

1 (a) (i) Define the *moment* of a force about a point.

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(ii) Determine the SI base units of the moment of a force.

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(b) A uniform rigid rod of length 2.4 m is shown in Fig. 1.1.

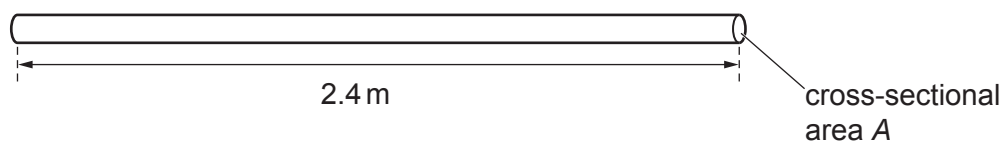


Fig. 1.1

The rod has a weight of 5.2 N and is made of wood of density 790 kg m^{-3} .

Calculate the cross-sectional area A , in mm^2 , of the rod.

$A = \dots\dots\dots \text{mm}^2$ [3]

- (c) A fishing rod AB, made from the rod in (b), is shown in Fig. 1.2.

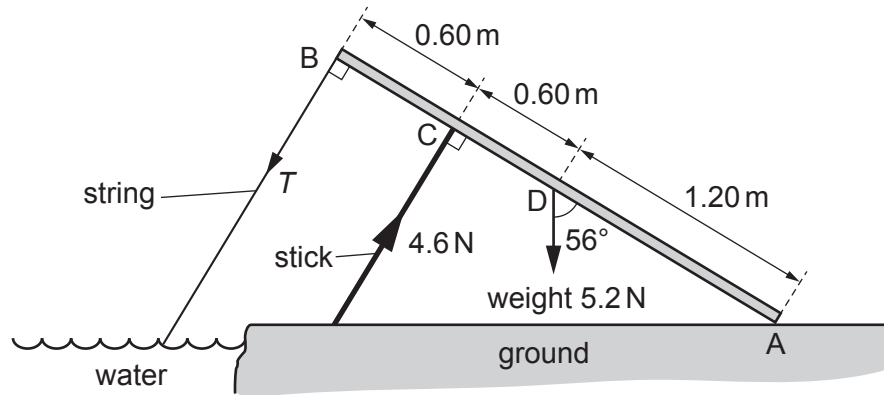


Fig. 1.2 (not to scale)

End A of the rod rests on the ground and a string is attached to the other end B. A support stick exerts a force perpendicular to the rod at point C. The weight of the rod acts at point D.

The tension T in the string is in a direction perpendicular to the rod. The rod is in equilibrium and inclined at an angle of 56° to the vertical.

The forces and the distances along the rod of points A, B, C and D are shown in Fig. 1.2.

- (i) Show that the component of the weight that is perpendicular to the rod is 4.3 N .

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- (ii) By taking moments about end A of the rod, calculate the tension T .

$T = \dots\dots\dots\text{ N}$ [3]