

- 3 A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length  $a$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The particle  $P$  is held at the point  $A$ , where  $OA$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the downward vertical through  $O$ , and with the string taut. The particle  $P$  is projected perpendicular to  $OA$  in an upwards direction with speed  $u$ . It then starts to move along a circular path in a vertical plane. The string goes slack when  $P$  is at  $B$ , where angle  $AOB$  is  $90^\circ$  and the speed of  $P$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{5}ag}$ .

- (a) Find the value of  $\sin \theta$ . [2]

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- (b) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the tension in the string when  $P$  is at  $A$ . [5]

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