

- 3 Block P of mass 2.0 kg is connected to a spring of spring constant  $200 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  that has one end fixed to the wall as shown in Fig. 3.1. Block P is in turn connected to block Q of mass 4.0 kg via an inextensible string.

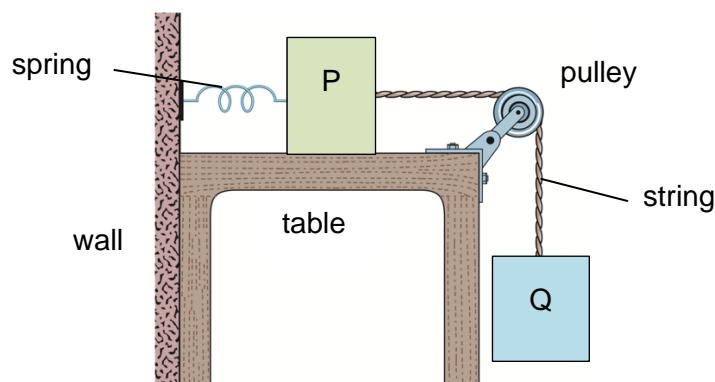


Fig. 3.1

The horizontal surfaces between block P and the table, and the pulley are frictionless. The pulley has negligible mass.

The blocks are released from rest with the spring being unstretched.

- (a) Consider the spring, mass P and Q as a system.

State the energy conversion in the system just after block Q starts to move downwards.

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- (b) (i) Calculate the combined kinetic energy of the two blocks when block Q has fallen by 9.0 cm.

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \dots \text{ J} \quad [2]$$

**(ii)** Calculate the kinetic energy of the block Q after it has fallen by 9.0 cm.

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \dots \text{ J} \quad [2]$$

**(c)** Determine the distance that block Q has fallen before it first comes to rest.

$$\text{distance} = \dots \text{ cm} \quad [2]$$