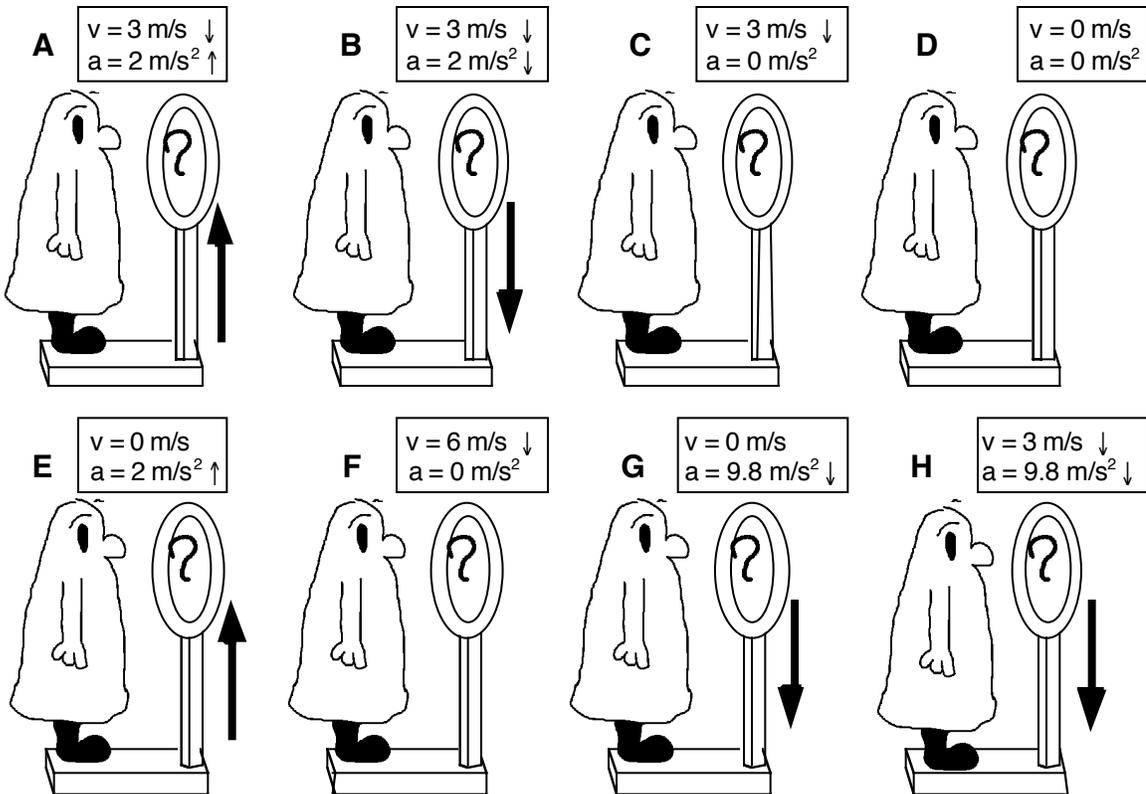


Person in an Elevator Moving Downward—Scale Weight ³⁷

The figures below depict situations where a person is standing on a scale in eight identical elevators. Each person weighs 600 N when the elevators are stationary. Each elevator now moves (accelerates) according to the specified arrow that is drawn next to it. In all cases where the elevator is moving, it is moving downward.

Rank the figures, from greatest to least, on the basis of the *scale weight* of each person as registered on each scale. (Use $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$.)



Greatest 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 8 ___ Least

Or, all of the scales read the same weight. _____

Or, all of the scales read zero weight. _____

Please carefully explain your reasoning.

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

Basically Guessed

Sure

Very Sure

1

2

3

4

5

6

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