

4(a) Distinguish between frequency and angular frequency for a body undergoing simple harmonic motion. [2]

(b) One end of a spring that has a spring constant of 109 N m^{-1} is attached to a fixed point. A mass of 4.0 kg is attached to the other end of the spring and gently lowered until equilibrium is reached. The spring has then stretched elastically by a distance of 0.36 m .

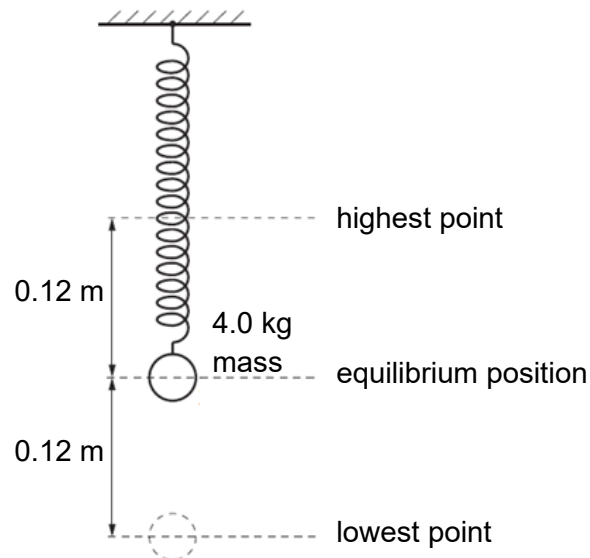


Fig. 4.1

The mass on the spring is now set into simple harmonic motion of amplitude 0.12 m .

(i) By considering the forces acting on the mass, calculate the resultant force acting on the mass when it is at the highest point of oscillation. [2]

(ii) Hence calculate the angular frequency of the oscillation. [2]

- (iii) Fig. 4.2 is a table of the energies of the simple harmonic motion. Complete the table. [3]

	Kinetic Energy / J	Gravitational Potential Energy / J	Elastic Potential Energy / J	Total Energy / J
highest point				
equilibrium position				0
lowest point				

Fig. 4.2