

- 6** A particle  $P$  of mass  $2\text{ kg}$  moves along a horizontal straight line. The point  $O$  is a fixed point on this line. At time  $t\text{ s}$  the velocity of  $P$  is  $v\text{ ms}^{-1}$  and the displacement of  $P$  from  $O$  is  $x\text{ m}$ .

A force of magnitude  $\left(8x - \frac{128}{x^3}\right)$  N acts on  $P$  in the direction  $OP$ . When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 8$  and  $v = -15$ .

- (a)** Show that  $v = -\frac{2}{x}(x^2 - 4)$ . [5]

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**(b)** Find an expression for  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

[4]

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