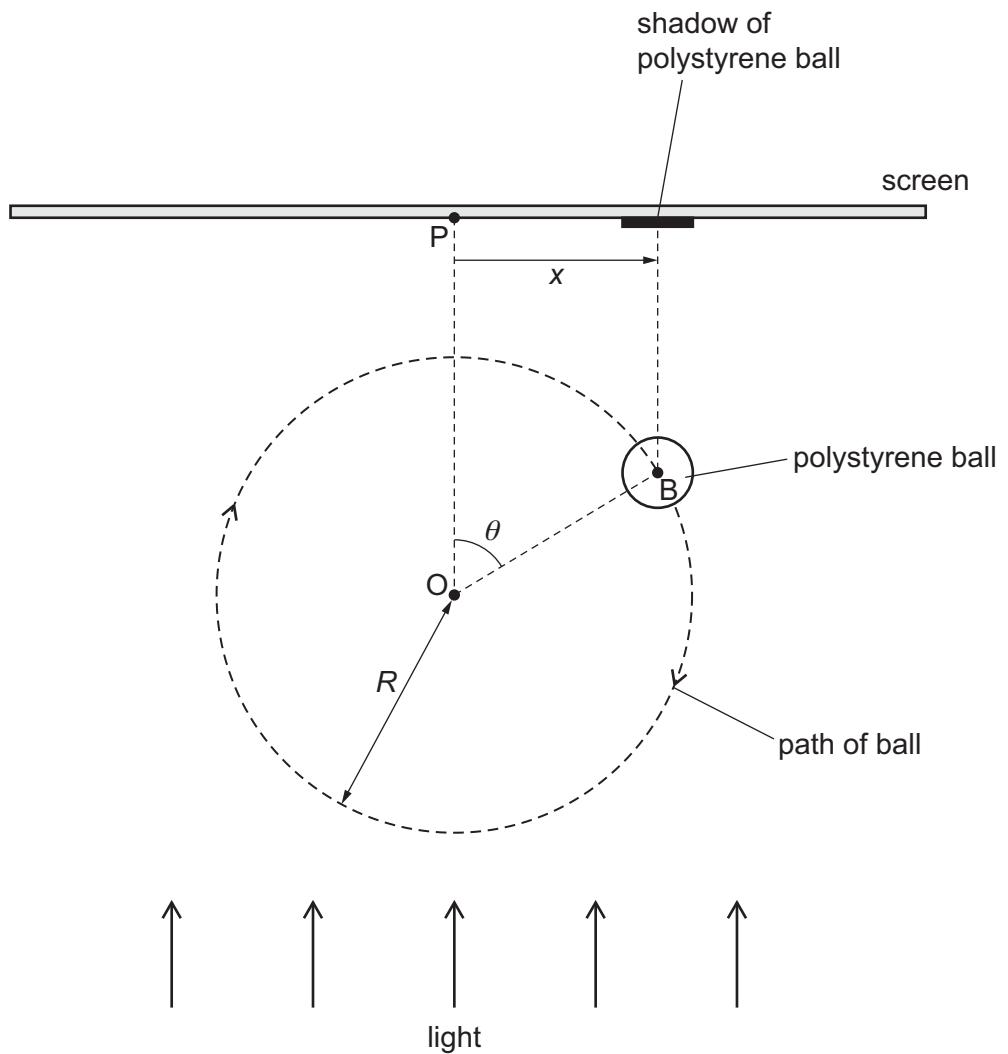


- 1 (a) In terms of velocity and acceleration, describe uniform circular motion of an object.

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- (b) Fig. 1.1 shows the view from above of a polystyrene ball undergoing horizontal circular motion of radius  $R$ .



**Fig. 1.1**

The ball is illuminated by parallel light so that a shadow of the ball forms on a screen placed on the opposite side of the ball from the light source.

The line joining points  $O$  and  $P$  is perpendicular to the screen.

The angular speed of the circular motion is  $\omega$ .

- (i) State an expression, in terms of  $R$  and  $\omega$ , for the speed  $v$  of the ball.

$$v = \dots \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Determine an expression, in terms of  $v$  and  $\omega$ , for the centripetal acceleration of the ball.

$$\text{centripetal acceleration} = \dots \quad [2]$$

- (c) The ball in (b) is in the position shown in Fig. 1.1, such that line OB is at an angle  $\theta$  to the line OP.

- (i) Determine an expression, in terms of  $R$  and  $\theta$ , for the displacement  $x$  of the shadow from P.

$$x = \dots \quad [1]$$

- (ii) The value of  $\theta$  is zero at time  $t = 0$ .

State an expression for  $\theta$  in terms of  $\omega$  and  $t$ .

$$\theta = \dots \quad [1]$$

- (iii) Use your answers in (c)(i) and (c)(ii) to show that  $x$  is given by

$$x = R \sin \omega t.$$

[1]

- (iv) Explain, with reference to the equation in (c)(iii), why the motion of the shadow of the ball on the screen may be modelled as simple harmonic.

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- (d) The circular motion of the ball in Fig. 1.1 has a diameter of 0.46 m and an angular speed of  $1.9 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ .

For the simple harmonic motion of the shadow of the ball in Fig. 1.1, calculate:

- (i) the amplitude

$$\text{amplitude} = \dots \text{m} [1]$$

- (ii) the period

$$\text{period} = \dots \text{s} [2]$$

- (iii) the maximum acceleration.

$$\text{maximum acceleration} = \dots \text{ms}^{-2} [2]$$

- (e) On Fig. 1.1, draw, and label with the letter A, the position of the shadow on the screen when the shadow has its maximum positive acceleration. [1]

[Total: 15]