

Question #30953

A rocket is moving with acceleration $3g$. calculate the effective weight of an astronaut sitting in the rocket when his actual weight is 75 kg

Solution:

The actual weight of the body is

$P = mg$, where m is the mass g is the acceleration due the gravity

When the rocket is moving with acceleration the effective weight is as sum

$P_{actual} = P + ma$, where a is the acceleration of the rocket, m is the mass

Such as $a = 3g$

$$P_{actual} = P + 3mg = P + 3P = 4P$$

$$P_{actual} = 4 * 75 = 300\text{ kg}$$

Answer: the effective weight is 300 kg.