

- 1 (a) Determine the SI base units of stress.
Show your working.

base units[2]

- (b) A beam PQ is clamped so that the beam is horizontal. A mass M of 500 g is hung from end Q and the beam bends slightly, as illustrated in Fig. 1.1.

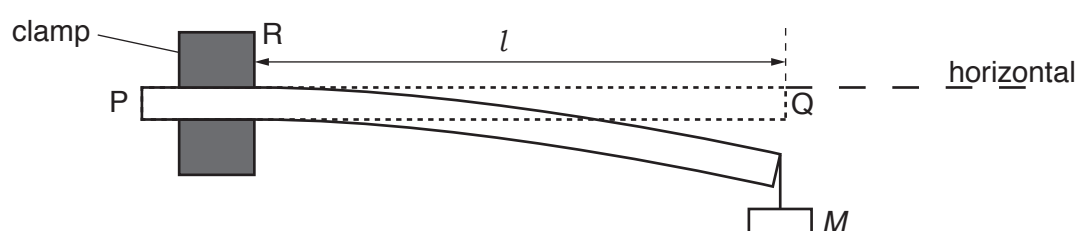


Fig. 1.1

The length l of the beam from the edge of the clamp R to end Q is 60.0 cm. The width b of the beam is 30.0 mm and the thickness d of the beam is 5.00 mm. The material of the beam has Young modulus E .

The mass M is made to oscillate vertically. The time period T of the oscillations is 0.58 s.

The period T is given by the expression

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{4Ml^3}{Ebd^3}}.$$

- (i) Determine E in GPa.

$E =$ GPa [3]

(ii) The quantities used to determine E should be measured with accuracy and with precision.

1. Explain the difference between accuracy and precision.

accuracy:

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precision:

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2. In a particular experiment, the quantities l and T are measured with the same percentage uncertainty. State and explain which of these two quantities contributes more to the uncertainty in the value of E .

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