

- 3 (a) Define simple harmonic motion.

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- (b) A tube, sealed at one end, has a total mass  $m$  and a uniform area of cross-section  $A$ . The tube floats upright in a liquid of density  $\rho$  with length  $L$  submerged, as shown in Fig. 3.1a.

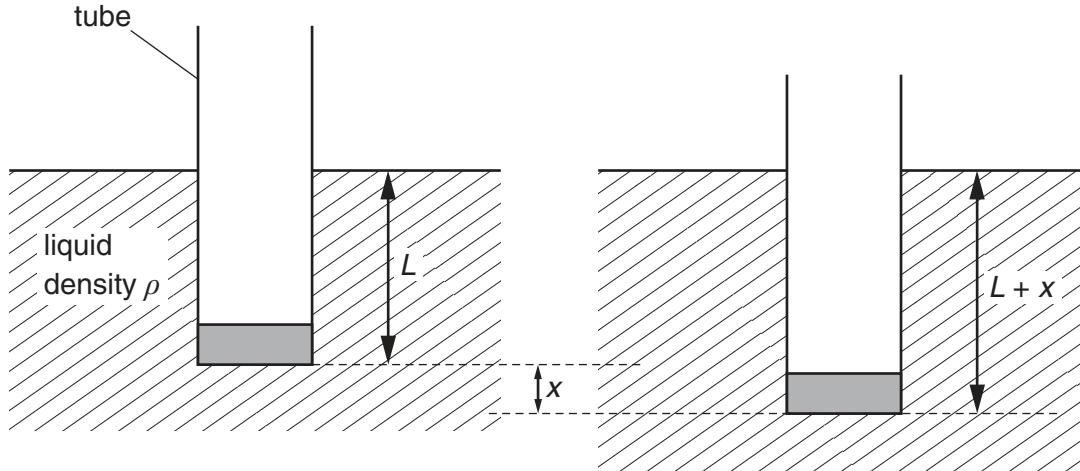


Fig. 3.1a

Fig. 3.1b

The tube is displaced vertically and then released. The tube oscillates vertically in the liquid.

At one time, the displacement is  $x$ , as shown in Fig. 3.1b.

Theory shows that the acceleration  $a$  of the tube is given by the expression

$$a = -\frac{A\rho g}{m}x.$$

- (i) Explain how it can be deduced from the expression that the tube is moving with simple harmonic motion.

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- (ii) The tube, of area of cross-section  $4.5\text{ cm}^2$ , is floating in water of density  $1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

Calculate the mass of the tube that would give rise to oscillations of frequency 1.5 Hz.

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