

Contemporary Physics I – HW 3

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Due October 20, 2006

Please answer all questions clearly and concisely. While you need not transcribe the question completely, it should be clear from your answer alone what you are talking about.

You are strongly encouraged to discuss the homework with your classmates, but you must complete the written homework by yourself, and of course, the material you submit must be your own.

Remember, show all of your work!

1) 3.2 (Note: 1 mole= 6.02×10^{23} atoms).

2) 3.8

3) 3.9

4) 3.20

5) Air pressure is approximately 10^5 N/m^2 . Assuming the surface of the earth to be smooth and gravitational acceleration= g (9.8 m/s^2 over all of the atmosphere):

- a. The earth has a radius of $6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$. What is the surface area of the earth?
- b. What is the total Force of the atmosphere on the surface of the earth?
- c. Since the net momentum of the atmosphere is constant (zero, actually), there must be no net force, and thus, by Newton's 3rd law, the force on the atmosphere from the earth must be equal and opposite to your answer in part b). Also, since the only other game in town in gravity – what's the total mass of the atmosphere?