

Simple Machines

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(b) A machine performs work by itself.

Answer. False

(c) In an ideal machine, work done on load is equal to the work done by effort.

Answer. True

(d) All levers are force multipliers.

Answer. False

(e) A pulley changes the direction of force.

Answer. True

(f) An inclined plane always has the mechanical advantage more than 1.

Answer. True

2. Fill in the blanks

- ~~(a) The useful work done by an actual machine is always **less** than the work done on the machine.~~
~~(b) In class II levers, the load is in between fulcrum and **effort**.~~
~~(c) The mechanical advantage of class III lever is always less than 1.~~
~~(d) A pulley is used to change **the direction of effort**.~~
~~(e) Mechanical advantage of an inclined plane is always **greater than 1**.~~

3. Match the following

Column A

- (a) Needle
- (b) Door knob
- (c) Ramp
- (d) Lemon crusher
- (e) See saw

Column B

- (i) class II lever
- (ii) inclined plane
- (iii) Class I lever
- (iv) wheel and axle
- (v) wedge

Answer.

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4. Select the correct alternatives

(a) For an ideal machine, the efficiency is

1. greater than unity
2. less than unity
3. **equal to unity**
4. depends on the value of load

(b) Mechanical advantage of a machine is defined as:

1. Load X Effort

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2. **Load / Effort**
 3. Load + Effort
 4. Effort / Load

(c) The mechanical advantage of a lever is equal to:

1. Load arm / Effort arm
2. Effort arm / Load arm
3. Load arm + Effort arm
4. **Load arm — Effort arm**

(d) A pulley is used because it

1. has the mechanical advantage greater than one
2. has 100% efficiency
3. **helps to apply the force in a convenient direction**
4. requires more effort to raise a less load.

(e) Wheel is used with axle because

1. sliding friction is less than the rolling friction
2. **rolling friction is less than the sliding friction**
3. they work as the inclined plane
4. They help us to change the direction of force.

B. Short/Long Answer Questions

Question 1.

When is work said to be done by a force?

Answer:

Work is said to be done when a force moves an object through a distance in its own direction.

Question 2.

What is energy?

Answer:

Energy: The ability or capacity to do work is called energy.

Question 3.

What do you understand by a machine?

Answer:

Machine: A machine is a device that allows us to do work with less effort. Machines make our work easier to do. Machines have made our lives comfortable and faster.

Question 4.

What is the principle on which a machine works ?

Answer:

Principle of a Machine: The work output of a machine is equal to the work input.

Question 5.

State two functions of a machine.

Answer:

Various functions that a machine can perform are:

1. Changing the direction of applied force — Example: When a flag is hoisted with the help of a pulley.
2. Changing the magnitude of applied force — Example: Bottle opener multiplies the applied force and much less effort is required to open the cap.
3. Applying force at a convenient point — Example: In a pair of scissors, the input force is applied at the handle of the scissors which cuts the paper at the other end of the blade.
4. Changing the speed of an object — Example: While riding a bicycle, force is applied on pedals which multiplies the speed.

Question 6.

Name six simple machines. Give an example of each machine.

Answer:

The Simple Machines and there examples are as follows:

1. The lever: Examples are a crow bar, claw hammer, a pair of pilers etc.
2. The Inclined plane: Examples are ramp, staircase, hilly roads etc.
3. The wedge: Examples are knife, axe, plough, nail etc.
4. Screw: Examples are A screw.
5. The wheel and axle: Examples are steering wheel of a car, bicycle pedal etc.
6. The pulley: Examples are a pulley used in raising a load.

Question 7.

Define the term 'work input' and 'work output' in relation to a machine.

Answer:

Work input is work done on a machine equal to the effort force times the distance through which the force is applied.

Work output is work that is done by a machine equals resistance force times the distance through which the force applied.

For an ideal machine, the work output is equal to the work input i. e. the efficiency.

Question 8.

Explain the term mechanical advantage of a machine.

Answer:

The mechanical advantage of a machine is the ratio of the load to tie effort. In other

words

$$\text{Mechanical advantage (M.A.)} = \frac{\text{Load (L)}}{\text{Effort (E)}}$$

Question 9.

Define the term efficiency of a machine.

Answer:

The ratio of the work done by the machine to the work done on the machine is called efficiency of a machine

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Output energy}}{\text{Input energy}}$$

(Work done by a machine is called the output energy and the work done on a machine is called the input energy.)

Question 10.

What is an ideal machine?

Answer:

A machine in which no part of the work done on the machine is wasted, is called an ideal or perfect machine. Thus, for an ideal machine, the work output is equal to the work input, i.e., the efficiency of an ideal machine is 1 (or 100 per cent).

Question 11.

Can a machine have an efficiency of 100%? Give a reason to support your answer.

Answer:

Efficiency of a machine is always less than 100% as output energy is always less than the input energy, because some energy is lost to overcome friction.

Question 12.

A machine is '75% efficient'. What do you understand by this statement?

Answer:

If a machine is 75% efficient, it means that 75% of the work input to the machine is obtained as the useful work output. The remaining 25% of the work input has been lost in overcoming the friction.

Question 13.

What is a lever?

Answer:

Lever: A lever is a simple rigid bar which is free to move around a point called fulcrum.

Question 14.

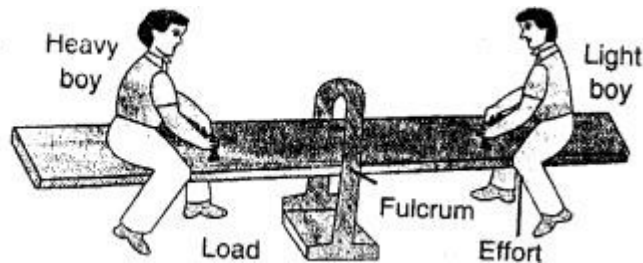
Describe three orders of levers giving an example of each. Draw neat diagrams showing the positions of fulcrum, load and effort in each kind of lever.

Answer:

The levers are of three kinds :

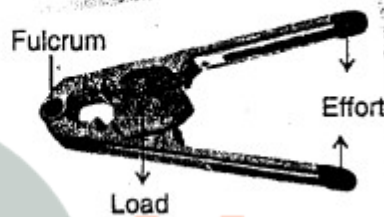
Class I levers which have fulcrum in between the load and the effort.

Eg. See - Saw



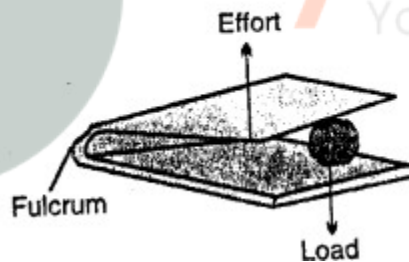
Class II levers which have load in between the fulcrum and the effort

Eg. - Nut - Cracker



Class III levers which has effort in between the fulcrum and the Load

Eg. - Forceps.



Question 15.

What do you mean by the mechanical advantage of a lever ?

Answer:

The mechanical advantage of a lever is equal to the ratio of the effort arm to the load arm. This is also called the principle of a lever.

Question 16.

Which class of lever has the mechanical advantage always more than 1 ? Give an example.

Answer:

The mechanical advantage of class II levers is always more- than 1.
Example – Nut cracker, wheel barrow, bottle opener etc.

Question 17.

Which class of lever has the mechanical advantage always less than 1 ? Give an example.

Answer:

The mechanical advantage of class III levers is always less than 1.

Example: a pair of tongs, sugar tongs, knife, forceps etc.

Question 18.

Give one example of class I lever in each case where the mechanical advantage is

1. more than 1
2. equal to 1
3. less than 1.

Answer:

1. more than 1: Load arm of pliers
2. equal to 1: See – saw
3. less than 1: The load arm of a pair of scissors.

Question 19.

Name the class to which the following levers belong:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) A pair of scissors | (b) a lemon squeezer, |
| (c) a nut cracker | (d) a pair of sugar tongs. |
| (e) a beam balance, | (f) an oar rowing a boat. |
| (g) a wheel barrow, | (h) a see saw |
| (i) a pair of pilers, | (j) a crow bar |

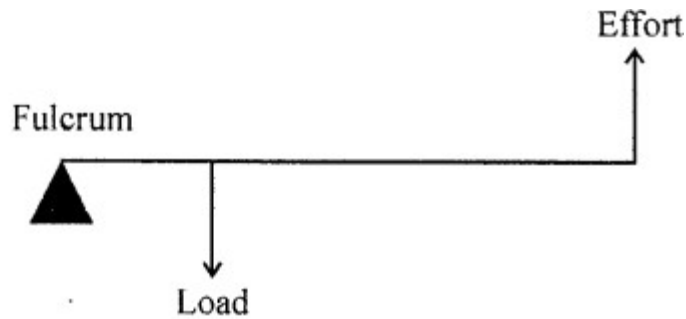
Answer:

- (a) A pair of scissors — Class I lever
- (b) a lemon squeezer — Class II lever
- (c) a nut cracker — Class II lever
- (d) a pair of sugar tongs — Class III lever
- (e) a beam balance — Class I lever
- (f) an oar rowing a boat — Class I lever
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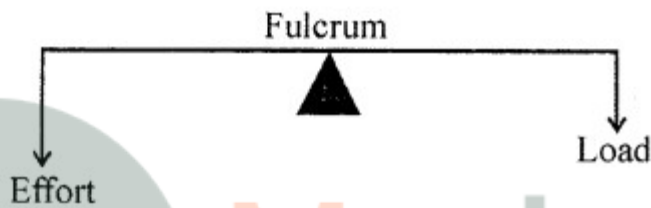
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The diagram given below shows the three kinds of levers. Name the class of each lever and give one example of each class.

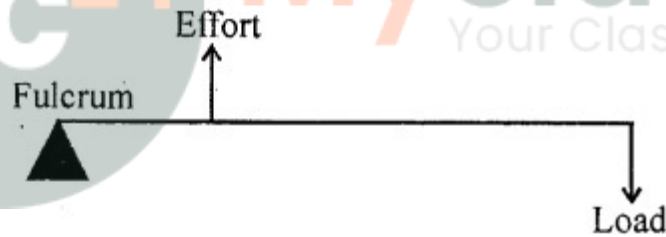
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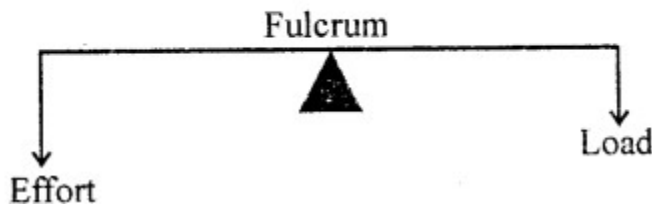


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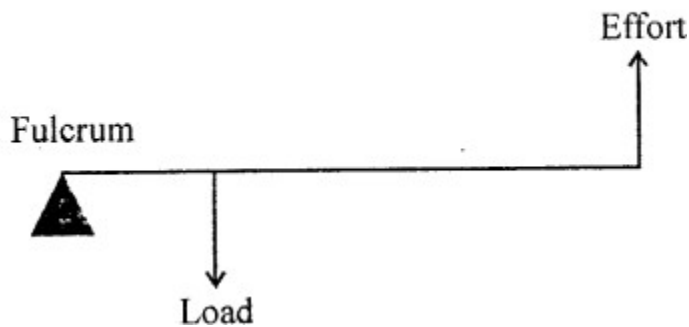
Answer:

Class I Lever



Examples : The examples of class I levers are : a see saw, a pair of scissors, a pair of pliers, crow bar, common balance, spoon opening the lid of a tin can, handle of a hand pump.

Class II Lever



Examples : The examples of lever of class II are : nut cracker, wheel barrow, paper cutter, mango, lemon squeezer, bottle opener.

Class III Lever



Examples: The examples of levers of class III are : a pair of tongs, sugar tongs, knife, forceps, -forearm of a person holding a load, spade for lifting soil or coal.

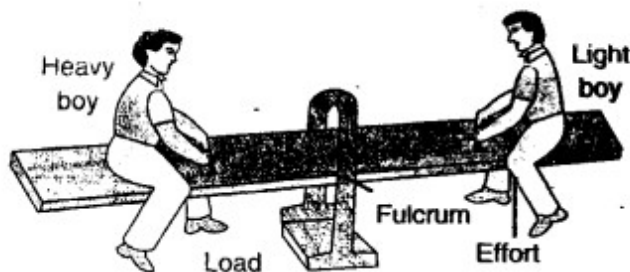
Question 21.

Draw diagrams to illustrate the positions of fulcrum, load and effort, in each of the following:

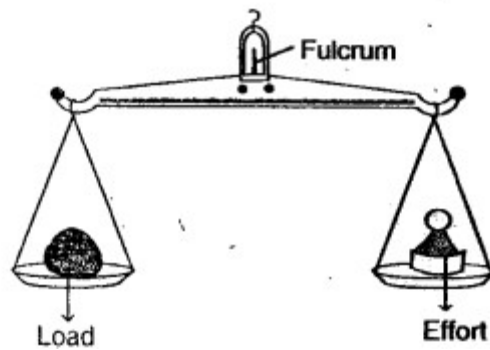
- (a) a see saw
- (b) a beam balance
- (c) a nut cracker
- (d) a pair of forceps

Answer:

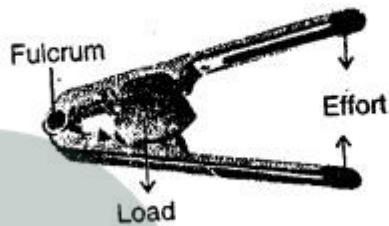
- (a) a see saw**



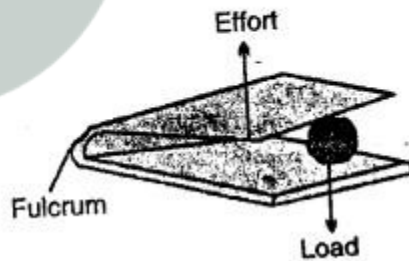
(b) a beam balance



(c) a nut cracker



(d) forceps



Question 22.

How can you increase the mechanical advantage of a lever ?

Answer:

The mechanical advantage of a lever can be increased by increasing the effort arm or reducing the load arm.

Question 23.

How does the friction at the fulcrum affect the mechanical advantage of the lever ?

Answer:

Friction at the fulcrum reduces the mechanical advantage.

Question 24.

State three differences between the three classes of levers.

Answer:

Class I	Class II	Class III
1. It has the fulcrum between the load and effort.	It has the load between the fulcrum and effort.	It has the effort between the fulcrum and load.
2. The effort arm can be shorter, equal to or longer than the load arm.	The effort arm is bigger than the load arm.	The effort arm is always shorter than the load arm.
3. The mechanical advantage can be less than, equal to or greater than 1.	The mechanical advantage is always greater than 1.	The mechanical advantage is always less than 1.
4. The load and effort both are in the same direction.	The load and effort are in the opposite directions.	The load and effort are in opposite directions.

Question 25.

What is a pulley ?

Answer:

Pulley: It is a flat circular disc with a groove in its edge and a rope passing through the groove. It is capable of rotating around a fixed point passing through its central axis called axle.

Question 26.

What is the mechanical advantage of an ideal pulley ?

Answer:

In an ideal pulley, the effort applied is equal to the load to be lifted.

i.e. Effort = Load

Mechanical advantage = Load / Effort = 1

Question 27.

The mechanical advantage of an actual pulley is less than 1. Give a reason. What is the justification for using the pulley then ?

Answer:

In an actual pulley due to friction, the mechanical advantage is less than 1 (i.e. the effort is more than the load).

The reason for using the pulley when its mechanical advantage is equal to 1 or less

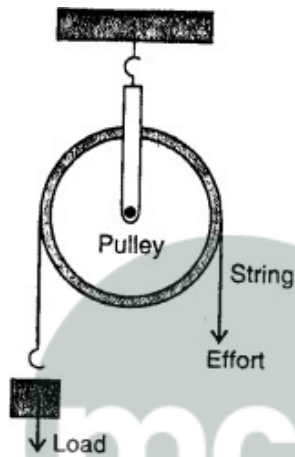
than 1 is that the pulley allows us to apply the effort downwards i.e. in a convenient direction. To raise a load directly upwards is difficult. But with the help of a pulley, the effort can be applied in the downward direction to move the load upwards. One can hang on it to make use of his own weight also in order to apply the effort.

Question 28.

Draw a neat labelled diagram showing a pulley being used to lift a load. How are load and effort related in an ideal situation?

Answer:

To raise a load, the load is attached to one end of the string and the effort is applied at the other end by pulling it in downward direction . as shown in fig.



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Question 29.

What is an inclined plane? What is its use ? Give two examples where it is used.

Answer:

An inclined plane is a rigid sloping surface over which heavy loads can be raised or lowered to a certain height or depth.

The mechanical advantage of an inclined plane is the ratio of the length of the plank to the vertical height of the load raised. Its value is greater than one. Therefore, an inclined plane acts as a force multiplier. Thus, it can be used to lift heavy loads.

Example : If a heavy box needs to be loaded on a lorry, it is far easier to push it over an inclined plane than to lift it up. Steeper the inclined plane, greater will be the effort required to push up the load.

Sloping ramps, flyovers, roads on hills and staircases are all examples of inclined planes.

Question 30.

What is a screw ? Give two examples.

Answer:

A screw is a simple machine which appears like an inclined plane wound around a rod with a pointed tip.

Examples : ajar lid, a drill.

Question 31.

What is wheel and axle ? Give two examples.

Answer:

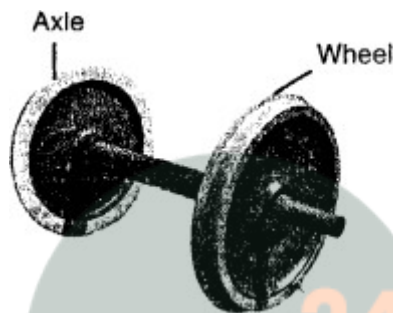
The wheel and axle is a simple machine having a wheel and an axle. The linear motion of axle is obtained by rotating the wheel so as to reduce friction. **Example:** Steering wheel, screw drivers, water tap etc.

Question 32.

How does a wheel help in moving the axle ?

Answer:

Wheel-and-axle arrangement consists of two cylinders of different diameters joined together such that if one is made to rotate, the other also rotates. The axle is a cylindrical rod fixed to the centre of a circular disc-like object called the wheel.



This machine acts as a speed multiplier device.

In riding a bicycle, when we apply force on the wheel (by pedal), the fixed axle rotates with it easily. This force that turns the axle produces a much larger movement of the wheel.

Question 33.

What is a wedge ? Give two examples.

Answer:

A wedge is a double inclined plane such that the two sloping surfaces taper to form either a sharp edge or a pointed edge. Examples : A knife, an axe, a chisel.

In some special cases, the number of inclined planes used can be more than two as well. In such cases, the sloping surfaces generally taper to form either a very sharp or a pointed edge to split or pierce materials. Pins, nails and needles are examples of pointed wedges. The front end of a boat is shaped like a wedge so that it can easily cut across the flowing water.

The wedge works on a principle of an inclined plane.

Question 34.

Name the machine to which the following belong :

1. Beam balance
2. Lemon crusher

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3. Sugar tongs
 4. Ramp
 5. Door knob
 6. Needle

Answer:

1. Beam balance — A lever (lever of class I)
2. Lemon crusher — A lever (lever of class II)
3. Sugar tongs — A lever (lever of class III)
4. Ramp — An inclined plane
5. Door knob — Wheel and axle
6. Needle — Wedge

Question 35.

What care would you take to increase the life span of a machine which you use ?

Answer:

Taking care of machines: Some of the ways in which machines should be cared for are given below :

1. Machines should be kept in a clean environment, which is free from dust and moisture.
2. When not in use, machines should be kept covered to prevent collection of dust on them.
3. Machines made of iron should be protected from rust by coating them with paint.
4. The moving parts of a machine should be regularly oiled with a good-quality machine oil to reduce friction and wear and tear. The above care of machines increases their life.

Question 36.

Select the correct statement :

- (a) A wheel barrow is a lever of class I.
- (b) The efficiency of a machine is always 100%
- (c) Friction in moving parts of a machine reduces its efficiency.
- (d) No lever has the mechanical advantage greater than 1.
- (e) It is easier to lift a load vertically up than to push it along an inclined plane.
- (f) A screw is made by two inclined planes placed together.

Answer:

(c) Friction in moving parts of a machine reduces its efficiency.

C. Numericals

Question 1.

In a machine an effort of 10 kgf is applied to lift a load of 100 kgf. What is its mechanical advantage ?

Answer:

Given,
Load = 100 kgf
Effort = 10 kgf

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mechanical advantage} &= \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} \\ &= \frac{100 \text{ kgf}}{10 \text{ kgf}} = 10\end{aligned}$$

Question 2.

The mechanical advantage of a machine is 5. How much load it can exert for the effort of 2 kgf ?

Answer:

Given,
Mechanical advantage = 5
Effort 2 kgf

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mechanical advantage} &= \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Load} &= \text{Mechanical advantage} \times \text{Effort} \\ &= 5 \times 2 \text{ kgf} = 10 \text{ kgf}\end{aligned}$$

Question 3.

The mechanical advantage of a machine is 2. It is used to raise a load of 15 kgf. What effort is needed ?

Answer:

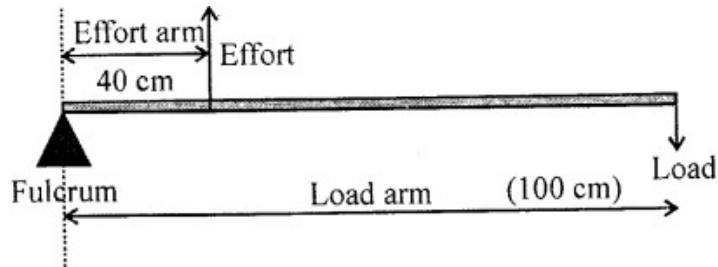
Given,
Mechanical advantage = 2
Load = 15 Kgf

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mechanical advantage} &= \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} \\ \text{Effort} &= \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Mechanical advantage}} \\ &= \frac{15}{2} = 7.5 \text{ kgf}\end{aligned}$$

Question 4.

A lever of length 100 cm has effort of 15 kgf at a distance of 40 cm from the fulcrum at one end. What load can be applied at its other end ?

Answer:



Given,

Effort = 15 kgf

Load arm = 100 cm

Effort arm = 40 cm

$$\text{Mechanical advantage} = \frac{\text{Effort arm}}{\text{Load arm}} = \frac{40}{100} = 0.4$$

By definition,

$$\text{Mechanical advantage} = \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}}$$

$$\therefore 0.4 = \frac{\text{Load}}{15 \text{ kgf}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Load} = 15 \text{ kgf} \times 0.4$$

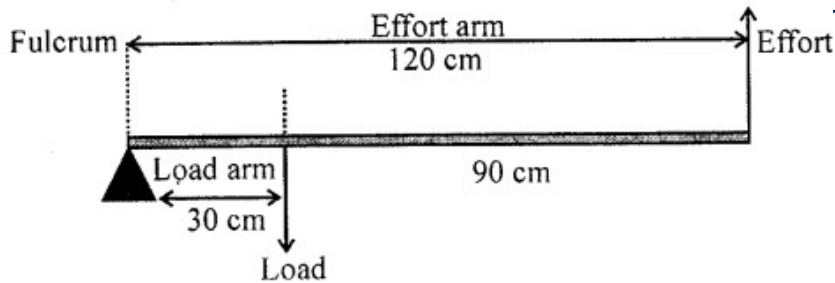
$$\therefore \text{Load} = 6 \text{ kgf}$$

Question 5.

In a lever, fulcrum is at one end at a distance of 30 cm from the load and effort is at the other end at a distance of 90 cm from the load. Find :

- (a) the length of load arm,
- (b) the length of effort arm, and
- (c) the mechanical advantage of the lever.

Answer:



Given,

- (a) Load arm = 30 cm
 (b) Effort arm = (90 + 30) cm = 120 cm

(c) Mechanical advantage = $\frac{\text{Effort arm}}{\text{Load arm}}$
 $= \frac{120 \text{ cm}}{30 \text{ cm}} = 4$

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Check Your Progress

Answer the following.

Question 1.

What is a machine ?

Answer:

Tools and objects that help us to perform the same amount of work with much less effort than if we did the work manually, are called machines. Example : lever, hammer, knife, etc.

Question 2.

What do you understand by a complex machine ?

Answer:

Machines such as sewing machines or cars that have more than one moving part are called complex machines.

Question 3.

Name the simplest of all types of machines.

Answer:

Lever

Question 4.

State the principle of levers.

Answer:

The principle of a lever states that the product of the load and the load arm is always equal to the product of the effort and the effort arm.

Load x Load arm = Effort x Effort arm

$$\frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} = \frac{\text{Effort arm}}{\text{Load arm}}$$

The above ratio is called the mechanical advantage of a lever.

Question 5.

What is a Class I lever ?

Answer:

In Class I levers (also called levers of first order), the fulcrum lies between the load and the effort, i.e., the load and the effort are on the opposite sides of the fulcrum. Examples : See-saw, pairs of scissors, pliers, beam balance, etc.

The mechanical advantage of a Class I lever is always greater than one. These levers act as force multipliers.



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Exercises

A. Tick the most appropriate answer.

1. The force applied on a machine to do work is called the

1. load
2. **effort**
3. efficiency
4. fulcrum

2. If the effort lies between the fulcrum and the load, then the lever belongs to which class ?

1. Class I
2. Class II
3. **Class III**
4. Class IV

3. Which of the following is a Class II lever ?

1. Pliers
2. A beam balance
3. **A nut-cracker**
4. A knife

4. A pair of scissors is an example of a/an

1. wedge
2. **lever**
3. inclined plane
4. screw

5. The mechanical advantage of an inclined plane is always

1. **greater than 1**
2. less than 1
3. equal to 1
4. zero

6. The effort required to lift a load of 800 N by using a lever having a mechanical advantage of 1.6 is

1. 1080 N
2. 240 N
3. 720 N
4. **500 N**

7. A machine made up of two or more sloping surface is known as a

1. **wedge**
2. screw
3. pulley
4. lever

B. State if the following statements are true or false. Correct the statement if it is false.

1. There are four types of simple machines.

Answer. False.

There are six types of simple machines.

2. The load and effort can act at a single point in a lever.

Answer. False.

The load and effort cannot act at a single point in a lever.

3. A screw is a special case of an inclined plane.

Answer. True

4. The effort required to insert a screw into wood is less than that needed to insert a nail into wood.

Answer. True

5. A single movable pulley is a pulley that has its axis of rotation fixed.

Answer. False.

A single fixed pulley is a pulley that has its axis of rotation fixed.

6. A rotation spindle tap is an example of a wheel-and-axle arrangement.

Answer. True

7. A sewing needle is a wedge type simple machine.

Answer. True

8. Work done by a machine is always more than the work done on a machine.

Answer. False.

Work done by a machine is always less than the work done on a machine.

C. Answer the following in a word or two or in a sentence.

Question 1.

Given an example of a Class I lever.

Answer:

See-saw, pair of scissors

Question 2.

Which type of machine is used to squeeze a lemon ?

Answer:

Class II lever

Question 3.

Write the relationship between mechanical advantage, load and effort.

Answer:

Mechanical advantage (MA) = Load / Effort

Question 4.

Name the type of machine made by putting two inclined planes together.

Answer:

Wedge

Question 5.

Give one example of a machine used to multiply speed.

Answer:

Class III lever (hockey stick, fbrep)

Question 6.

Write the formula for calculating the efficiency of a machine.

Answer:

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Output energy}}{\text{Input energy}}$$

The percentage value of efficiency of a machine is calculated as

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Output energy}}{\text{Input energy}} \times 100\%$$

D. Answer the following in short.

Question 1.

Explain the various functions that a machine can perform.

Answer:

Various functions that a machine can perform are :

1. Changing the direction of applied force — Example : When a flag is hoisted with the help of a pulley.
2. Changing the magnitude of applied force — Example : Bottle opener multiplies the applied force and much less effort is required to open the cap.
3. Applying force at a convenient point — Example : hi a pair of scissors, the input force is applied at the handle of the scissors which cuts the paper at the other end of the blade.
4. Changing the speed of an object — Example : While riding a bicycle, force is applied on pedals which multiplies the speed.

Question 2.

What is the basis of classification of levers ?

Answer:

Levers are classified on the basis of the relative positions of load, effort and fulcrum.

Question 3.

What is the function of a screw ? Give any one use of a screw.

Answer:

A screw is a special type of an inclined plane which has a sharp and pointed tip and can be turned (using a screw driver, bolt or a jack.) It acts as a force multiplier and less effort is required to do the work. Example : Screw forced and rotated into wood travels a greater distance with less effort than a nail would. Bolt rotating inside the fixed nut and jack used to lift a car use the principle of screw.

Question 4.

Using a suitable example, describe how a machine acts as a force multiplier.

Answer:

It is very difficult to open the sealed metal cap of a cold drink bottle with our bare hands. A simple machine like a bottle opener (Class II lever) multiplies the applied force and much less effort is required to open the cap. Hence, it acts as a force multiplier.

Question 5.

What do you understand by the term 'efficiency of a machine'?

Answer:

The ratio of the work done by the machine to the work done on the machine is called efficiency of a machine

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Output energy}}{\text{Input energy}}$$

[Work done by a machine is called the output energy and the work done on a machine is called the input energy.]

Question 6.

Mention any two methods by which we can take care of machines.

Answer:

Taking care of machines : Some of the ways in which machines should be cared for are given below.

1. Machines should be kept in a clean environment, which is free from dust and moisture.
2. When not in use, machines should be kept covered to prevent collection of dust on them.
3. Machines made of iron should be protected from rust by coating them with paint.
4. The moving parts of a machine should be regularly oiled with a good-quality machine oil to reduce friction and wear and tear.

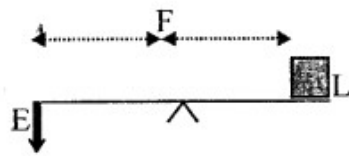
E. Answer the following in detail.

Question 1.

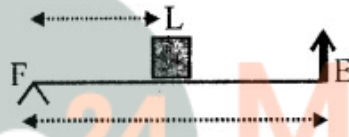
Draw simplified diagrams by clearly showing the position of load, effort and fulcrum for Class I, Class II and Class III levers.

Answer:

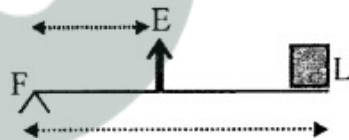
Class I —



Class II lever —



Class III lever —



Question 2.

How does a pulley make work simpler ? Differentiate between a single fixed pulley and a single movable pulley.

Answer:

A pulley is a wheel or a circular disc that can rotate freely about its axle. It is used to lift heavy objects. It is neither a force multiplier nor a speed multiplier. It only changes the direction of the applied force from upwards against gravity to downwards towards gravity. There are two types of pulley systems – Single fixed pulley and single movable

pulley.

Single fixed pulley	Single movable pulley
(i) This pulley has a fixed axis of rotation.	The axis of rotation of this pulley is not fixed.
(ii) The load is attached to one end of the rope.	The load is attached to the pulley.
(iii) Only the direction of the force is changed, not the magnitude, [We can lift the object higher but heaviness of load remains the same]	The direction of the force as well as the magnitude of force change.
(iv) The mechanical advantage of this pulley is 1.	The mechanical advantage of this pulley is 2.
(v) Example : Used to draw water from wells.	Example : Used in construction cranes, weight lifting, machines in gym, etc.

Question 3.

What is a wedge ? Explain the principle on which it works by giving suitable examples.

Answer:

A wedge is a double inclined plane such that the two sloping surfaces taper to form either a sharp edge or a pointed edge. Examples : A knife, an axe, a chisel.

In some special cases, the number of inclined planes used can be more than two as well. In such cases, the sloping surfaces generally taper to form either a very' shaip or a pointed edge to split or pierce materials. Pins, nails and needles are examples of pointed wedges. The front end of a boat is shaped like a wedge so that it can easily cut across the flowing water.

The wedge works on a principle of an inclined plane.

Question 4.

What is an inclined plane ? What is the use of an inclined plane ?

Answer:

An inclined plane is a rigid sloping surface over which heavy loads can be raised or lowered to a certain height or depth. The mechanical advantae of an inclined plane is the ratio of the length of the plank to the vertical height of the load raised. Its value is greater than one. Therefore, an inclined plane acts as a force multiplier. Thus, it can be used to lift heavy loads. Example : If a heavy box needs to be loaded on a lorry, it is far easier to push it over an inclined plane than to lift it up. Steeper the inclined plane,

~~greater will be the effort required to push up the load. Sloping ramps, flyovers, roads on hills and staircases are all examples of inclined planes.~~

F. Give reasons for the following.

Question 1.

Machines are able to make our work convenient.

Answer:

Machines help us to perform the same amount of work with much less effort than if we did the work manually. They also make our work faster and easier by multiplying the speed or the force applied.

Question 2.

The efficiency of a machine is always less than 100%.

Answer:

Efficiency of a machine is always less than 100% as output energy is always less than the input energy, because some energy is lost to overcome friction.

Question 3.

The front end of a boat is shaped like a wedge.

Answer:

The front end of a boat is shaped like a wedge so that it can easily cut across the flowing water.

G Solve the following numerical problems.

Question 1.

The length of a lever is 2 m. Calculate its mechanical advantage if the fulcrum is situated at a distance of 40 cm from the effort.

Answer:

Length of the lever 2m = 200 cm

Length of the effort arm 40 cm

Length of the load arm 200 cm — 40 cm = 160cm

Mechanical advantage ?

We know that,

Mechanical advantage = Length of effort arm / Length of load arm

$$MA = \frac{40 \text{ cm}}{160 \text{ cm}} = 0.25$$

Question 2.

The length of the load arm of a lever is 6 m long and the effort arm is 3 m long. What is the effort required to lift a load of 40 N ?

Answer:

Length of the load arm = 6 m

Length of the effort arm = 3 m

Load = 40N

Effort = ?

We know that

$$\frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} = \frac{\text{Effort arm}}{\text{Load arm}}$$

By putting values, we get

$$\frac{40 \text{ N}}{\text{Effort}} = \frac{3 \text{ m}}{6 \text{ m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Effort} = \frac{40 \times 6}{3} = 80 \text{ N}$$

Question 3.

Calculate the mechanical advantage of a crowbar of length 240 cm if its fulcrum is situated at a distance of 40 cm from the load.

Answer:

Length of crowbar = 240 cm

Length of load arm = 40 cm

Length of effort arm = 240 cm – 40 cm
= 200 cm

$$\text{Mechanical advantage} = \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}} = \frac{\text{Effort arm}}{\text{Load arm}}$$

$$= \frac{200 \text{ cm}}{40 \text{ cm}} = 5$$

Question 4.

What effort will be required to lift a load of 500 N by a single movable pulley ? [Hint: Mechanical advantage of a single movable pulley is two].

Answer:

Load = 500 N

Mechanical advantage (M A) = 2
of a single movable pulley

Effort = ?

We know that,

$$\text{MA} = \frac{\text{Load}}{\text{Effort}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Effort} = \frac{500}{2} \text{ N} = 250 \text{ N}$$