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Question 8

Two planets having equal masses are in circular orbit around a star. Planet A has a smaller orbital radius than planet B. Which statement is true? (Note that mechanical energy is defined as kinetic energy plus potential energy.)

(A) Planet A has less potential energy than planet B, and both planets have the same amount of kinetic energy and mechanical energy.
(B) Planet A has more kinetic energy, less potential energy, and less mechanical energy than planet B.
(C) Planet A has more kinetic energy, more potential energy, and more mechanical energy than planet B.
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Question 9

A hoop and a solid disk roll along the ground without slipping. They have the same velocity and the same radius. They both come to the same hill and roll up the hill without slipping. Which makes it further up the hill?

(A) The hoop. (B) The disk. (C) They travel the same distance.
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A cube-shaped box is placed on a board. The board is tilted at an ever-increasing angle until the cube starts to move. What does the cube do first?

(A) It starts slipping first. (B) It starts tipping first. (C) It slips and tips at the same time.
(D) More information is needed to answer this question.

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Question 11

As you are leaving a building, the door opens outward. If the hinges on the door are on your right, what is the direction of the angular velocity vector of the door as you open it?

(A) up (B) down (C) to your left (D) to your right (E) forwards

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Question 7

A wheel is spinning in a horizontal circle, rotating counter-clockwise when viewed from above. It rotates around its centre of mass, so there is no precession due to gravity. You give the wheel a light tap downward, applied on its north-most side. Assume that the magnitude of the tap is small enough so that the magnitude of the angular velocity does not change. What is the direction of the wheel's angular velocity after your tap?

(A) Down and east. (B) Down and west. (C) Up and east. (D) Up and west.
(E) None of the other answers are correct.

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Question 3

I place a heavy block at the 60-cm mark of a ruler which is 1-m long. I hold the ruler up by balancing it on my left finger at the 0-cm mark and my right finger at the 100-cm mark. Which finger exerts a larger force on the ruler?

(A) Left finger.
(B) Right finger.
(C) They exert the same force.
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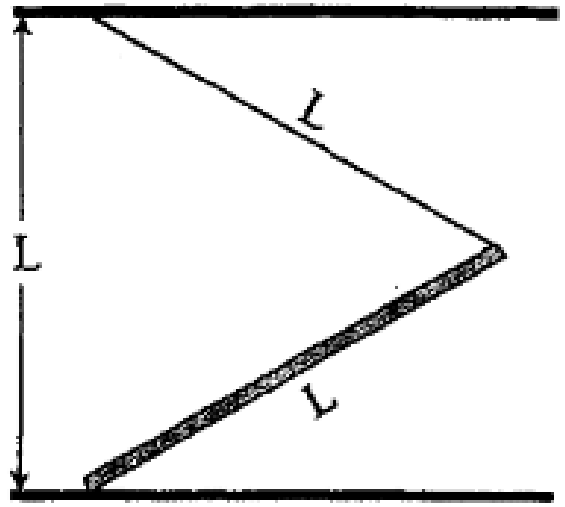

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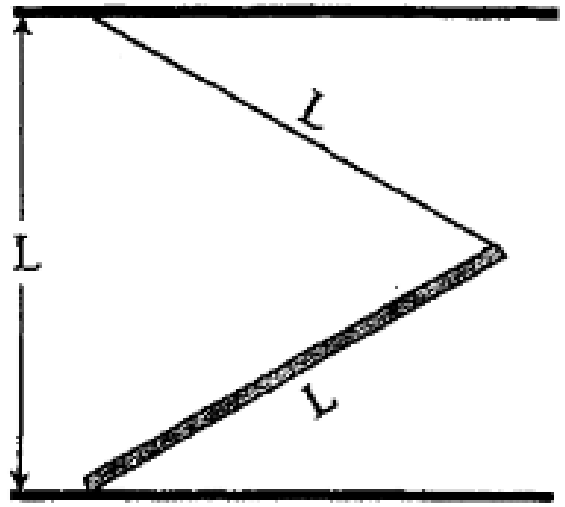

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