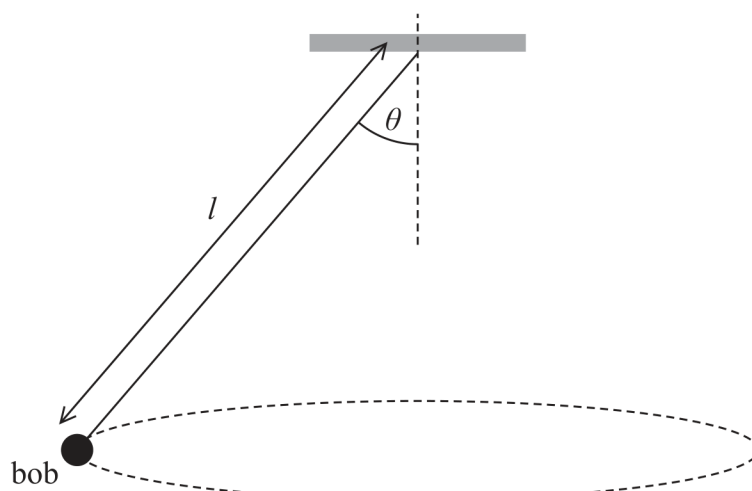


- 12 18th century clocks sometimes used a conical pendulum to measure regular periods of time. A conical pendulum consists of a bob of mass m fixed to the end of a wire of length l as shown. The bob is set to follow a circular path in the horizontal plane. The wire makes an angle θ with the vertical.



- (a) Add to the diagram to show the two forces acting on the bob.

(2)

- (b) (i) Derive the following equation for the angular velocity ω of the bob.

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta}}$$

(4)

(ii) A clock requires the period of the bob to be 5.0 s.

$$l = 6.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = 13.9^\circ$$

Deduce whether this arrangement leads to the required period.

(3)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

(Total for Question 12 = 9 marks)