PHYS 201 Fall 2025   Test #1   Name: _Key_

A. Select the correct answer for the following multiple choice questions and write your answer in the line next to the question number.

3 pts each (handwritten note)

_____1. In 2019, the SI base unit kelvin is re-defined using these fundamental constants:
   a. Planck constant, Avogadro constant, and the elementary charge.
   b. Planck constant, elementary charge, and speed of light in vacuum.
   c. Planck constant, hyperfine transition frequency of the cesium 133 atom, and speed of light in vacuum.
   d. Planck constant, ~~elementary charge~~, and the hyperfine transition frequency of the cesium 133 atom.
   e. Planck constant, Boltzmann constant, and speed of light in vacuum.

(handwritten: wrong answers)

_d_ 2. What is the SI base unit for temperature?
a. ^0K b. ^0F c. ^0C d. K   e. F   f. C

_d_ 3. Which one of the following is a SI derived unit?
a. kg   b. cm^3 c. mol   d. kg/m^3 e. g/cm^3

_d_ 4. The speed limit on a college campus is 15 MPH. Express this speed in ft/s.
(1 M = 5208 ft, 1 H = 3600 s)
a. 6.7 ft/s   b. 10.4 ft/s   c. 15 ft/s   d. 21.7 ft/s

(handwritten: $15 \frac{M}{H} \times \frac{5208 \, ft}{M} \times \frac{H}{3600 s}$ 22)

_a_ 5. Which one of the following is a vector?
a. displacement   b. time interval   c. speed   d. mass   e. distance

_C_ 6. What is the angle between the vectors **A** and - 3**A** when they are drawn from a common origin?
a. 0^0 b. 90^0 c. 180^0 d. 270^0 e. 360^0

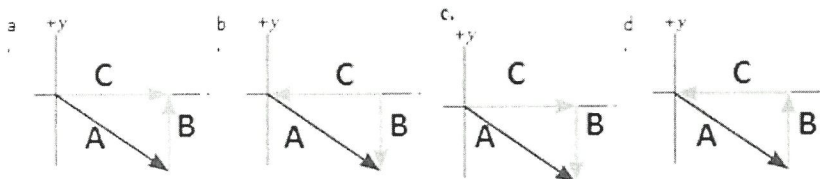_b_ 7. For the motion described in the graph, decide whether the moving object is
a) accelerating
b) decelerating
c) moving at a constant velocity
d) moving at a constant speed
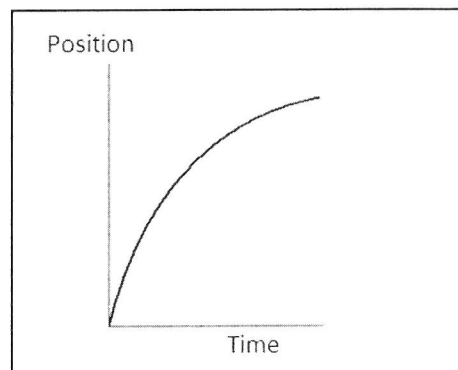
_b_ 8. Three vectors **A, B,** and **C** are shown below in each of the diagrams.
Which one represents the relationship: **C + A= B ?**

_C_ 9. A ball (I) is rolled along the surface of a table and leaves the edge horizontally. At the same instant the ball I leaves the table, a second ball (II) is dropped from rest at the edge of the table. In the absence of air resistance, which ball will strike the ground first?
a. I   b. II   c. both at the same time

_a_ 10. In the above question which ball will have the _higher speed_ at the ground level?
a. I   b. II   c. both will have the same speed

11-12) A car traveling at 65 km/h, overtakes a 0.26 km long train traveling in the same direction on a track parallel to the road. The velocity of the train is 52 km/h, eastward.
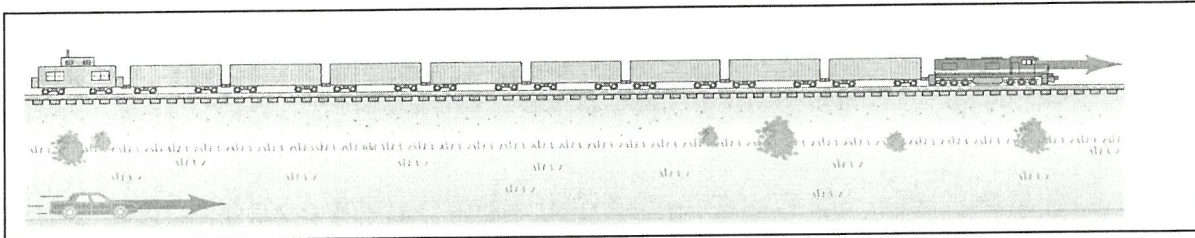
_f_ 11. What is the velocity of the car relative to the train?
a. 65 km/h eastward   b. 52 km/h eastward   c. 13 km/h westward
d. 117 km/h eastward   e. 117 km/h westward   f. 13 km/h eastward

_d_ 12. How long does it take the car to pass the train?
a. 12 s   b. 14 s   c. 18 s   d. 72 s

_f_ 13. Four vectors are shown in the cartesian coordinate System. (Magnitudes are: A = 8.00 m, B = 15.0 m, C = 12.0 m, and D = 10.0 m). What is the +x component of the vector C?
a. 8.6 m
b. 6.9 m
c. 9.8 m
d. 12.3 m
e. – 8.6 m
f. – 6.9 m
g. – 9.8 m
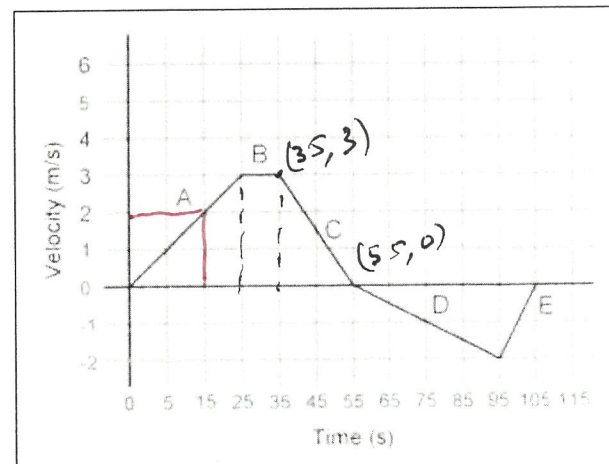h. – 12.3 m
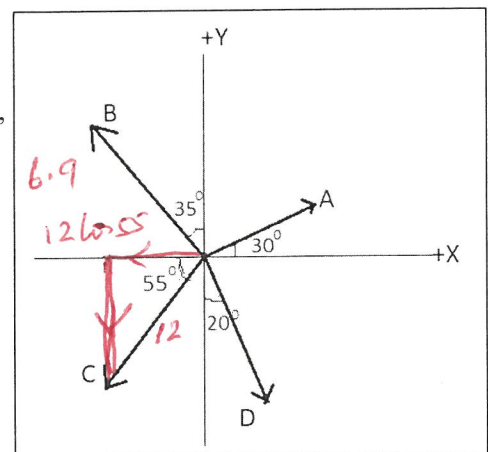
_____End of MC questions_____

(13) B. Deal with the one-dimensional motion, duration of 105 s, where the velocity is graphed as a function of time.
  2 a. What is the instantaneous velocity at 15 s?
  5 b. What is the instantaneous acceleration at 45 s?
  6 c. What is the displacement from 0 s to 55?

a. $\underline{2 \ m/s}$

b. $\dfrac{0-3}{55-35} = -\dfrac{3}{20} = -0.15 \ m/s^2$

c. $\dfrac{1}{2} \times 25 \times 3 + 10 \times 3 + \dfrac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 3$

    $37.5 + 30 + 30$

    c. $\underline{97.5 \ m/s}$. 5

       97.5 m

C. Equations of Kinematics for constant acceleration are given below:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
$x = \bar{v}\,t$	$x = \dfrac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$	$v = v_0 + at$	$x = v_0 t + \dfrac{1}{2}at^2$	$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ax$

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1. Define acceleration and derive the 3rd equation.

$$a = \frac{V - V_0}{t} \rightarrow at = V - V_0$$

$$\boxed{V_0 + at = V}$$

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2. Derive the 4th equations using the equations 2 & 3.

$$x = \tfrac{1}{2}(V_0 + V_0 + at)t$$
$$x = \tfrac{1}{2}(2V_0 + at)t$$
$$x = V_0 t + \tfrac{1}{2}at^2$$

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3. A car traveling at 18 m/s hits a bridge abutment. A passenger in the car moves forward a distance 0.95 m while being brought to rest by an inflated air bag. Determine the deceleration of the passenger?

$V_0 = 18\,m/s$

$V = 0$

$X = 0.95\,m$

$a = ?$

$V^2 = V_0^2 + 2ax$

$0 = 18^2 + 2 \times a \times 0.95$

$0 = 324 + 1.9a$

$1.9a = -324 \rightarrow a = \dfrac{-324}{1.9} = -170.5\,m/s^2$

Deceleration $= 170.5\,m/s$

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4. A ball is shot vertically upward from the surface of another planet. A plot of y versus t for the ball is shown below, where y is the height of the ball above its starting point and $t = 0$ at the instant the ball is shot.

2 a. What is the highest height reached by the ball? __30 m__

2 b. How long it took to reach the highest point? __5 s__

4 c. Determine the initial velocity of the ball?

I. $V_{0y} = ?$ $V_y = 0$, $y = 30$, $t = 5\,sec$

$y = \tfrac{1}{2}(V_{0y} + V_y)t$

$30 = \tfrac{1}{2}(V_{0y} + 0)5$

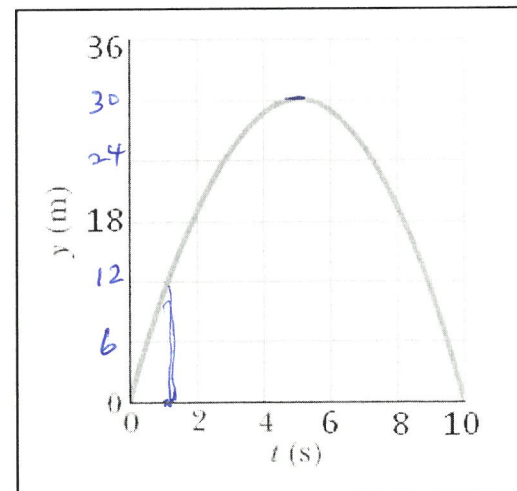$60 = V_{0y} \cdot 5$ $V_{0y} = 12\,m/s$

II. slope $= \dfrac{12}{1} = 12\,m/s$

4 d. Determine the free-fall acceleration on the planet?

$V_y = V_{0y} + at$

$0 = 12 + a \times 5$

$a = -\dfrac{12}{5} = -2.4\,m/s^2$

y (m) vs t (s) graph with y-axis values 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36 and x-axis values 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
$y = \bar{v}_y\, t$ $x = \bar{v}_x\, t$	$y = \dfrac{1}{2}(v_{0y} + v_y)t$	$v_y = v_{0y} + a_y t$	$y = v_{0y}t + \dfrac{1}{2}a_y t^2$	$v_y{}^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2a_y y$

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D. During a fireworks display, a shell is shot into the air with an initial speed of 60.0 m/s at an angle of 65.0° above the horizontal, as illustrated in the figure. The fuse is timed to ignite the shell just as it reaches its highest point above the ground. Ignore air resistance. The acceleration due to gravity = 9.8 m/s², down.

(a) Find the horizontal and vertical components of the initial velocity, V_{ox} and V_{oy}.

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$V_{ox} = V_o \cos\theta_o = 60 \cos 65° = 25.4 \text{ m/s}$

$V_{oy} = V_o \sin\theta_o = 60 \sin 65° = 54.4 \text{ m/s}$

(b) Calculate the height at which the shell explodes.

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$y = ?$ $U_y = 0$, $U_{oy} = 54.4 \text{ m/s}$, $a = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

$V_y^2 = V_{oy}^2 + 2ay$

$0 = 54.4^2 + 2(-9.8) \times y$

$19.6 y = 2959.4 \rightarrow \boxed{y = 151 \text{ m}}$

(c) How much time passed between the launch of the shell and the explosion?

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$t = ?$ $V_y = V_{oy} + a_y t$

$0 = 54.4 - 9.8\, t$

$9.8 t = 54.4$

$t = \dfrac{54.4}{9.8} = 5.55 \text{ sec}, \quad \boxed{t = 5.6 \text{ s}}$

(d) What is the horizontal displacement of the shell when it explodes?

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$x = ?$ $x = V_{ox}\, t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$

$x = 25.4 \times 5.55 + 0$

$x = 141 \text{ m}$

(e) Plot the vertical velocity as a function of time from the time it is shot till it explodes.

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slope = -9.8 m/s^2

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