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**Laboratory Worksheet**  
**Experiment NE02 - Rotary Motions**  
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**Experiment 1****Table 1.1 Measurements of apparatus**

Total mass ( $m_1 + m_2$ ) (g)	148.5
Distance between rotational axis and point mass $R$ (cm)	7.5

**Table 1.2 Data of experiment with point masses plus apparatus**

Mass of hanging mass $m$ (g)		
Radius of pulley $r$ (cm)		
Slope of best-fit angular velocity-time graph ( $\text{rad s}^{-2}$ )	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>

**Table 1.3 Data of experiment with apparatus alone**

Mass of hanging mass $m$ (g)		
Radius of pulley $r$ (cm)		
Slope of best-fit angular velocity-time graph ( $\text{rad s}^{-2}$ )	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>

**Experiment 2****Table 2.1 Measurements of apparatus**

Mass of disk $M_d$ (g)	120
Mass of ring $M_r$ (g)	450
Inner radius of ring $R_i$ (cm)	
Outer radius of ring $R_o$ (cm)	
Radius of disk $R_d$ (cm)	

**Table 2.2 Data of experiment with disk plus ring**

Mass of hanging mass $m$ (g)		
Radius of pulley $r$ (cm)		
Slope of best-fit angular velocity-time graph ( $\text{rad s}^{-2}$ )	1	2

**Table 2.3 Data of experiment with disk alone**

Mass of hanging mass $m$ (g)		
Radius of pulley $r$ (cm)		
Slope of best-fit angular velocity-time graph ( $\text{rad s}^{-2}$ )	1	2

**Experiment 3****Table 3.1 Measurements of apparatus**

Mass of disk $M_d$ (g)	120
Mass of ring $M_r$ (g)	450
Internal jaw radius of ring $R_i$ (cm)	
External Jaw radius of ring $R_o$ (cm)	
Radius of disk $R_d$ (cm)	

**Table 3.2 Data of experiment**

Initial angular velocity $\omega_i$ ( $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ )	1	2
Final angular velocity $\omega_f$ ( $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ )	1	2

**Calculation and Analysis**

Please use your experimental result to answer following questions.

**Experiment 1**

Calculate the theoretical value of the moment of inertia of the point masses.

Calculate the experimental value of the moment of inertia of the point masses.

(Hint: Subtract the experimental value of the moment of inertia of the point masses plus the apparatus with that of the apparatus alone to get this value.)

Find the percentage difference between the theoretical and experimental values.

## **Experiment 2**

Calculate the theoretical value of the moment of inertia of the ring.

Calculate the theoretical value of the moment of inertia of the disk.

Calculate the experimental value of the moment of inertia of the ring.

(Hint: Subtract the experimental value of the moment of inertia of the ring plus the disk with that of the disk alone to get this value.)

Calculate the percentage difference between the theoretical and experimental values of the moment of inertia of the ring.

Find the percentage difference between the theoretical and experimental values of the moment of inertia of the disk.

**Experiment 3**

Calculate the theoretical value of the final angular velocity.

Check whether the result of this experiment agrees with the conservation of angular momentum.

Find the percentage difference between the theoretical and experimental values of the final angular velocity.

Find the percentage loss of kinetic energy during the collision.

(Hint: The kinetic energy of a rotating body is given by  $\frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$ .)