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

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..... [1]

(b) Two blocks are on a horizontal beam that is pivoted at its centre of gravity, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

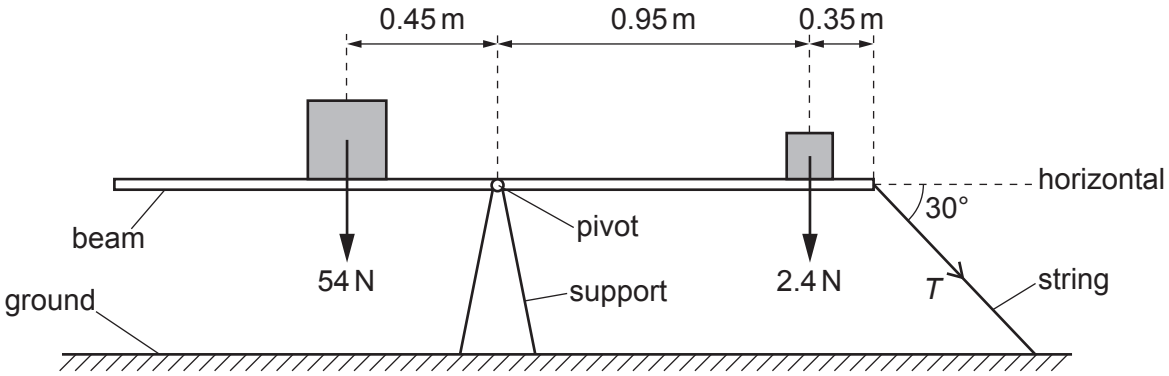

Fig. 2.1 (not to scale)

A large block of weight 54 N is a distance of 0.45 m from the pivot. A small block of weight 2.4 N is a distance of 0.95 m from the pivot and a distance of 0.35 m from the right-hand end of the beam.

The right-hand end of the beam is connected to the ground by a string that is at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. The beam is in equilibrium.

(i) By taking moments about the pivot, calculate the tension T in the string.

T = ... N [3]

(ii) The string is cut so that the beam is no longer in equilibrium.

Calculate the magnitude of the resultant moment about the pivot acting on the beam immediately after the string is cut.

resultant moment = ... N m [1]

(c) The beam in **(b)** rotates when the string is cut and the small block of weight 2.4 N is projected through the air. Fig. 2.2 shows the last part of the path of the block before it hits the ground at point Y.

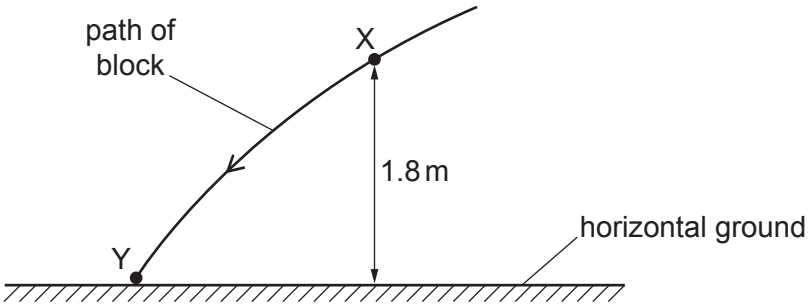

Fig. 2.2 (not to scale)

At point X on the path, the block has a speed of 3.4 m s^{-1} and is at a height of 1.8 m above the horizontal ground. Air resistance is negligible.

(i) Calculate the decrease in the gravitational potential energy of the block for its movement from X to Y.

decrease in gravitational potential energy = ... J [2]

(ii) Use your answer to **(c)(i)** and conservation of energy to determine the kinetic energy of the block at Y.

kinetic energy = ... J [3]

(iii) State the variation, if any, in the direction of the acceleration of the block as it moves from X to Y.

..... [1]

(iv) The block passes point X at time t_X and arrives at point Y at time t_Y.

On Fig. 2.3, sketch a graph to show the variation of the magnitude of the horizontal component of the velocity of the block with time from t_X to t_Y.
Numerical values are not required.

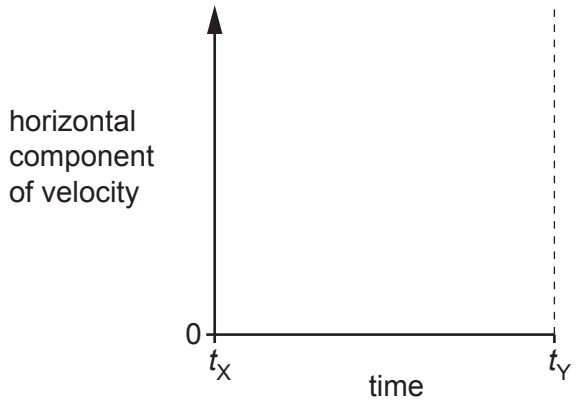

Fig. 2.3

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