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5 A spring hangs vertically from a fixed point and a mass of 94 g is suspended from the spring, stretching the spring as shown in Fig. 5.1.

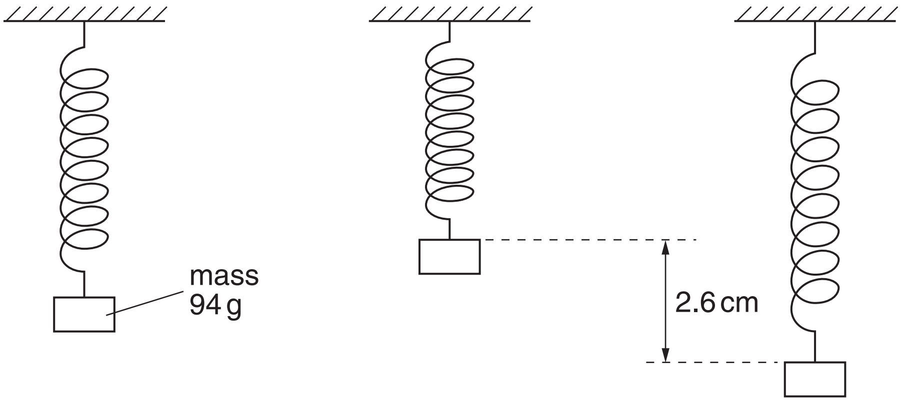

Fig. 5.1 **Fig. 5.2** **Fig. 5.3**

The mass is raised vertically so that the length of the spring is its unextended length. This is illustrated in Fig. 5.2.

The mass is then released. The mass moves through a vertical distance of 2.6 cm before temporarily coming to rest. This position is illustrated in Fig. 5.3.

(a) State which diagram, Fig. 5.1, Fig. 5.2 or Fig. 5.3, illustrates the position of the mass such that

(i) the mass has maximum gravitational potential energy,

.... [1]

(ii) the spring has maximum strain energy.

.... [1]

(b) Briefly describe the variation of the kinetic energy of the mass as the mass falls from its highest position (Fig. 5.2) to its lowest position (Fig. 5.3).

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.... [1]

(c) The strain energy E stored in the spring is given by the expression

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

where k is the spring constant and x is the extension of the spring.

For the mass moving between the positions shown in Fig. 5.2 and Fig. 5.3,

(i) calculate the change in the gravitational potential energy of the mass,

change = ... J [2]

(ii) determine the extension of the spring at which the strain energy is half its maximum value.

extension = ... cm [3]