3 **(a)** State the principle of moments.

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(b) In a bicycle shop, two wheels hang from a horizontal uniform rod AC, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

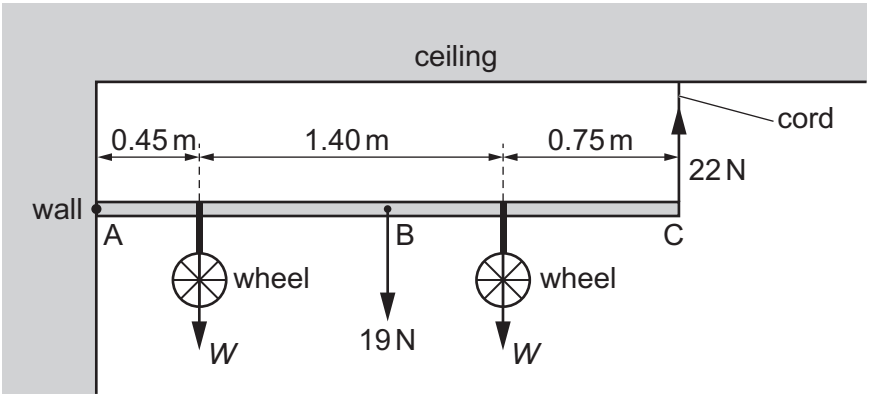

Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

The rod has weight 19 N and is freely hinged to a wall at end A. The other end C of the rod is attached by a vertical elastic cord to the ceiling. The centre of gravity of the rod is at point B. The weight of each wheel is *W* and the tension in the cord is 22 N.

(i) By taking moments about end A, show that the weight *W* of each wheel is 14 N.

[2]

(ii) Determine the magnitude and the direction of the force acting on the rod at end A.

magnitude = ... N

direction .....

[2]

(c) The unstretched length of the cord in **(b)** is 0.25 m. The variation with length L of the tension F in the cord is shown in Fig. 3.2.

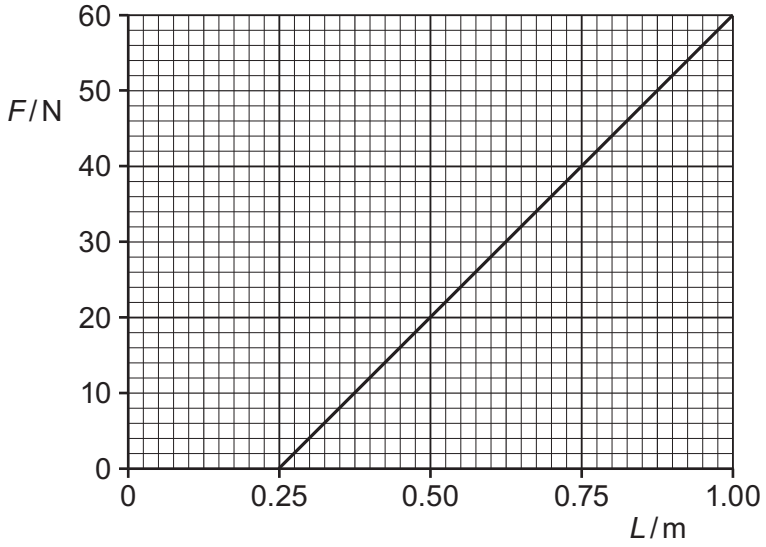

Fig. 3.2

(i) State and explain whether Fig. 3.2 suggests that the cord obeys Hooke's law.

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(ii) Calculate the spring constant k of the cord.

k = ... $N\,m^{-1}$ [2]

(iii) On Fig. 3.2, shade the area that represents the work done to extend the cord when the tension is increased from $F = 0$ to $F = 40\,N$. [1]

[Total: 11]