

One end of a light elastic string of natural length 0.6 m and modulus of elasticity 24 N is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass 0.4 kg which hangs in equilibrium vertically below  $O$ .

- (i) Calculate the extension of the string. [2]

$P$  is projected vertically downwards from the equilibrium position with speed  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Calculate the distance  $P$  travels before it is first at instantaneous rest. [4]

When  $P$  is first at instantaneous rest a stationary particle of mass 0.4 kg becomes attached to  $P$ .

- (iii) Find the greatest speed of the combined particle in the subsequent motion. [4]