

Answer **all** the questions in the space provided.

- 1 (a) (i)** State the principle of moments.

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(ii) Fig. 1.1 shows an arrangement used to demonstrate the principle of moments.

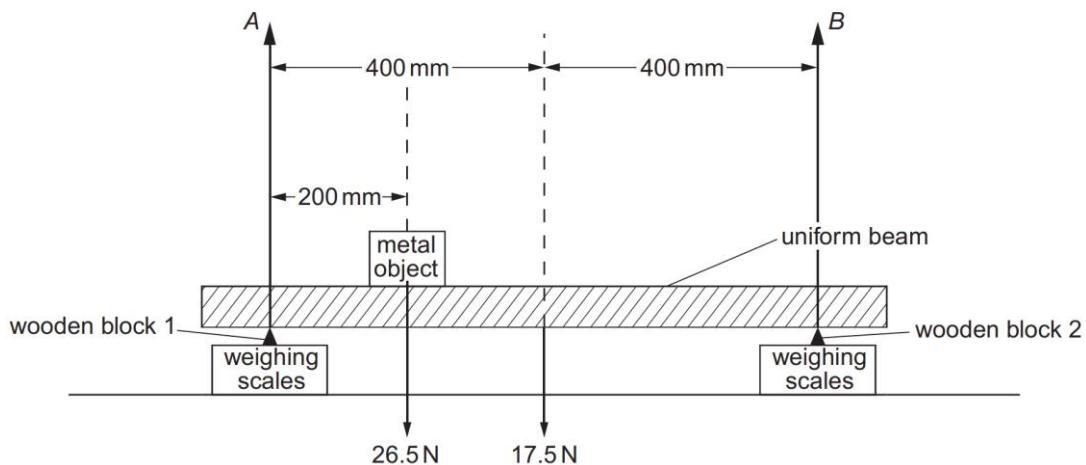


Fig. 1.1

A uniform beam is supported on the edges of two triangular shaped wooden blocks placed on two weighing scales. The weight of the beam is 17.5 N and the distance between the wooden blocks is 800 mm. A metal object of weight 26.5 N is placed 200 mm from one of the blocks. The blocks exert upward forces A and B on the beam.

Calculate the force B .

B = N [2]

- (iii) State the magnitude of the sum of the two forces A and B and explain your answer.

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- (iv) Describe what happens to the forces *A* and *B* as the metal object is gradually moved to the centre of the beam.

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- (b) Fig. 1.2 shows a girl supported by two elastic ropes. She is in equilibrium. Her weight is 392 N.

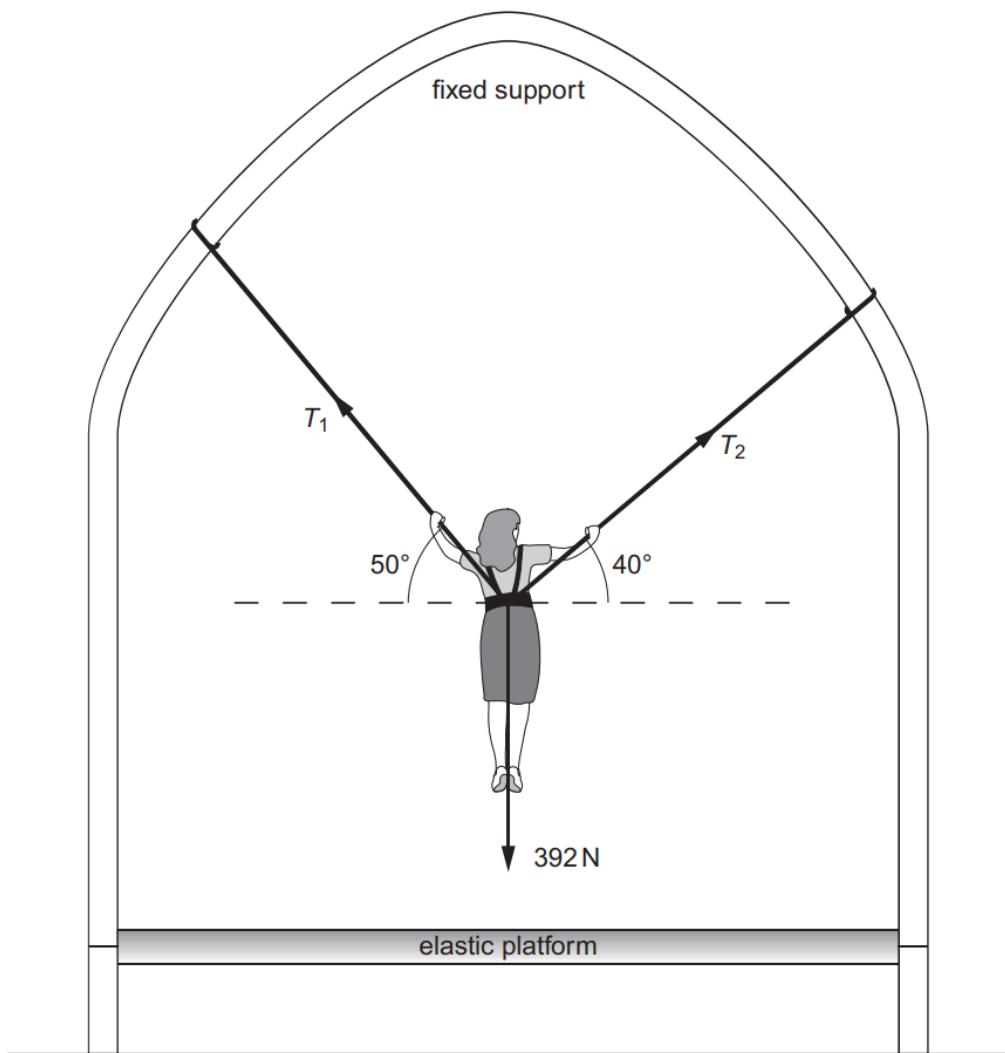


Fig. 1.2

Determine the tensions T_1 and T_2 in the two ropes.

$$\text{tension } T_1 = \dots \text{ N}$$