

**PHYSICS 11 ASSIGNMENT 3C**  
**Momentum and Impulse**

$$p=mv$$

$$F\Delta t = \Delta p$$

- 1) Find the momentum of (a) a 0.50 kg ball traveling at 8.0 m/s and (b) a 1500 kg car traveling at 100 km/h.
- 2) The momentum of a runner who is moving at 20.0 km/h is 479 kg·m/s. What is the runner's mass?
- 3) How fast would a car of mass 900 kg have to be going to have the same momentum as a truck having a mass of 2 metric tons and traveling along a straight road with a constant speed of 30 km/h?
- 4) Find the momentum of a 50 g bullet whose kinetic energy is 250 J.
- 5) A 4.0 kg seagull flies at 15 m/s into the windshield of an airplane flying in the opposite direction at 180 m/s. If the impact lasts 1.0 ms, find the average force on the windshield.
- 6) A car with a momentum of  $3.2 \times 10^4$  kg·m/s is brought to a stop in 2.0 s. What is the average braking force?
- 7) During a snowball fight, a 0.15 kg snowball traveling at a speed of 12 m/s hits a student in the back of the head.
  - a. What is the impulse?
  - b. If the contact time is 0.10 s, what is the average impulse force on the student's head?
- 8) For a typical drive, the golf club and the ball are in contact for about 0.50 ms, and the ball leaves the tee with a speed of 70 m/s. What is the average force exerted by the club on the ball? (The official weight of a golf ball is 0.451 N)
- 9) A car weighing 15680 N and moving at 20.0 m/s is acted upon by a  $6.40 \times 10^2$  N force until it is brought to a halt.
  - a. What is the car's mass?
  - b. What is its initial momentum?
  - c. What is the change in the car's momentum?
  - d. How long does the braking force act on the car to bring it to a halt?
- 10) What is the final velocity of a rocket of mass  $2.0 \times 10^4$  kg, starting from rest, if a net force of  $1.5 \times 10^5$  N acts upon it 15.0 s?

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**Conservation of Momentum (Collisions)**

- 1) A 50 kg girl throws a 5.0 kg pumpkin at 10 m/s to a 50 kg boy, who catches it. If both are on a frictionless frozen lake, how fast does each of them move backward?
- 2) An astronaut outside an orbiting spacecraft uses a pistol in order to maneuver in space. Suppose the astronaut and her space suit have a total mass of 100 kg and the pistol ejects 12 g of gas per second at a speed of 650 m/s. How long should the astronaut operate the pistol in order to have a speed of 1.0 m/s?
- 3) A spacecraft moving at 10.0 km/s breaks apart into two pieces of equal mass, one of which moves off at 4.0 km/s in a direction opposite to the original direction. Find the speed and direction of the other piece.
- 4) A neutron of mass  $1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg and speed  $1.00 \times 10^5$  km/s collides with a stationary deuteron of mass  $3.34 \times 10^{-27}$  kg. The two particles stick together. What is the speed of the composite particle (called a triton)?
- 5) A 3.0 g bullet moving at 4.0 km/s strikes an 8.0 kg wooden block resting on a frictionless table. The bullet passes through the block and comes out with a speed of 0.20 km/s. What is the speed of the block?
- 6) A meteor crater is formed when a meteorite crashes into the earth. It is estimated that one meteorite had a mass of  $10^{10}$  kg and was traveling at  $10^4$  m/s when it collided with the earth. Determine the earth's change in velocity as a result of the collision. Assume the earth's initial velocity is zero.
- 7) An experiment is performed in a physics laboratory to find the mass of a stationary particle, **B**. A proton, **A**, of mass  $1.7 \times 10^{-27}$  kg, traveling at  $4.0 \times 10^6$  m/s, strikes **B** and bounces back at a speed of  $2.0 \times 10^6$  m/s. If **B** moves ahead at  $1.0 \times 10^6$  m/s, calculate **B**'s mass.
- 8) A bullet of mass 50.0 g strikes a wooden block of mass 5.0 kg and becomes embedded in the block. The block and bullet then flies off at 10.0 m/s. What was the original velocity of the bullet?