

















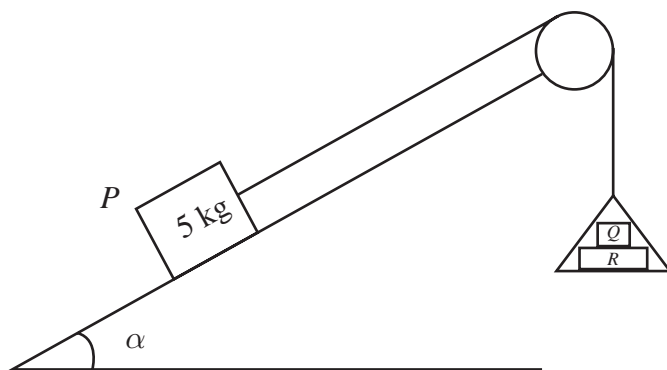






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**Figure 3**

One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a block  $P$  of mass  $5\text{ kg}$ . The block  $P$  is held at rest on a smooth fixed plane which is inclined to the horizontal at an angle  $\alpha$ , where  $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ . The string lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane and passes over a smooth light pulley which is fixed at the top of the plane. The other end of the string is attached to a light scale pan which carries two blocks  $Q$  and  $R$ , with block  $Q$  on top of block  $R$ , as shown in Figure 3. The mass of block  $Q$  is  $5\text{ kg}$  and the mass of block  $R$  is  $10\text{ kg}$ . The scale pan hangs at rest and the system is released from rest. By modelling the blocks as particles, ignoring air resistance and assuming the motion is uninterrupted, find

- (a) (i) the acceleration of the scale pan,
  - (ii) the tension in the string, (8)
- (b) the magnitude of the force exerted on block  $Q$  by block  $R$ , (3)
- (c) the magnitude of the force exerted on the pulley by the string. (5)

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