3 **(a)** State what is meant by the centre of gravity of an object.

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..... [1]

(b) A uniform beam AB is attached by a frictionless hinge to a vertical wall at end A. The beam is held so that it is horizontal by a metal wire CD, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

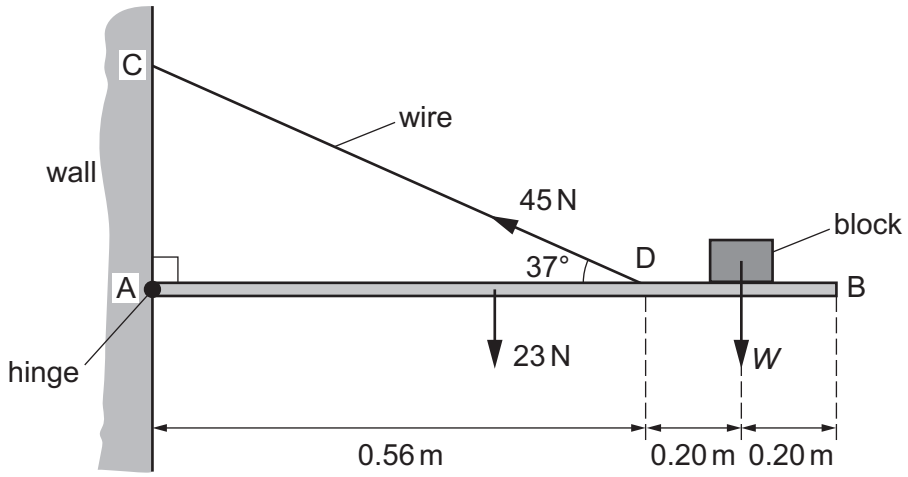

Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

The beam is of length 0.96 m and weight 23 N. A block of weight *W* rests on the beam at a distance of 0.20 m from end B. The wire is attached to the beam at point D which is a distance of 0.40 m from end B. The wire exerts a force on the beam of 45 N at an angle of 37° to the horizontal. The beam is in equilibrium.

(i) Calculate the vertical component of the force exerted by the wire on the beam.

vertical component of the force = ... N [1]

(ii) By taking moments about A, calculate the weight *W* of the block.

W = ... N [3]

(iii) The hinge exerts a force on the beam at end A.

Calculate the horizontal component of this force.

horizontal component of force = ... N [1]

(iv) The block is now placed closer to point D on the beam.

State whether this change will increase, decrease or have no effect on the tension in the wire.

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(v) The stress in the wire is 5.3×10^7 Pa. The wire is now replaced by a second wire that has a radius which is three times greater than that of the original wire. The tension in the wire is unchanged.

Calculate the stress in the second wire.

stress = ... Pa [2]

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