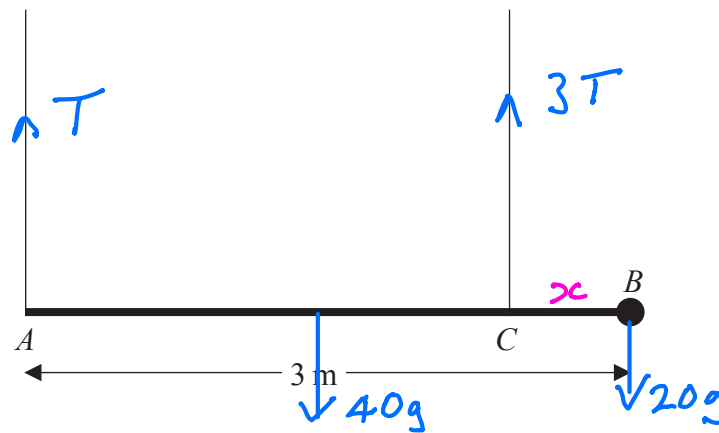


2.

Figure 1



A plank AB has mass 40 kg and length 3 m . A load of mass 20 kg is attached to the plank at B . The loaded plank is held in equilibrium, with AB horizontal, by two vertical ropes attached at A and C , as shown in Figure 1. The plank is modelled as a uniform rod and the load as a particle. Given that the tension in the rope at C is three times the tension in the rope at A , calculate

(a) the tension in the rope at C ,

(2)

(b) the distance CB .

(5)

a) \updownarrow equilibrium

$$4T = 60g$$

$$T = 15g$$

$$3T = 45g = 441\text{ N}$$

$$\text{Tension at } C = 441\text{ N}$$

b) Moments about B

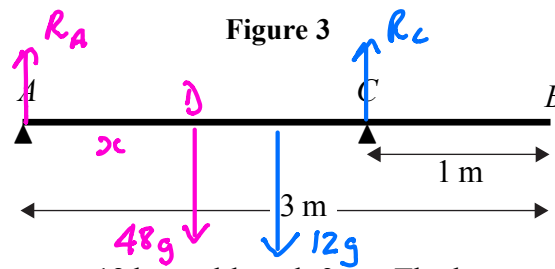
$$T \times 3 + 3T \times x = 40g \times 1.5$$

$$441 + 441x = 588$$

$$441x = 147$$

$$x = \frac{147}{441} = \frac{1}{3}\text{ m}$$

6.



A uniform beam AB has mass 12 kg and length 3 m . The beam rests in equilibrium in a horizontal position, resting on two smooth supports. One support is at the end A , the other at a point C on the beam, where $BC = 1\text{ m}$, as shown in Figure 3. The beam is modelled as a uniform rod.

(a) Find the reaction on the beam at C .

(3)

A woman of mass 48 kg stands on the beam at the point D . The beam remains in equilibrium. The reactions on the beam at A and C are now equal.

(b) Find the distance AD .

(7)

a) Moments about A

$$12g \times 1.5 = 2 \times R_C$$

$$176.4 = 2R_C$$

$$\frac{176.4}{2} = R_C$$

$$R_C = 88.2\text{ N}$$

b)

↓ equilibrium

$$R_A + R_C = 60g$$

$$R_A = R_C = 30g = 294\text{ N}$$

Moments about A

$$48g \times x + 12g \times 1.5 = 30g \times 2$$

$$48x + 18 = 60$$

$$48x = 42$$

$$x = \frac{7}{8}\text{ m}$$



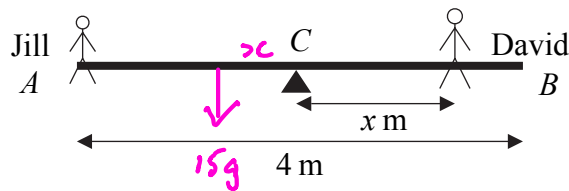
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3.

Figure 1



A seesaw in a playground consists of a beam AB of length 4 m which is supported by a smooth pivot at its centre C . Jill has mass 25 kg and sits on the end A . David has mass 40 kg and sits at a distance x metres from C , as shown in Figure 1. The beam is initially modelled as a uniform rod. Using this model,

- (a) find the value of x for which the seesaw can rest in equilibrium in a horizontal position.

(3)

- (b) State what is implied by the modelling assumption that the beam is uniform.

(1)

David realises that the beam is not uniform as he finds that he must sit at a distance 1.4 m from C for the seesaw to rest horizontally in equilibrium. The beam is now modelled as a non-uniform rod of mass 15 kg. Using this model,

- (c) find the distance of the centre of mass of the beam from C .

(4)

a) Moments about C

$$25g \times 2 = 40g \times x$$

$$\frac{50}{40} = x$$

$$x = 1.25 \text{ m}$$

b)

Centre of mass of beam is halfway along beam

c) Moments about C

$$25g \times 2 + 15gx = 40g \times 1.4$$

$$15x = 56 - 50$$

$$15x = 6$$

$$x = 0.4 \text{ m}$$



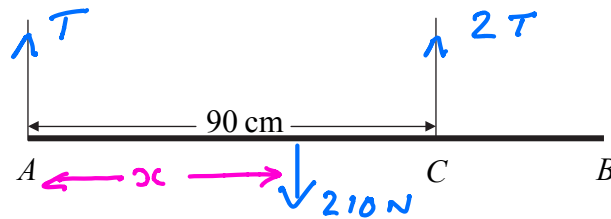
Question 3 continued

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5.

Figure 3



A steel girder AB has weight 210 N . It is held in equilibrium in a horizontal position by two vertical cables. One cable is attached to the end A . The other cable is attached to the point C on the girder, where $AC = 90\text{ cm}$, as shown in Figure 3. The girder is modelled as a uniform rod, and the cables as light inextensible strings.

Given that the tension in the cable at C is twice the tension in the cable at A , find

(a) the tension in the cable at A , (2)

(b) show that $AB = 120\text{ cm}$. (4)

A small load of weight W newtons is attached to the girder at B . The load is modelled as a particle. The girder remains in equilibrium in a horizontal position. The tension in the cable at C is now three times the tension in the cable at A .

(c) Find the value of W . (7)

a) \downarrow equilibrium $3T = 210\text{ N}$
 $T = 70\text{ N}$

Tension at A = 70 N

b)
 Moments about B

$$140 \times 0.9 = 210 \times x$$

$$\frac{126}{210} = x$$

$$x = 0.6\text{ m} = 60\text{ cm}$$

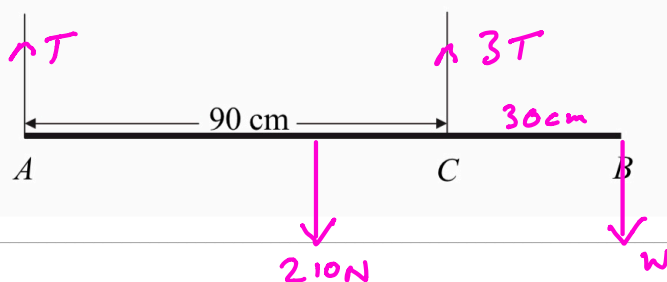
Weight acts at centre of uniform girder so
 girder $AB = 2 \times 60 = 120\text{ cm}$ long



Question 5 continued

c)

Figure 3



Moments about A

$$210 \times 0.6 + W \times 1.2 = 3T \times 0.9$$

$$126 = 2.7T - 1.2W \quad (1)$$

 $\uparrow \downarrow$ equilibrium

$$4T = 210 + W$$

$$210 = 4T - W \quad (2)$$

Solve (1) and (2) simultaneously

By calc $T = 60 \text{ N}$ $W = 30 \text{ N}$

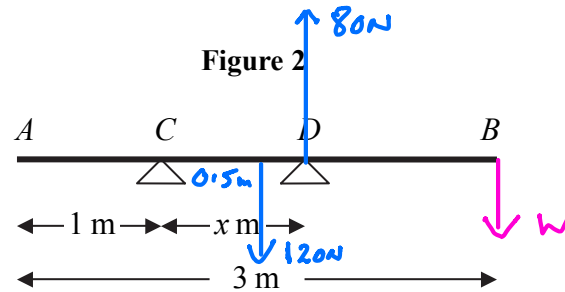
$$\underline{W = 30 \text{ N}}$$

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Q5



2.



A uniform plank AB has weight 120 N and length 3 m . The plank rests horizontally in equilibrium on two smooth supports C and D , where $AC = 1\text{ m}$ and $CD = x\text{ m}$, as shown in Figure 2. The reaction of the support on the plank at D has magnitude 80 N . Modelling the plank as a rod,

(a) show that $x = 0.75$

(3)

A rock is now placed at B and the plank is on the point of tilting about D . Modelling the rock as a particle, find

(b) the weight of the rock,

(4)

(c) the magnitude of the reaction of the support on the plank at D .

(2)

(d) State how you have used the model of the rock as a particle.

(1)

a) Moments about C

$$120 \times 0.5 = 80x$$

$$60 = 80x$$

$$\frac{60}{80} = x$$

$$x = 0.75\text{ m}$$

b)

Moments about D (on point of tilting, $R_c = 0$)

$$120 \times (0.75 - 0.5) = W(3 - 1.75)$$

$$30 = 1.25W$$

$$W = 24\text{ N}$$



Question 2 continued

c)

 \updownarrow equilibrium

$$R_D = 120 + 24$$

$$\underline{R_D = 144 \text{ N}}$$

d) Weight of rock acts at a point (B)

Q2

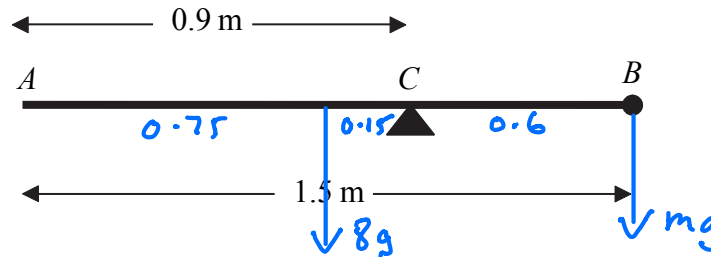
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3.

Figure 2



A uniform rod AB has length 1.5 m and mass 8 kg. A particle of mass m kg is attached to the rod at B . The rod is supported at the point C , where $AC = 0.9$ m, and the system is in equilibrium with AB horizontal, as shown in Figure 2.

(a) Show that $m = 2$.

(4)

A particle of mass 5 kg is now attached to the rod at A and the support is moved from C to a point D of the rod. The system, including both particles, is again in equilibrium with AB horizontal.

(b) Find the distance AD .

(5)

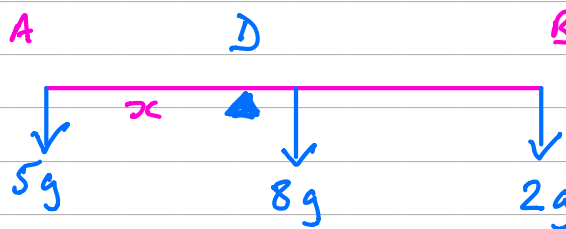
a) Moments about C

$$8g \times 0.15 = mg \times 0.6$$

$$\frac{8 \times 0.15}{0.6} = m$$

$$\underline{m = 2 \text{ kg}}$$

b)



Moments about D

$$8g \times (0.75 - x) + 2g \times (1.5 - x) = 5gx$$

$$6 - 8x + 3 - 2x = 5x$$

$$9 = 15x$$

$$AD = x = 0.6 \text{ m}$$



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Q3

(Total 9 marks)

