**Rotational Motion Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Course:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Demonstration on Rotational Inertia   
  
Apparatus:

Observation:  
  
  
  
Explanation:

Data Table A: g = 9.8 m/s2

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| Radial distance of masses, r (cm) |  | Acceleration, *a* (m/s2) | *I*  (g.cm2) | *\*I*  (g.cm2)  For 2 point masses |
| Pulley-Rod |  |  |
| 3 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 3 cm |  |  |  |
| 6 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 6 cm |  |  |  |
| 9 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 9 cm |  |  |  |
| 12 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 12 cm |  |  |  |
| 15 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 15 cm |  |  |  |
| 18 | Pulley-Rod + M’s at 18 cm |  |  |  |

\**I*, For 2 point masses are obtained by subtracting the Pulley-Rod value from   
the Pulley-Rod + M’s values.

Attach your Excel plots: Mass from plot = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Mass from scale=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%Difference \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DATA Table B:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Acceleration, *a* (m/s2) | *I*, Exptal\*(g.cm2) | *IT*, Theory\*\*(g.cm2) | % Difference |
| Pulley |  |  | XXXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXX |
| Pulley & Rod |  |  | XXXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXX |
| Rod | XXXXXXXX |  |  |  |
| Pulley & Disk |  |  | XXXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXX |
| Disk | XXXXXXXX |  |  |  |
| Pulley, Disk & Ring |  |  | XXXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXX |
| Ring | XXXXXXXX |  |  |  |

\*\**IT* (rod) = (1/12)m*L2* \*\**IT* (disk) = 0.5 *MR2*;     \*\**IT* (Ring) = 0.5 *M1(R12 +R22 )*;   
 \**I*, for the rod is obtained by subtracting the pulley value from the pulley & rod value.  
\**I*, for the disk is obtained by subtracting the pulley value from the pulley & disk value.  
  
Data for calculating *IT*:  
  
Length of rod = L = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mass of rod = m = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Mass of the gray disk = *M* = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mass of black ring = *M1* = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Dimensions of the ring & disk | Diameter (cm) | Radius (cm) |
| Inside of black ring |  | *R1*= |
| Outside of black ring |  | *R2*= |
| Gray disk |  | *R*  = |

**C. Purpose**: Investigate what happens to the angular momentum and rotational kinetic energy when a disk is dropped onto a rotating disk.   
DATA C: (Include units)  

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| Trial | *ωi* | *ωf* | From Data Table B | | *Li = Iiωi* | *Lf = Ifωf* | % Difference |
| *I i* | *I f* |
| 1. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Calculation of initial and final rotational kinetic energies (in SI unit) for one trial:

Conclusion for the last activity, C: