{\text{or compressed}}\right)^2 \qquad PE_{\text{elastic}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$\text{Energy} = (\text{power})(\text{time}) \qquad E = Pt$$

$$\text{Work} = \text{change in kinetic energy} \qquad W = \Delta KE$$

$$\text{Mechanical energy} = \text{kinetic energy} + \text{potential energy} \qquad ME = KE + PE$$

$$\text{Law of conservation of energy} \qquad KE_i + PE_i = KE_f + PE_f$$

$$\text{Momentum} = (\text{mass})(\text{velocity}) \qquad p = mv$$

$$\text{Impulse} = (\text{force})(\text{change in time}) = (\text{mass})(\text{change in velocity}) \qquad J = F\Delta t = m\Delta v$$

$$\text{Law of conservation of momentum} \qquad m_1v_{1i} + m_2v_{2i} = m_1v_{1f} + m_2v_{2f}$$

$$\text{Heat gained or lost} = (\text{mass})\left(\frac{\text{specific}}{\text{heat}}\right)\left(\frac{\text{change in}}{\text{temperature}}\right) \qquad Q = mc_p\Delta T$$

WAVES AND LIGHT

$$\text{Velocity} = (\text{frequency})(\text{wavelength}) \qquad v = f\lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{\text{Focal length}} = \frac{1}{\text{distance to image}} + \frac{1}{\text{distance to object}} \qquad \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_o}$$

$$\text{Energy} = (\text{mass})(\text{speed of light})^2 \qquad E = mc^2$$

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CONSTANTS AND CONVERSIONS

$$c = \text{speed of light} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$g = \text{acceleration due to gravity} = 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$G = \text{universal gravitation constant} = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$

$$k_C = \text{Coulomb's constant} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

$$m_E = \text{mass of Earth} = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = \text{radius of Earth} = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{newton (N)} = \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\text{joule (J)} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\text{watt (W)} = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{hertz (Hz)} = \frac{\text{cycle}}{\text{s}}$$

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Atomic number — 14
Symbol — **Si**
Atomic mass — 28.086
Name — Silicon

Mass numbers in parentheses are those of the most stable or most common isotope.

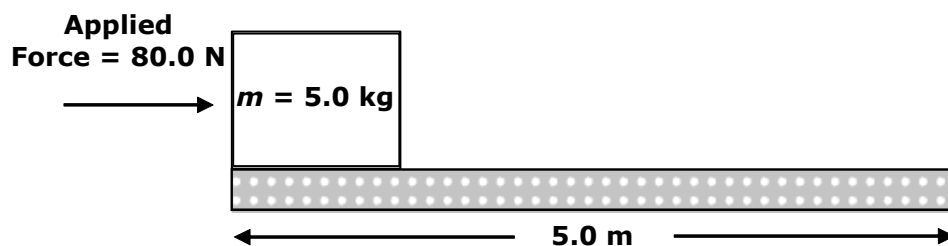
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1 John sees Hua running towards him at 11 m/s. While running, Hua throws a ball to John at 5 m/s. What is the speed of the ball as observed by John?

- A 5 m/s
- B 6 m/s
- C 16 m/s
- D 55 m/s

2 A block with a mass of 5.0 kg is pushed on a frictionless surface through a distance of 5.0 m by applying a horizontal force of 80.0 N.

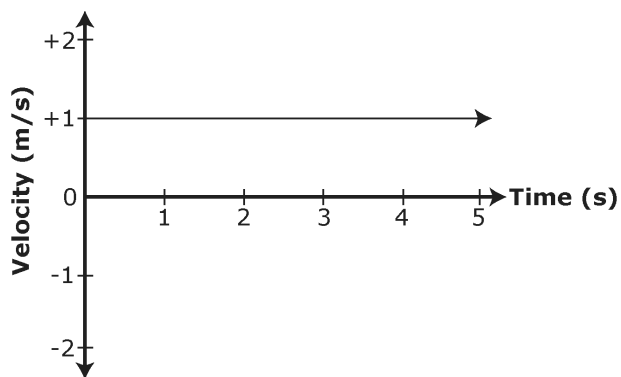


If the block starts from rest, what is its final velocity?

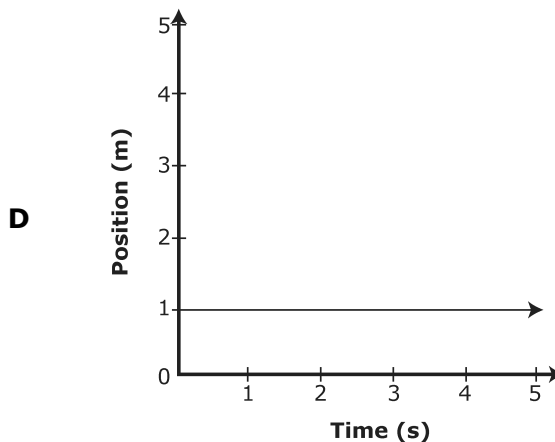
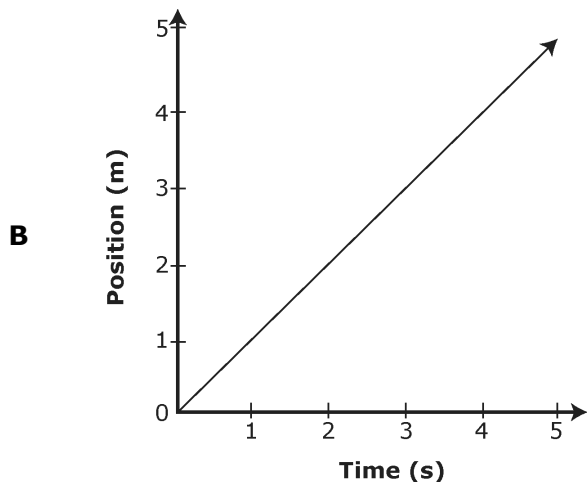
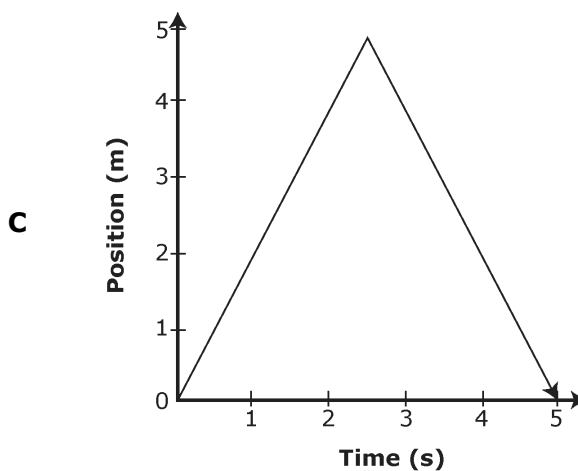
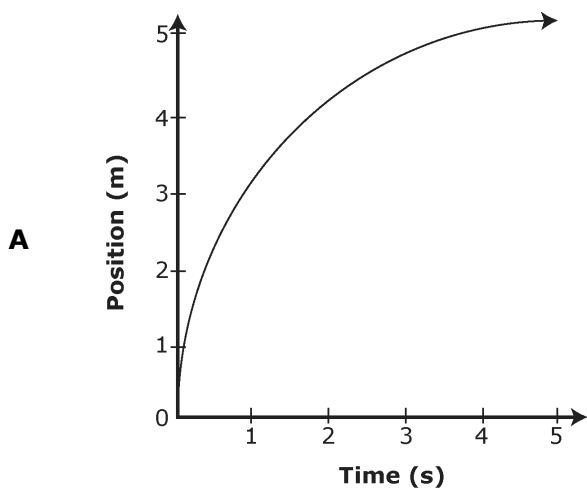
- A 8.9 m/s
- B 12.6 m/s
- C 16.0 m/s
- D 31.6 m/s

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- 3** An object moves in a straight line at a constant velocity of 1 m/s as shown in the velocity-time graph.

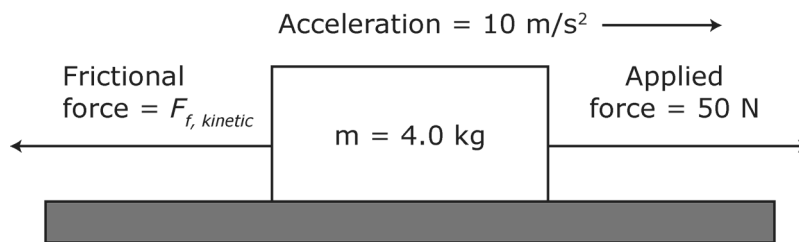


What position-time graph is represented by the motion indicated in the velocity-time graph?



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- 4 The diagram shows a 4.0 kg object accelerating at 10 m/s^2 on a rough, horizontal surface.




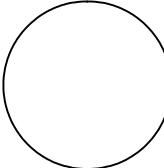
What is the magnitude of the kinetic frictional force ($F_{f, kinetic}$) acting on the object?

- A** 50 N
- B** 40 N
- C** 20 N
- D** 10 N
- 5 If the mass of a balloon is 300 kg and the lift force provided by the atmosphere is 3300 N, what is the net force on the balloon?
- A** Upward, 360 N
- B** Downward, 300 N
- C** Toward the north, 300 N
- D** Toward the east, 360 N
- 6 If the circles shown represent the relative sizes of four planets that all have the same mass, which planet exerts the greatest gravitational pull on objects on its surface?

A 

C 

B 

D 

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7 A rock is thrown downward with a velocity of 25 m/s from the edge of a cliff which is 50 meters high. What is the approximate speed of the rock just before it hits the ground at the base of the cliff?

- A** 33 m/s
- B** 40 m/s
- C** 56 m/s
- D** 75 m/s

8 The table shows the mass, velocity and height of four different objects.

Object	Mass (kg)	Velocity (m/s)	Height (m)
A	0.5	4.0	5
B	1.0	4.0	3
C	2.0	2.0	2
D	4.0	1.0	1

Which object has the most mechanical energy?

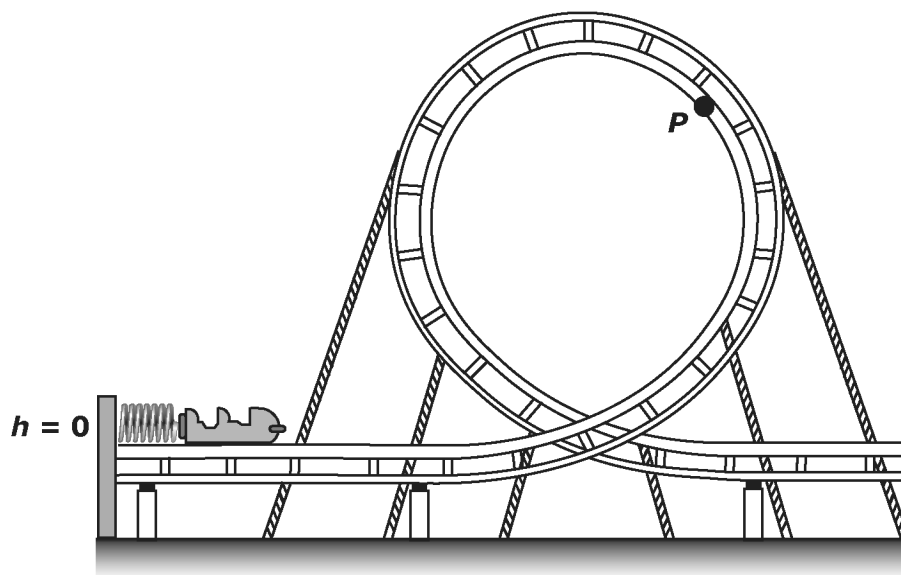
- A** Object A
- B** Object B
- C** Object C
- D** Object D

9 Which statement accurately describes what happens as a ball falls freely (without air resistance) toward the ground?

- A** The total mechanical energy of the ball increases, but its kinetic energy decreases.
- B** The total mechanical energy of the ball decreases, but its potential energy increases.
- C** The total mechanical energy of the ball remains the same, but its kinetic energy decreases.
- D** The total mechanical energy of the ball remains the same, but its potential energy decreases.

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- 10** A rollercoaster cart is launched into a loop by a compressed spring that stores 10,000 Joules of energy.



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If the starting position is considered zero height ($h=0$) and there is no friction or air resistance, which pair of numbers describes possible values for the kinetic energy, KE , and the gravitational potential energy, PE , at point P ?

- A** $KE = 0$ Joules
 $PE = 11,000$ Joules
 - B** $KE = 9,000$ Joules
 $PE = 3,000$ Joules
 - C** $KE = 3,000$ Joules
 $PE = 7,000$ Joules
 - D** $KE = 7,000$ Joules
 $PE = 1,000$ Joules
- 11** A toy car is rounding a circular track with a radius of 1.50 m. The car goes around the track once in 20.0 seconds. What is the centripetal acceleration of the car in m/s^2 ?

(Circumference = $2\pi r$)

- A** 0.12 m/s^2
- B** 0.15 m/s^2
- C** 0.31 m/s^2
- D** 1.20 m/s^2

EXAMPLE ITEMS Physics Pre-AP Key, Sem 1

Item#	Key	SE	Process Skills	SE Justification
1	C	P.4B	2G, 2J	Describe motion relative to different frames of reference.
2	B	P.6A	2G, 2H, 2J	Calculate quantities using the work-energy theorem in various situations.
3	B	P.4A	2G, 2H, 2J	Interpret graphs describing different types of motion.
4	D	P.4D	2G, 2H, 2J	Calculate the effect of forces on objects, including the relationship between force and acceleration.
5	A	P.4D	2G, 2J	Calculate the effect of forces on objects.
6	A	P.5B	2H	Describe how the magnitude of the gravitational force between two objects depends on the distance between their centers.
7	B	P.4B	2G, 2J	Analyze motion in one dimension using equations with the concepts of displacement, instantaneous velocity, and acceleration.
8	C	P.6C	2H, 2J	Calculate the mechanical energy of a physical system.
9	D	P.6B	--	Investigate examples of kinetic and potential energy and their transformations.
10	C	P.6D	2G, 2J	Apply the law of conservation of energy.
11	B	P.4C	2G, 2H, 2J	Analyze accelerated motion in two dimensions using equations, including circular examples.