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PHYSICS 50  
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EXAM 3

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1. A helicopter lifts a 72 kg astronaut 15 m vertically from the ocean by means of a cable. The acceleration of the astronaut is  $0.9 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Calculate the work done by: (15 pts)

- The force from the helicopter.
- The gravitational force.
- Calculate the kinetic energy of the astronaut just before reaching the helicopter.
- Calculate the speed of the astronaut just before reaching the helicopter.

$$a) \Sigma F_y = T - mg = ma$$

$$T = m(g + a)$$

$$T = 72(9.8 + 0.9)$$

$$\boxed{T = 770.4 \text{ N}}$$

$$W_T = Th \cos \theta$$

$$W_T = (770.4 \text{ N})(15 \text{ m}) \cos 0^\circ$$

$$\boxed{W_T = 1.156 \times 10^4 \text{ J}}$$

$$b) W_g = mgh \cos 180^\circ$$

$$= (72)(9.8)(15)(-1)$$

$$\boxed{W_g = -1.058 \times 10^4 \text{ J}}$$

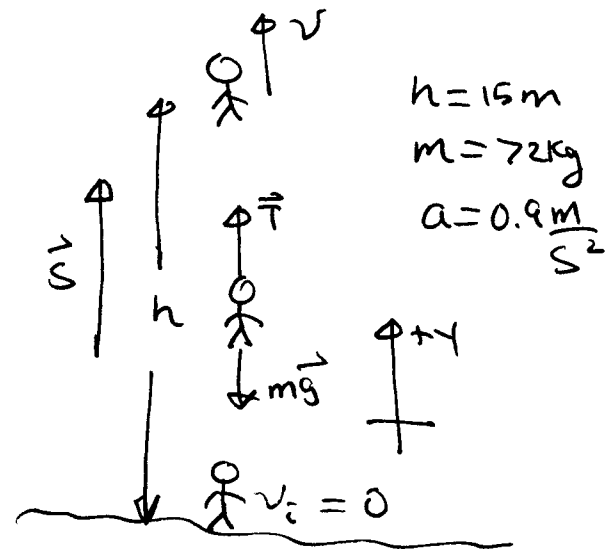
$$c) W_{\text{net}} = K_f - K_i \rightarrow U$$

$$W_g + W_T = K_f$$

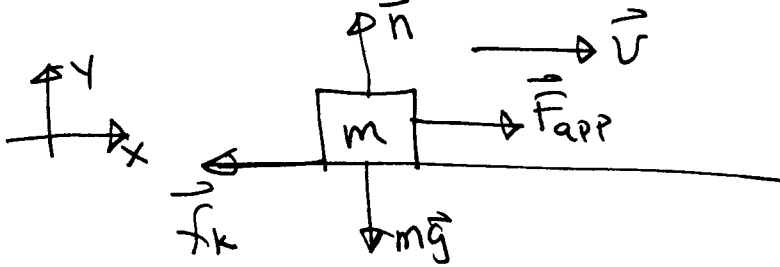
$$\boxed{K_f = 980 \text{ J}}$$

$$d) K_f = \frac{1}{2} mV^2$$

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2K_f}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(980 \text{ J})}{72 \text{ kg}}} = \boxed{5.2 \text{ m/s}}$$



2. a) Calculate how much power is needed to push a 95-kg chest at 0.62 m/s along a horizontal floor where the coefficient of friction is 0.78. (5 pts)



$$\Sigma F_x = F_{app} - f_k = 0$$

$$F_{app} = f_k = \mu_k n = \mu_k mg$$

$$\Sigma F_y = n - mg = 0$$

$$n = mg$$

$$P = F_{app} v \cos \theta$$

$$P = \mu_k mg v \cos 0^\circ$$

$$P = (0.78)(95)(9.8)(0.62)$$

$$P = 450 \text{ W}$$

- b) Calculate how much work is done in pushing the chest 11.0 m. (5 pts)

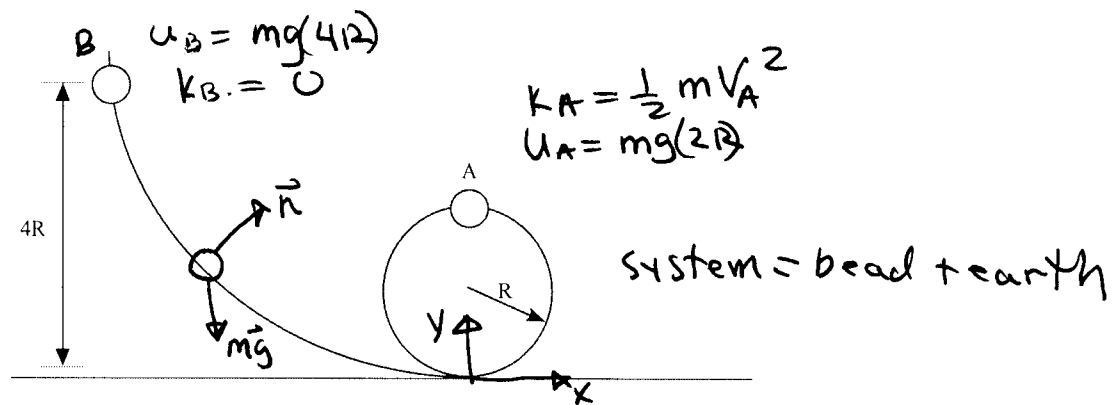
$$W = F_{app} s \cos \theta$$

$$= \mu_k mg s \cos 0^\circ$$

$$= (0.78)(95)(9.8)(11)$$

$$W = 8000 \text{ J}$$

3. A bead slides without friction around a loop-the-loop as shown below. The bead is released from rest from a height of  $4R$ . (10 pts)



- a. What is the speed at point A?  
 b. Calculate the normal force on the bead at point A if its mass is  $10.0g$ .

a)  $\vec{m}\vec{g}$  is the only force that does work.

Since  $\vec{m}\vec{g}$  is conservative, then:

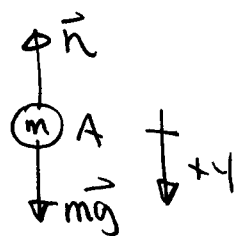
$$K_B + U_B = K_A + U_A$$

$$mg(4R) = \frac{1}{2} m V_A^2 + mg(2R)$$

$$mg(2R) = \frac{1}{2} m V_A^2$$

$$V_A = \sqrt{4gR}$$

b)



$$\Sigma F_y = mg - n = \frac{m V_A^2}{R}$$

$$n = mg - \frac{m V_A^2}{R}$$

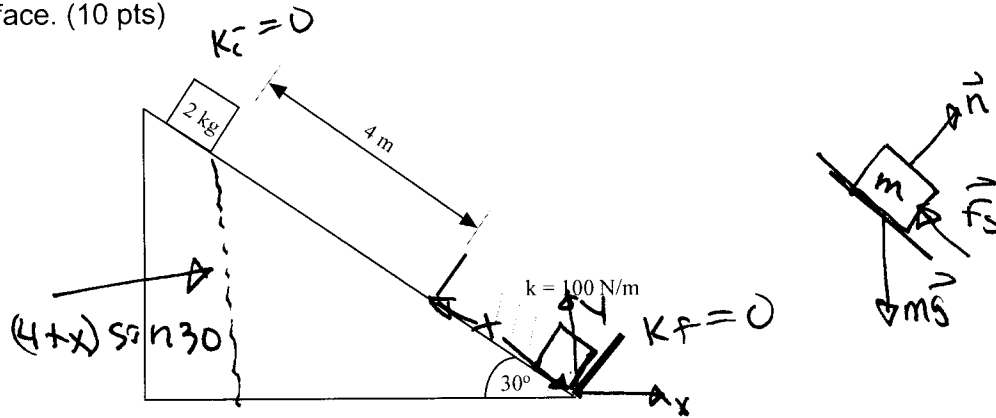
$$n = m \left( g - \frac{4gR}{R} \right)$$

$$n = -3mg$$

$$n = -0.294 \text{ N}$$

points down!

4. A 2.0 kg block is released 4.0 m from a massless spring with spring constant  $k = 100 \text{ N/m}$  that is along a plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  as shown below. Use energy considerations to find the maximum compression of the spring. Assume frictionless surface. (10 pts)



system = block + spring + earth

$F_s = -kx$  and  $mg$  only forces that do work. Since they are conservative, then:

$$E_i = E_f$$

$$K_i + U_i(g) + U_i(s) = K_f + U_f(g) + U_f(s)$$

$$mg(4+x) \sin 30 = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$(2)(9.8)(4+x) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} (100) x^2$$

$$39.2 + 9.8x = 50x^2$$

$$50x^2 - 9.8x - 39.2 = 0$$

quadratic  
eg.

$$x = 0.99 \text{ m}$$

$$x = 99 \text{ cm}$$