STRING THEORY

1. In the diagram to the right, the surface and the pulley are considered to be frictionless.

- a. What is the acceleration of the 4 kg block?
- b. What is the tension in the rope?

- FT 10 kg 4 kg
- 2. Consider an opposing force of friction of 10 N to be present between the 10 kg block and the surface above.
 - a. What is the acceleration of the 10 kg block?
 - b. What is the tension in the rope for this situation?



- 3. Consider the pulley in the diagram to the left to be frictionless.
 - a. What is the acceleration of the 16 kg mass?
 - b. What is the tension in the rope?
- 4. Assume the surface in the diagram to the right to be frictionless.
 - a. What is the tension in the rope between the 4-kg and the 2-kg block?
 - b. What is the tension in the rope between the 2-kg and the 5-kg block?



5. Consider the pulley in the diagram to the right to be frictionless.

- a. What is the tension in the rope between the 20-kg mass and the 15-kg mass?
- b. What is the tension in the rope between the 15-kg mass and the 10-kg mass?



ANSWERS: 1. 2.8 m/s², 28 N 2. 2.1 m/s², 31 N 3. 1.4 m/s², 134 N 4. 17.8 N, 26.8 N 5. 217. 8 N, 87.1 N