PHYS 1301 IDEAS OF MODERN PHYSICS

Name

Print out and use this as a cover sheet for your hand-written answers.

- 1. Choose a **non-scientific** theory you are familiar with (e.g. Surrealism, Westerns, Capitalism, 善语, etc.) and, for **each** of the four features of a scientific theory given in the textbook (bottom page 8), briefly discuss the extent to which your choice does or does not follow them. (Discuss mean *discuss*, not just YES/NO.)
 [Scientific Discovery]
- 2. Give examples from your daily experience to explain why constant *velocity* is something one experiences by seeing and not physical feeling, whereas *acceleration* can be experienced by physical feeling alone. [2.1 Space, Time, Motion]
- 3. Suppose you are traveling by public transport and cannot hear or see anything outside the vehicle. Ignoring effects of gravity, describe a simple experiment or observation inside the vehicle that you could use to *visually* demonstrate to the other passengers that
 - a) the vehicle is an inertial frame of reference
 - b) the vehicle is a non-inertial frame of reference.

In other words, describe what the passengers would see in each case.

[2.1 Space, Time, Motion]