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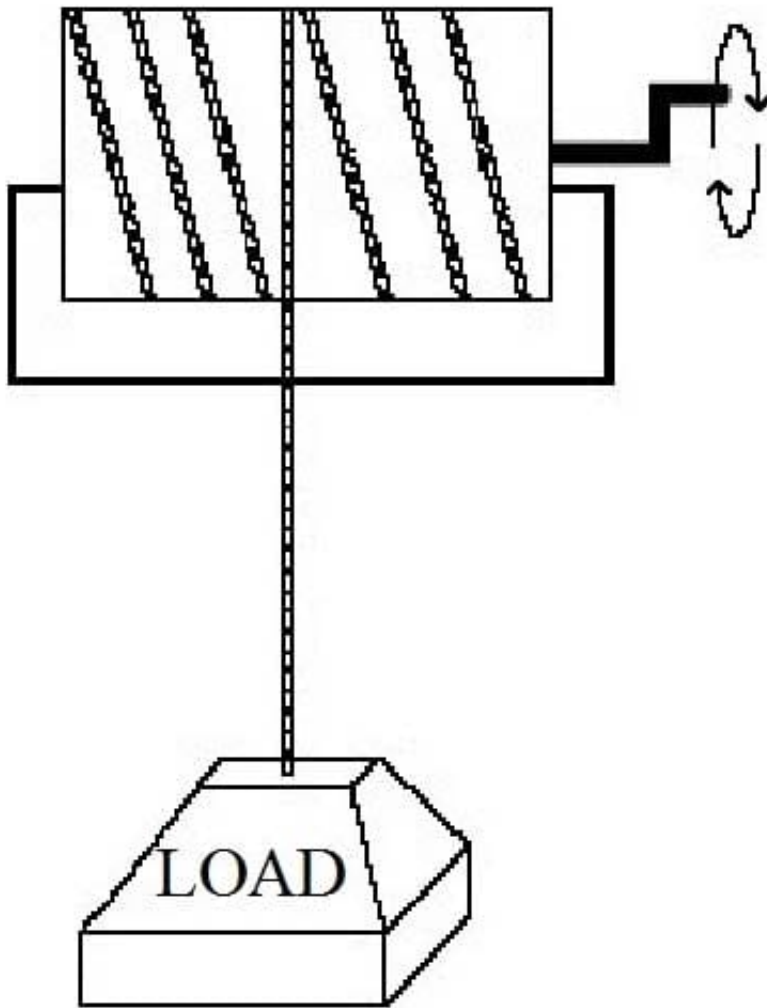
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QUESTION 1

Drum circumference 24 inches



With one complete revolution of the cable winch shown above, the load will move _____.

- A. 12 inches
- B. 6 inches
- C. 24 inches
- D. 36 inches

Correct Answer: C

One revolution of the winch will move the weight 24 inches, the circumference of the winch drum.

QUESTION 2

An above-ground suburban water tank holds 540 gallons of water when full.

If the tank starts out full and is drained at a rate of 60 gallons per minute, how many seconds will it take to empty out halfway?

- A. 54
- B. 240
- C. 270
- D. 480

Correct Answer: C

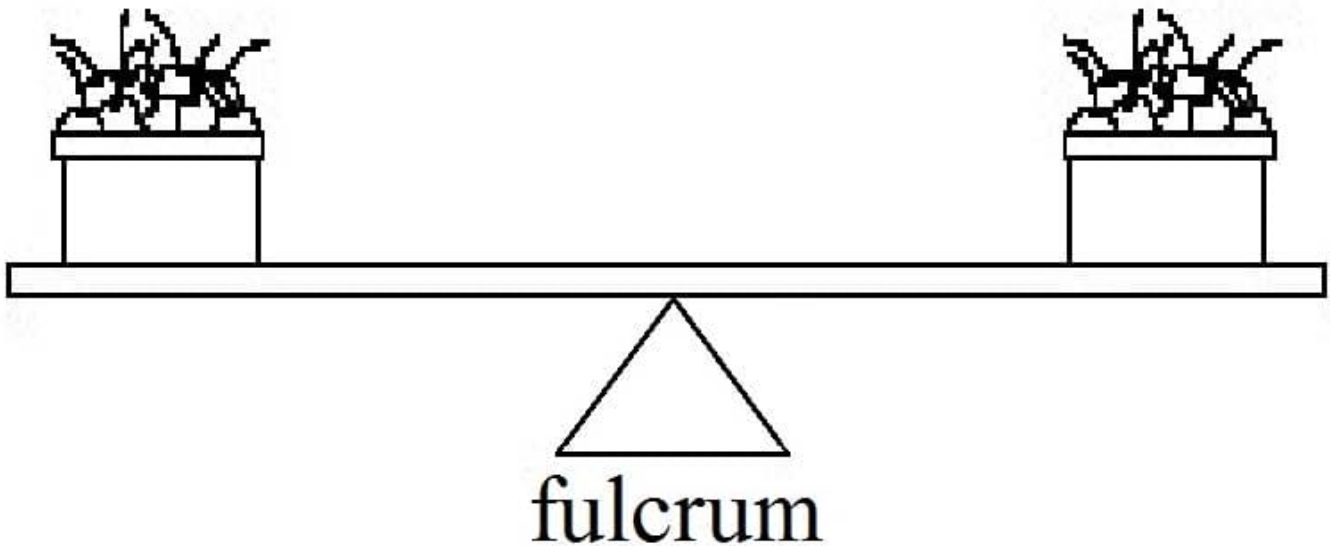
540 gallons divided by 60 gallons a minute means that it takes nine minutes to drain the tank completely.

Half of that time is 4.5 minutes; 4.5 multiplied by 60 seconds equals 270 seconds.

QUESTION 3

Basket A

Basket B



The baskets are balanced on the arm in the figure above. If cherries are removed from Basket B, to rebalance the arm _____.

- A. The fulcrum will have to be moved to the right.
- B. Basket B will have to be moved to the right.
- C. Basket A will have to be moved to the left.

D. Basket A will have to be moved to the right.

Correct Answer: D

Moving Basket A to the right counterbalances the loss of cherries from Basket B.

QUESTION 4

Springs are used for the following purposes EXCEPT _____.

- A. to store energy for part of a mechanical cycle
- B. to force a mechanical component to maintain contact with another component
- C. to reduce shock or impact
- D. to increase the weight of a mechanism

Correct Answer: D

Springs are used for all the listed purposes except to add weight.

QUESTION 5

Air weighs about 15 psi.

What's the amount of pressure (force) exerted on the top of your head, given a surface area of 24 inches?

- A. 360 pounds
- B. 625 pounds
- C. 5/8 pound
- D. 180 pounds

Correct Answer: A

Power equals force divided by area in square inches ($P = F/A$). This formula can also be stated as $F = A \times$

P.

Substitute the known quantities. $F = 15 \times 24 = 360$ pounds.

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