Practice Problem Set

FORSE = MASS x ACCELERATION

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Plug in the given values for Force/Mass/Acceleration to solve.

Remember, mass is in kg - - force in in N (newtons) - - acceleration is in m/s<sup>2</sup>

F=ma

- 1. How much force is needed to accelerate a 66 kg skier at 2 m/sec<sup>2</sup>?
- 2. What is the force on a 1000 kg elevator that is falling freely at 9.8 m/sec<sup>2</sup>?
- 3. What is the acceleration of a 50 kg object pushed with a force of 500 newtons?
- 4. The mass of a large car is 1000 kg. How much force would be required to accelerate the car at a rate of 3 m/sec<sup>2</sup>?
- 5. A 50 kg skater pushed by a friend accelerates 5 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. How much force did the friend apply?
- 6. A force of 250 N is applied to an object that accelerates at a rate of 5 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. What is the mass of the object?
- 7. A bowling ball rolled with a force of 15 N accelerates at a rate of 3 m/sec<sup>2</sup>; a second ball rolled with the same force accelerates 4 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. What are the masses of the two balls?
- 8. If a 60 kg person on a 15 kg sled is pushed with a force of 300 N, what will be person's acceleration?
- 9. A force of 20 N acts upon a 5 kg block. Calculate the acceleration of the object.
- 10. An object of mass 300 kg is observed to accelerate at the rate of 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the force required to produce this acceleration.
- 11. A 5 kg block is pulled across a table by a horizontal force of 40 N with a frictional force of 8 N opposing the motion. Calculate the acceleration of the object.
- 12. An object of mass 30 kg is in free fall in a vacuum where there is no air resistance. Determine the acceleration of the object.
- 13. An object of mass 30 kg is falling in air and experiences a force due to air resistance of 50 newtons.
  - a. Determine the net force acting on the object and
  - b. calculate the acceleration of the object.

## SOLUTIONS TO 1-13 FORCE PROBLEMS

1. How much force is needed to accelerate a 66 kg skier at 2 m/sec<sup>2</sup>? f=ma f= 66 x 2 f = 132 N

2. What is the force on a 1000 kg elevator that is falling freely at  $9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$ ? F= ma f=  $1000 \times 9.8 \text{ f} = 9.800 \text{ n}$ 

- 3. What is the acceleration of a 50 kg object pushed with a force of 500 newtons?  $F = ma + 500 = 50(a) = a = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$
- 5. A 50 kg skater pushed by a friend accelerates 5 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. How much force did the friend apply? F = ma  $f = 50 \times 5$  f = 250 N
- 6. A force of 250 N is applied to an object that accelerates at a rate of 5 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. What is the mass of the object? F = ma = 250N = (m)5 = m = 50kg
- 7. A bowling ball rolled with a force of 15 N accelerates at a rate of 3 m/sec<sup>2</sup>; a second ball rolled with the same force accelerates 4 m/sec<sup>2</sup>. What are the masses of the two balls?

F= ma 15N = (m)3 = m = 5kg 15N = (m)4 = m = 3.75kg

8. If a 60 kg person on a 15 kg sled is pushed with a force of 300 N, what will be person's acceleration?

F=ma 300N=(60+15)(a) a=4 m/s<sup>2</sup>

- 9. A force of 20 N acts upon a 5 kg block. Calculate the acceleration of the object. F=ma 20N=5(a)  $a=4 \text{ m/s}^2$
- 10. An object of mass 300 kg is observed to accelerate at the rate of 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the force required to produce this acceleration.

F=ma F=300 x 4 f= 1200N

11. A 5 kg block is pulled across a table by a horizontal force of 40 N with a frictional force of 8 N opposing the motion. Calculate the acceleration of the object.

F=ma 40N-8N=32N of force in a direction 32N=5(a) a=6.4 m/s<sup>2</sup>

12. An object of mass 30 kg is in free fall in a vacuum where there is no air resistance. Determine the acceleration of the object.

Since it is in free fall and is falling due to the force of gravity.....the acceleration will always be 9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>

13. An object of mass 30 kg is falling in air and experiences a force due to air resistance of 50 newtons. Determine the net force acting on the object and

f=30 x 9.8 f=294N Net force is 294-50 = 244N

f=ma

calculate the acceleration of the object.

F= ma 244N=30 (a) a=8.13 m/s<sup>2</sup>