5   Diagram 1 shows a wooden plank balanced horizontally on two supports, A and B.

A block is suspended from the plank between the supports by a cable of negligible weight.
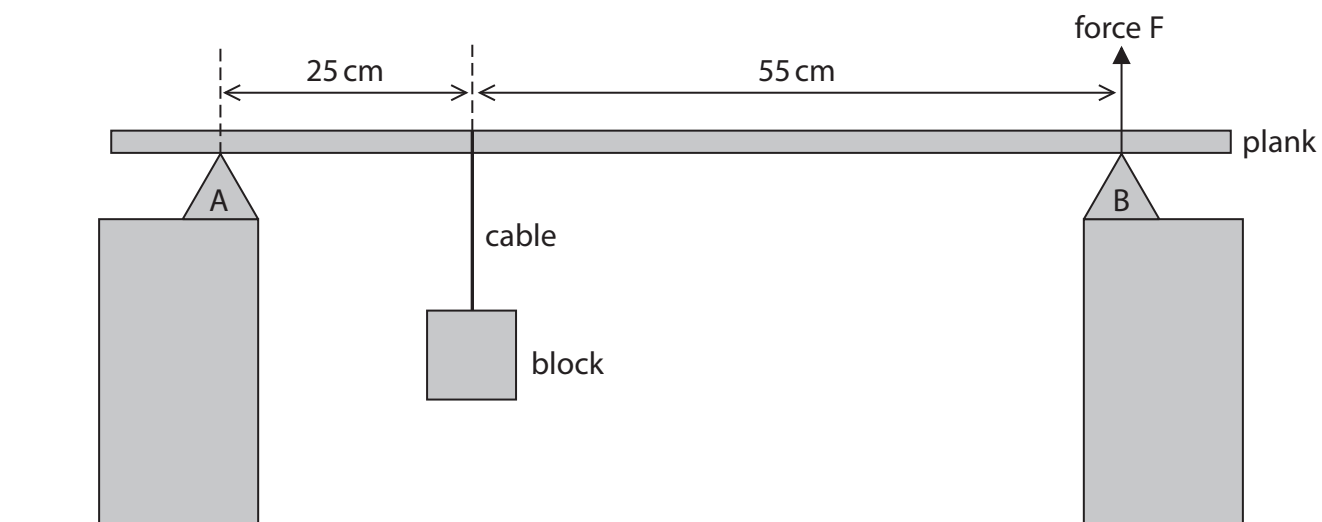

Diagram 1

(a)   The weight of the block is 260 N.

(i)   State the formula linking moment, force and perpendicular distance from the pivot.

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(ii)   By taking moments about support A, calculate force F.

Assume the weight of the plank is negligible.

(3)

force F = ... N

(iii) Explain what will happen to the magnitude of force F if the block is moved towards support B.

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(b) Diagram 2 shows the block and the cable connecting the block to the plank.
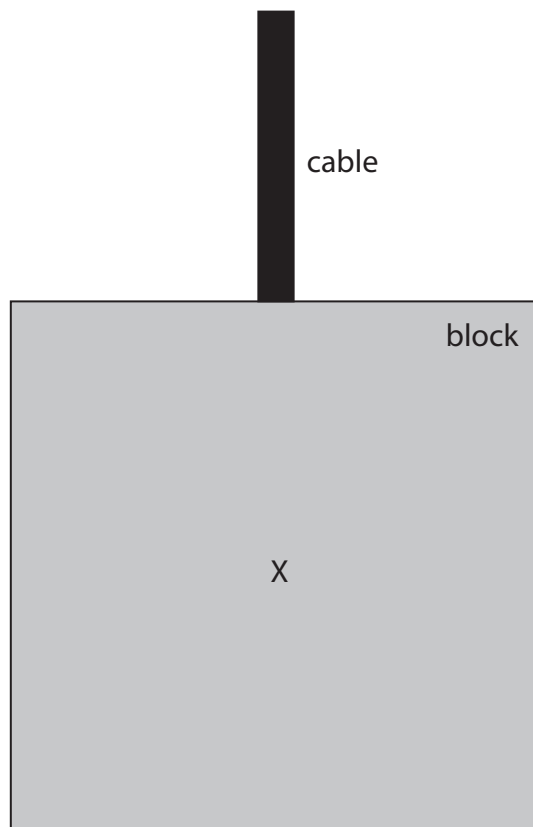
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Diagram 2

(i) The centre of gravity of the block is located at point X.

Draw an arrow on diagram 2 to show the weight of the block.

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(ii) The block also experiences a force due to the tension in the cable.

Explain why the block remains stationary when it is supported by this tension force.

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(iii) Explain why the forces acting on the block are **not** an example of Newton's third law of motion.

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(Total for Question 5 = 13 marks)

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