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## Momentum Practice

## Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. A very elastic rubber ball is dropped from a certain height and hits the floor with a downward speed $v$. Since it is so elastic, the ball bounces back with the same speed $v$ going upward. Which of the following statements about the bounce are correct?
a. The magnitude of the ball's momentum was the same just before and just after the bounce.
b. The ball had the same momentum just before and just after the bounce.
c. The ball's momentum was conserved during the bounce.
d. None of the above statements are correct.
2. The momentum of an isolated system is conserved
a. only in elastic collisions.
b. in both elastic and inelastic collisions.
c. only in inelastic collisions.
3. Two friends are standing on opposite ends of a canoe that is initially at rest with respect to a frictionless lake. The person in the front throws a very massive ball toward the back, and the person in the back catches it. After the ball is caught, the canoe is
a. moving forward.
b. stationary.
c. moving backward.
4. A small car meshes with a large truck in a head-on collision. Which of the following statements concerning the magnitude of the momentum change during the collision is correct?
a. The magnitude of the momentum change experienced by each one is inversely proportional to its mass.
b. The truck experiences the greater magnitude momentum change.
c. The small car and the truck experience the same magnitude momentum change.
d. The small car experiences the greater magnitude momentum change.
e. The magnitude of the momentum change experienced by each one is directly proportional to its mass.
5. Three cars, car $X$, car $Y$, and car $Z$, begin accelerating from rest at the same time. Car X is more massive than car Y , which is more massive than car Z . The net accelerating force exerted on each car is identical. After 10 seconds, which car has the most amount of momentum?
a. They all have the same amount of momentum.
b. Car X
c. Car Y
d. $\operatorname{Car} Z$
6. A very light ping-pong ball moving east at a speed of $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ collides with a very heavy stationary bowling ball. The Ping-Pong ball bounces back to the west, and the bowling ball moves very slowly to the east. Which object experiences the greater magnitude impulse during the collision?
a. the Ping-Pong ball
b. the bowling ball
c. Neither; both experienced the same magnitude impulse.
d. It is impossible to tell since the actual mass values are not given.
e. It is impossible to tell since the velocities after the collision are unknown.
7. In an inelastic collision involving an isolated system, the final total momentum is
a. less than the initial momentum.
b. more than the initial momentum.
c. exactly the same as the initial momentum.
8. In a game of pool, the white cue ball hits the \#5 ball and stops, while the \#5 ball moves away with the same velocity as the cue ball had originally. Both balls have the same mass. This type of collision is
a. elastic.
b. somewhat inelastic.
c. completely inelastic.
9. In the figure, determine the character of the collision. The masses of the blocks, and the velocities before and after, are shown. The collision is

a. perfectly elastic.
b. completely inelastic.
c. partially inelastic.
d. characterized by an increase in kinetic energy.
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11. A $2.0-\mathrm{kg}$ ball moving eastward at $3.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ suddenly collides with and sticks to a $4.0-\mathrm{kg}$ ball moving northward at $2.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. What is the magnitude of the momentum of this system just after the collision?
a. $\quad 2.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $8.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 10 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $14 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 6.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
12. Three objects are moving along a straight line as shown in the figure. Taking the positive direction to be to the right, what is the total momentum of this system?

a. $\quad-14.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad+14.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $+106 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $-106 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 0.00 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
13. A $0.140-\mathrm{kg}$ baseball is dropped and reaches a speed of $1.20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ just before it hits the ground and bounces. It rebounds with an upward velocity of $1.00 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. What is the change of the ball's momentum during the bounce?
a. $\quad 0.308 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ upwards
b. $\quad 0.000 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $0.0280 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ downwards
d. $0.0280 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ upwards
e. $\quad 0.308 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ downwards
14. Two ice skaters suddenly push off against one another starting from a stationary position. The $45-\mathrm{kg}$ skater acquires a speed of $0.375 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ relative to the ice. What speed does the $60-\mathrm{kg}$ skater acquire relative to the ice?
a. $\quad 0.50 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 0.28 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 0.00 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 0.75 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 0.38 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
15. A $1200-\mathrm{kg}$ cannon suddenly fires a $100-\mathrm{kg}$ cannonball at $35 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. What is the recoil speed of the cannon? Assume that frictional forces are negligible and the cannon is fired horizontally.
a. $\quad 3.2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 2.9 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $35 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
16. Astronaut Jennifer's lifeline to her spaceship comes loose and she finds herself stranded, "floating" 100 m from the mothership. She suddenly throws her $2.00-\mathrm{kg}$ wrench at $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ in a direction away from the ship. If she and her spacesuit have a combined mass of 200 kg , how long does it take her to coast back to her spaceship?
a. $\quad 2.50 \mathrm{~min}$
b. 250 s
c. 750 s
d. 500 s
e. 1000 s
17. A golf club exerts an average horizontal force of 1000 N on a $0.045-\mathrm{kg}$ golf ball that is initially at rest on the tee. The club is in contact with the ball for 1.8 ms . What is the speed of the golf ball just as it leaves the tee?
a. $\quad 30 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 35 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 45 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 40 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 50 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
18. A $0.140-\mathrm{kg}$ baseball is thrown with a velocity of $27.1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. It is struck by the bat with an average force of 5000 N , which results in a velocity of $37.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ in the opposite direction from the original velocity. How long were the bat and ball in contact?
a. $\quad 4.30 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}$
b. $\quad 3.07 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}$
c. $1.28 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}$
d. $\quad 1.79 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}$
19. Calculate the impulse due to a force of 4.5 N that lasts for 1.4 s .
a. $\quad 5.0 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 6.9 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 6.3 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 5.7 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
20. A 0.24 kg blob of clay is thrown at a wall with an initial horizontal velocity of $16 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. If the clay comes to a stop in 91 ms , what is the average horizontal force on the clay due to the wall?
a. 35 N
b. 26 N
c. 51 N
d. 42 N
21. A block of mass $m=34 \mathrm{~kg}$ and speed $V$ is behind a block of mass $M=81 \mathrm{~kg}$ and speed of $0.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, as shown in the figure. The surface is frictionless and the blocks collide and couple. After the collision, the blocks have a common speed of $0.90 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. What is the magnitude of the impulse on the $34-\mathrm{kg}$ block due to the collision?

a. $\quad 57 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
b. $73 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
c. $32 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
d. $41 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
e. $14 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s}$
22. A $0.140-\mathrm{kg}$ baseball is dropped from rest. It has a speed of $1.20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ just before it hits the ground, and it rebounds with an upward speed of $1.00 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. The ball is in contact with the ground for 0.0140 s . What is the average force exerted by the ground on the ball during the time of contact?
a. $\quad 2.00 \mathrm{~N}$ upwards
b. $\quad 0.00 \mathrm{~N}$
c. $\quad 22.0 \mathrm{~N}$ downwards
d. $\quad 22.0 \mathrm{~N}$ upwards
e. $\quad 2.00 \mathrm{~N}$ downwards
23. A $1200-\mathrm{kg}$ car moving at $15.6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ suddenly collides with a stationary car of mass 1500 kg . If the two vehicles lock together, what is their combined velocity immediately after the collision?
a. $\quad 12.1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 8.6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 5.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 6.9 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
24. A $1000-\mathrm{kg}$ whale swims horizontally to the right at a speed of $6.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. It suddenly collides directly with a stationary seal of mass 200 kg . The seal grabs onto the whale and holds fast. What is the speed of these two sea creatures just after their collision? You can neglect any drag effects of the water during the collision.
a. $\quad 0.00 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 4.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 3.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad 6.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 5.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
25. A $50-\mathrm{g}$ ball moving at $10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ in the $+x$ direction suddenly collides head-on with a stationary ball of mass 100 g . If the collision is perfectly elastic, what is the velocity of each ball immediately after the collision?
a. $\quad-6.7 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s},+3.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad+6.7 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s},-3.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad+3.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s},-6.7 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $\quad-3.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s},+6.7 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
26. A $900-\mathrm{kg}$ car traveling east at $15.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ suddenly collides with a $750-\mathrm{kg}$ car traveling north at $20.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. The cars stick together after the collision. What is the speed of the wreckage just after the collision?
a. $\quad 17.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
b. $\quad 6.10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
c. $\quad 12.2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
d. $25.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
e. $\quad 35.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

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## Answer Section

## MULTIPLE CHOICE




