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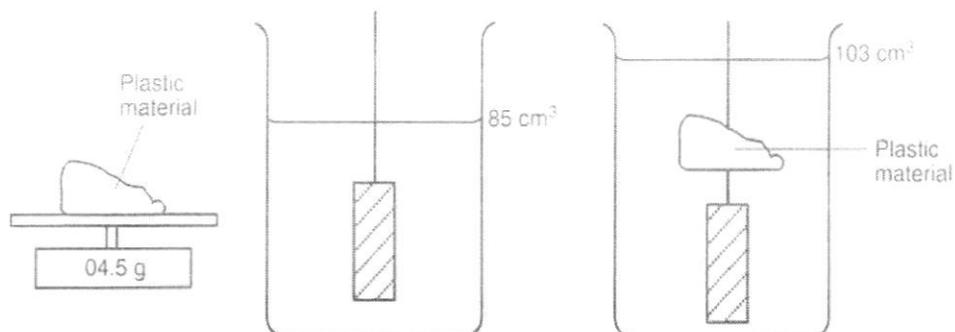
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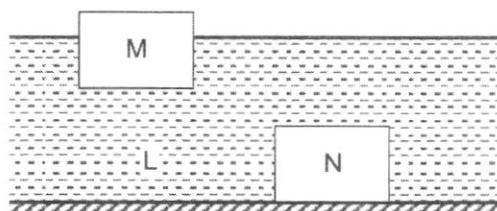
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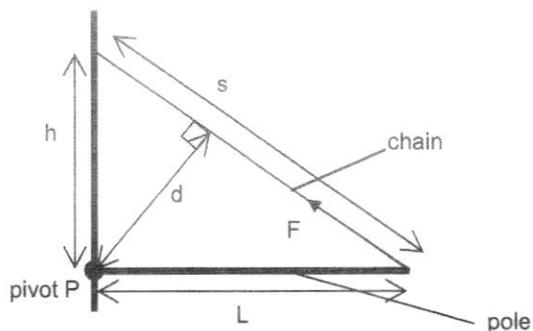
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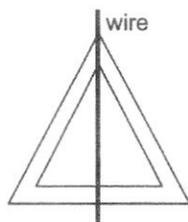
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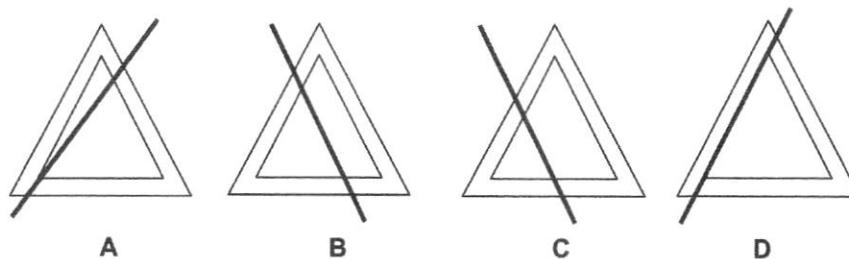


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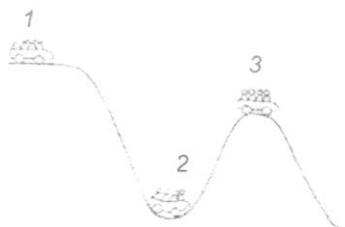
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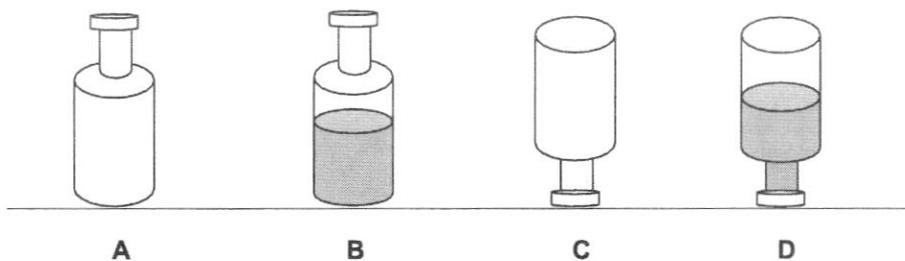


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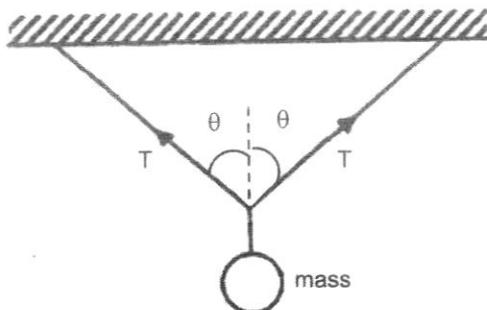
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metal A = ..... [1]

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density = ..... [2]

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State whether Mikaela is correct or not. Explain your answer.

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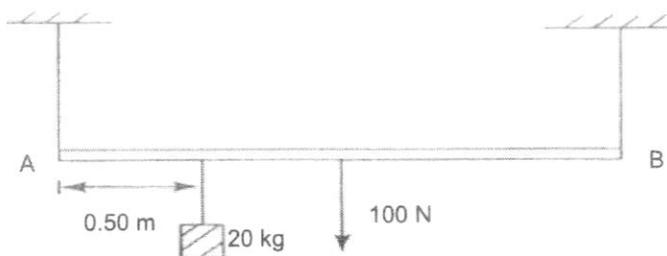


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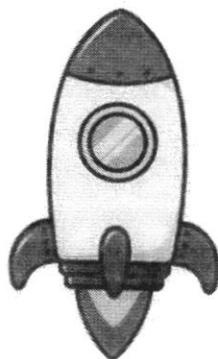


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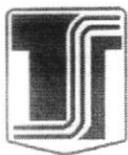
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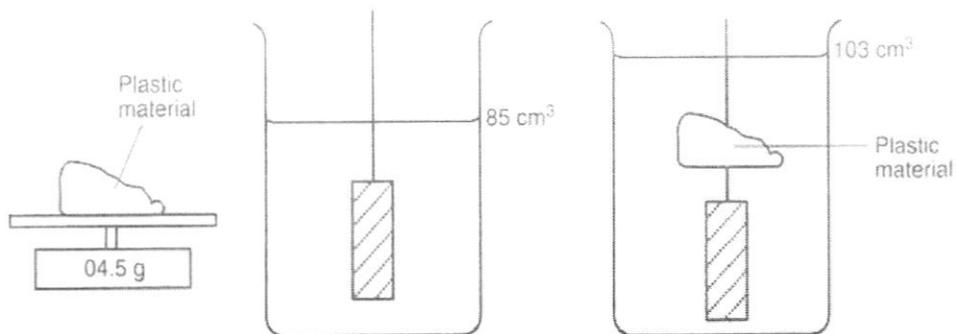
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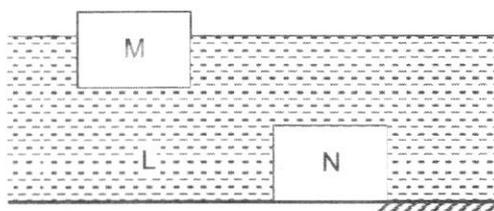
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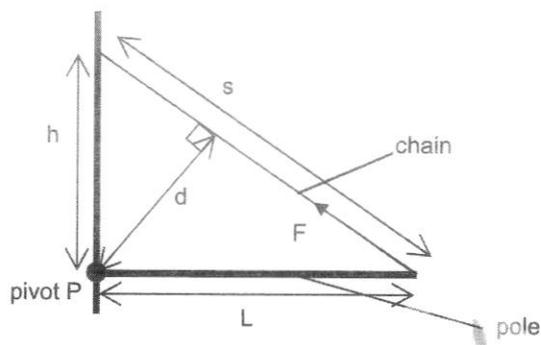


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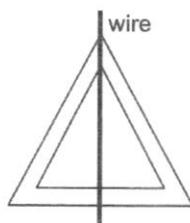
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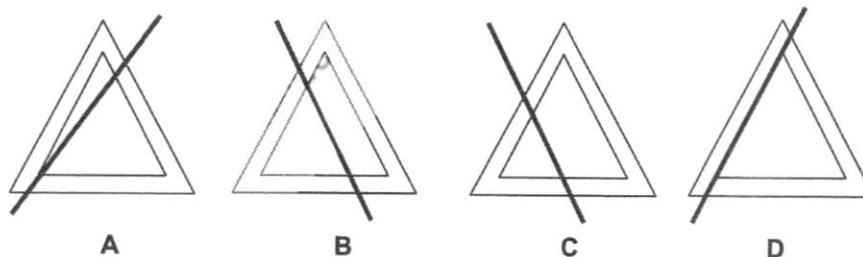


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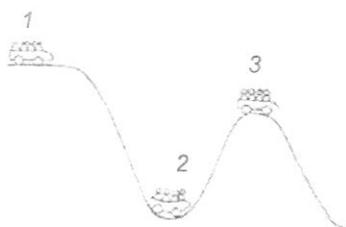
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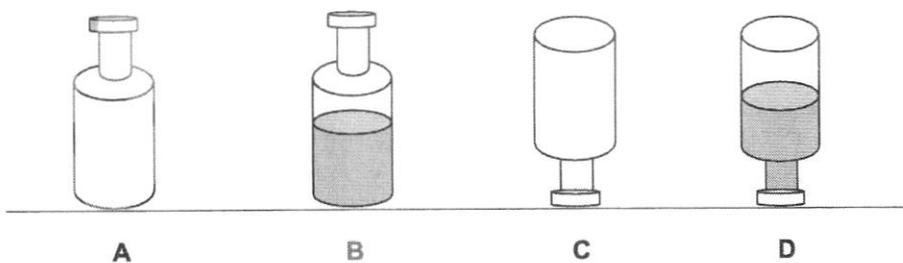


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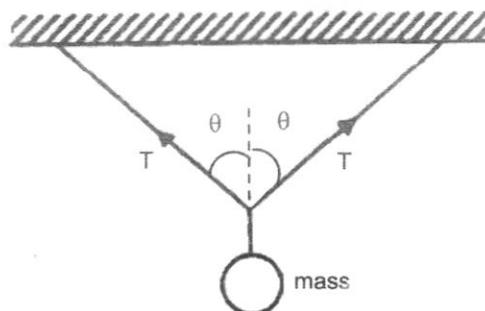
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$$= 20g \qquad [1] \qquad = 48g \qquad [1]$$

metal A = ..... [1]

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$$Density_{Alloy} = \frac{Mass_{Alloy}}{Vol_{Alloy}}$$

$$= \frac{20 + 48}{4.0 + 8.0} \qquad [1]$$

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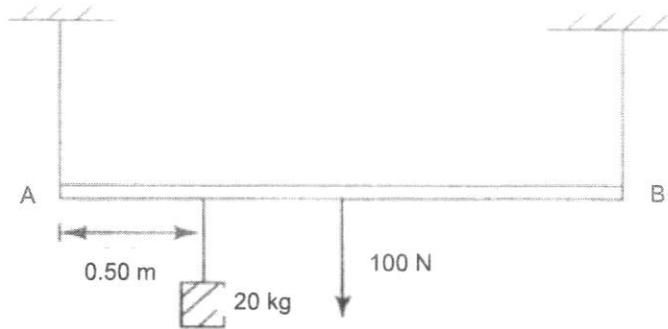


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$$\begin{aligned}
 ACW &= CW \\
 (20)(10)(1.5) + (100)(1) &= T_A(2) & [1] \\
 T_A &= 200N & [1]
 \end{aligned}$$

tension = ..... [2]

- (b) Calculate the tension in the string at B.

$$\begin{aligned}
 CW &= ACW & F_{net} &= ma \\
 (20)(10)(0.5) + (100)(1) &= T_B(2) & [1] \text{ OR } T_A + T_B &= (20)(10) + 100 & [1] \\
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- String A.

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As the perpendicular distance between B and box increases

- Taking moment about B, the **total anticlockwise moment increases** [1]
- **To remain equilibrium** OR **To increase the clockwise moment must increase**, [1]
- the **force** in string A will **increase** since its **perpendicular distance** is **constant** [1]
- Hence String A will snap eventually.

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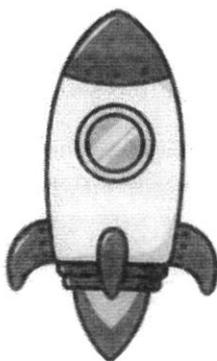
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(ii) Determine the mass of the space shuttle.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{net} &= ma \\
 W - F_{up} &= ma \\
 W - F_{up} &= 0 \\
 W = F_{up} &= 24000N \quad [1] \\
 mg &= 24000 \\
 m &= \frac{24000}{1.6} \\
 &= 15000kg \quad [1]
 \end{aligned}$$

mass = ..... [2]

(b) During Stage 2 of the landing process,

- the upward thrust provided by the space shuttle will increase to 26 kN, and
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(i) Determine the acceleration of the space shuttle during Stage 2.

$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$W - F_{up} = ma$$

$$24000 - 26000 = (15000)(a) \quad [1]$$

$$a = -0.133\text{m/s}^2 \quad [1]$$

\*\* minus 1 mark if student give +ve a (0.133m/s<sup>2</sup>)

acceleration = ..... [2]

(ii) Calculate the time taken for the space shuttle to complete Stage 2.

$$a = \frac{v - u}{\Delta t}$$

$$-0.133 = \frac{400 - 600}{\Delta t} \quad \text{** Zero mark if student use t is negative or (initial v - final v)}$$

$$t = 1500\text{s} \quad [1]$$

time = ..... [1]

(iii) In reality, state how will your answer in part (b)(ii) change (if any).  
Explain your answer.

- Time taken will be **shorter/reduced**. [1]
- **Mass** of the craft will **decreasing** → the **deceleration** (negative acceleration) will be **higher**. [1]

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 ..... [2]

(c) State why the space shuttle does not use parachutes for their landing process.

- There **is little /no air/no air resistance** on the Moon to provide [1]
- sufficient force to **reduce the landing speed** [1]

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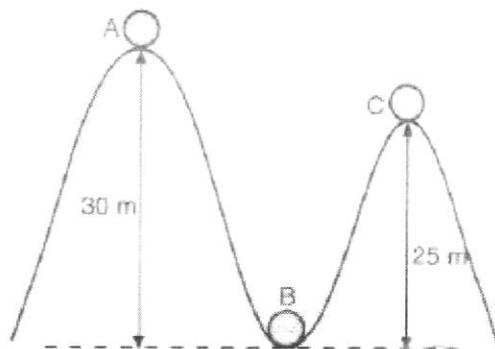


Fig. 3.1

- (d) Calculate the total energy the ball possesses at point A.

$$E_{total} = E_p + E_k$$

$$= (2.2)(10)(30) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(2.2)(2.8)^2 \quad [1]$$

$$= 668J \quad [1]$$

- \*\* 1 m for finding Either  $E_k$  or  $E_p$  correctly (anywhere in the working) energy = \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (e) State the kinetic energy the ball possesses at point B.

• 668J [1] energy = \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (f) Calculate the speed of the ball at point B.

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$668 = \frac{1}{2}(2.2)v^2 \quad [1]$$

$$v = 24.6m/s \quad [1]$$

energy = \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (g) Calculate the speed of the ball at point C.

energy = \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (h) State one assumption you made in all the calculations above.

Any one assumption [1]

- The ramp is frictionless (8need to state location)
- No air resistance