

- 3 A 2.0 kg block on a track is released at A, 1.0 m above the ground as shown in Fig. 3.1. The track is frictionless except for the rough surface between B and C, which has a length of 2.0 m. The block travels down the track, hits the spring of force constant $k = 225 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ at D and compresses the spring by 0.20 m from its equilibrium position before coming to rest momentarily.

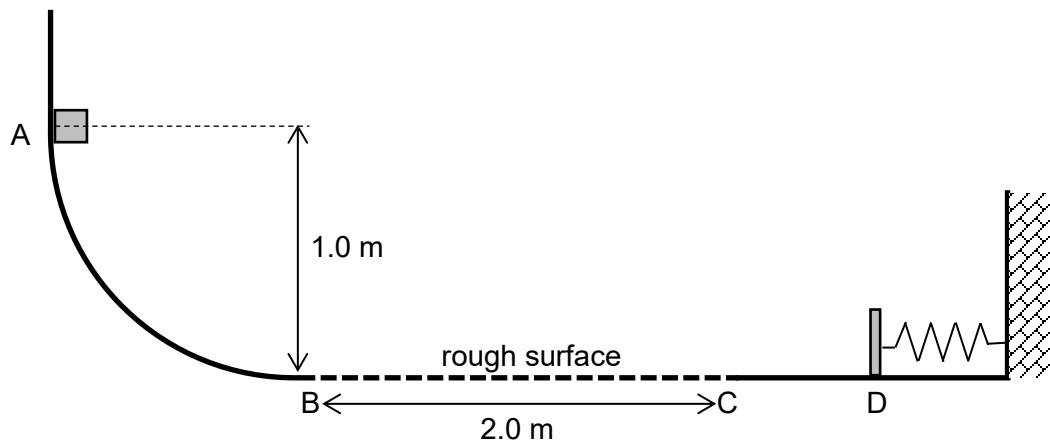


Fig. 3.1

- (a) (i) Determine the speed of the block at B.

$$\text{speed at B} = \dots \text{m s}^{-1} [2]$$

- (ii) Calculate the maximum elastic potential energy stored in the spring.

$$\text{elastic potential energy} = \dots \text{J} [1]$$

- (iii) Using your answers to (a)(i) and (ii), determine the work done against friction when the block travels from B to C.

work done against friction = J [2]

- (b) The block subsequently rebounds and moves towards B after the spring un-compresses itself. Determine the distance along the track from C where the block finally stops.

distance from C = m [3]

[Total: 8]