General Physics I Laboratory, Section 7 Dr. Pogo

<u>Quiz #7</u>

Name:

Block  $m_1$  rests on a table. A thin string passes horizontally from block 1, over a frictionless pulley, and then supports block  $m_2$ . There is some friction  $\mu_k$  between  $m_1$  and the table. You may not write parenthesis in any answer box. Correct answers will have no difficulty fitting into the boxes provided!

1. Draw a free body diagram of block  $m_1$ . There should be 4 forces.

2. Draw a free body diagram of block  $m_2$  over here. \_\_\_\_\_ There should be only 2 forces.

3. Use Newton's Second Law for the first diagram ( $\Sigma F_{y1} = m_1 a_{y1}$ ), and replace  $a_{y1}$  with its value (obtained by looking at the picture). Find an expression for the normal force. Use the coordinate system with  $+y_1$  or  $+a_{y1}$  pointing **up**, as shown.

3. Use Newton's Second Law for the first diagram  $(\Sigma F_{x1} = m_1 a_{x1})$  to get an expression for the tension in the string. Use the coordinate system with  $+x_1$  or  $+a_1$  pointing **to the right**, as shown. Substitute in your

previous value for N. Your answer will have  $\mu_k$  in it, and sadly, will still have the unknown  $a_{x1}$  in it.

4. Use Newton's Second Law for the second diagram ( $\Sigma F_{x2} = m_2 a_{x2}$ ) to get an expression for the tension in the string. Use the coordinate system with + $x_2$  or + $a_2$  pointing **down**, as shown. Your answer will sadly have  $a_{x2}$  in it.

5. Set your two expressions for tension equal to each other. From the picture,  $a_{x1} = a_{x2}$ , so just replace both of them with "*a*". Then solve for *a*. Your answer will include the symbols  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , g, and  $\mu_k$ .

## Use a pencil, not a pen.







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