

Chapter 8 Test Momentum

True or False Questions*Circle the correct answer.*

- T** **F** 1. If the net external force acting on a system is zero, then the total momentum of the system is zero.
- T** **F** 2. Impulses are smaller when bouncing takes place.
- T** **F** 3. After a firecracker falling through the air explodes, the net momentum of its fragments decreases.
- T** **F** 4. The padding on car dashboards lengthens the time of a passenger's impact during a collision.
- T** **F** 5. If a net force acts on a system, the system's momentum will change.

Multiple Choice Questions*Choose the best answer to each question and write the appropriate letter in the space provided.*

- _____ 6. Which has more momentum, a large truck moving at 30 miles per hour or a small truck moving at 30 miles per hour?
a. The large truck
b. The small truck
c. Both have the same momentum.
- _____ 7. Compared to a sports car moving at 30 miles per hour, the same sports car moving at 60 miles per hour has
a. the same momentum.
b. twice as much momentum.
c. four times as much momentum.
- _____ 8. If the momentum of an object changes and its mass remains constant
a. its velocity is changing.
b. it is accelerating (or decelerating).
c. there is a force acting on it.
d. All of the above
- _____ 9. The momentum change of an object is equal to the
a. force acting on it.
b. velocity change of the object.
c. impulse acting on it.
d. object's mass times the force acting on it.
- _____ 10. If Superman at rest in free space throws an asteroid that has more mass than Superman, then which moves faster?
a. The asteroid
b. Superman
c. They both move at the same speed.

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- _____ 11. Skelly the skater traveling at high speed needs a certain amount of force to stop him. More stopping force will be needed if he has
- more mass.
 - more momentum.
 - less stopping distance.
 - all of these.
- _____ 12. A Ping-Pong® ball launcher is fired. Compared to the impulse on the ball, the amount of impulse on the launcher is
- larger.
 - smaller.
 - the same.
- _____ 13. The cannonball launched from a cannon with a long barrel will be faster because the cannonball receives a greater
- force.
 - impulse.
 - both (a) and (b).
 - neither (a) or (b).

Math Problems

Solve the following problems in the space provided. Show all work.

14. What is the average momentum of a 70-kg runner who covers 400 m in 50 s?
15. A 30-kg girl and a 25-kg boy face each other on friction-free roller skates. The girl pushes the boy, who moves away at a speed of 1.0 m/s. What is the girl's speed?

Essay Question

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following question.

16. A railroad diesel engine coasting at 10 km/h runs into a stationary flatcar. The diesel weighs 4 times as much as the flatcar. Assuming the cars couple together, how fast are they moving after the collision?