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Example

1. find the significant figure 263.25



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2. Find the significant figures in 2.05



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3. Find the significant figures in 302.005

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4. Find the significant figures in 2000145

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5. Find the significant figures in 0.002308

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6. Find the significant figures in 0.000135



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7. Find the significant figures in 12300



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8. Find the significant figures in 60700



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9. Find the significant figures in 3.500



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10. Find the significant figures in 0.06900

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11. Find the significant figures in 4.7000

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12. Check the correctness of the following equation by the method of dimensions. $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

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13. Deduce an expression for the period of oscillation of a simple pendulum.

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14. Find the number of dynes in one Newton.

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Exercise

1. How many seconds are there in a light fermi?

A. a) 10^{-15}

B. b) 3.0×10^8

C. c) 3.33×10^{-24}

D. d) 3.3×10^{-7}

Answer: C



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2. Which of the following pairs have same dimensional formula for both the quantities?

1) Kinetic energy and torque 2) Resistance and inductance

3) Young's modulus and pressure

A. a) (1) only

B. b) (2) only

C. c) (1) and (3) only

D. d) All of three

Answer: C

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3. Give the names of four dimensionless physical quantities.

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4. The dimensions of plank constant are the same as that of

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5. A physical quantity $P = \frac{\sqrt{abc^2}}{d^3}$ is determined by measuring a,b,c and d separately with the percentage error of 2 %, 3 %, 2 % and 1 % respectively. Minimum amount of error is contributed by the measurement of

A. a) b

B. b) a

C. c) d

D. d) c

Answer: B



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6. The number of significant figures in 11.118×10^{-6} is

A. a) 3

B. b) 6

C. c) 5

D. d) 4

Answer: C

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7. What is the number of significant figures in 0.06070?

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8. If $f = x^2$, What is the relative error in f ?



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9. Which is the following measurement is more accurate?

A. $7000m$

B. 70×10^2m

C. 7×10^3m

D.

Answer: A



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10. Which of the following measurements is most accurate?

A. a) 5.0cm

B. b) 0.005cm

C. c) 5.00cm

D.

Answer:

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11. Name three physical quantities having same dimension.

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12. Use your definition to explain how simple harmonic motion can be represented by the equation $y = a \sin \omega t$

Show that the above equation is dimensionally correct

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13. The curved surface area of a solid cylinder of radius 2cm and height 20cm is m^2 (Write answer in 3 significant digits)

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14. Fill in the blanks. $1\text{m} = \text{.....ly}$

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15. Give a physical quantity with a unit and no dimension.



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16. Arrange the following in the descending order. 1light year, 1par sec, 1 astronomical unit.



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17. Magnitude of force F experienced by a certain object moving with speed V is given by $F = KV^2$. Where K is a constant. Find the dimensions of K .



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18. What is the maximum percentage error in the measurement of kinetic energy if percentage errors in mass and speed are 2 % and 3 % respectively?

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19. Solve the following with regard to significant figures.

$$5.8 + 0.125$$

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20. Solve the following with regard to significant figures.

$$3.9 \times 10^5 - 2.5 \times 10^4$$

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21. What is maximum fractional error in $(a + b)$

Given Δa and Δb are absolute errors in measurements a and b .

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22. What is maximum fractional error in $a - b$

Given Δa and Δb are absolute errors in measurements a and b .

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23. What is maximum fractional error in ab

Given Δa and Δb are absolute errors in measurements a

and b.



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24. What is maximum fractional error in $\frac{a}{b}$

Given Δa and Δb are absolute errors in measurements a and b.



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25. What is the maximum fractional error in a^n ? (Given absolute error in a is Δa)



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26. What is absolute error in the measurement according to least count? $3.0kg$

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27. What is absolute error in the measurement according to least count? $25s$

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28. What is absolute error in the measurement according to least count? $5.62cm$

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29. A stone is thrown upwards from the ground with a velocity u . What is the maximum height attained by the stone?

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30. A stone is thrown upwards from the ground with a velocity u . What is the maximum height attained by the ball? Check the correctness of the equation thus obtained using the method of dimensional analysis.

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31. Derive an empirical relationship for the force experienced on the car in terms of mass of the car m ,

velocity v , and radius of the track r using dimensional analysis.

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32. What is the dimensional formula of coefficient of viscosity?

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33. Write any two drawbacks of dimensional analysis.

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34. Principle of homogeneity is based on the fact that two quantities of same nature can be added. What do you mean by principal of homogeneity?

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35. Principle of homogeneity is based on the fact that two quantities of same nature can be added. Velocity V depends on the time t as $V = at^2 + bt + c$. find dimension of constants a , b , and c .

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36. if $x = a + bt + ct^2$ where x is in metre and t in second. if error in the measurement of time is 2%. what will be the error in x ?

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37. Rahul measure the height of Ramesh in different trials as 1.67m, 1.65m, 1.64m, and 1.63m. find the mean absolute error?

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38. Rahul measure the height of Ramesh in different trials as 1.67m, 1.65m, 1.64m, and 1.63m. find the percentage

error?

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39. in a particular experiment Ramu use the relation $F = AB + (P + Q)Y$ to calculate force. which principle is used to check the correctness of the equation.

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40. in a particular experiment Ramu use the relation $F = AB + (P + Q)Y$ to calculate force. in the dimensional formula of Y is $M^0L^1T^{-1}$. then find the dimensional formula of P.

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41. Which of the following is the most precise device for measuring length ? (a) a vernier calliper with 20 divisions on the sliding scale, coinciding with 19 main scale divisions (b) a screw gauge of pitch 1mm and 100 divisions on the circular scale (c) an optical instrument that can measure length to within a wavelength of light.



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42. is it possible to increase the accuracy of screw gauge by increasing the number of divisions on the head scale?



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43. in an experiment with a common balance the mass of a ring found to be 2.52g, 2.5g, 2.51g, 2.49g and 2.54g in successive measurements. calculate the mean value of the mass of the ring.

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44. in an experiment with a common balance the mass of a ring found to be 2.52g, 2.5g, 2.51g, 2.49g and 2.54g in successive measurements. calculate the absolute error in each measurement.

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45. In the experiment with common balance the mass of a body is found to $2.52g$, $2.53g$, $2.51g$, $2.49g$ and $2.54g$ in successive measurement. Calculate relative error and relative percentage error.

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46. while discussing the period of a pendulum one of the student argued that period depends on the mass of the bob. what is your opinion?

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47. while discussing the period of a pendulum one of the student argued that period depends on the mass of the bob. how will you prove your argument dimensionally?

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51. The volume of a cube of side 1 cm is equal to m^3 .

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52. Fill in the blanks: the surface area of a solid cylinder of radius 2.0cm and height 10.0cm is equal to _____ $(\text{mm})^2$.

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53. Fill in the blanks: A vehicles moving with speed of 18kmh^{-1} covers _____ m in 1s.

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54. Fill in blanks: the relative density of lead is 11.3. its density is _____ g cm^{-3} or _____ kgm^{-3} .

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55. Fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:
 $1\text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-2} = \dots\dots\dots\text{gcm}^2\text{s}^{-2}$.

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56. Fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:
 $1\text{m} = _ _ _ \text{ly}$

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57. fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:

$$3.0ms^{-2} = \dots\dots\dots kmh^{-2}.$$

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58. fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} Nm^2(kg)^{-2} = \dots\dots\dots (cm)^3 s^{-2} g^{-1}$$

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59. a calorie is a unit of heat or energy and it equals about 4.2J, where $1J = 1kgm^2s^{-2}$. suppose we employ a system of units in which the unit of mass equals αkg , the unit of length equals β meter, the unit of time is second. show that

a calorie has a magnitude $4.2\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-2}\gamma^2$ in terms of new units.

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60. Which of the following is the most precise device for measuring length - An optical instrument, a vernier calliper, or a screw gauge?

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61. state the number of significant figures in $0.007m^2$

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62. state the number of significant figure? $2.64 \times 10^{24} kg$



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63. state the number of significant figure? $0.2370 gcm^{-3}$



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64. state the number of significant figure? $6.320 J$



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65. state the number of significant figure? $6.032 Nm^{-2}$



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66. state the number of significant figure? $0.0006032m^2$



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67. The length breadth and thickness of a rectangular sheet of metal are $4.234m$, $1.005m$ and $2.01cm$ respectively. give the area and volume of the sheet to correct significant figures.



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68. A Physical quantity P is related to four observables a,b,c and d as follows:

$$P = \frac{a^3 b^2}{\sqrt{cd}}$$

The percentage errors of measurement in a,b,c and d are 1 % ,3 % ,4 % and 2 % respectively. What is the percentage error in the quantity P? If the value of P calculated using the above relation turns out to be 3.763, to what value should you round off the result?



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69. A famous relation in physics relates 'moving mass' m to the 'rest mass' m_0 of a particle in terms of its speed v and the speed of light c . (This relation first arose as a consequence of special relativity due to Albert Einstein). Boy recalls the relation almost correctly but forgets where to put the constant c . He writes:

$$\frac{m_0}{(1 - v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Guess where to put the missing c.

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70. Mechanical power is represented by $P = Fv + Av^3\rho$ where, F is the force ,v is the velocity, A is the area and rho is the density.

The dimensional formula of power is

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71. Mechanical power is represented by $P = Fv + Av^3\rho$ where, F is the force ,v is the velocity, A is the area and rho

is the density.

Check the dimensional validity of the above equation.

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72. Which of the following equations can't be obtained by the dimensional method? (k is a constant)

A. $T = k\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$

B. $E = kmv^2$

C. $P = hpg$

D. $N = N(o)e^{-\lambda t}$

Answer: D

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73. Give examples for the following: A dimensionless, unitless physical quantity.



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74. Give examples for the following: A dimensionless physical quantity but having unit in SI system.



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75. Give examples for the following: Two physical quantities which have the same dimensions.



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76. A company manufacturing PVC pipes claims in an advertisement that the volume of water flowing out through the pipe in a given time is as per the equation $V = KA^2ut$ where A is the area of cross section of the pipe, u is the speed of flow, t is the time and K is a dimensionless constant.

Name the principle that can be used to check the dimensional correctness of this equation.

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Check the equation and state whether the claim is correct.

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78. A student was asked to write the equation for displacement at any instant in a simple harmonic motion of amplitude 'a'. He wrote the equation as

$$y = a \sin\left(\frac{2\pi vt}{k}\right)$$

Where 'v' is the velocity at instant 't'. For the equation to be dimensionally correct. what should be the dimensions of k?

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79. What is the area of a square of side 1.4cm in proper significant figures?

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80. To measure distance we use different units. Which of the following is the largest unit of length?

- A. Kilometer
- B. Astronomical unit
- C. Light year
- D. Parsec

Answer: D

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81. Which of the following measurement is more accurate?

Why?

A. 500.00kg

B. 0.0005kg

C. 6.00kg

D.

Answer: A



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82. All Physical quantities can be expressed in terms of dimension.

Write the physical quantities of the following dimensions:

$$[M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$$

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83. All Physical quantities can be expressed in terms of dimension.

Write the physical quantities of the following dimensions:

$$[M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$$

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84. Check whether the equation

$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{g}}$ is dimensionally correct. Where T is the Time period of a simple pendulum, m is the mass of the bob and g is the acceleration due to gravity

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85. Which measurement is most precise?

Vernier Callipers having 5 divisions on sliding scale, or
Vernier Callipers having 10 divisions on sliding scale.

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86. Which measurement is most precise?

Vernier Callipers having 10 divisions on sliding scale or

Vernier Callipers having 20 divisions on sliding scale.

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87. Which measurement is most precise?

Vernier Callipers having 20 divisions on sliding scale, or

Vernier Callipers having 25 divisions on sliding scale.

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88. What happens to the accuracy when the least count is decreased?





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89. A boy recalls the relativistic mass wrongly as

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - V^2}}$$

Using dimensional method put the missing 'C' at proper place.



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90. Pick out the fundamental unit from the following:

A. Second

B. m/s

C. Newton

D. Joule

Answer:

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91. Velocity of sound depends on density (ρ) and modulus of elasticity (E). (The dimensional formula of E is $(MI^{-1}T^{-2})$).

State the principle of homogeneity.

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92. Velocity of sound depends on density (ρ) and modulus of elasticity (E). (The dimensional formula of E is

$$(MI^{-1}T^{-2}).$$

Using the above principle , arrive at an expression for the velocity of sound.(Take $K = 1$)

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93. The correctness of an equation is checked using the principle of homogeneity.

For an equation, $x = a + bt + ct^2$, where x is in metre and t in second. What will be the dimension of b ?

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94. Significant figures determine the accuracy of the measurement of a physical quantity.

The radius of a sphere is given by $R = 1.03m$. How many significant figures are there in it?

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95. Significant figures determine the accuracy of the measurement of a physical quantity.

If the percentage error in calculating the radius of the sphere is 2%, what will be the percentage error in calculating the volume?

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96. Choose the correct alternative.

Gravitational force/weak nuclear force is the weakest

fundamental force.

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97. The centripetal force on a body in circular motion is given by $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$.

Write the dimension of force.

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98. The centripetal force on a body in circular motion is given by $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$.

Using the above formula, write an equation to find % error in centripetal force.

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99. The centripetal force on a body in circular motion is

given by $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$.

What is the number of significant figures in $0.050N$?



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100. Dimension method helps in converting the units from one system into another. Name the principle used for the above purpose.



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101. Dimension method helps in converting the units from one system into another. Using dimension, prove $1 \text{ Newton} = 10^5 \text{ dynes}$.

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102. Suggest a method to measure the diameter of the Moon.

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103. Length, breadth and thickness of a block is measured using vernier calipers. The percentage errors in the

measurements are 2%, 1 % and 3%` respectively. Estimate the percentage error in its volume.

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104. A physical quantity is given by $h = \frac{Fv^2}{L}$. F is the force, v is the velocity and L is the angular momentum. Find the dimensions of h.

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105. The correctness of equations can be checked using the principle of homogeneity. State the principle of homogeneity.

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106. Let us consider an equation $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh$

Where m is the mass of the body. v its velocity, g is the acceleration due to gravity and h is the height. Check whether this equation is dimensionally correct.

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107. The correctness of equations can be checked using the principle of homogeneity. If percentage errors of measurement in velocity and mass are 2% and 4% respectively, what is the percentage error in kinetic energy?

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108. The error in the measurement of radius of a circle is 0.6% . Find the percentage error in the calculation of the area of the circle.

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109. Name the principle used to check the correctness of an equation.

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110. What is the number of significant figures in 0.00820 ?

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111. Length of a sheet is $17.3 \pm 0.3\text{cm}$ and breadth is $3.12 \pm 0.08\text{cm}$. Calculate the percentage error in the area.

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112. Using the principle of homogeneity of equations, check whether the equation is correct. $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ (T is time, g is acceleration, l is length)

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113. Check whether the equation $mv^2 = mgh$ is dimensionally correct or not.

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