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Top:

FBD for person



The normal force from the scale is what the scale reads

$$\sum F = ma \quad \uparrow +$$

$$N - mg = ma$$

$N$  → reacting on the scale also called "apparent weight" This can change  
 $mg$  → actual weight (force of gravity acting on you) This never changes

For person A, acceleration is in the positive direction

$$N - mg = ma$$

$$N = ma + mg$$

$$= m(a + g)$$

Find  $m$ :

$$F = mg$$

$$500 \text{ N} = m(10)$$

$$m = 50 \text{ kg}$$

I'll use  $10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$  instead of  $9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$  to make the math easier

$$N = 50(2 + 10)$$

$50$  → mass of person  
 $2$  → acceleration (given in problem)  
 $10$  → acceleration of gravity,  $g$

$$N = 600 \text{ N}$$

scale reads 600 N  
you feel heavier because your inertia is resisting the upward acceleration

For person B: same FBD as person A

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a} \quad \uparrow +$$

$$N - mg = ma$$

$$N = m(a + g)$$

same as person A  
to this point

$$N = 50(-2 + 10)$$

↑  
acceleration  
is in the  
negative direction  
for person B

$$N = 400 \text{ N}$$

Bottom: using equation from above:

$$N = m(a + g) \quad \uparrow +$$

$$m = 60 \text{ kg}$$

$$g = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$N_A = 60(2 + 10) = 720 \text{ N}$$

$$N_B = 60(-2 + 10) = 480 \text{ N}$$

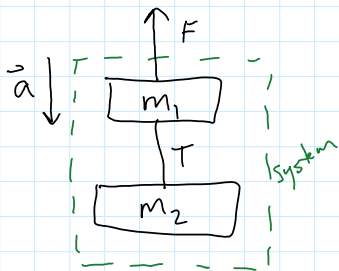
$$N_C = 60(0 + 10) = 600 \text{ N}$$

Just the person's normal  
weight

$$N_D = 60(2 + 10) = 720 \text{ N}$$

velocity does not matter, only acceleration

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$$m_1 = 6 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 10 \text{ kg}$$

$$a = 3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \downarrow$$

FBD for  $m_1$



FBD for  $m_2$



FBD for system  
( $m_1 + m_2$ )





$$\Sigma F = m_1 a \quad \uparrow +$$

$$\textcircled{1} F - T - m_1 g = m_1 a$$



$$\Sigma F = m_2 a \quad \uparrow +$$

$$\textcircled{2} T - m_2 g = m_2 a$$



$$\Sigma F = (m_1 + m_2) a \quad \uparrow +$$

$$\textcircled{3} F - (m_1 + m_2)g = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

a)  $m_1 \rightarrow 5 \text{ kg}$   
 $m_2 \rightarrow 11 \text{ kg}$

using  $\textcircled{2}$  above:  $T - m_2 g = m_2 a$

$$T = m_2 (g + a)$$

$\uparrow$  10       $\uparrow$  -3  
*a is Negative*

$$T = m_2 (7)$$

*↑ if m<sub>2</sub> increases, so does T*

Answer: (i)

b)  $m_1 \rightarrow 7 \text{ kg}$   
 $m_2 \rightarrow 9 \text{ kg}$

Same logic as part a

Answer: (ii)

c)  $a \rightarrow 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \downarrow$

using equation 2:

$$T = m_2 (g + a)$$

$\uparrow$   
*a = -2 now*

$$T = m_2 (10 - 2)$$

$$= m_2 (8)$$

T increases from original value

Answer: (i)

d)  $a \rightarrow 4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \downarrow$

$$T = m_2 (10 - 4)$$

$\uparrow$   
*a = -4 now*

$$= m_2(6)$$

T decreases from original value

Answer: (ii)