

Circular Motion Review

1. Define or explain the following:
 - a. Frequency
 - b. Period
 - c. Hertz
 - d. Centripetal Force
 - e. Centrifugal Force
2. Which of the following is NOT a property of Centripetal Force?
 - a. It is unbalanced
 - b. It always has a real source
 - c. It is directed outward from the center of the circle
 - d. Its magnitude is proportional to mass
 - e. Its magnitude is proportional to the square of speed
 - f. Its magnitude is inversely proportional to the radius of the circle
 - g. It is the amount of force required to turn a particular object in a particular circle
3. If an object is swung by a string in a vertical circle, explain two reasons why the string is most likely to break at the bottom of the circle.
4. What is meant by the “critical velocity” for a particular circle? What is the critical velocity for a circle of radius 8 meters?
5. Draw a free-body diagram of a car driving over the top a circular “hump” in the road at the critical velocity for that “hump”.

6. What provides the centripetal force for a car rounding a level curve? If the maximum coefficient of friction, μ , for a car on a level road is 0.9, what is the tightest curve the car can navigate at highway speed (~ 30 m/s)?

7. A 50 cm rope is used to twirl a 500 gram mass in a conical pendulum. If the period of the revolution is 1 second, what is the angle of the rope to the vertical? What is the tension in the rope?

8. Draw free-body diagrams of a person standing in the gondola of a constant-speed Ferris Wheel at the 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock positions. If the person feels as if she weighs 700 N at the bottom of the loop and 650 N at the 3 o'clock position, what would she feel her weight would be at the top of the wheel? What is her mass?

9. A 25-cm-radius turntable spins at 45 rpm with a dime placed on the rim and NOT sliding off. What μ is required between the dime and the turntable? What is the linear speed of the dime?