

SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

1. a) $t = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4 - 3\sin 0$

Distance is 4m

B1

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{3\pi}{2} \cos \frac{\pi t}{2}$$

M1 A1

\therefore At rest if $\cos \frac{\pi t}{2} = 0$ i.e. $\frac{\pi t}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \dots$

M1

$\therefore t = 1, 3, 5$ i.e. $t = (2n-1)$, where n is an integer ≥ 1

A1

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b) $v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{3\pi}{2} \cos \frac{\pi t}{2}$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{3\pi^2}{4} \sin \frac{\pi t}{2}$$

M1 A1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance of particle from } (4,0) &= 4 - 3\sin \frac{\pi t}{2} - 4 \\ &= -3\sin \frac{\pi t}{2} \end{aligned}$$

B1

So $a = -\frac{\pi^2}{4} \times \text{distance}$

B1

\Rightarrow S.H.M.

amplitude 3

B1

Period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 4$ seconds

B1

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2. a) Since in equilibrium, no resultant vertical force $\therefore T = 6g$ M1
 By Hooke's Law: $T = \frac{10gx}{2}$ M1
 $6g = 5gx \Rightarrow x = 1.2$ A1
 Stretched length of AB = 3.2 m A1 f.t.
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b) i) Let particle be at a general point, distance y below equilibrium
 Then $T = \frac{10g(1.2 + y)}{2}$ M1 A1
 Resolving \downarrow : $6g - T = 6\ddot{y}$ M1 A1
 $\Rightarrow 6g - 6g - 5gy = 6\ddot{y}$
 $-\frac{5gy}{6} = \ddot{y}$ B1
 This is of form $\ddot{y} = -\omega^2 y$, so it is SHM
 Particle performs complete oscillations if string does not go slack – so $a \leq 1.2$ m B1
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ii) $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{5g}{6}}$ $a = 1$
 $\Rightarrow V_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{5g}{6}}$ B1 f.t.

$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{6}{5g}}$ B1 f.t.
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3. a) Hooke's law $T = \frac{10x}{5}$ i.e. $T = 2x$ M1 A1

$T = 4\text{N}$ A1
 $4 = 2x \quad x = 2$ A1 cao

\therefore length of spring is $5 - 2 = 3\text{m}$ B1 f.t.
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b) Let the compression of the spring be x

Resolving in direction \vec{BA} : M1

$1 \times \ddot{x} = \frac{-10x}{5}$ A1

$\ddot{x} = -2x$ A1

so SHM, $\omega^2 = 2 \quad a = 2$ B1 (may be implied)

use $x = a \sin \omega t \Rightarrow x = 2 \cos \sqrt{2}t$ M1 A1 A1

At natural length, $x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \sqrt{2}t = 0$ M1

$\sqrt{2}t = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$ A1

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4. a) For AB: $T = \frac{\lambda x}{L} \Rightarrow T_A = \frac{\lambda_A L}{2L} = \frac{\lambda_A}{2}$ M1 A1

For BC: $x = 2L$ A1 cao

$\therefore T_C = \frac{\lambda_C 2L}{L} = 2\lambda_C$ A1 cao

but $T_A = T_C$ M1

$\therefore \frac{\lambda_A}{2} = 2\lambda_C$ i.e. $\lambda_A : \lambda_C = 4:1$ A1 f.t.

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b) Consider particle distance y from equilibrium, in direction \overrightarrow{CA}

$T_A = \frac{\lambda_A (L - y)}{2L}$ M1 A1

$T_C = \frac{\lambda_C (2L + y)}{L}$ A1

Resolving: $T_A - T_C = \ddot{y}$ M1

$\frac{4\lambda_C L}{2L} - \frac{4\lambda_C y}{2L} - \frac{2L\lambda_C}{L} - \frac{\lambda_C y}{L} = \ddot{y}$ A1

$\frac{-3\lambda_C y}{L} = \ddot{y} \Rightarrow$ of form $\ddot{y} = -\omega^2 y$ B1

\Rightarrow SHM

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c) Specified point is $\frac{L}{4}$ from equilibrium B1

$v^2 = \omega^2 (a^2 - x^2)$ M1

$= \frac{3\lambda_C}{L} \left(\frac{L^2}{4} - \frac{L^2}{16} \right)$ A1

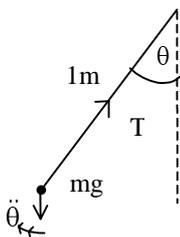
$= \frac{9\lambda_C L}{16}$ A1

$v = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{L\lambda_C}$ A1

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5. a) Consider the particle at angle θ from equilibrium position



Resolving perpendicular to string: $m \times 1 \times \ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$ M1 A1 A1
 $\Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} = -g \sin \theta$ A1
 θ small $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \approx \theta$ B1
 $\ddot{\theta} = -g\theta \Rightarrow$ SHM
 Period $\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{g}}$ B1 f.t.

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b) Use $\theta = \alpha \cos(\sqrt{g} t)$ (since $t = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \alpha$) M1
 $\theta = \frac{\alpha}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \cos(\sqrt{g} t)$ M1

$\frac{\pi}{3} = (\sqrt{g} t) \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{g}}$ A1

$\theta = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = \cos(\sqrt{g} t) \Rightarrow t = \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{g}}$ A1

so between these points for $\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{g}} - \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{g}} = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{g}}$ seconds B1

same on reverse trip \Rightarrow altogether $\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{g}}$ seconds A1

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c) $\dot{\theta}_{\max} = \omega a = \sqrt{g} \alpha$ M1 A1
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d) Conservation of momentum: M1

$m\sqrt{g} \alpha \times 1 = 3mv \Rightarrow v = \frac{\sqrt{g} \alpha}{3}$ A1

Use conservation of energy: M1

Let P.E. = 0 at lowest point

Initially: K.E. = $\frac{1}{2} \times 3m \times \frac{g \alpha^2}{9} = \frac{mg \alpha^2}{6}$ P.E. = 0 A1

Finally: K.E. = 0 P.E. = $3mgh$ A1

$3mgh = \frac{mg \alpha^2}{6} \Rightarrow h = \frac{\alpha^2}{18} \text{ m}$ A1

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6. a) $T = \frac{12mgx}{2L}$ M1
 $6mg = \frac{12mgx}{2L}$ M1
 $L = x$ A1 cao
 Length = 3L A1 f.t.
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b) Consider particle distance x below equilibrium:
 Resolving downwards:

$$6mg - \frac{12mg(L+x)}{2L} = 6ma$$
 M1 A1

$$6mg - 6mg - \frac{6mgx}{L} = 6ma$$
 A1

$$\frac{-gx}{L} = a$$
 A1

⇒ SHM initially

not complete oscillations because string will go slack when it is L above equilibrium B1
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c) Still performs SHM until this point, so use $v^2 = \omega^2 (a^2 - x^2)$ M1
 $a = 2L \quad \omega^2 = \frac{g}{L} \quad x = -L$ B1

$$v^2 = \frac{g}{L} (4L^2 - L^2)$$

$$v^2 = 3gL$$

$$v = \sqrt{3gL}$$
 A1

Use $x = a \cos \omega t$ since initially $x = 2L$ M1

$$x = 2L \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t \right)$$

$$-L = 2L \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t \right)$$
 A1

$$-\frac{1}{2} = \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t \right)$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} t$$
 A1

$$t = \frac{2\pi}{3} \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$
 A1

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d) Conservation of energy after string goes slack: M1

P.E. = 0 at point where string goes slack

$$\Rightarrow mgh = \frac{1}{2} m 3gL \quad \text{A1}$$

$$h = \frac{3L}{g} \Rightarrow \frac{L}{2} \text{ below fixed point} \quad \text{A1}$$

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e) Time between string going slack and particle reaching highest point:

$$v = u + at \quad \text{M1}$$

$$0 = \sqrt{3gL} - gt$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{3gL}}{g} = \sqrt{\frac{3L}{g}} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Total time} = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} + \sqrt{\frac{3L}{g}} \right) \quad \text{M1 M1 A1}$$

$$\left(= \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} (2\pi + 3\sqrt{3}) \right)$$

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7. a) Resolving : $mg = \frac{kmgx}{L}$ M1 A1

$\frac{L}{k} = x$ A1

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b) i) Consider particle distance y below equilibrium:

Resolving \downarrow : $mg - \frac{kmg\left(\frac{L}{k} + y\right)}{L} = m\ddot{y}$ M1 A1

$-\frac{kmg}{L}y = m\ddot{y}$

$-\frac{kg}{L}y = \ddot{y}$ A1

Period = $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{kg}{L}}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{kg}}$ M1 A1

$2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{kg}} = \frac{10\pi}{7}$

$\sqrt{\frac{L}{kg}} = \frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{L}{kg} = \frac{25}{49}$ A1

$k = \frac{49L}{25g} = \frac{L}{5}$ A1

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ii) $v_{\max} = \omega a$ M1

$= \sqrt{\frac{kg}{L}} \frac{L}{2}$ A1

$= \sqrt{\frac{g}{5}} \frac{L}{2}$

$= \frac{7L}{10}$ A1 f.t.

Max acceleration = $\omega^2 a$ M1

$= \frac{kg}{L} \frac{L}{2}$

$= \frac{gL}{10}$ A1 f.t.

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8. a) Force = $-kx$	B1
When $x = 2$, force = 36	M1
$\Rightarrow 36 = 2k \Rightarrow k = 18$	A1
Using $F = ma$: $2\ddot{x} = -18x$	M1
Giving $\ddot{x} = -9x$, or $\ddot{x} + 9x = 0$	A1
	[5]
b) It is SHM	M1
$v_{\max} = \omega a$, where a is the amplitude	M1
$\omega = 3$	B1
$\Rightarrow 12 = 3a \Rightarrow 4 = a$	A1
	[4]
c) $x = 4 \cos(3t + \alpha)$.	M1
When $t = 0$, $x = 2$, so:	
$2 = 4 \cos \alpha$	
$\frac{1}{2} = \cos \alpha$	A1
$\alpha = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$	A1
Since moving <u>towards</u> origin, require \dot{x} negative	M1
$\dot{x} = -12\sin(3t + \alpha)$	M1
$t = 0$, $\dot{x} = -12\sin \alpha$	
So $\sin \alpha$ is positive	
$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$	A1
$x = 4\cos(3t + \frac{\pi}{3})$	
$x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos(3t + \frac{\pi}{3}) = 0$	M1
$3t + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$	A1 (either)
$\Rightarrow 2^{\text{nd}}$ time: $3t + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$	A1
$3t = \frac{7\pi}{6}$	
$t = \frac{7\pi}{18}$ s	A1
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9. a) $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$	M1
$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{8}}$	
$= 16$	A1
$v_{\max} = \omega a$	M1
$= 16 \times 0.6$	
$= 9.6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$	A1
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b) $x = 0.6\sin 16t$	M1 A1
At B: $-0.4 = 0.6\sin 16t$	M1
$\sin 16t = -\frac{2}{3}$	A1
$16t = 3.871, 5.553$	A1
Will be 2 nd time, since it must be moving towards 0	M1(may be implied)
$T = 0.347 \text{ s. (3SF)}$	A1 cao
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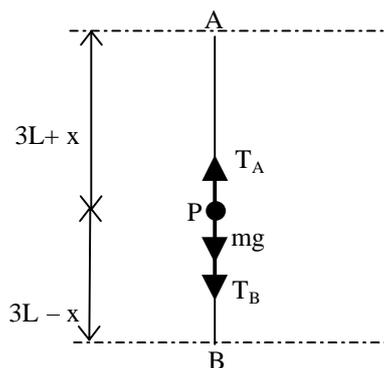
10.a) Use $v^2 = \omega^2(a^2 - x^2)$	M1
$v_{\max} = \omega a$	M1
$\Rightarrow 108 = \omega^2(a^2 - 9)$	A1
$12 = \omega a$	A1
$\Rightarrow 108 = \omega^2 a^2 - 9\omega^2$	M1 (solving)
$108 = 144 - 9\omega^2$	
$36 = 9\omega^2$	
$2 = \omega$	A1
$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \pi$	B1
$a = 6$	A1
	[8]
b) $x = a \sin(\omega t + \epsilon)$	M1
$= 6\sin(2t + \epsilon)$	
$t = \frac{\pi}{3}, 3 = 6\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \epsilon\right)$	
$\frac{1}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \epsilon\right)$	A1
So $\frac{2\pi}{3} + \epsilon = \frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{5\pi}{6}$	A1 (either)
Must have negative velocity	M1
$\dot{x} = 12\cos(2t + \epsilon)$	A1
so must have $\frac{2\pi}{3} + \epsilon = \frac{5\pi}{6}$, to make this negative	A1
$\epsilon = \frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	A1
$x = 6\sin\left(2t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.	
Passes through origin $\Rightarrow x = 0$	M1
$\sin\left(2t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 0$	
$2t + \frac{\pi}{6} = \pi, 2\pi, \dots$	A1 (either)
Since speed positive, $2t + \frac{\pi}{6} = 2\pi$	M1 A1
$t = \frac{11\pi}{12}$	A1
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- 11.a) $\dot{\mathbf{r}} = 2(-2\sin 2t\mathbf{i} + B\cos Bt\mathbf{j})$ M1 A1
 $\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = 2(-4\cos 2t\mathbf{i} - B^2\sin Bt\mathbf{j})$ A1
 $2(-4\cos 2t\mathbf{i} - B^2\sin Bt\mathbf{j}) = -k^2 2(\cos 2t\mathbf{i} + \sin Bt\mathbf{j})$ M1
 Equating \mathbf{i} coefficients $\Rightarrow k^2 = 4$ M1
 Equating \mathbf{j} coefficients $\Rightarrow B^2 = 4 \Rightarrow B = 2$ A1
[6]
- b) Craig's position is given by the coefficient of \mathbf{i} in Dan's position vector B1
 This therefore satisfies $\ddot{x} = -k^2x$, from part a) M1
 So period $= \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$ M1 A1 f.t.
 Since $x = 2\cos 2t$, amplitude = 2 B1
(-1 in total if \mathbf{j} coeff
used instead)
[5]
- c) $\dot{x} = -4\sin 2t$
 Speed is half its maximum value when $-4\sin 2t = \pm 2$ M1
 Hence $\sin 2t = \pm 0.5$ A1
 First occurs when $t = \frac{\pi}{12}$ A1
 Distance between them will be 5 + Dan's y-coordinate M1 A1
 So distance $= 5 + 2\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = 6$ metres A1
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12.a)



Resolving: $T_A = mg + T_B$ M1

Let extension of AP be $L + x$. Then extension of BP = $L - x$

Hooke's Law $\Rightarrow T_A = \frac{2mg(L + x)}{L}$ and $T_B = \frac{2mg(L - x)}{L}$ M1

Hence $\frac{2mg(L + x)}{L} = mg + \frac{2mg(L - x)}{L}$ M1

Giving $x = \frac{L}{4}$ A1

So distance above B is $\frac{11L}{4}$ A1

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b) Consider motion of particle at a general time after it was released:

Let displacement of particle above equilibrium position be x .

Then $T_A = \frac{2mg(1.25L - x)}{L}$ and $T_B = \frac{2mg(0.75L + x)}{L}$ M1

Using $F = ma$ upwards: M1

$$\frac{2mg(1.25L - x)}{L} - \frac{2mg(0.75L + x)}{L} - mg = m\ddot{x}$$
 A1

Expanding and simplifying gives $-\frac{4gx}{L} = \ddot{x} \Rightarrow$ SHM A1

Period is $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{4g}{L}}} = \pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$ M1 A1

Amplitude is $2L$ B1

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c) $AP = 3L \Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{4}$

Using $v^2 = \omega^2(a^2 - x^2)$ M1

$$v^2 = \frac{4g}{L} \left[4L^2 - \left(\frac{L}{4}\right)^2 \right]$$
 A1

$$v = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{7gL}$$
 A1 f.t.

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