3 One end of a spring is fixed to a support. A mass is attached to the other end of the spring. The arrangement is shown in Fig. 3.1.

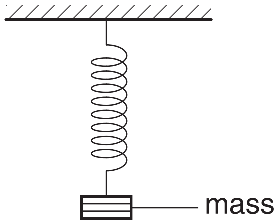

Fig. 3.1

(a) The mass is in equilibrium. Explain, by reference to the forces acting on the mass, what is meant by equilibrium.

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(b) The mass is pulled down and then released at time $t = 0$. The mass oscillates up and down. The variation with t of the displacement of the mass d is shown in Fig. 3.2.

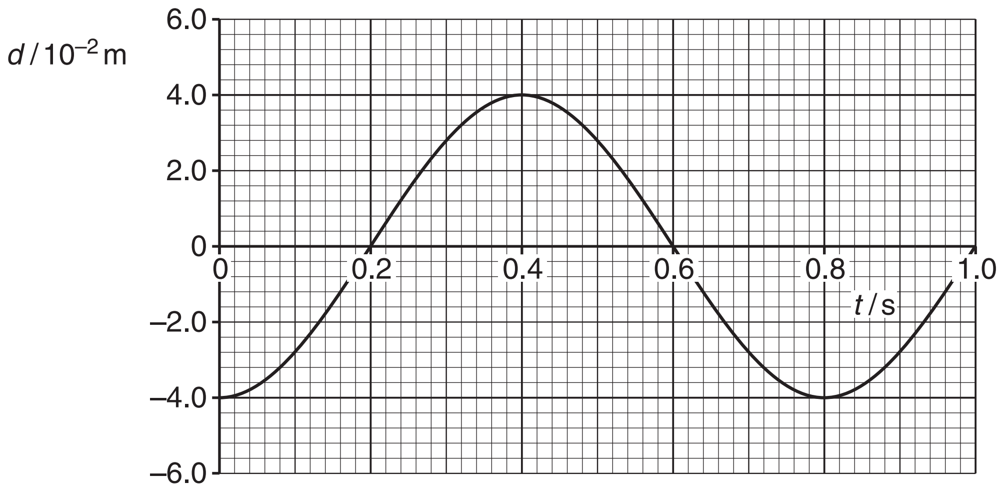

Fig. 3.2

Fig. 3.2 to state a time, one in each case, when

(i) the mass is at maximum speed,

time = ... s [1]

(ii) the elastic potential energy stored in the spring is a maximum,

time = ... s [1]

(iii) the mass is in equilibrium.

time = ... s [1]

(c) The arrangement shown in Fig. 3.3 is used to determine the length l of a spring when different masses M are attached to the spring.

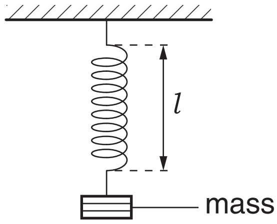

Fig. 3.3

The variation with mass M of l is shown in Fig. 3.4.

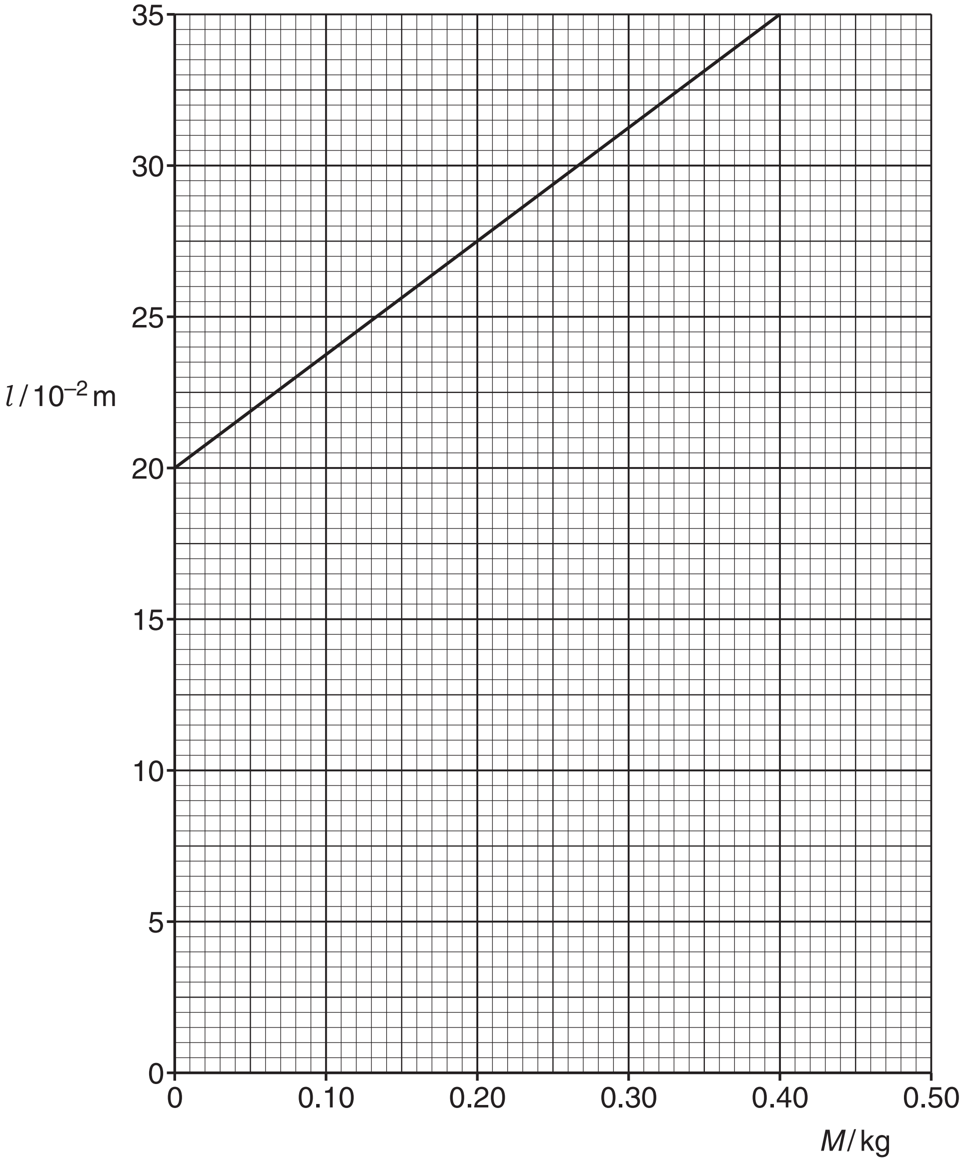

Fig. 3.4

(i) State and explain whether the spring obeys Hooke's law.

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(ii) Show that the force constant of the spring is 26 $N\,m^{-1}$.

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(iii) A mass of 0.40 kg is attached to the spring. Calculate the energy stored in the spring.

energy = ... J [3]