

51. (a) We use $\tau = I\alpha$, where τ is the net torque acting on the shell, I is the rotational inertia of the shell, and α is its angular acceleration. Therefore,

$$I = \frac{\tau}{\alpha} = \frac{960 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{6.20 \text{ rad/s}^2} = 155 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 .$$

- (b) The rotational inertia of the shell is given by $I = (2/3)MR^2$ (see Table 11-2 of the text). This implies

$$M = \frac{3I}{2R^2} = \frac{3(155 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)}{2(1.90 \text{ m})^2} = 64.4 \text{ kg} .$$