4 **(a)** State Hooke's law.

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.... [1]

(b) A spring is fixed at one end. A compressive force F is applied to the other end. The variation of the force F with the compression x of the spring is shown in Fig. 4.1.

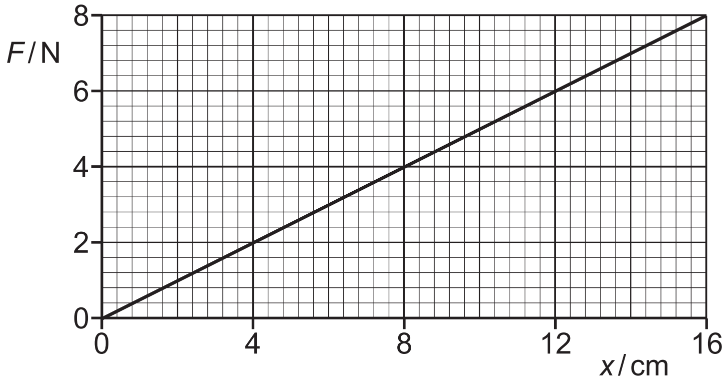

Fig. 4.1

Show that the elastic potential energy of the spring is 0.64 J when its compression is 16.0 cm.

[2]

(c) The spring in **(b)** is used to project a toy car along a track from point X to point Y, as illustrated in Fig. 4.2.

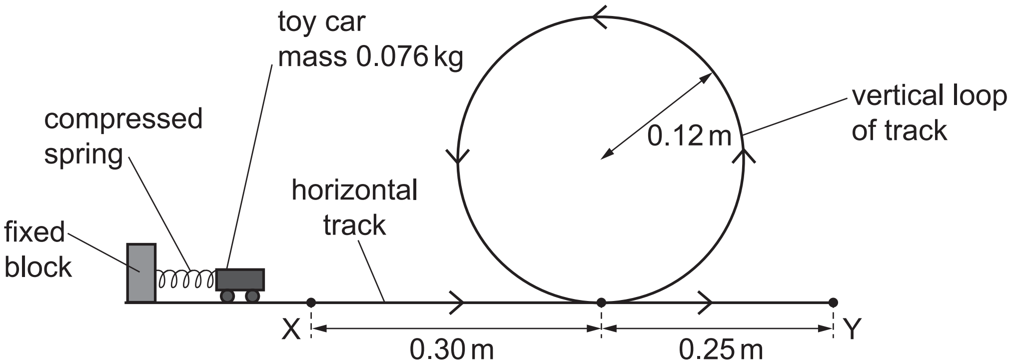

Fig. 4.2 (not to scale)

The spring is initially given a compression of 16.0 cm. The car of mass 0.076 kg is held against one end of the compressed spring. When the spring is released it projects the car forward. The car leaves the spring at point X with kinetic energy that is equal to the initial elastic potential energy of the compressed spring.

The car follows the track around a vertical loop of radius 0.12 m and then passes point Y. Assume that friction and air resistance are negligible.

Calculate:

(i) the speed of the car at X

speed = ... $m s^{-1}$ [2]

(ii) the kinetic energy of the car when it is at the top of the loop

kinetic energy = ... J [3]

(iii) the speed of the car at Y.

speed = ... $m s^{-1}$ [1]

(d) In practice, a resistive force due to friction and air resistance acts on the car so that its kinetic energy at Y is 0.23 J less than its kinetic energy at X.

Determine the average resistive force acting on the car for its movement from X to Y.

average resistive force = ... N [3]

[Total: 12]