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Energy WS #10H  
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## Energy Review

**Directions:** Solve the following problems using the GUESS method and proper significant figures. Be sure to show ALL work.

1. A child is pulling a wagon by the handle. He exerts 37.8 newtons of force along the handle, which makes a  $23.5^\circ$  angle with the horizontal. If he pulls the wagon 10.0 meters, calculate the amount of work he does.

$$F_x = F \cos \theta = 37.8N \cos(23.5^\circ) = 34.7N \text{ forward}$$

$$W = F_x d = (+34.7N)(+10.0m) = +347J$$

2. A worker pushes a 9.45 kilogram box up a frictionless ramp, which is inclined at  $15.0^\circ$ , at constant speed into a truck. Calculate the amount of force he is exerting.

$$F_g = mg = 9.45kg(-9.81 \frac{m}{s^2}) = 92.7N \text{ down}$$

$$F_{\text{parallel}} = F_g \sin \theta = (-92.7N)(\sin 15.0^\circ) = 24.0N \text{ downhill}$$

$$F_{\text{app}} = -F_{g\parallel} = 24.0N \text{ uphill}$$

3. An engine does work at a rate of 8510 watts while exerting a force of 610 N on a vehicle. Calculate the speed of the vehicle.

$$v = \frac{P}{F} = \frac{8510W}{610N} = 14 \frac{m}{s}$$

4. During the Personal Power Lab, a student weighing 522 newtons takes 12.38 seconds to climb a flight of stairs 30.4 meters high. Calculate her vertical power output.

$$P = \frac{Fd}{t} = \frac{522N(30.4m)}{12.38s} = 1280W$$

5. A 0.591kilogram pumpkin sits atop a building 100. meters high.

- a. What potential energy does the pumpkin possess relative to the ground?

$$PE = mgh = (0.591kg)(9.81 \frac{m}{s^2})(100.m) = 580.J$$

- b. Bill Igor Gan decides to push the pumpkin off the building one windy day. If it is traveling at 39 m/s when it strikes the ground, calculate the kinetic energy of the pumpkin just before it strikes the ground.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(0.591kg)(39 \frac{m}{s})^2 = 450J$$

- c. How much mechanical energy was “lost” as the pumpkin fell?

$$\Delta E_{T \text{ lost}} = E_f - E_i = KE_{\text{bottom}} - PE_{\text{top}} = 450J - 580.J = -130J$$

- d. Where did this “lost” energy go?

- Overcoming air resistance
- The internal energy increased due to friction with the air

6. Amanda B. Reckendwyth, a very mischievous 72 kilogram girl, runs down the hall with a speed of 3.1 meters per second. She jumps onto a stationary 17 kilogram lab cart.
- a. Calculate the speed of the cart once Amanda has jumped onto it.

Before	After
$P_{\text{before}} =$ $m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 =$ $(72 \text{ kg})(+3.1 \text{ m/s}) + (17 \text{ kg})(0 \text{ m/s}) =$ $223.2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} =$ $2.5 \text{ m/s} =$	$P_{\text{after}}$ $(m_1 + m_2) v_f =$ $(72 \text{ kg} + 17 \text{ kg})(v_f) =$ $(89 \text{ kg}) v_f$ $v_f$

- b. Calculate the kinetic energy of the Amanda – cart combo.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(89\text{kg})(2.5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 = 280\text{J}$$

Use the combined mass because they are traveling together

- c. She then reaches a carpeted section. Friction exerts 92 newtons of force to bring the cart to rest. How much work is done by friction?

$$W = \Delta E_T = KE_f - KE_i = 0\text{J} - 280\text{J} = -280\text{J}$$

The work is negative because force and displacement are in opposite directions.

7. A hypnotist uses a pendulum that is 0.35 meters long. Calculate the period of the pendulum while she is putting somebody into a trance.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{0.35\text{m}}{9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}} = 1.2\text{s}$$

8. It takes a force of 36.7 newtons to hold a spring stretched a distance of 0.557 meters. Calculate the elastic potential energy of the spring in this position.

$$k = \frac{F}{x} = \frac{36.7\text{N}}{0.557\text{m}} = 65.9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} \quad PE_{\text{elastic}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}(65.9 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}})(0.557\text{m})^2 = 10.2\text{J}$$

9. A 0.560 kilogram block is held 1.25 meters above a spring. When the block is dropped the gravitational potential energy is transferred to the spring causing it to compress 0.140 meters.

- a. Calculate the gravitational potential energy of the block when it was held above the spring.

$$PE = mgh = (0.560\text{kg})(9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(1.25\text{m}) = 6.87\text{J}$$

- b. What is the potential energy stored in the spring when it is compressed?

$$E_i = E_f$$

$$PE_{\text{spring}} = PE_{\text{grav}} = 6.87\text{J}$$

All of the gravitational PE is transferred into the spring and becomes PE<sub>spring</sub>

- c. Calculate the spring constant of the spring.

$$k = \frac{2PE}{x^2} = \frac{2(6.87\text{J})}{(0.140\text{m})^2} = 701 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$$

- d. Calculate how much force was exerted to compress the spring.

$$F = kx = (701 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}})(0.140\text{m}) = 98.1\text{N down}$$

Answers in size order: 1.2, 2.5, 6.87, 6.87, 10.2, 14, 24.0, 98.1, 130, 280, 280, 347, 450, 580., 701, 1280