

Answer on Question #40968, Physics, Mechanics

A 95-kilogram student climbs 4.0 meters up a rope in 3.0 seconds. What is the power output of the student?

- (a) $1.3 \cdot 10^2$ W
- (b) $1.2 \cdot 10^3$ W
- (c) $3.8 \cdot 10^2$ W
- (d) $3.7 \cdot 10^3$ W
- (e) n.o.t.a.

Solution:

Given:

$$m = 95 \text{ kg},$$

$$h = 4.0 \text{ m},$$

$$t = 3.0 \text{ s},$$

$$P = ?$$

Power is the rate at which work is done. It is the work/time ratio. Mathematically, it is computed using the following equation.

$$Power = \frac{Work}{time}$$

In our case work is increasing the potential energy of body

$$W = mgh$$

Thus,

$$P = \frac{mgh}{t} = \frac{95 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 4}{3} = 1242.6 = 1.2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ Watts}$$

Answer. (b) $1.2 \cdot 10^3$ W.