

Questions on Newton's Laws of Motion

A force of 15 N (delivered by a cue) acts on a 100 g billiard ball for 0.01 s. Find the magnitude of the

- (a) acceleration of the ball
- (b) final speed of the ball
- (c) distance over which the cue was in contact with the ball.

When rolling along the felt on the billiard table, the ball experiences a frictional force of 0.2 N.

- (d) What is the deceleration of the ball on the felt?
- (e) How far will the ball roll before stopping?
- (f) Explain this in terms of Newton's First Law.

A 200 kg piano is suspended by a rope from a high building. (Assume the mass of the rope is zero.)

- (a) What is the weight of the piano?
- (b) What is the tension in the rope?
- (c) The piano is now hoisted up with an initial acceleration of 1 m s^{-2} . What is the minimum value of the breaking strain of a rope capable of supporting the piano now?

Describe the difference between the quantities, mass and weight. Give a description of two distinctly different ways in which an object's weight can be altered.

A shotgun is fired, propelling a 10 g bullet from rest to 1000 m s^{-1} in the length of the barrel, 40 cm.

- (a) Find the recoil acceleration of the gun if it has mass 5 kg.
- (b) How long did it take the bullet to reach the end of the gun barrel?

A jet fighter with mass 5000 kg accelerates from 360 km hr^{-1} to 720 km hr^{-1} in 10 s. Compute the minimum thrust required by the jet's engines.

A 10^4 kg train moving at 20 m s^{-1} stops in a distance of 500 m. Calculate the force applied by the train's braking system.

An astronaut shoots you in space. Given that the bullet is weightless, could it injure you?

- (a) An 80 kg Saint Bernard dog leaps with an acceleration of 2 m s^{-2} from a stationary 40 kg canoe to shore. What is the recoil acceleration of the canoe?
- (b) If the force lasted for 1.2 s, what speed does the canoe achieve?

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