Physics 151 Class Exercise: Energy

1. (a) A 236 kg roller coaster car is released from rest from position A where $h_A = 40$ m. What is the velocity of the car when it gets to position B where $h_B = 18$ m? You should work this part of the problem with the ZLP at ground. There is no friction in this problem.



Answer:	

(b) Rework part (a) with the ZLP at the level of position B.

Answer:

(c) Imagine instead that the car rounded position A with a velocity of 15 m/s. What would be the velocity in this instance when the car reaches position B?

Answer:	

2. A 12 N/m horizontal spring on a frictionless surface is shown in the first panel of the illustration in its equilibrium position. A 1.2 kg mass is pushed against the spring compressing it a distance of x = 8.2 cm in the second panel.



(a) The hand is then quickly removed? What will be the velocity of the mass when it reaches the equilibrium position?

Answer:

(b) What velocity did the mass have at x = 6.0 cm along the way?

Answer:	