

**Assessment: Oscillations****Multiple Choice: Choose the letter of the best answer. 3 points each.**

1. A A 5 kg mass on a spring has a natural frequency of 0.35 Hz. What is the spring constant of the spring?  
a. 24.2 N/m.    b. 40.1 N/m.    c. 64.5 N/m.    d. 202.5 N/m.    e. 1610 N/m.
2. C A 2 meter long thin rod is hanging from one of its end points and is oscillating. What is its period of oscillation?  
a. 7.9 s.    b. 3.4 s.    c. 2.3 s.    d. 1.6 s.    e. None of those.
3. E A simple 1 meter long pendulum is oscillating in an elevator that is accelerating down at  $3 \text{ m/s}^2$ . What is its period of motion?  
a. 0.28 s.    b. 0.38 s.    c. 1.74 s.    d. 1.99 s.    e. 2.37 s.

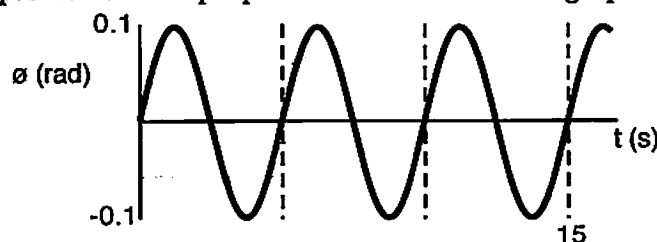
Questions 4 to 6 refer to the following:

The velocity of a 75 gram mass on a spring is given by the equation  $\dot{x} = \pi \sin(4t)$ 

4. B What is the maximum displacement of the mass?  
a.  $\pi$ .    b.  $\pi/4$ .    c.  $4\pi$ .    d.  $2\pi$ .    e. 2.
5. D Which of the following functions would best represent its acceleration?  
a.  $-\pi \sin(4t)$     b.  $\pi \cos(4t)$     c.  $-16\pi \sin(4t)$     d.  $4\pi \cos(4t)$     e.  $-4\pi \cos(4t)$
6. B What is the frequency of the motion?  
a.  $1/\pi \text{ Hz}$ .    b.  $2/\pi \text{ Hz}$ .    c.  $4/\pi \text{ Hz}$ .    d.  $1/(2\pi) \text{ Hz}$ .    e.  $1/(4\pi) \text{ Hz}$ .
7. A If you wanted to double the period of a simple pendulum, what single thing could you do?  
a. quadruple its length.    b. divide its length by 4.  
c. quadruple its mass.    d. divide its mass by 4.  
e. More than one of those answers is correct.
8. E What is the period of motion for a 2 kg mass attached to a 100 N/m spring on a frictionless incline with a base angle of  $30^\circ$ ?  
a. 0.44 s.    b. 0.77 s.    c. 0.13 s.    d. 0.94 s.    e. 0.89 s.

Questions 9 and 10 refer to the following:

The angular position of a simple pendulum is shown in the graph below.

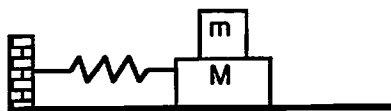


9. D What is the length of the pendulum?  
a. 4.46 m.    b. 57 m.    c. 0.10 m.    d. 6.33 m.    e. 3.98 m.
10. C What is the angular frequency of the pendulum?  
a. 0.13 rad/s.    b. 0.16 rad/s.    c. 1.26 rad/s.    d. 6.28 rad/s.    e. None of those.
11. C What has to be true for an object to undergo simple harmonic motion?  
a. It has to be attached to a spring.  
b. Its total energy must be constant.  
c. Its acceleration must be directly proportional to its position.  
d. There must be a source of potential energy.



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18. A 2 kg mass is on top of a 3 kg mass, which is on a frictionless table. The 3 kg mass is attached to a spring of constant 60 N/m. The 2 kg mass always stays on top of the 3 kg mass without sliding, and the maximum speed the masses ever have is 2.3 m/s. What is the minimum coefficient of friction between the blocks?



$$k = 60 \text{ N/m}$$

$$M = 2 + 3 = 5 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{on top } f \leftarrow$$

$$f = ma$$

$$\mu mg = ma$$

$$\mu = \frac{a}{g}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{70}{6}} = 3.42$$

$$x = .673$$

$$a = 7.86$$

$$\mu = .786$$

$$kx = Ma$$

$$(60)(.664) = 5a$$

$$a = 7.97 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{7.97}{10} = .797$$

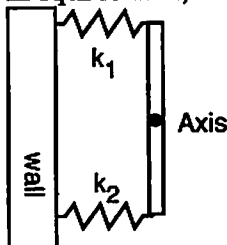
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \quad (\text{maxos})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(5)(2.3)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(60)x^2$$

$$x^2 = 0.44$$

$$x = .664 \quad (= \text{max amplitude})$$

19. A thin rod of mass  $M$  and length  $L$  is rotating about its center of mass. At each end, there is a spring with spring constants as shown. The springs are attached to a wall. When the system is in equilibrium, it is vertical, as shown. What is the period of small oscillations?



$$\sum \tau = I\alpha$$

$$\tau_1 + \tau_2 = -\frac{1}{12}ML^2\alpha$$

$$\tau_1 = \frac{L}{2}k_1x$$

$$\tau_2 = \frac{L}{2}k_2x$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x \approx \frac{L}{2}\theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{L}{2}k_1\left(\frac{L}{2}\theta\right) + \frac{L}{2}k_2\left(\frac{L}{2}\theta\right) = -\frac{1}{12}ML^2\ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}L^2k_1\theta + \frac{1}{4}L^2k_2\theta = -\frac{1}{12}ML^2\ddot{\theta}$$

$$(k_1 + k_2)\theta = -\frac{1}{3}M\ddot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{3(k_1 + k_2)}{M}\theta$$

$$\therefore T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{M}{3(k_1 + k_2)}}$$