

MCAT PHYSICS FORMULA SHEET

Motion

$$v_f = v_o + at$$

$$v_f^2 = v_o^2 + 2ad$$

$$d = \frac{1}{2} at^2 + v_o t$$

Planets

$$F = ma$$

$$F = mv^2/r$$

$$F = G \frac{(m_o m_p)}{r^2}$$

Torque

$$\tau = rF$$

Work

$$W = Fd$$

$$W = \Delta KE$$

$$W = P\Delta V$$

Power

$$P = IV = i^2 R$$

$$P = \text{watt} = J/s = W/s = E/s$$

Energy

$$E_T = U + KE$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$U = mgh$$

$$F_f = \mu N$$

Collisions

$$J = I = \Delta mv = F\Delta t$$

$$m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 \dots = m_1 v_1' + m_2 v_2' \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 \dots = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2'^2 \dots$$

Light

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$N = c/v$$

$$v_{\text{light}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Capacitance

$$C \propto A/d$$

$$C = Q/V$$

Thermodynamics

$$\Delta G = -nFE = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\Delta S = \Delta S_{\text{products}} - \Delta S_{\text{reactants}}$$

$$\Delta H = H_{\text{products}} - H_{\text{reactants}}$$

Electrics & Magnetism

$$U = k \frac{qQ}{r}$$

$$V = k \frac{Q}{r}$$

$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$V = Ed$$

$$V = U/q$$

$$E = F/q$$

$$i = \Delta q$$

$$\Delta t$$

Circuits

$$V = iR$$

$$R_{\text{series}} = R_1 + R_2 \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{parallel}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$C_{\text{parallel}} = C_1 + C_2 \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{series}}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}$$

Springs

$$F = -kx$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

Waves

$$E = hf$$

$$f = 1/T$$

$$v = f\lambda$$

$$\lambda = 2L/N$$

$$\lambda = 4L/N$$

$$v_{\text{sound}} = 330 \text{ m/s}$$

Fluids

$$A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$$

$$F_{\text{buoyant}} = \rho v g$$

$$\rho_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g h = \rho_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g h$$

$$P_H = \rho g h + P_o$$

$$P = F/A$$

Radioactive Decay

$$\% \text{ remaining} = 1/2^n$$

Newton's Three Laws

1) Inertia: a body in motion stays in motion unless acted upon by an outside force

2) $F = ma$

3) Every action has an equal and opposite reaction