## Spring Practice Problems Hooke's Law

Name $\qquad$ hour $\qquad$

## PSYW: Equation, substitute values, solution with label WATCH YOUR LABELS!!!

1. What force is necessary to stretch an ideal spring whose force constant is $120 . \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}$ by an amount of $30 . \mathrm{cm}$ ? (36 N)

2. A spring with a force constant of $600 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ is used on a scale for weighing fish. What is the mass of a fish that would stretch the spring by 7.5 cm from its normal length? ( 4.6 kg )

3. A spring in a pogo-stick is compressed 12 cm when a $40 . \mathrm{kg}$ girl stands on the stick. What is the force constant for the pogo-stick spring? ( $3300 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ )

4. ${ }^{* * * *}$ An elastic cord is $\mathbf{8 0}$. $\mathbf{c m}$ long when it is supporting a mass of $\mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{. k g}$ hanging from it at rest at rest. When an additional $4.0 \mathbf{~ k g}$ is added, the cord is $\mathbf{8 2 . 5} \mathbf{~ c m}$ long.
HINT: 4 kg stretches the cord 2.5 cm !!

(a) What is the spring constant of the cord? $(1600 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m})$
(b) What is the length of cord when no mass is hanging from it? $(74 \mathrm{~cm})$

HINT once you have the k value, work the equation for spring force backwards!! THINK: How much does 10.kg STRETCH the cord??

5. A spring is connected to a wall as shown below. A mass on a horizontal surface is connected to the spring and pulled to the right along the surface stretching the spring by 25 cm . If the pulling force exerted on the mass was $80 . \mathrm{N}$, determine the spring constant of the spring. (ANSWER: $320 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ )

6. **EXTRA***A spring of spring constant 50 . $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}$ is hanging from a retort stand. A second spring of spring constant $100 . \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}$ is hanging from the bottom of the first spring. A mass of .50 kg is hung from the bottom of the lower spring at rest. Determine:

HINT: Figure as if each spring is stretched separately and add the displacements together.

(a) the overall stretch of the spring combination ( 15 cm )
(b) the 'effective' spring constant of the spring combination ( $33 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ )
(c) a general expression for the spring constant of any combination of two springs connected in this manner
7. Consider a spring that is stretched 8.0 cm when a 13 N force is applied. How far will it be stretched when 26 Newton is applied? (ANSWER: $162.5 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ and 16 cm )

Hint spring constant is same for same spring!!!

8. A 7.3 kg mass is placed on a spring with a stiffness constant of $34 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{cm}$. How much does this stretch the spring? (ANSWER: 0.021 m )

9. Mel Adjusted, in a futile attempt to strengthen his pectoral muscles, stretches a spring exercise device 0.73 meters by exerting a force of 177 N . What is the stiffness constant of the device? (ANSWER: $240 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$ )

10. A 0.050 kg mass is hanging from a spring whose unstretched length is $10 . \mathrm{cm}$ and whose spring constant is $2.5 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}$. What is the final length of the spring at rest. (ANSWER: 240N/m )


