

CHAPTER-4 | Laws of Motion

QUIZ
PART-05

1. A car of mass m moves on a flat circular road of radius r with coefficient of friction μ . The maximum speed without slipping is:
- A. \sqrt{rg} B. $\sqrt{\mu rg}$
C. μrg D. rg/μ (D)

Explanation : B) $\sqrt{\mu rg}$

2. On a flat road, friction provides the centripetal force: ($mv^2/r = \mu mg$) $\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\mu rg}$.
- A. $\sqrt{rg \cot \theta}$ B. $\sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$
C. $\sqrt{\mu rg}$ D. $rg \tan \theta$ (D)

Explanation : At optimum speed, normal force components balance weight and centripetal force without friction.

3. A cyclist moves at 18 km/h on a curve of radius 3 m. If $\mu = 0.1$, will the cyclist slip?
- A. No, because $v < v_{\max}$
B. Yes, because $v > v_{\max}$
C. No, because friction is absent
D. Cannot be determined (B)

Explanation : $v = 5 \text{ m/s}$, $v_{\max} = \sqrt{\mu rg} = 1.71 \text{ m/s}$. Since actual speed exceeds limit, slipping occurs.

4. For a vehicle on a banked road with friction helping motion, the expression for maximum speed is:
- A. $\sqrt{rg(\tan \theta + \mu)/(1 - \mu \tan \theta)}$
B. $\sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$
C. $\sqrt{rg(\tan \theta - \mu)/(1 + \mu \tan \theta)}$
D. $\sqrt{\mu rg}$ (A)

Explanation : Friction in the direction of centripetal force increases the safe speed limit.

5. When is the minimum speed concept relevant on a banked curve?
- A. When friction is absent
B. When friction acts outward, opposing motion
C. When speed equals optimum speed
D. Only on flat roads (B)

Explanation : At very low speeds, friction acts down the slope to provide centripetal force, giving a minimum speed limit.

6. The condition for no slipping of a vehicle on a flat circular road is:

- A. $v^2 < rg$ B. $v^2 < \mu rg$
C. $v^2 > rg$ D. $v^2 = \mu g$ (B)

Explanation : If velocity exceeds this limit, required centripetal force surpasses maximum frictional force.

7. A race track has radius 300 m, bank angle 15° , $\mu = 0.2$. The optimum speed is closest to:
- A. 14.5 m/s B. 19.6 m/s
C. 28.1 m/s D. 38.1 m/s (C)

Explanation : $v = \sqrt{rg \tan \theta} = \sqrt{300 \times 9.8 \times \tan 15^\circ} \approx 28.1 \text{ m/s}$.

8. On a banked road, if a vehicle moves exactly at optimum speed:
- A. Friction is maximum
B. Friction is zero
C. Friction balances centripetal force
D. Friction opposes motion (B)

Explanation : At optimum speed, the banking angle alone provides required centripetal force.

9. Which force provides the necessary centripetal force for circular motion of a car on a level road?
- A. Normal reaction
B. Gravitational force
C. Frictional force
D. Pseudo force (C)

Explanation : Horizontal component of static friction supplies centripetal force on level ground.

10. A cyclist moves at uniform speed of 7 m/s on a flat turn. If $\mu = 0.25$, the minimum radius of the turn for safety is:
- A. 9.8 m
B. 19.6 m
C. 4.9 m
D. 0 m (B)

Explanation : Condition is $r = v^2/(\mu g) = 7^2/(0.25 \times 9.8) \approx 19.6 \text{ m}$.