More Work

Use work/energy arguments to solve each of the following problems.

1. A baseball (m = 0.150 kg) is traveling 20 m/s when it hits Ian's glove. Ian moves his glove 25 cm as he slows the ball to rest.

a. What is the work done by the glove on the ball? *Ans: -30J*

b. What is the average force of the glove on the ball? Ans: 120N

c. What would happen to the force of the ball on the glove if the initial speed were doubled but the stopping distance stayed the same? Ans: 4X

2. A pole vaulter (m = 60 kg) falls 15 feet from rest onto a large mat. Treat the mat like a spring for the 0.5 meters it takes to bring the vaulter to rest.

a. How much work is done by the mat on the vaulter? Ans: -2981J

b. What is the effective spring constant for the mat? Ans: 23850 N/m

3. A 75 kg meteorite buries itself 5.0 meters into soft mud. The force of the mud on the meteorite is approximated by $F(x) = 640x^3$ Newtons where x is the depth in the mud. What was the speed of the meteorite when it initially impacted the mud? *Ans: 50.7 m/s*

4. The barrel of a gun on a World War II battleship is 15 m long. The shells had a mass of 1250 kg and were fired with a muzzle speed of 750 m/s. Assume the gun is inclined to a 45° angle.

a. What is the average force of the explosion on the shell in the barrel? Ans: $2.34 \times 10^7 N$

b. What is the maximum height of the shell above the ground? Ans: 14.3 X 10³ m

5. When a 1100 kg car is in neutral, it slows from 60 mi/h to 40 mi/h in 7 seconds due to air resistance. What is the power output needed to maintain 50 mi/h? *Ans: 31260 Watts*

6. A 1400 kg sports car speeds up from rest to 95 km/h in 7.5 s. What is the average power of the road on the car? *Ans: 65000 Watts*

7. A pump lifts 21.0 kg of water per minute through a height of 3.5 m. What minimum output rating must the pump motor have? *Ans: 12 Watts*