

- 4 (a) Define *simple harmonic motion*.

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- (b) A tube, sealed at one end, has a circular cross-sectional area A of $4.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$. Some sand is put in the tube so that the total mass M of the tube and its contents is 70 g. The tube floats upright in a liquid, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

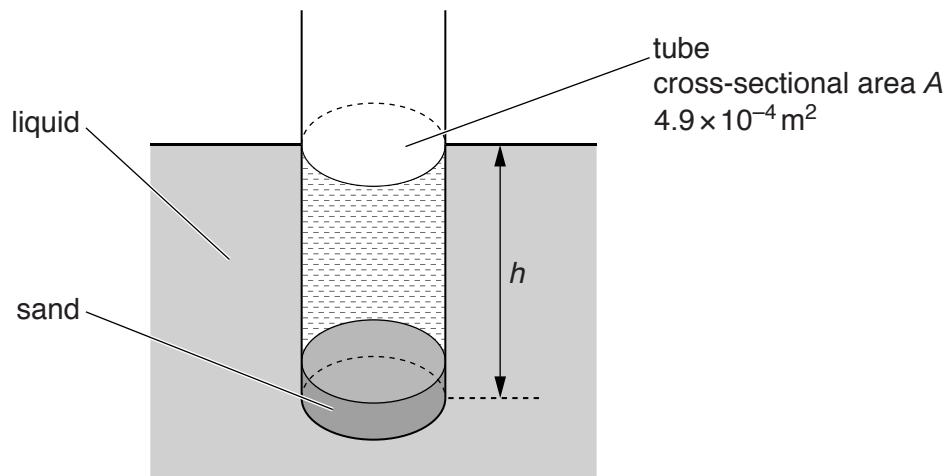


Fig. 4.1

The liquid has a density ρ of 0.79 g cm^{-3} .

By reference to the liquid pressure exerted on the base of the tube, show that the distance h of the base of the tube below the liquid surface is 18 cm. Explain your working.

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- (c) The tube in (b) is displaced vertically and then released. The variation with time t of the distance h is shown in Fig. 4.2.

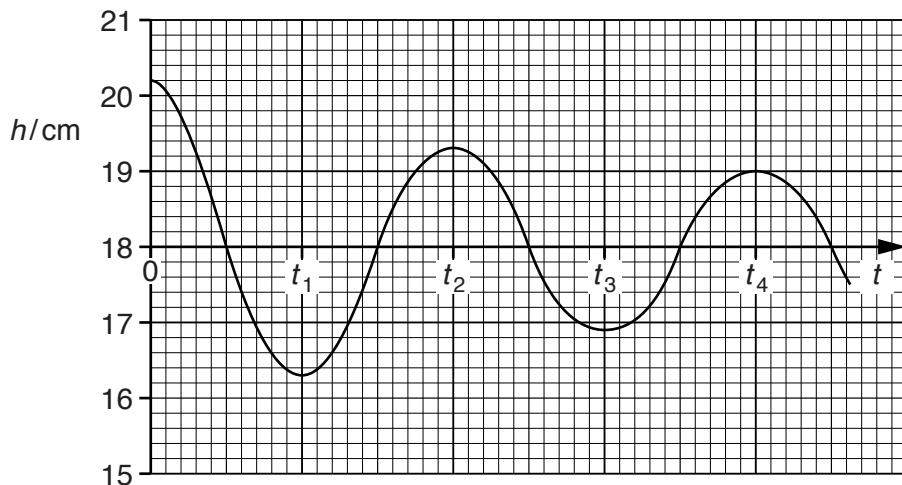


Fig. 4.2

The system oscillates with simple harmonic motion of angular frequency ω given by the expression

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\rho A g}{M}$$

where g is the acceleration of free fall.

- (i) Use data from (b) to determine

1. the time t_1 ,

$$t_1 = \dots \text{ s} [3]$$

2. the time t_3 .

$$t_3 = \dots \text{ s} [1]$$

- (ii) Determine the loss in total energy of the oscillating system between time $t = 0$ and time $t = t_4$.

loss in energy = J [3]