

- 4 (a) A mass undergoes simple harmonic motion.

State, for the motion of the mass, what is meant by the *amplitude*.

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- (b) A light helical spring has a natural length of 25.0 cm and a length of 30.0 cm when it is suspended vertically and supporting a 0.25 kg block at its lower end.

A student then pulled down further by a further 5.0 cm.

- (i) Determine the spring constant of the light helical spring.

spring constant = N m^{-1} [2]

- (ii) Hence, calculate the work done by the student.

work done = J [2]

- (iii) State the total energy of the oscillation.

total energy = J [1]

- (iv) The student then releases the mass.

The period of the oscillations, T , is given by the following relationship:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

where m is the mass of the block and k is the spring constant.

Calculate the speed of the mass when it is 2.0 cm below the equilibrium position.

speed = m s⁻¹ [3]