One end of a light elastic string, of natural length $12a$ and modulus of elasticity kmg, is attached to a fixed point O. The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass m. The particle moves with constant speed $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3ag}$ in a horizontal circle with centre at a distance $12a$ below O. The string is inclined at an angle θ to the downward vertical through O.

(a) Find, in terms of a, the extension of the string. [5]

(b) Find the value of k. [3]