2 **(a)** State the principle of moments.

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(b) A rigid uniform beam rests on a pivot at its centre, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

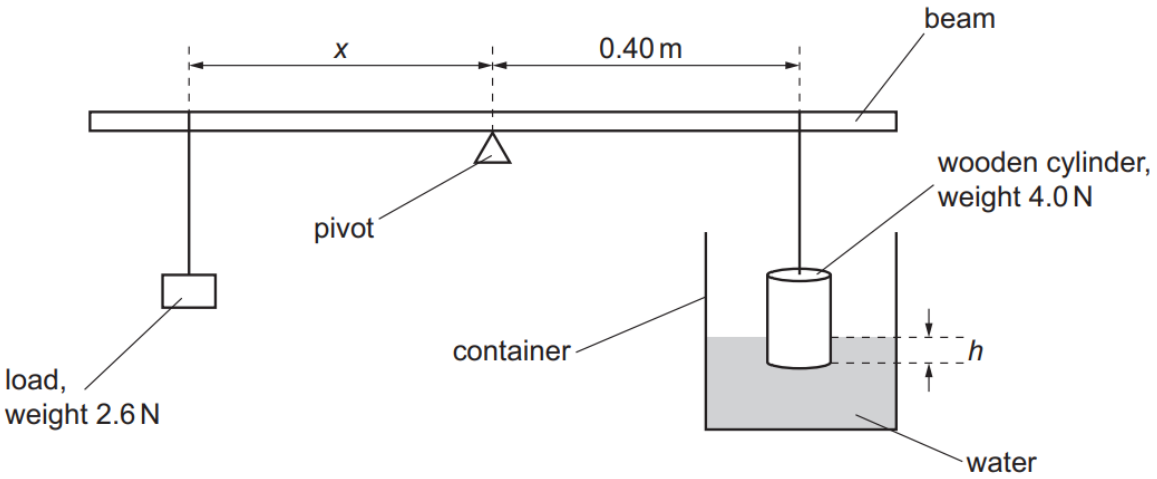

Fig. 2.1 (not to scale)

A load of weight 2.6 N is suspended from the beam at distance *x* from the pivot.

A wooden cylinder of weight 4.0 N is suspended from the beam at a distance of 0.40 m from the pivot on the opposite side of the pivot to the load. The cylinder rests in a container of water. The lower part of the cylinder is immersed in the water to depth *h*.

Initially, *h* is equal to 0.10 m and *x* is equal to 0.40 m. The system is in equilibrium.

(i) Use the principle of moments to show that the upthrust *U* exerted by the water on the cylinder is 1.4 N.

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(ii) The density of the water is 1.0×10^3 kg m^{-3}.

Calculate the area A of the circular cross-section of the cylinder.

A = …….. m^2 [2]

(c) More water is gradually added to the container in **(b)**, so that depth h in Fig. 2.1 gradually increases. The length x is continuously adjusted so that the system remains in equilibrium.

On Fig. 2.2, sketch the variation of x with h. Use the space below for any working.

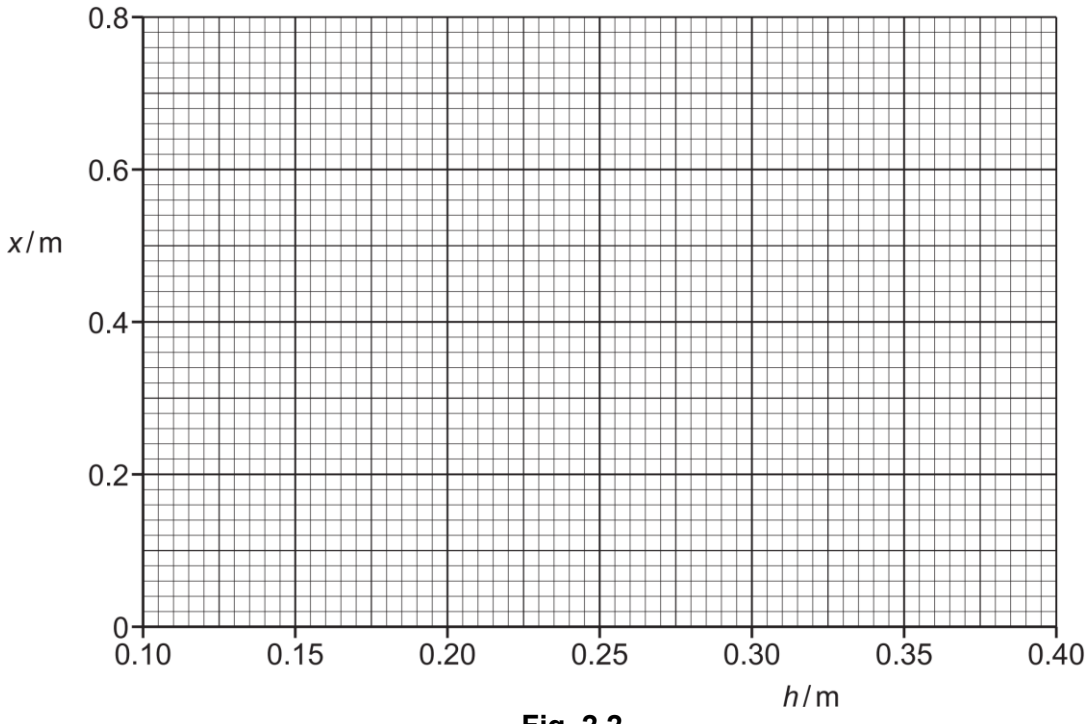

Fig. 2.2

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