

- 3 One end of a light elastic spring, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $5mg$ , is attached to a fixed point  $A$ . The other end of the spring is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass  $m$ . The spring hangs with  $P$  vertically below  $A$ . The particle  $P$  is released from rest in the position where the extension of the spring is  $\frac{1}{2}a$ .

**(a)** Show that the initial acceleration of  $P$  is  $\frac{3}{2}g$  upwards. [3]

[illegible]

- (b)** Find the speed of  $P$  when the spring first returns to its natural length. [4]

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