



PHYSICS

BOOKS - MBD

UNITS AND MEASUREMENTS

Example

1. What do you meant by length?



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2. What do you mean by a physical quantity?



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3. How will you define the mass?



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4. Name seven basic physical quantities.



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5. What is the ratio of size of atom and the size of the nucleus?



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6. Name three fundamental units.



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7. What are derived units?



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8. Comment on statement : "To define a physical quantity for which no method of measurement is given or known has no meaning."



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9. If $x = a + bt + ct^2$, where x is in metre and t in second, then what is the unit of c ?



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10. Sometimes angular measurements are very helpful. Explain.



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11. What is the difference between Angstrom and A. U.?



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12. If the velocity of a radiowave be unity, find the distance of an aeroplane from the radar. If the

radio signal is received back by the radar in $8.4\mu s$.



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13. Write down the dimensional formula of gravitational constant (G).



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14. Name physical quantity having the dimensional formula.

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



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15. Name physical quantity having the dimensional formula.

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



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16. Name physical quantity having the dimensional formula.

$$[M^1 L^{-3} T^0]$$



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17. Check the correctness of the equation $s = vt$.



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18. Give two examples of dimensional constants.



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19. Give two examples of dimensionless constants.



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20. Write physical quantity having dimensions $[M^1L^{-1}T^{-2}]$.

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21. Can a quantity have units but still be dimensionless?

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22. Do all physical quantities have dimensions ? If no, name three physical quantities which are

dimensionless.



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23. What are significant figures?



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24. Underline the rules for significant figures.



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25. What do you mean by instrument error?



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26. What are various causes for errors in measurement?



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27. How many significant figures are there in the number 0.04500?



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28. what do you mean by least count error?



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29. What do you mean by absolute error?



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30. Solve with due regard to significant figures.

$$\sqrt{6.5 - 6.32}$$



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31. Which of the following length measurement is most accurate and why?

(a) 2.0 cm

(b) 2.00 cm

(c) 2.000 cm



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(b) 2.00 cm

(c) 2.000 cm



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33. Which of the following length measurement is most accurate and why?

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(b) 2.00 cm

(c) 2.000 cm



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34. Round off 3.250 and 3.750 to one decimal place of decimal.



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35. What are personal errors?



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36. Add $6.75 \times 10^3 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 4.52 \times 10^2 \text{ cm}$



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37. Fill in the blanks:- The volume of a cube side 1 cm is equal to m^3



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38. Fill in the blanks:- The surface area of a solid cylinder of radius 2.0 cm and height 10.0 cm is equal to.....(mm)²



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39. Fill in the blanks:- A vehicle moving with a speed of 18 km 'h^{-1} ' covers.....m in 1 s



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40. Fill in the blanks:- The relative density of lead is 11.3. its density is gcm^{-3} or kgm^{-3}



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

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42. Fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:- $1m = \dots .1y$

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43. Fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:- $3.0ms^{-2} = \dots . kmh^{-2}$

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44. Fill in the blanks by suitable conversion of units:-

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

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45. A calorie is a unit of heat or energy and it equal about 4.2 J where $1J = 1kgm^2s^{-2}$. Suppose we employ a system of units in which the unit of mass equals α kg, the unit of length equals β m, the unit of time is γ s. Show that a calorie has a

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



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46. Explain this statement clearly :- “To call a dimensional quantity ‘large’ or ‘small’ is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison”. In view of this, reframe the following statements wherever necessary :- atoms are very small objects



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47. Explain this statement clearly :- “To call a dimensional quantity ‘large’ or ‘small’ is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison”. In view of this, reframe the following statements wherever necessary :- a jet plane moves with great speed



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48. Explain this statement clearly:

"To call a dimensional quantity 'large' or 'small' is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison". In view of this, reframe the following

statements wherever necessary:

The mass of Jupiter is very large



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49. Explain this statement clearly :- " To call a dimensional quantity 'large' or 'small' is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison". In view of this, reframe the following statements wherever necessary :- a proton is much more massive than an electron



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50. Explain this statement clearly :- " To call a dimensional quantity 'large' or 'small' is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison". In view of this, reframe the following statements wherever necessary :- the speed of sound is much smaller than the speed of light.



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51. A new unit of length is chosen such that the speed of light in vacuum is unity. What is the distance between the Sun and the Earth in terms

of the new unit if light takes 8 min and 20 s to cover this distance ?



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52. Which of the following is the most precise device for measuring length :-



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55. A student measures the thickness of a human hair by looking at it through a microscope of magnification 100. He makes 20 observations and finds that the average width of the hair in the field of view of the microscope is 3.5 mm. What is the estimate on the thickness of hair ?



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56. Answer the following :- You are given a thread and a metre scale. How will you estimate the diameter of the thread ?



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57. Answer the following :- screw gauge has a pitch of 1.0 mm and 200 divisions on the circular scale. Do you think it is possible to increase the accuracy of the screw gauge arbitrarily by increasing the number of divisions on the circular scale ?



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58. Answer the following :- The mean diameter of a thin brass rod is to be measured by vernier callipers. Why is a set of 100 measurements of the diameter expected to yield a more reliable estimate than a set of 5 measurements only ?



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59. The photograph of a house occupies an area of 1.75cm^2 on a 35 mm slide. The slide is projected

on to a screen, and the area of the house on the screen is $1.55m^2$. What is the linear magnification of the projector-screen arrangement.



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60. State the number of significant figures in the following :- $0.007m^2$



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61. State the number of significant figures in the following :- $2.64 \times 10^{24}kg$



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62. State the number of significant figures in the following :- 0.2370gcm^{-3}



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63. State the number of significant figures in the following :- 6.320J



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64. State the number of significant figures in the following :- $6.032Nm^{-2}$



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65. State the number of significant figures in the following :- $0.0006032m^2$



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66. The length, breadth and thickness of a rectangular sheet of metal are 4.234 m, 1.005 m,

and 2.01 cm respectively. Give the area and volume of the sheet to correct significant figures.



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67. The mass of a box measured by a grocer's balance is 2.3 kg. Two gold pieces of masses 20.15g and 20.17 g are added to the box.

What is the total mass of the box



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68. The mass of a box measured by a grocer's balance is 2.300 kg. Two gold pieces of masses 20.15 g and 20.17 g are added to the box. What is:- the difference in the masses of the pieces to correct significant figures ?



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69. A physical quantity P is related to four observables a , b , c and d as follows :-

$P = a^3 b^2 / ((\sqrt{c})d)$ 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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70. A book with many printing errors contains four different formulas for the displacement y of a particle undergoing a certain periodic motion :-
 $y = a \sin 2\pi t / T$ (a = maximum displacement of the particle, v = speed of the particle. T = time-

period of motion). Rule out the wrong formulas on dimensional grounds.



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71. A book with many printing errors contains four different formulas for the displacement y of a particle undergoing a certain periodic motion :-
 $y = a \sin vt$ (a = maximum displacement of the particle, v = speed of the particle. T = time-period of motion). Rule out the wrong formulas on dimensional grounds.



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72. A book with many printing errors contains four different formulas for the displacement y of a particle undergoing a certain periodic motion :-
 $y = (a/T)\sin t/a$ (a = maximum displacement of the particle, v = speed of the particle. T = time-period of motion). Rule out the wrong formulas on dimensional grounds.



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73. A book with many printing errors contains four different formulas for the displacement y of a

particle undergoing a certain periodic motion :-

$$y = (a\sqrt{2})\left(\sin \frac{2\pi t}{T} + \cos \frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \quad a =$$

maximum displacement of the particle, v = speed

of the particle. T = time-period of motion). Rule out

the wrong formulas on dimensional grounds.



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74. 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). A boy recalls the

relation almost correctly but forgets where to put

the constant c . He writes :- $m = \frac{m_0}{(1 - v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ Guess

where to put the missing c .



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75. The unit of length convenient on the atomic scale is known as an angstrom and is denoted by

$\overset{\circ}{\text{A}}$: $1\overset{\circ}{\text{A}} = 10^{-10}m$. The size of a hydrogen atom is

about $0.5\overset{\circ}{\text{A}}$. What is the total atomic volume in

m^3 of a mole of hydrogen atoms ?



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76. One mole of an ideal gas at standard temperature and pressure occupies 22.4 L (molar volume). What is the ratio of molar volume to the atomic volume of a mole of hydrogen ? (Take the size of hydrogen molecule to be about $1\overset{\circ}{\text{A}}$). Why is this ratio so large ?



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77. Explain this common observation clearly : If you look out of the window of a fast moving train, the nearby trees, houses etc. seem to move rapidly in

a direction opposite to the train's motion, but the distant objects (hill tops, the Moon, the stars etc.) seem to be stationary. (In fact, since you are aware that you are moving, these distant objects seem to move with you).



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78. The principle of 'parallax' is used in the determination of distance of nearby stars. The role of distant object O there is now taken by nearby distant stars. The baseline AB is the line joining the Earth's two locations six months apart in its

orbit around the Sun. That is the baseline is about the diameter of the earth's orbit $= 3 \times 10^{11}$ m. However, even the nearest stars are so distant that with such a long baseline they show parallax only of the order 1 s of arc or so. A parsec is a convenient unit of length on the astronomical scale. It is the distance of an object that will show a parallax of 1s of arc from opposite ends of a baseline equal to the distance from the Earth to the Sun How much is a parsec in terms of metre?



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79. The nearest star to our solar system is 4.29 light years away. How much is this distance in terms of parsecs? How much parallax would this star (named Alpha Centauri) show when viewed from two locations of the Earth six months apart in its orbit around the Sun ?



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80. Precise measurements of physical quantities are a need of science. For example, to ascertain the speed of an aircraft, one must have an

accurate method to find its positions at closely separated instants of time. This was the actual motivation behind the discovery of radar in World War II. Think of different examples in modern science where precise measurements of length, time, mass etc. are needed. Also, wherever you can, give a quantitative idea of the precision needed.



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81. Just as precise measurements are necessary in science, it is equally important to be able to make rough estimates of quantities using rudimentary

ideas and common observations. Think of ways by which you can estimate the following (where an estimate is difficult to obtain, try to get an upper bound on the quantity) :- the total mass of rain-bearing clouds over India during the Monsoon



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82. Just as precise measurements are necessary in science, it is equally important to be able to make rough estimates of quantities using rudimentary ideas and common observations. Think of ways by which you can estimate the following : (where an

estimate is difficult to obtain, try to get an upper bound on the quantity).

the mass of an elephant



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83. Just as precise measurements are necessary in science, it is equally important to be able to make rough estimates of quantities using rudimentary ideas and common observations. Think of ways by which you can estimate the following (where an estimate is difficult to obtain, try to get an upper

bound on the quantity) :- the wind speed during a storm



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84. Just as precise measurements are necessary in science, it is equally important to be able to make rough estimates of quantities using rudimentary ideas and common observations. Think of ways by which you can estimate the following (where an estimate is difficult to obtain, try to get an upper bound on the quantity) :- the number of air molecules in your classroom.

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85. The Sun is a hot plasma (ionized matter) with its inner core at a temperature exceeding 10^7 K, and its outer surface at a temperature of about 6000 K. At these high temperatures, no substance remains in a solid or liquid phase. In what range do you expect the mass density of the Sun to be, in the range of densities of solids and liquids or gases ? Check if your guess is correct from the following data : mass of the Sun = $2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$, radius of the Sun = $7.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$.

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86. When the planet Jupiter is at a distance of 824.7 million kilometers from the Earth, its angular diameter is measured to be $35.72''$ of arc. Calculate the diameter of Jupiter.



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87. A man walking briskly in rain with speed v must slant his umbrella forward making an angle θ with the vertical. A student derives the following relation between θ and v : $\tan \theta = v$ and checks

that the relation has a correct limit: as $v \rightarrow 0$, $\theta \rightarrow 0$, as expected. (We are assuming there is no strong wind and that the rain falls vertically for a stationary man). Do you think this relation can be correct? If not, guess the correct relation.



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88. It is claimed that two cesium clocks, if allowed to run for 100 years, free from any disturbance, may differ by only about 0.02 s. What does this imply for the accuracy of the standard cesium clock in measuring a time-interval of 1 s?



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89. Estimate the average mass density of a sodium atom assuming its size to be about 2.5\AA . (Use the known values of Avogadro's number and the atomic mass of sodium). Compare it with the density of sodium in its crystalline phase : 970kgm^{-3} . Are the two densities of the same order of magnitude ? If so, why ?



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90. The unit of length convenient on the nuclear scale is a fermi : $1 \text{ f} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$. Nuclear sizes obey roughly the following empirical relation :-
$$r = (r_0 A)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
 where r is the radius of the nucleus, A is mass number, and r_0 is a constant equal to about, 1.2 f. Show that the rule implies that nuclear mass density is nearly constant for different nuclei. Estimate the mass density of sodium nucleus. Compare it with the average mass density of a sodium atom obtained in Exercise. 2.27.



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91. A LASER is a source of very intense, monochromatic, and unidirectional beam of light. These properties of a laser light can be exploited to measure long distances. The distance of the Moon from the Earth has been already determined very precisely using a laser as a source of light. A laser light beamed at the Moon takes 2.56 s to return after reflection at the Moon's surface. How much is the radius of the lunar orbit around the Earth ?



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92. A SONAR (sound navigation and ranging) uses ultrasonic waves to detect and locate objects under water. In a submarine equipped with a SONAR the time delay between generation of a probe wave and the reception of its echo after reflection from an enemy submarine is found to be 77.0 s. What is the distance of the enemy submarine? (Speed of sound in water = 1450m s^{-1}).



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93. The farthest objects in our Universe discovered by modern astronomers are so distant that light emitted by them takes billions of years to reach the Earth. These objects (known as quasars) have many puzzling features, which have not yet been satisfactorily explained. What is the distance in km of a quasar from which light takes 3.0 billion years to reach us ?



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94. It is a well known fact that during a total solar eclipse the disc of the moon almost covers the disc of the sun. Find the approx. diameter of moon from the following data.



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95. A great physicist of this century (P.A.M. Dirac) loved playing with numerical values of Fundamental constants of nature. This led him to an interesting observation. Dirac found that from the basic constants of atomic physics (c , e , mass of

electron, mass of proton) and the gravitational constant G , he could arrive at a number with the dimension of time. Further, it was a very large number, its magnitude being close to the present estimate on the age of the universe (~ 15 billion years). From the table of fundamental constants in this book, try to see if you too can construct this number (or any other interesting number you can think of). If its coincidence with the age of the universe were significant, what would this imply for the constancy of fundamental constants ?



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96. The number of significant figures in 0.06900 is :

A. 5

B. 4

C. 2

D. 3

Answer:



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97. The sum of numbers 436.32, 227.2 and 0.301 in appropriate significant figures is

A. 663.821

B. 664

C. 663.8

D. 663.82

Answer:



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98. The mass and volume of a body are 4.237 g and 2.5 cm^3 , respectively. The density of the material of the body in correct significant figures is :

A. 1.6048 gcm^{-3}

B. 1.69 gcm^{-3}

C. 1.7 gcm^{-3}

D. 1.695 gcm^{-3}

Answer:



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99. The numbers 2.745 and 2.735 on rounding off to 3 significant figures will give

A. 2.75 and 2.74

B. 2.74 and 2.73

C. 2.75 and 2.73

D. 2.74 and 2.74

Answer:



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100. Find the area of rectangle whose length and breadth are 12 cm and 4 cm respectively.

A. $164 \pm 3cm^3$

B. $163.62 \pm 2.6cm^2$

C. $163.6 \pm 2.6cm^2$

D. $163.62 \pm 3cm^2$

Answer:



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101. Which of the following pairs of physical quantities does not have same dimensional formula?

A. Work and torque

B. Angular momentum and Planck's constant

C. Tension and surface tension

D. Impulse and linear momentum.

Answer:



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102. Measure of two quantities along with the precision of respective measuring instrument is

$A = 2.5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \pm 0.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, $B = 0.10 \text{ s} \pm 0.01 \text{ s}$. The value of AB will be

- A. $(0.25 \pm 0.08) \text{ m}$
- B. $(0.25 \pm 0.5) \text{ m}$
- C. $(0.25 \pm 0.05) \text{ m}$
- D. $(0.25 \pm 0.135) \text{ m}$

Answer:



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103. You measure two quantities as

$$A = 1.0m \pm 0.2m, B = 2.0m \pm 0.2m. \quad \text{We}$$

should report correct value for \sqrt{AB} as

A. $1.4m \pm 0.4m$

B. $1.41m - 0.15m$

C. $1.4m \pm 0.3m$

D. $1.4m \pm 0.2m$

Answer:



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104. Which of the following measurements is most precise?

A. 5.00 mm

B. 5.00 cm

C. 5.00 m

D. 5.00 km

Answer:



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105. The mean length of an object is 5 cm. Which of the following measurements is most accurate?

A. 4.9 cm

B. 4.805 cm

C. 5.25 cm

D. 5.4 cm.

Answer:



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106. Young's modulus of steel is $1.9 \times 10^{11} \text{ N/m}^2$.

When expressed in CGS units of dyne / cm^2 , it will

be equal to ($1\text{N} = 10^5 \text{ dyne}$, $1\text{m}^2 = 10^4 \text{ cm}^2$)

A. 1.9×10^{10}

B. 1.9×10^{11}

C. 1.9×10^{12}

D. 1.9×10^{13}

Answer:



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107. If momentum (p), area (A) and time (T) are taken to be fundamental quantities, then energy has the dimensional formula

A. $[pA^{-1}T^1]$

B. $[p^2AT]$

C. $[pA^{-1/2}T]$

D. $[pA^{1/2}T^{-1}]$

Answer:



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108. On the basis of dimensions, decide which of the following relations for the displacement of a particle undergoing simple harmonic motion is not correct?

A. $y = a \sin 2\pi t / T$

B. $y = a \sin vt$

C. $v = \frac{a}{T} \sin\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$

D. $y = a\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sin(2\pi t)}{T} - \frac{\cos(2\pi t)}{T} \right)$

Answer:



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109. If P,Q,R are physical quantities, having different dimensions, which of the following combinations can never be a meaningful quantity?

A. $(P-Q)R$

B. $PQ-R$

C. PQ/R

D. $(R+Q)P$

Answer:



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110. Photon is quantum of radiation with energy $E = h\nu$, where ν is frequency and h is Planck's constant. The dimensions of h are the same as that of

- A. linear impulse
- B. angular impulse
- C. linear momentum
- D. angular momentum.

Answer:



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111. If Planck's constant (h) and speed of light in vacuum (c) are taken as two fundamental quantities, which one of the following can, in addition, be taken to express length, mass and time in terms of the three chosen fundamental quantities?

- A. Mass of electron (m_e)
- B. Universal gravitational constant (G)
- C. Charge of electron (e)
- D. Mass of proton (m_p)

Answer:



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112. Which of the following ratios express pressure?

A. Force/Area

B. Energy/Volume

C. Energy/Area

D. Force/Volume.

Answer:



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113. Which of the following are not a unit of time?

A. Second

B. Parsec

C. Year

D. Light year.

Answer:



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114. Why do we have different units for the same physical quantity?

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115. The radius of atom is of the order of 1\AA and radius of nucleus is of the order of fermi. How many magnitudes higher is the volume of atom as compared to the volume of nucleus?

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116. Name the device used for measuring the mass of atoms and molecules.

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117. Express unified atomic mass unit in kg.

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118. A function $f(\theta)$ is defined as

$$f(\theta) = 1 - \theta + \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{Why is}$$

it necessary for $f(\theta)$ to be dimensionless quantity?



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119. Why length, mass and time are chosen as base quantities in mechanics?



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120. The earth-moon distance is about 60 earth radius. What will be the diameter of the earth

(approximately in degrees) as seen from the moon?



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121. The earth- moon distance is about 60 earth radius. Moon is seen to be of $(1/2)^\circ$ diameter from the earth. What must be the relative size compared to the earth?



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122. The earth- moon distance is about 60 earth radius. Moon is seen to be of $(1/2)^\circ$ diameter from the earth. From parallax measurement, the sun is found to be at a distance of about 400 times the earth-moon distance. Estimate the ratio of sun earth diameters.



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123. Which of the following time measuring device is most precise? Give reasons for your answers.

A. A wall clock

B. A stop watch

C. A digital watch

D. An atomic clock.

Answer:



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124. The distance of a galaxy is of the order of 10^{25} m. Calculate the order of magnitude of time taken by light to reach us from the galaxy.



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125. The vector scale of a travelling microscope has 50 divisions which coincide with 49 main scale divisions. If each main scale division is 0.5 mm, calculate the minimum inaccuracy in the measurement of distance.



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126. During a total solar eclips the moon almost entirely covers the sphere of the sun. Write the relation between the distances and sizes of the sun and moon.



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127. If the unit of force is 100 N, unit of length is 10 m and unit of time is 100 s, what is the unit of mass in this system of units?



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128. Give an example of a physical quantity which has a unit but no dimensions.



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129. Give an example of a physical quantity which has neither unit nor dimensions.



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130. Give an example of a constant which has a unit.



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131. Give an example of a constant which has no unit.



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132. Calculate the length of the arc of a circle of radius 31.0 cm which subtends an angle of $\frac{\pi}{6}$ at the centre.



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133. Calculate the solid angle subtended by the periphery of an area of 1cm^2 at a point situated symmetrically at a distance of 5 cm from the area.



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134. The displacement of a progressive wave is represented by $y = A \sin (\omega t - kx)$, where x is distance and t is time. Write the dimensional formula of ω



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135. The displacement of a progressive wave is represented by $y = A \sin (\omega t - kx)$, where x is distance and t is time. Write the dimensional formula of k



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136. Time for 20 oscillations of a pendulum is measured as $t_1 = 39.6s$, $t_2 = 39.9s$, $t_3 = 39.5s$,

What is the precision in the measurements ? What is the accuracy of the measurement ?



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137. A new system of units is proposed in which unit of mass is α kg, unit of length β m and unit of time γ s. How much will 5 J measure in this new system?



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138. The volume of a liquid flowing out per second of pipe of length l and radius r is written by a student as

$$v = \frac{\pi P r^4}{8 \eta l}$$
 where P is the pressure difference

between the two ends of the pipe and η is coefficient of viscosity of the liquid having dimensional formula $ML^{-1}T^{-1}$. Check whether the equation is dimensionally correct.



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139. A physical quantity X is related to four measurable quantities a , b , c and d as follows.

$X = a^2 b^3 c^{5/2} d^{-2}$ The percentage error in the measurement of a , b , c and d are 1%, 2%, 3% and 4%, respectively. What is the percentage error in quantity X ? If the value of X calculated on the basis of the above relation is 2.763, to what value should you round off the result?



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140. In the expression $P = El^2m^{-5}G^{-2}$, E,m,l and G denote energy, mass, angular momentum and gravitational constant, respectively. Show that P is a dimensionless quantity.

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141. If velocity of light c, Plank's constant h and gravitational constant G are taken as fundamental quantities then express mass, length and time in terms of dimensions of these quantities.

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142. An artificial satellite is revolving around a planet of mass M and radius R , in a circular orbit of radius r . From Kepler's third law about the period of a satellite around a common central body, square of the period of revolution T is proportional to the cube of the radius of the orbit r . Show using dimensional analysis, that $T = \frac{k}{R} \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{g}}$, where k is a dimensionless constant and g is acceleration due to gravity.



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143. In an experiment to estimate the size of a molecule of oleic acid 1mL of oleic acid is dissolved in 19 mL of alcohol. Then 1 mL of this solution is diluted to 20 mL by adding alcohol. Now 1 drop of this diluted solution is placed on water in a shallow trough. The solution spreads over the surface of water forming one molecule thick layer. Now, lycopodium powder is sprinkled evenly over the film and its diameter is measured. Knowing the volume of the drop and area of the film we can calculate the thickness of the film which will give us the size of oleic acid molecule. Read the passage carefully and answer the following

questions : why do we dissolve oleic acid in alcohol ?



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questions : How will you calculate the volume of n drops of this solution of oleic acid ?



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148. How many astronomical units (A.U.) make 1 parsec?



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149. Consider a sunlike star at a distance of 2 parsecs. When it is seen through a telescope with 100 magnification, what should be the angular size of the star? Sun appears to be $(1/2)^\circ$ from the earth. Due to atmospheric fluctuations, eye can't resolve objects smaller than 1 arc minute.



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150. Mars has approximately half of the earth's diameter. When it is closest to the earth it is at about $1/2$ A.U. from the earth. Calculate what size it

will appear when seen through the same telescope.



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151. Express unified atomic mass unit in kg.



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152. Einstein's mass-energy relation emerging out of his famous theory of relativity relates mass (m) to energy (E) as $E=mc^2$, where c is the speed of light in vacuum. At the nuclear level, the

magnitudes of energy are very small. The energy at nuclear level is usually measured in MeV, where $1\text{MeV}=1.6 \times 10^{-13}\text{J}$, the masses are measured in unified atomic mass unit (u) where, $1u = 6 \times 10^{-27}\text{kg}$.

A student writes the relation as $1\text{ u} = 931.5\text{ MeV}$. The teacher points out that the relation is dimensionally incorrent. Write the correct relation.



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153. The difference in the elngth of a mean solar day and a sidereal day is about

A. 1 min

B. 4 min

C. 15 min

D. 4 sec

Answer:



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154. The physical quantities not having same dimensions are:

A. momentum and Planck's constant

B. speed and $(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$

C. speed and $\sqrt{P / \rho}$

D. Surface tension and spring constant.

Answer:



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155. Proper symbol for kilo watt hour is

A. k wh

B. k WH

C. k Wh

D. k WH

Answer:



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156. Candela is the unit of

- A. acoustic intensity
- B. electric intensity
- C. luminous intensity
- D. magnetic intensity

Answer:



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157. Electron volt is a unit of

- A. potential difference
- B. charge
- C. energy
- D. capacity

Answer:



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158. If the unit of length and force are increased four times each, the unit of energy is increased.

- A. 4 times
- B. 16 times
- C. 8 times
- D. no increase

Answer:



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159. Which of the following quantities is expressed as force per unit area?

A. Work

B. Pressure

C. Volume

D. Area

Answer:



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160. The fundamental unit which has same power in the dimensional formulae of surface tension and viscosity is

A. Mass

B. time

C. length

D. force

Answer:



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161. The physical quantity strain has:

- A. no units
- B. basic unit
- C. derived units
- D. fundamental unit

Answer:



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162. A time increased of 3.1 seond is recorded with the help of a stop watch whose least count is 0.1s.

The limits between which the time interval lies is

- A. (3.1 ± 0.1) second
- B. (3.100 ± 0.01) second
- C. (3.100 ± 0.01) second
- D. (3.1 ± 0.2) second

Answer:



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163. What is the decimal equivalent of $\frac{1}{40}$ upto four significant figures?

A. 0.02

B. 0.025

C. 0.025

D. 0.02500

Answer:



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164. Parsec is the unit of

A. time

B. distance

C. frequency

D. angular acceleration

Answer:



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165. Three measurements are made as 18.425 cm, 7.21 cm and 5.0 cm. The addition should be written as

A. 30.635 cm

B. 30.64 cm

C. 30.6 cm

D. 30.63 cm

Answer:



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166. Which of the following is most accurate measurement?

A. $3 \times 10^{-3}m$

B. $30 \times 10^{-4}m$

C. $300 \times 10^{-5}m$

D. 0.0030 m

Answer:



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167. A student measured the diameter of a wire using a screw gauge with least count 0.001 cm and listed the measurements. The correct measurement is :

A. 5.3 cm

B. 5.32 cm

C. 5.320 cm

D. 5.3200 cm

Answer:



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168. If $P = x - y$, then the maximum percentage error in the measurement of P is :

A. $\frac{\Delta x - \Delta y}{x - y} \times 100 \%$

B. $\frac{\Delta x + \Delta y}{x - y} \times 100 \%$

C. $\frac{\Delta x}{x - y} + \frac{\Delta y}{x - y} \times 100 \%$

$$D. \frac{\Delta x - \Delta y}{\Delta x + \Delta y} \times 100 \%$$

Answer:



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169. The number of significant figures in $0.0006m^2$ are

A. 1

B. 3

C. 2

D. 4

Answer:



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170. The dimensional formula of velocity gradient is

A. $[M^0 L T^{-1}]$

B. $[MLT^{-2}]$

C. $[M^0 L^0 T^{-1}]$

D. $ML^2 T^{-2}]$

Answer:



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171. The number of significant figures in 0.00430 are

A. 5

B. 4

C. 3

D. None

Answer:



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172. The unit of power of lens is..... .

A. watt

B. horse power

C. dioptré

D. lux.

Answer:



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173. The length, breadth and thickness of a rectangular block are 137.2 cm, 7.1 cm and 0.43 cm respectively. Which of these measurements is the most accurate?

- A. Measurement of length
- B. Measurement of breadth
- C. Measurement of thickness
- D. All are equally accurate.

Answer:



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174. Three measurements are made as 18.425 cm, 7.21 cm and 5.0 cm. The addition should be written as

A. 30.635 cm

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C. 30.6 cm

D. 30.63 cm.

Answer:



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175. Fill in the blanks:

These are ___ basic and _____ supplementary units.



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176. Fill in the blanks:

One fermi = _____



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177. Fill in the blanks:

$1\overset{\circ}{A} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



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178. Fill in the blanks:

Spring balance is used to find the _____ of a body.



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179. Fill in the blanks:

Displacement has units of _____



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180. Fill in the blanks:

Vectors can be added only if they have same ____.



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181. Fill in the blanks:

Horizontal range is same for angle of porjection θ
and _____



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182. Name the fundamental units of measurement.

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183. What is 1 A.U.?

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184. What is the unit shake?

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185. What is the order of magnitude of the following

Velocity of light.



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186. What is the order of magnitude of the following

Size of nucleus of hydrogen atom.



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187. What is the order of magnitude of the following

Size of the atom of hydrogen atom.



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188. What is the order of magnitude of the following

Size of observable universe .



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189. What is micron?



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190. The dimensional analysis fails to derive the relation involving more than three independent factors. Explain why.



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191. Express one parsec second in terms of light years.



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192. Can a body have zero mass and zero weight?

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193. The mass of a body as measured by two students is given as 1.2 kg and 1.23 kg. Which of the two is more accurate and why?

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194. 1 quintal = _____ kg.

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195. 1 amu = _____ kg.



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196. What is the difference between the mass of an object and its weight ?



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197. Define a light year.



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198. What do you mean by least count?



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199. Underline the rules for significant figures.



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200. What do you understand by absolute error.



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201. What is a unit?



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202. What is the concept of length in physics?



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203. Why do we have different units for the same physical quantity?



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204. Name the device used for measuring the mass of atoms and molecules.



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205. Express unified atomic mass unit in kg.



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206. Why length, mass and time are chosen as base quantities in mechanics?



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207. If the universe was to shrink to the size of earth, how large would be the Earth on this scale?



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208. Are inertial mass and gravitational mass of a body different?



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209. Which is the most accurate clock?



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210. Name two types of masses.



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211. What are dimensions of Angular momentum?



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212. Of which quantity watt is SI unit?



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213. Of which quantity joule is SI unit?



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214. Name physical quantity having the dimensional formula.

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



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215. What is velocity of radiowave?



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216. What is range of wavelength for visible light?



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217. The length has ___ dimensions.



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218. An echo is the phenomenon of repetition of sound on ___ from an obstacle.



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219. The inertial mass of a body is measured using an _____.



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220. Derived units can be obtained from the _____ units.



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221. Relative velocity has dimensions of _____.



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222. What is measurement of a physical quantity?



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223. What is the need of measurement?



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224. The SI unit of length is-

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225. What are the characteristics of physical standard?

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226. Check the correctness of the relation $S = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ using dimensional analysis.

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227. What do you mean by dimensions of a physical quantity ? Give examples to show how the dimensions of a physical quantity are determined.



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228. Though the number of physical quantities is very large yet we do not have as many different units, why?



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229. In defining the standard of length we have to specify the temperature at which the measurement should be made. Are we justified in calling length a fundamental quantity if an other physical quantity, temperature has to be specified in choosing a standard?



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230. What is the advantage of expressing metre in terms of krypton-86 wavelength?



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231. What type of phenomenon can be used as measure of time? Give two examples of it.

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232. What is a coherent system of units? Give an example of coherent system of units.

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234. Sometimes angular measurements are very helpful. Explain.

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235. What is the advantage in choosing the wavelength of light radiation as a standard of length?

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236. What is the difference between accurate and precise measurement?



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237. Given below is an equation of a wave:
 $y = r \sin \omega(x/v - k\pi)$. What are the dimensions of x and k ? Here ω is angular velocity and v linear velocity.



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238. Find the dimensions of 'a' and 'b' in the following equation:

$$(P + a/V^2)(V - b) = RT$$



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239. If $x = a + bt + ct^2$, where x is in metre and t in second, what are the units of a, and b?



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240. What is the concept of length in physics?

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241. Bring out the difference between 2.0 and 2.000.

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242. How is systematic error eliminated?

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243. Mention some of the time intervals of importance in physics.



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244. State principle of homogeneity of dimension and its use in dimensional analysis.



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245. Define and explain dimensional formula and dimensional equation.

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246. Define Dimensional variables

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247. Give two examples of dimensional constants.

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248. Define Non-dimensional variables.

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249. Give two examples of dimensionless constants.



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250. What is the difference between the mass of an object and its weight ?



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251. What are the limitations of dimensional analysis?



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253. What do you mean by a physical quantity?



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254. What is measurement of a physical quantity?



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255. What is the need of measurement?



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256. Define and explain unit of a physical quantity.



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257. Name the various prefixes and their symbols for expressing power of 10.



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258. What is the necessity of such like prefixes?



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259. What is the concept of length in physics?



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260. The SI unit of length is-



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261. What are the orders of the sizes of the objects one come across within physics ? Give examples.



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262. Define 1 fermi, 1 angstrom, 1 light year, astronomical unit, parsec in terms of metre.



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263. How will you measure the distance of a hill by echo method?



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264. How will you measure the height of an accessible object.



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265. How will you measure the height of an inaccessible object using triangulation method?



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266. What do you understand by elevation and angular distance between two stars ? How does angular measurement help us to determine. Size of astronomical objects and distances.



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268. Explain Reflection methods (Radar and Sonar) for measuring distances.



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269. How will you measure very small size like size of an atom of a substance



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271. Define and explain dimensional formula and dimensional equation.

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272. Discuss uses of dimensional equation with suitable examples.

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273. What do you mean by significant figures? Give examples.

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274. State and explain the rules for finding the significant figures in the sum, difference, product and quotient of two numbers.



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275. What are different types of errors measurements made by instruments?



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276. What is an error? How are they classified and how do the errors combine?

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277. Find the value of 10 J in a system which has 100 cm, 10 g and 30 s as fundamental unit.

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278. The velocity v of sound waves, through a medium may be assumed to depend on density of

the medium, d and Modulus of elasticity (E) .
Modulus of elasticity is a ratio of stress to strain
and stress is force per unit area. Deduce by the
method of dimensions the formula for the velocity
of sound.



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280. The time of oscillation of t of a small drop of a liquid under surface tension depends upon the density d , the radius r and the surface tensions s .

Prove dimensionally that $t \propto \sqrt{dr^3 / s}$



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281. Assuming that mass M of the largest stone that can be moved by a flowing river, ρ the density of water and 'g' the acceleration due to gravity, show that mass M varies as the sixth power of velocity.



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282. If a composite physical quantity in terms of moment of inertia I , force F , velocity v , work W and length L is defined as $Q = \frac{iFv^2}{WL^3}$, find dimensions of Q and identify it.





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283. The Sun is a hot plasma (ionized matter) with its inner core at a temperature exceeding 107 K, and its outer surface at a temperature of about 6000 K. At these high temperatures, no substance remains in a solid or liquid phase. In what range do you expect the mass density of the Sun to be, in the range of densities of solids and liquids or gases ? Check if your guess is correct from the following data : mass of the Sun = $2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$, radius of the Sun = $7.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$.



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284. If $F = x^2$, relative error in f would be how many times the relative error in x ?



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285. The length and breadth of a rectangular block are 25.2 cm and 1.68 cm, which have both been measured to an accuracy of 0.1 cm. Find the area of the rectangular block.



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286. Check the correctness of the relation

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \text{ dimensionally and numerically.}$$



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Exercise

1. Define unit



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2. Why length, mass and time are chosen as base quantities in mechanics?

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3. Name the fundamental units of measurement.

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4. Do all physical quantities have dimensions ? If no, name three physical quantities which are dimensionless.

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5. Are the dimensions of coefficient of viscosity and coefficient of friction same?

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6. Does the ratio of same quantity depend upon system of unit used?

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7. What are the advantages of S.I units?



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8. What do you mean by the term measurement?



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9. What are the uses of dimensional analysis?



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10. What are order of magnitude? Give two examples.

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11. Describe the method to measure the height of a big tree.

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12. Underline the rules for significant figures.

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13. Discuss in detail different types of errors arising in the measurement of the physical quantities. State the general method for estimating the error in a combined calculation.



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14. Show that errors combine in a similar way in addition and subtraction operations.



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