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Hydrostatic Pressure and its applications

Remember how you make footprints on the ground while you walk on a sandy ground. How does this happen? It’s because of the weight of your body puts some thrust towards the ground. You will feel a push on your shoulder as you are lifting the school bag. It is caused by the weight of your bag. In such cases, there is a scientific term you have learned to describe the resulting thrust on a certain surface. It is “Pressure”.

(1) The force is called “Pressure”. Pressure is a quantity. The standard measuring unit of pressure is

Pressure =

(2) Pressure is caused by solids as well as liquids. Engage in the following activities to study the nature of pressure in a fluid column.

- i. Fill a polythene bag with water. Then lift it up and pierce with a pin in several places. What observations could you get?

What conclusion can you draw from those observations ?

- ii. Take a plastic bottle with a height of about 25cm. Above 2cm from the bottom of the bottle, drill 5 small holes at equal distances. What observations did you see ?

What conclusion can you draw from those observations ?

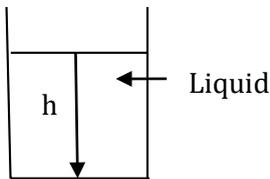
- iii. Take a plastic bottle with a height of about 25cm. Make 4 equally spaced (approximately 5cm) holes in a row from bottom to top. Hold the bottle at some height from the ground level and fill the water. What observations did you see ?

What conclusion can you draw from those observations ?

(3) Liquid pressure does not depend on the shape of the liquid column but only on the vertical height. Set up a suitable demonstration for it. Name the material used and draw the set up.

- (4) List the 4 properties of liquid pressure according to the activities you have done above.
- (5) Use the example here to build a statement for liquid pressure based on the statement you obtained for “pressure” at (1) above.

Density of liquid filled into the vessel below = ρ (Row symbol)
 Liquid column height = h
 Liquid pressure at the bottom of the vessel = P
 Gravitational acceleration = g



Let's find the volume of the liquid column placed above unit area of the vessel.

Volume = Area x Height = $1 \times h = h$

The mass of the liquid column in that volume = The density of the liquid x Volume

= x

If the weight of the liquid column = W ,

W = Mass of the liquid column x Gravitational acceleration

$W = \dots\dots\dots \times \dots\dots\dots g = \dots\dots\dots$

Pressure = $\frac{\dots\dots\dots}{\dots\dots\dots}$

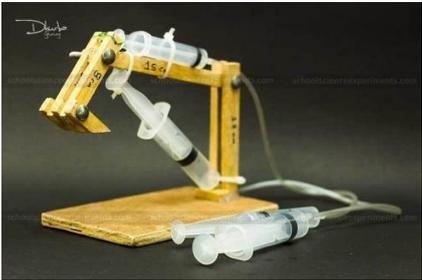
Therefore; Liquid pressure = $\frac{\text{Weight of the liquid column}}{\text{Area}}$

$P = \frac{\dots\dots\dots}{\dots\dots\dots}$

$P = \mathbf{h\rho g}$

- (6) A fish is swimming at a 10m depth in the sea. Calculate the pressure, caused by seawater on that fish (Consider density of seawater is 1050 kgm^{-3} and gravitational acceleration is 10ms^{-2})
- (7) A model of "JCB" machine is one of the most interesting items in an exhibition. Here the designer has used only 4 syringes.

i) What is the basic theory behind this apparatus ?



ii) Create a simple setup using only the tools below to demonstrate the above mentioned theory.

- 50ml syringe -01
- 30ml syringe – 01
- 40ml water
- 30cm saline tube

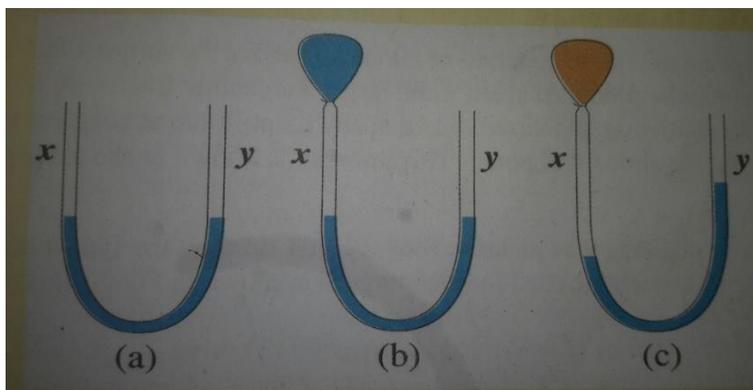
iii) Take observations by operating the above setup.

8) Improve the setup to explain the principle of hydraulic press.

9) Name 3 instances where the principle of liquid pressure transmission is applied.

10) Illustrate using a diagram how principle of liquid pressure transmission works in a vehicle break system (read for more on page no.72 ,part ii grade 10 science book).

11) Answer the questions using the below diagrams.



i) In which instance a pressure occurs due to expansion of compressed air?

ii) Select from the above instances where atmospheric pressure represents correctly.

iii) Explain why the liquid level in the "x" arm changes when the balloon knot in the "c" is removed.