

Short Answers

Q.1 Define the following terms:

- (i) Inertia (ii) Momentum (iii) Force
(iv) Force of friction (v) Centripetal force

Ans: (i) Inertia:

Inertia of a body is its property due to which it any change in its state of rest or motion.

Galileo related the inertia of a body with its mass; greater is the mass of a body greater is its inertia.

$$\text{Inertia} \propto \text{mass of body}$$

(ii) Momentum:

Momentum of a body is the quantity of motion it possesses due to its mass and velocity.

The momentum P of a body is given by the product of its mass m and velocity v . Thus

$$P = mv$$

Momentum is a vector quantity. Its SI unit is $kgms^{-1}$

Momentum of a system depends on its mass and velocity.

(iii) Force:

A force moves or tends to move, stops or tends to stop the motion of a body. The force can also change the direction of motion of a body.

$$F = ma$$

SI unit of a force is newton.

Note: A force can also change the shape or size of a body on which it acts.

(iv) Force of friction:

Friction:

The force, that opposes the motion of moving objects is called friction.

Friction is a force that comes into action as soon as a body is pushed or pulled over a surface.

Factor on which friction depends:

In case of solids, the force of friction between two bodies depends upon many factors such as nature of the two surfaces in contact and the pressing force between them.

(v) Centripetal force:

Centripetal force is a force that keeps a body to move in a circle.

The centre seeking force is called the centripetal force. It keeps the body to move in a circle. Centripetal force always acts perpendicular to the motion of the body,

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

Q.2 What is the difference between:

(i) Mass and weight

(ii) Action and reaction

(iii) sliding friction and rolling friction**Ans: (i) Mass and weight:**

Mass	Weight
1.The quantity of matter contained in a body is called its mass.	1.Weight is a force with which earth attracts a body towards its centre.
2.The mass of a body remains constant everywhere, whether it is measured at a point far away from the centre of the earth, or the surface at the centre of the earth.	2.The weight of a body is not constant quantity but its value is different at different places.
3.Mass is a scalar quantity.	3.Weight is a vector quantity and is always directed towards the centre of the earth.
4.The SI unit of mass is kilogram.	4.The SI unit of weight is newton.
5.Mass is measured by ordinary balance.	5.weight is measured by spring balance.
6.Mass of the body cannot be zero.	6. Weight of the body can be zero i.e at the centre of the earth and in space where $g=0$ so $w=mg=m \times 0=0$
7.It is the measure of inertia in a body i.e: $m=\frac{w}{g}$	7.Weight is given by $w=mg$

(ii) Action and reaction:

Newton's third law of motion deals with the reaction of a body when a force act on it. Let a body A exerts a force on another body B. The body B react against this force and exerts a force on body A. The force exerted by a body A on B is the action force whereas the force exerted by body B on A is called reaction force.

Note that action and reaction forces act on different bodies.

Example:

Action and reaction forces act on different objects and in opposite directions. For example, if the rocket pushes the gas out, the gas pushes back against rocket. The forces on different objects (the gas, and the rocket, respectively), and in opposite direction.

(iii) Sliding friction and rolling friction**Sliding friction:**

A force between the sliding objects which opposes the relative motion between them is called sliding friction.

Rolling friction:

Rolling friction is the force of friction between a rolling body and a surface over which it rolls. Rolling friction is lesser than the sliding friction.

Q.3 What is law of inertia?

Ans: Inertia:

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Experiment:

Take a glass and cover it with a piece of cardboard. Place a coin on the cardboard. Now kick the card horizontally, with jerk of your finger.

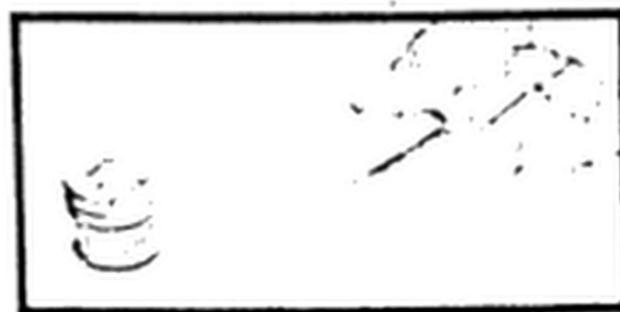


The coin falls into the glass as the card flicks away

The coin does not move with the cardboard due to inertia. The coin falls into the glass as the card flicks away.

Experiment:

Cut a strip of paper. Place it on the table. Stack a few coins at its one end. Pull out the paper strip under the coins with a jerk.



Coins stacked pver remain undisturbed on pulling the paper strip quickly

Coins stacked pver remain undisturbed on pulling the paper strip quickly due to inertia.

Q.4 Why it is dangerous to travel on the roof of a bus?

Ans: Because the friction force due air acting on the upper part of body the person who travelling on the roof of running bus try to turn over which is dangerous for passenger while travelling on the lower portion remain at rest w.r.t the roof of the bus due to inertia.

Q.5 Why does a passenger move outward when a bus takes a turn?

Ans: An inward net force is required to make a turn in a circle. This inward net force requirement is known as a centripetal force requirement. In the absence of any net force, an object in motion (such as passenger) continues in motion in a straight line at constant speed. Due to the absence of necessary centripetal force a passenger moves outward when a bus takes a turn.

Q.6 How can you relate a force with the change of momentum of a body?

Ans: Force and momentum:

Consider a body of mass m moving with initial velocity v_i , let a force acts on the body which produces an acceleration a in it. This changes the velocity of the body. Let its final velocity after time t becomes v_f . If p_i and p_f be the initial momentum and final momentum of the body related to initial and final velocities respectively then

$$P_i = mv_i$$

$$P_f = mv_f$$

Or

$$\text{Change in momentum} = \text{final momentum} - \text{initial momentum}$$

Or

$$P=mv$$

Thus the rate of change in momentum is given by:

$$\frac{p_f - p_i}{t} = \frac{mv_f - mv_i}{t}$$

Since $\frac{v_f - v_i}{t}$ is the rate of change of velocity equal to the acceleration a produced by the force F

$$\frac{p_f - p_i}{t} = ma$$

According to Newton's second law of motion,

$$F = ma$$

Or $\frac{p_f - p_i}{t} = F \dots\dots\dots (1)$

Equation (1) also defines force and states Newton's second law of motion as:

When a force acts on a body, it produces an acceleration in the body and will be equal to rate of change of momentum of the body.

Q.7 What will be the tension in a rope that is pulled from its ends by two opposite forces 100N each?

Ans: Tension in the rope and its force pulls equally at both the ends if no forces acting on the rope except its ends, and the rope itself being in equilibrium, the tension is the same throughout the rope.

$$\sum F = 0$$

Q.8 Action and reaction are always equal and opposite. Then how does a body moves?

Ans: Action and reactions (forces acting on an object) are always equal and opposite

When the object is at equilibrium. When we apply external force to pull, push and twist, the equilibrium is disturbed means now the magnitudes of action (force provided by you) and reaction (force provided by the objects) is not equal. That is why it is possible to twist, pull, move and push the object in the direction of applied force.

Q.9 A horse pushes the cart. If the action and reaction are equal and opposite then how does the cart move?

Ans: First of all when the horse pulls on the cart, the cart exerts an equal but opposite reaction on the horse, the action and reaction. If this was the only force in action then the horse and cart would indeed remain stationary.

However there is another force between the horse and the ground. The horse's hooves press down on the ground and the ground pushes back on the horse.

If the reaction force of the ground is greater than the reaction force of the cart on the horse, then the horse will move forward. The cart will move forward when the force exerted on it by the horse is greater than the frictional force between the cart and the ground.

Q.10 What is the law of conservation of momentum?

Ans: Law of conservation of momentum:

The momentum of an isolated system of two or, more than two interacting bodies remains constant.

Example:

Consider the example of an air-filled balloon as described under the third law of motion. In this case, balloon and the air inside it form a system. Before

releasing the balloon, the system was at rest and hence the initial momentum of the system was zero. As soon as the balloon is set free, air escapes out of it with some velocity. The air coming out of it possesses momentum. To conserve momentum, the balloon moves in a direction opposite to that of air rushing out.

Explanation:

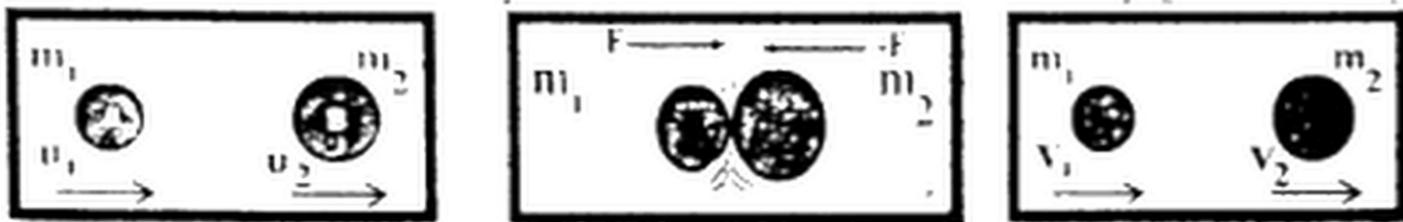
Case I:

Consider an isolated system of two spheres of masses m_1 and m_2 . They are moving in a straight line with initial velocities u_1 and u_2 respectively such that u_1 is greater than u_2 . Sphere of mass m_1 approaches the sphere of mass m_2 as they move

Initial momentum of mass $m_1 = m_1u_1$

Initial momentum of mass $m_2 = m_2u_2$

Total initial momentum of the system before collision = $m_1u_1 + m_2u_2$ (i)



Case II:

After sometimes mass m_1 hit m_2 with some force. According to Newton's third law of motion m_2 exerts an equal and opposite reaction force on m_1 . Let their velocities become v_1 and v_2 respectively after collision. Then

Final momentum of mass $m_1 = m_1v_1$

Final momentum of mass $m_2 = m_2v_2$

Total final momentum of the system before collision = $m_1v_1 + m_2v_2$ (ii)

According to Law of conservation of momentum:

[total initial momentum of the system before collision]= [total initial momentum of the system before system]

$$m_1u_1 + m_2u_2 = m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 \quad \text{(iii)}$$

equation (iii) shows that the momentum of an isolated system before and after collisions remains the same which is the law of conservation of momentum. Law of conservation of momentum is an important law and has vast applications.

Q.11 Why is law of conservation of momentum important?

Ans: Law of conservation of momentum is applicable on all objects in the universe. A rocket and jet engine taking off. The recoil of gun and bank-sj=hot in a pool are examples which demonstrate the importance of law of conservation of momentum.

Q.12 When a gun is fired, it recoils. Why?

Ans: Recoils of gun:

Consider a system of gun and a bullet. Before firing the gun, both the gun and bullet are at rest, so the total momentum of the system is zero. As the gun is fired, bullet shoots out the gun and acquires momentum. To conserve momentum of the system, the gun recoils.

According to the law of conservation of momentum, the total momentum of the gun and the bullet will also be zero after the gun is fired. Let m be the mass of the bullet and v be its velocity on firing the gun, M be the mass of the gun and V be the velocity with which it recoils. Thus the total momentum of the gun and the bullet after the gun is fired will be,

$$[\text{total momentum of the gun and the bullet after the gun is fired}] = MV + mv \dots \dots (i)$$

Q.15 Describe ways to reduce friction?

Ans: Methods of reducing friction:

1. The friction can be reduced by making the sliding surfaces smooth.
2. The friction can be reduced by making the fast moving objects a streamline shape (fish shape) such as cars, aeroplanes etc. this causes the smooth flow of air and thus minimizes air resistance at high speeds.
3. The friction can be reduced by using ball bearings or roller bearings because the rolling friction is lesser than the sliding friction.
4. The friction can be reduced by lubricating the sliding surfaces.

Q.16 Why rolling friction is less than sliding friction?

Ans: Sliding friction:

A force between the sliding objects which opposes the relative motion between them is called sliding friction.

Rolling friction:

Rolling friction is the force of friction between rolling body and a surface over which it rolls. Rolling friction is lesser than the sliding friction.

Explanation:

When a certain body rolls over the surface of another body, it has the contact with the surface only at a single point. As there is no relative motion between the two bodies at this point, therefore sliding friction is zero. However practically the wheel is compressed a little temporarily at the contact point of the two surfaces under pressure. Because of that little sliding friction, rolling friction is produced.



But when a body moves over the surface of another body, there is relative motion between the two surfaces, thus, friction has some maximum value. That is why the rolling friction is less than sliding friction. The rolling friction is 100 times less than sliding friction.

Q.17 what you know about the following:

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| (i) tension in a string | (ii) limiting force of friction |
| (iii) braking force | (iv) skidding of vehicles |
| (v) seatbelts | (vi) banking of roads |
| (vii) cream separator | |

Ans: (i) Tension in a string:

"the force exerted by a string when it is subjected to pull is called tension in the string"

If a person is holding a block of weight W attached to the end of a string, a force is experienced by him. This force is known as Tension. When the body is at rest, the magnitude of tension is equal to the weight of the body suspended by the string. Tension and the weight acts in the opposite direction.

Unit of tension:

In S.I. system: newton

In C.G.S. system: dyne

In F.P.S. system: pound



(ii) Limiting force of friction:

the maximum value of friction is known as the force limiting friction (F_s). It depends on the normal reaction (pressing force) between the two surfaces in contact $F_s = \mu R$

(iii) Braking force:

Friction between a rotating component (the drum or disc) and a stationary force is called braking force.

1. The diameter of the disc
2. The friction material
3. The size of the pad friction face
4. The force used to clamp the pads onto the disc
5. The greater the diameter of the disc, the further from the centre of the wheel the braking force can be applied. This in turn will generate a greater force, or torque, on the disc.

(vi) Skidding of vehicles:

Skids usually occur while driving the clutch is suddenly engaged or disengaged, the brakes are applied too hard, the vehicle accelerates too quickly or the steering wheel is turned too sharply. These can create a situation where power, either too much or too little, causes a loss of traction.

If the brakes are applied too strongly, the wheels of the car will lock up (stop turning) and the car will skid due to its large momentum. It will lose its directional control that may result in an accident. In order to reduce the chance of skidding, it is advisable not to apply brakes too hard that lock up their rolling motion especially at high speed.

(v) Seatbelts:

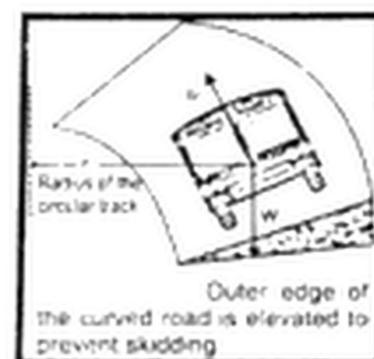
In case of an accident, a person not wearing seatbelt will continue moving until stopped by something before him. This something may be a windscreen another passenger or back of the seat in front of him/her. Seatbelts are useful in two ways.

1. They provide an external force to a person wearing seatbelt.
2. The additional time is required for stretching seatbelts. This prolongs the stopping time for momentum to change is and reduces the effect of collision.

(vi) Banking of roads:

The curvature of the road must be inclined so as to control the Centrifugal force of the Vehicle.

Banking of road means to make the road to slide towards the center of curvature with an angle. It is helpful because if the velocity of car is more or there is less friction between the tyres and the road which reduce the danger of car to move out of circular track.



Explanation:

When a car takes a turn, centripetal force is needed to keep it in its curved track. The friction between the tyres and the road provides necessary centripetal force. The car would skid if the force of friction between the tyres and the road is not sufficient enough particularly when the roads are wet. This problem is solved by banking of curved roads.

(vii) Cream separator:

Most modern plants use a separator to control the fat contents of various products. A separator is a high speed spinner. It acts on the same principle of centrifuge machines. The bowl spins at very high speed causing the heavier contents of milk to move outward in the bowl pushing the lighter contents inward towards the spinning axis.

Cream or butterfat is lighter than other components in milk. Therefore, skimmed milk, which is denser than cream is collected at the outer wall of the bowl. The lighter part (cream) is pushed towards the centre from where it is collected through a pipe.

Q.18 What would happen if all friction suddenly disappears?

Ans: If there was no friction then we could not walk, we would keep slipping. Nothing would be steady on the ground, many things would be just sliding and sliding.

Q.19 Why the spinner of washing machine is made to spin at a very high speed?

Ans: The dryer of a washing machine is basket spinners. They have a perforated wall having large numbers of fine holes in the cylindrical rotor. The lid of the

speed, the water from wet clothes is forced out through these holes due to lack of centripetal force.

