## Cars-Work Done in Change of Velocity ${ }^{59}$

The eight situations below show before and after "snapshots" of a car's velocity. Rank these situations, in terms of work done on the car, from most positive to most negative, to create these changes in velocity for the same distance traveled. All cars have the same mass. Negative numbers, if any, rank lower than positive ones ( $-20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}<-10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}<0<5$ ).
BEFORE
BEFORE AFTER

$B \xrightarrow[+10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}]{\square}$

$\xrightarrow[+30 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}]{\text { F }}$

C

G

D


Most
Positive 1 $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ 3 $\qquad$ 4 $\qquad$ 5 $\qquad$ 6 $\qquad$ 7 $\qquad$ 8 $\qquad$ Most
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Or, the work done on the cars is the same (but not zero) for all of these. $\qquad$

Or, the work done on the cars is zero for all of these. $\qquad$

Or, it is not possible to determine the work done on the cars for all these cases. $\qquad$
Please carefully explain your reasoning.

How sure were you of your ranking? (circle one)

Basically Guessed
1
2

3
4

Sure
5
6
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Very Sure
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