

Physics - FSC Part 1 Physics Chapter 2 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Define null vector and component of a vector.

Ans 1: Null Vector is a vector of zero magnitude and arbitrary direction.
A component of a vector is its effective value in a given direction.

Q2. Define scalar and vector quantities?

Ans 1: Scalar Quantities: Those quantities which are completely specified by their magnitude only, are known as scalar quantities. For example Speed, Mass, energy, work, power.
Vector Quantities: Those physical quantities which are completely specified by their magnitude and proper direction are known as vector quantities. For example Momentum, Acceleration, torque.

Q3. Under what circumstances would a vector have components that are equal in magnitude?

Ans 1:

Q4. Define and explain the scalar product?

Ans 1:

Q5. What do you mean by concurrent force? Explain with examples?

Ans 1: Concurrent Force: Two or more than two forces are said to be concurrent forces, if they are acting upon a body and their lines of action pass through a common point.
Explanation: Consider a bulb which is suspended by means of a thread from a rigid support. In this case the weight 'W' of the bulb is acting in the downward direction while the tension 'T' in the thread is acting in the upward direction. Both forces pass through the same point or common point. Both forces balance each other and as a result the bulb remains in the state of equilibrium. Such forces are known as concurrent forces.

Q6. Discuss the condition of equilibrium?

Ans 1: There are two conditions of equilibrium which are given below.
First Condition of equilibrium: According to the first condition of equilibrium, a body is said to be in equilibrium, if the vector sum of all external forces acting on the body is zero; they cancel the effect of each other. $\{ F = 0 \}$ In the component form we have $F_1x + F_2x + F_3x + \dots + F_nx = 0$ and $F_1y + F_2y + F_3y + \dots + F_ny = 0$.
Example: A book lying on the table and a paratrooper moving downwards with uniform velocity satisfies the first condition of equilibrium.
Second Condition of Equilibrium: According to the condition of equilibrium, a body is said to be in equilibrium if the net torque on a body is equal to zero. $\{ T = 0 \}$
Explanation: There are certain situations in which an extended body will not be in equilibrium even when the first condition of equilibrium is satisfied. For example, in the two equal forces are acting on a meter rod in opposite directions. As the line of action of these forces are not the same, so the meter rod does not remain in a state of equilibrium and begins to rotate in an anti-clockwise direction. So the first condition of equilibrium is not sufficient in such a case. Under such situations we should arrange the forces on the body in such a way, that they cause clockwise torque and anti-clockwise torque acting on the body simultaneously and cancel the effect of each other.

Q7. Define the term unit vector.

Ans 1: Vector having the unit magnitude is called the unit vector. It is used to indicate the direction of a given vector.

Q8. Define and explain the resolution of a vector ?

Ans 1:

Q9. State condition of rotational equilibrium.

Ans 1: The vector sum of all torque acting on any object must be zero.
When this condition of equilibrium is satisfied, there is no angular acceleration and body will be in rotational equilibrium. Hence, a body cannot rotate about center of gravity under the action of its weight.

Q10. Differentiate between static and dynamic equilibrium.

Ans 1: Static Equilibrium: If a body is at rest, then it is said to be in static equilibrium.
Dynamic Equilibrium: If the body is moving with uniform velocity, then it is said to be in dynamic equilibrium.
