# **Engineering and Mechanics (Level 3)**

### **Create Your Own Goldberg Machine**

- 1. What are simple machines? Give 2 examples.
- 2. What are compound machines? Give 2 examples.
- 3. Which of Newton's three laws of motion do the following examples show? Write the law for each.
  - i. It is easier to push an empty bag than a full bag because the empty bag has less mass and therefore needs less force.
  - ii. When you kick a football, it does not stop moving until another player or the goal post stops it.
  - iii. When air rushes out of a balloon, the balloon flies in the opposite direction.
- 4. Design a Goldberg machine of your own that performs any simple task. Draw the design on paper.



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Observe the picture given above and answer the following questions:

- i. Is this a Rube Goldberg machine? Why or why not?
- ii. What does this machine do?
- iii. Which event triggers the machine?
- iv. In Event H, the shoe remains in that position until the string is cut. Which law of motion does this show?
- v. Give an example of kinetic energy transfer in the machine.

## Managing Our Need for Speed

- 1. Define gravity.
- 2. Define friction.
- 3. What is density? How is it calculated?
- 4. What is the difference between an object's mass and volume?



- 5. What is inertia? Give any example.
- 6. What is a hypothesis? Give any example.
- 7. True or false:

A motorcycle going up a rocky road will move fast and smoothly due to increased friction, which propels it forward faster than if it was traveling on a paved road."

- 8. You want to conduct an experiment to find out what happens to an object that is in a state of inertia when it is hit by a fast-moving object. Write your hypothesis for this experiment.
- 9. Choose the right option: which traffic signs would you place in the following situations:
  - a. A busy road with cars and trucks passing.
  - b. A road next to a school
  - c. A dangerous road where accidents always happen because of speeding vehicles.
  - d. A busy road in a residential area next to a shopping center to which people often walk.

Options: zebra/pedestrian crossing; speed limit sign; school zone sign; traffic signals

- 10. Design a banner to be put up on a busy main road to raise awareness about car accidents or the need to drive carefully.
- 11. Explain the concepts of thrust, drag and lift. How do these affect the movement of a paper plane?
- 12. How would you design a paper plane so that it defies gravity? (i.e., it flies for a long period of time) Explain using the concepts of thrust, drag, and lift.
- 13. Why do some objects sink while others float?
- 14. True or false: the mass of an object alone determines whether it floats or sinks in water.
- 15. Explain Archimedes principle of displacement with an example (i.e., experiment).
- 16. What is the relationship between the mass of an object and its gravitational pull? OR Which object will fall faster if thrown from a height - a bowling ball or a can of soda? Why?

## The Magic of Magnets

- 1. What are the main properties of magnets?
- 2. Identify three materials that are magnetic and three that are non-magnetic.
- 3. What are the two poles of a magnet called, and how do they interact with each other?
- 4. Compare the properties of magnetic and non-magnetic materials. Provide examples of each.
- 5. Explain why a freely suspended magnet always points in the north-south direction. 5000
- 6. Describe a real-world application of magnetic forces and explain its importance.
- 7. Propose an innovative use of magnets in a field of your choice.

## Fast... Faster... Fastest!

- 1. What is speed?
- 2. What is the difference between periodic and non-periodic motion?
- 3. Differentiate between uniform and non-uniform motion. Provide examples of each.
- 4. What is rectilinear motion? Give two examples.
- 5. Describe circular motion and provide two examples. A cyclist covers a distance of 20 kilometers (about 12.43 mi) in 1 hour and 15 minutes. What is the cyclist's speed in kilometers per hour?

- 6. How can friction affect the speed of an object?
- 7. How can you identify uniform motion on a distance-time graph?
- 8. Imagine you are designing a new vehicle. What factors would you consider making it the fastest possible?
- 9. How would you explain the concept of speed to someone who has never studied it before?

### **Fun With Machines**

- 1. What is the difference between a simple machine and a compound machine? Give two examples of each.
- 2. Define contact force and non-contact force. Give an example of each from your daily life.
- 3. Explain friction and its types. Why is friction considered a necessary evil?
- 4. How is pressure related to force? Write the formula for calculating pressure and give an example.
- 5. If a force of 50 Newtons is applied on an area of 2 square meters, what is the pressure exerted? Show your calculation.
- 6. How do liquids and gases exert pressure? Provide an example for each.
- 7. Explain how a lever works and provide an example of a lever in everyday life.
- 8. If you could create a Rube Goldberg machine to solve any real-world problem, what would it be and how would it work?
- 9. Can you think of an everyday activity that would be impossible without friction? Explain why.