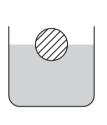
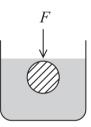
3 A sphere of weight 2.5 N floats in water with ½ of its volume beneath the surface.

A force F is applied to the sphere, completely immersing it in the water as shown.





Which of the following is the minimum value of F?

- \square A 2 × 2.5 N
- \square **B** 1 × 2.5 N
- \square C $\frac{1}{2} \times 2.5 \,\mathrm{N}$
- \square **D** $\frac{1}{4} \times 2.5 \,\mathrm{N}$