

**Question 17** (Answer: **B**)

- Convert the mass first:  $100 \text{ g} = 0.100 \text{ kg}$ .
- $\Delta E_p = mgh = 0.100 \times 9.81 \times 10 = 9.81 \text{ J}$ .
- That is about 10 J; D comes from leaving the mass in grams.

**Question 18** (Answer: **C**)

- Gravitational potential energy is non-zero while he is above the ground.
- Elastic potential energy is non-zero only once the cord has gone taut and begun to stretch.
- Kinetic energy is non-zero only while he is moving, so all three overlap only on the way down as he decelerates – at the bottom he is stationary.

**Question 17** (Answer: **C**)

- The derivation uses  $W = Fs$ , then  $F = ma$ , then  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$  to replace  $s$ .
- Substituting  $s = v^2/2a$  into  $W = mas$  gives  $W = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  directly.
- $E = \frac{1}{2}Fs$  is not a standard equation and plays no part in it.

**Question 18** (Answer: **A**)

- Gravitational potential energy depends only on the start and end heights, not on the path.
- X is at 2.4 m and Y at 1.8 m, so the change in height is  $2.4 - 1.8 = 0.6 \text{ m}$ .
- D adds the descent and the rise together, but they partly cancel.

**Question 17** (Answer: **B**)

- Only the \*difference\* in height matters:  $58 - 32 = 26 \text{ cm} = 0.26 \text{ m}$ .
- Energy conservation gives  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mg(0.26)$ .
- $v = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.26} = 2.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

**Question 19** (Answer: **B**)

- A constant  $g$  is what lets the simple product  $mgh$  replace a more general calculation.
- That is precisely what a uniform gravitational field means.
- The object's own acceleration is irrelevant – it may be lifted slowly or dropped.

**Question 17** (Answer: **D**)

- $\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h$ , and  $mg$  is exactly the weight.
- So the weight together with the change in height is enough.
- B gives mass and height but no  $g$ ; A and C have no height at all.

**Question 18** (Answer: **C**)

- The work done by the cushion equals the kinetic energy it removes.
- $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1.2)(3.0)^2 = 5.4 \text{ J}$ .
- The 0.020 m is not needed for the energy – it would give the average force instead.

**Question 18** (Answer: **D**)

- With no air resistance the total energy is constant, so  $E_k = mg(H - h)$ .
- That is a straight line falling as  $h$  rises, reaching zero at the release height.
- So the graph is linear with a negative gradient, not a curve.

**Question 19** (Answer: **C**)

- Kinetic energy goes as  $v^2$ , so quadrupling the speed multiplies it by 16.
- $1500 \times 16 = 24\,000 \text{ J}$ .
- B assumes it scales with  $v$  and gives only four times as much.

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| 3(a)     | $E_{(K)} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$<br>$110 = \frac{1}{2} \times 5.5 \times v^2$<br>$v = 6.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$                                                                                                                                          |
| 3(b)     | $(\Delta)E_{(P)} / 20 = mg(\Delta)h$ OR $(\Delta)E_{(P)} / 20 = mgx_0$                                                                                                                                                                          |
|          | $(x_0 =) 20 / 5.5 \times 9.81 = 0.37 \text{ (m)}$<br>Allow $(\Delta)h$ for $x_0$                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3(c)     | $[\max (E_{(P)})] = 110 + 20 = 130 \text{ J}$                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3(d)     | $(\max) E_{(P)} / 130 = \frac{1}{2}F_{(0)}x_{(0)}$<br>$(F_0 =) 2 \times 130 / 0.37 = 700 \text{ (N)}$<br>or $(\max) E_{(P)} / 130 = 1 / 2k x_{(0)}^2$<br>$(F_0 =) k x_{(0)}$<br>$(F_0 =) 2 \times 130 \times 0.37 / (0.37)^2 = 700 \text{ (N)}$ |
| 3(e)(i)  | $(\text{weight}) = 5.5 \times 9.81$<br>$\text{resultant force} = 700 - (5.5 \times 9.81)$<br>$= 650 \text{ N}$                                                                                                                                  |
| 3(e)(ii) | $F = ma$<br>$a = 650 / 5.5$ or $(700 / 5.5) - 9.81$<br>$a = 120 \text{ m s}^{-2}$                                                                                                                                                               |

**Question 15** (Answer: **B**)

- The vertical drop is  $L \sin \theta$ , not  $L$  itself.
- Energy conservation:  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgL \sin \theta$ , so  $v = \sqrt{2gL \sin \theta}$ .
- $\sqrt{2g} = \sqrt{19.6} = 4.43$ , giving  $v = 4.43\sqrt{L \sin \theta}$ .