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2. Answer either (a) or (b):

- (a) Explain the meaning of the term “impulse” and show how it is related to the change of momentum of a body. Describe the difference between elastic and inelastic collisions, indicating the laws you would use to solve problems for each case. [10]

A stone of mass 0.1 kg rests on a frictionless surface. A bullet of mass 2.5 g travelling parallel to the surface at 450 ms^{-1} strikes the stone and rebounds horizontally at right angles to its original direction with a speed of 300 ms^{-1} . Compute the magnitude and direction of the final velocity of the stone. Is the collision perfectly elastic? (Justify your answer.) If contact during the collision lasted for $1 \mu\text{s}$ calculate the average force exerted by the bullet on the stone. [15]

- (b) Define the terms i) moment of inertia I , ii) torque τ , and iii) angular momentum \mathbf{L} . Write down the vector relation representing Newton’s Second Law in angular form. Under what circumstances is angular momentum conserved? [10]

A block A of mass m rests on a frictionless table. A cord attached to the block runs over a pulley P, with a frictionless bearing, on the edge of the table and is attached to a second block B of mass m hanging below. The pulley has a radius R and is in the form of a thin cylindrical ring of mass M with a hub and spokes of negligible mass. What is the moment of inertia of the pulley? When the system is released from rest calculate:

- i) the linear acceleration of block A,
ii) the tension in the cord between A and P and
iii) the tension in the cord between P and B. [15]