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11.25 m

33.75 m

Falling Distance0 m

22.5 m

45 m



PE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ KE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ velocity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



PE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ KE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ velocity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

45 m



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 *That’s 0.003 grams.*

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20 m

5 m

2.00 m/s

V m/s

*Enet before = Enet after … Therefore, (PEb + KEb) before = (PEa + KEa) after*

*PE before = mgh = (10.0 kg)(10 m/s2)(20.0 m) = 2000 J*

*KE before = 1/2 mv2 = 1/2(10.0 kg)(2.00 m/s)2 = 20 J*

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*Solve for KEa = (PEb + KEb) - PEa = (2000 J + 20 J) – 500 J = 1520 J*

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*PE = mgh = (0.002 kg)(10 m/s2)(0.01 m) = 0.00020 J = 2.0 x 10-4 J*

What is its speed as the bean lands back in the palm of your hand?

*Assume conservation of energy and that no energy is lost to friction, air resistance, etc.*

*KE = 1/2 mv2 Therefore, v = √(2KE / m) = √(2[0.0002 J] / [0.002 kg) = 0.45 m/s*

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*PE = mgh = (35.0 kg)(10 m/s2)(30.0 m) = 10,500 J = 1.05 x 104 J*

100 m



*max PE = max KE*

*KE = 1/2 mv2. Therefore, v = √(2KE / m)*

 *v = √(2[10,500 J] / [35.0 kg]) = 24.5 m/s*

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*mgh = 1/2 mv2 … gh = 1/2 v2 g = v2 / 2h = (1.51 m/s)2 / (2)(0.700 m) = 1.63 m/s2*

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**PE = 75 J**

**KE = 0 J**

**75**



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**PE = 25 J**

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 Total Energy = PE + KE

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*Even though the path may be different (different incline), the total energy in the system is conserved (Total energy = PE + KE). Therefore, the maximum PE = maximum KE for each figure. PE (mgh) is based on the height of the ramp and since that does not change, the maximum PE remains constant and therefore, the maximum KE is also constant (equals the maximum PE in a frictionless environment).*

*Since the maximum KE is the same in all three paths, the maximum speed (instantaneous velocity at the bottom of the ramps) are equal. Block on A reaches bottom first; greater acceleration and less ramp distance. Although it will have the same speed at bottom, the time it takes to reach that speed is different.*

*We can determine the instantaneous velocity of an object free falling as in the figure to the left using V = gt. We determine the time by using dy = ½gt² . Where t = √2d/g. The time to free fall 5 m is 1 second. Therefore, the instantaneous velocity (v = gt) equals 10 m/s.*

10. Which block gets to the bottom of the incline first? Assume no friction. Explain your answer.



*The total energy (Total energy = PE + KE) in the system is conserved. Maximum PE (mgh) is based on the height of the ramp (how high does the block fall) and since that does not change, the maximum PE remains constant with KE = 0. Therefore, the maximum KE is also constant for both ramps since the total energy is conserved.*

*Ball A gets to the bottom first due to a greater acceleration down a shorter ramp. (Note that SPEED at the bottom, not TIME, is the same for both.)*

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*Since point C has the greatest distance to fall, its maximum PE will be greatest, and therefore, its maximum KE will also be greatest and it will have the maximum speed.*

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*KE = 1/2 mv2 net f x distance = 1/2 mv2*

 *net f = (1/2 mv2) / d*

 *f = ½ (0.050 kg)(400 m/s)2 / 0.080 m*

 *f = 50,000 N*



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 *f =* 5 x 1013 *N*

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Falling Distance0 m



PE 4.5 x 10*5* J KE 0 J velocity 0 m/s

 PE = mgh = (1000 kg)(*10 m/s2*)(45 m) = 4.5 x 10*5* J

KE = 0 J … no velocity



11.25 m

PE 3.4 x 10*5* J KE 1.1 x 10*5* J velocity 14.8 m/s

45 m

¾ PE + ¼ KE = total energy v = *√(2KE / m)*

22.5 m



 PE 2.25 x 10*5* J KE 2.25 x 10*5* J velocity 21.2 m/s

½ PE + ½ KE = total energy v = *√(2KE / m)*



33.75 m

PE 1.1 x 10*5* J KE 3.4 x 10*5* J velocity 26.0 m/s

¼ PE + ¾ KE = total energy v = *√(2KE / m)*



45 m

PE 0 J KE 4.5 x 10*5* J velocity 30 m/s

KE is maximum v = gt