### **Mechanics 3 Solution Bank**

 $\sqrt{0}$ 

 $\int_{0}^{1}$ 

 $\overline{O}$ 

equilibrium

 $\boldsymbol{a}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{e}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{d}$ 



**Exercise 2D** 

$$
\mathbf{1} \\
$$



 Conservation of energy K.E. gain = E.P.E. loss

$$
\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{mg\left(\frac{1}{2}l\right)^2}{2l}
$$

$$
v^2 = \frac{1}{4}gl
$$

$$
v = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{gl}
$$

**2** At equilibrium,  $T = mg$ 

$$
\frac{4mgx}{a} = mg \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}a
$$

When the particle reaches *O* it has risen by

$$
\left(a+\frac{1}{4}a+d\right)
$$

Conservation of energy

$$
P.E. gain = E.P.E. loss
$$

$$
mg\left(a + \frac{1}{4}a + d\right) = \frac{4mg\left(\frac{1}{4}a + d\right)^2}{2a}
$$

$$
\frac{5a^2}{4} + ad = 2\left(\frac{a^2}{16} + \frac{ad}{2} + d^2\right)
$$

$$
\frac{5a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{8} + 2d^2
$$

$$
\frac{9a^2}{16} = d^2
$$

$$
\frac{3a}{4} = d
$$

(ignore solution  $d = -\frac{3}{3}$ ) 4  $d = -\frac{3a}{4}$ The distance  $d$  is  $\frac{3}{5}$ 4  $\frac{a}{b}$ .

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- **3 a** Conservation of energy
	- P.E. loss = E.P.E. gain

$$
mgl \tan 60^\circ = \frac{2 \times \lambda \left(\frac{l}{\cos 60^\circ} - l\right)^2}{2l}
$$

$$
mgl\sqrt{3} = \lambda l
$$

$$
mg\sqrt{3} = \lambda
$$



The modulus of elasticity of the spring is  $mg\sqrt{3}$ .

**b** Take into account the mass of the spring.



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**a**  $P.E. loss = E.P.E. gain$ 

$$
g \times 1 = \frac{2\lambda \left(\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2}{2 \times 1.5}
$$

$$
\lambda = \frac{2 \times 3g}{\left(\sqrt{13} - 3\right)^2} = 160.35...
$$

The value of  $\lambda$  is 160 N (2 s.f.).

*a*



 $K.E. gain + E.P.E. gain = P.E. loss$ 

$$
\frac{1}{2}v^2 + \frac{2\lambda\left(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2}{2\times 1.5} = 0.5g
$$
  

$$
v^2 = g - \frac{(\sqrt{10} - 3)^2}{3} \times \lambda
$$
  

$$
v = 2.896...
$$

When *P* is 0.5 m below the initial position its speed is 2.9 m s<sup>-1</sup> (2 s.f.).



**b** Greatest speed at equilibrium position



The greatest speed is  $6.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (2 s.f.).



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Work done against friction  $=$  P.E. loss  $-$  E.P.E. gain

$$
\mu \frac{8g}{5} \times 2 = 2g \times 2 \sin \alpha - \frac{40 \times 1^2}{2 \times 1}
$$

$$
\mu \frac{16g}{5} = \frac{12g}{5} - 20
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{12g - 100}{16g}
$$

$$
= 0.112...
$$

The coefficient of friction is 0.11 (2 s.f.).

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### **Challenge**

The extension of the string with one mass attached is  $\frac{1}{10}$ m. 10 *l*

By Hooke's law, 10  $k = 10 \frac{Mg}{I}$  $Mg = k\frac{l}{l}$ *l*  $\Rightarrow k =$ 

Let  $x$  be the extension of the string with two masses attached. Hooke's Law  $\Rightarrow 2Mg = kx$ 

Substituting  $k = 10 \frac{Mg}{I}$ *l*  $f=10\frac{m}{I}$  from above, we see that  $2Mg = 10 \frac{Mg}{dx}x$ 5 *l*  $x = \frac{l}{2}$  $=$ 

The work done in producing the additional extension is given by:

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\Delta EPE &= \frac{1}{2} k \left( \frac{l}{5} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \left( \frac{l}{10} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} k l^2 \left( \frac{1}{25} - \frac{1}{100} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( 10 \frac{Mg}{l} \right) l^2 \left( \frac{3}{100} \right) \qquad \left[ \text{using } k = 10 \frac{Mg}{l} \right] \\
&= \frac{3}{20} Mgl \text{ J}\n\end{aligned}
$$