

Pre-test – Oscillatory motion (before the lesson cycle)

Part A – Closed questions

1. Mark the correct answer with an X. You may mark more than one answer.

Which of the following phenomena are examples of oscillatory motion?

- ☐ a) A swing swinging back and forth
- ☐ b) A car driving on the motorway
- ☐ c) A guitar string set into vibration
- ☐ d) Leaves falling from a tree

2. Mark the correct answer with an X. You may mark more than one answer.

The amplitude in oscillatory motion is:

- ☐ a) The time of one complete vibration
- ☐ b) The maximum deviation from the equilibrium position
- ☐ c) The centre of oscillatory motion
- ☐ d) The speed of the body in motion



Part B – Open-ended questions / short answers

3. Draw a simple graph of the oscillatory motion of a pendulum and mark on it:

- the equilibrium position
- maximum deflections.

4. Give an example of oscillatory motion that you have observed in everyday life.

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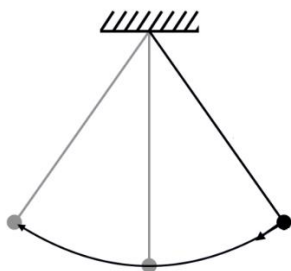
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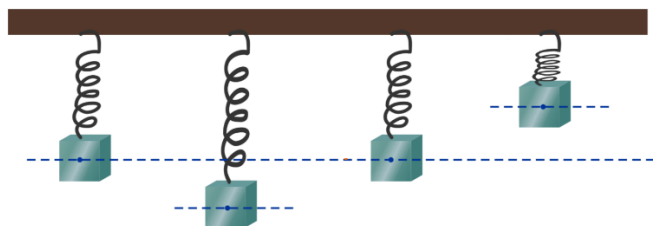
Describe which position of the body in your example you consider to be the position of equilibrium.

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5. Below are two different pendulums.





Mark on each drawing where the following is located:

- maximum deflection
- the equilibrium position
- Can they be used to determine the value of gravitational acceleration?

Mark the correct answer with an X

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Briefly justify your answer.

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What is the speed of the pendulum at its maximum deflection?

- ☐ a) It is maximum
- ☐ b) It is zero
- ☐ c) It is average
- ☐ d) Cannot be determined



2. Mark the correct answer with an X.

The period of oscillation of a mathematical pendulum depends on:

- ☐ a) The mass of the pendulum
- ☐ b) The amplitude of the oscillations (for small deflections)
- ☐ c) The length of the pendulum
- ☐ d) Earth's acceleration/gravitational acceleration



Post-test – Oscillatory motion and data analysis (after the lesson cycle)

Part A – Closed questions

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- ☐ c) The length of the pendulum
- ☐ d) Earth/gravitational acceleration

Part B – Graph analysis

3. Based on the graph showing changes in the position of the pendulum over time, draw and:

- a) Mark the equilibrium position and maximum deflections
- b) Show how to read the period of oscillation and calculate the frequency of oscillation of this pendulum
- c) Describe in which position of the pendulum the velocity is greatest and in which it is zero

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4. Why is the graph of the changes in the distance between the pendulum and the sensor shifted ("raised") and why is the equilibrium/rest position not on the X-axis?

Part C – Open-ended questions / short answers

Explain in a few sentences:

5. When can a pendulum be considered a mathematical pendulum?

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6. How does the speed of the pendulum change when it moves from its equilibrium position towards its maximum deflection and vice versa?

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7. How can the value of gravitational acceleration be determined if the length of the pendulum and its period of oscillation are known?

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8. You know the data from the sensor: the time and distance of the pendulum from the sensor.

Draw a graph of the position and velocity of the pendulum as a function of time (you can use graph paper or a graphing programme).

Mark all characteristic points:

- equilibrium position,
- maximum deflections,
- zero velocity points,
- points of maximum velocity.
- The position of the pendulum when it has zero and maximum speed.

