1 **(a)** Fig. 2.1 shows a mass attached to the end of a spring. The mass is pulled down and then released. The mass performs vertical simple harmonic motion.

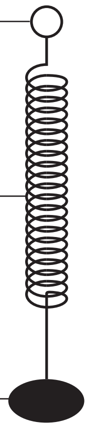

Fig. 2.1

(i) Define *simple harmonic motion*.

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(ii) Mark the following statements about the oscillating mass-spring system as *true* or *false*. **[2]**

statement	**true/false**
The period of oscillation is constant.	
The net force on the mass is equal to its weight.	
The acceleration of the mass is a maximum at the mid-point of the oscillations.	
The velocity of the mass is proportional to the displacement.	

(b) A student wishes to investigate whether the period of oscillation of a simple pendulum is constant for all angles of swing. Describe how the student should carry out the investigation. Include the following in your description:

- a sketch of the apparatus with angle of swing labelled
- details of how the measurements would be made
- how these results would be used to form a conclusion
- the major difficulty likely to be encountered and how this might be overcome.

Sketch:

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2 **(a)** State two conditions concerning the **acceleration** of an oscillating object that must apply for simple harmonic motion.

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(b) Fig. 3.1 shows how the potential energy, in mJ, of a simple harmonic oscillator varies with displacement.

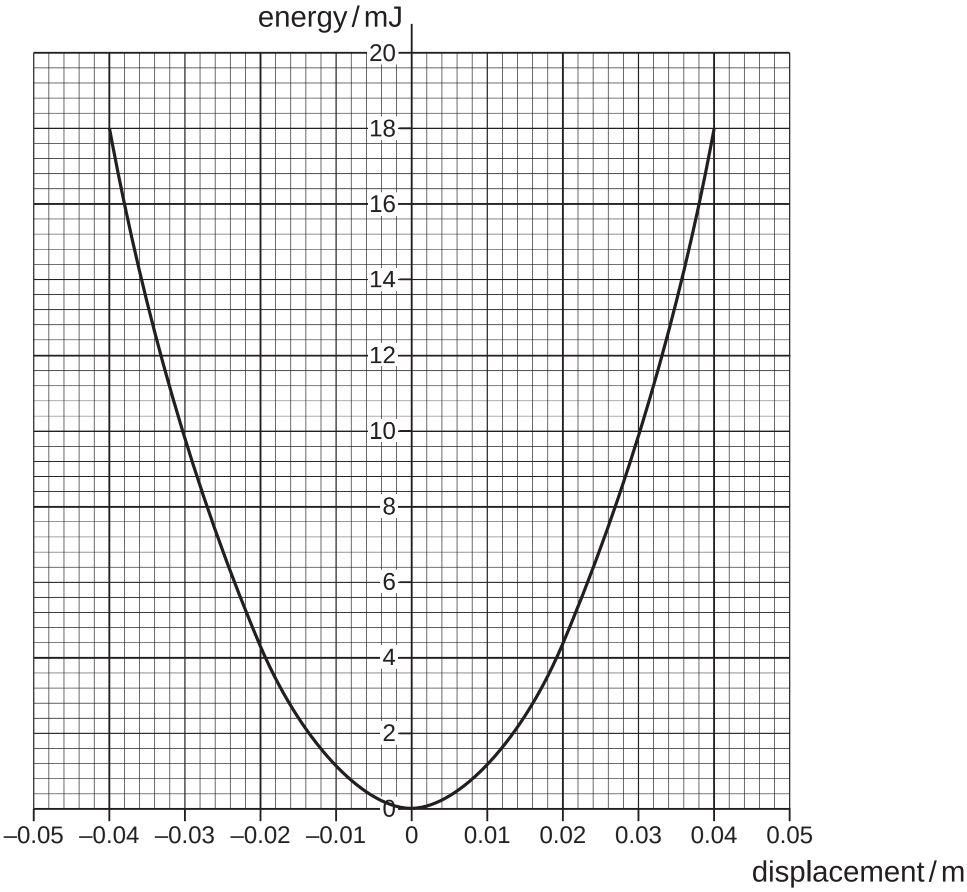

Fig. 3.1

On Fig. 3.1 sketch graphs to show the variation of

(i) kinetic energy of the oscillator with displacement – label this graph **K** **[2]**

(ii) the total energy of the oscillator with displacement – label this graph **T**. **[1]**

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(c) Use Fig. 3.1 to determine

(i) the amplitude of the oscillations

amplitude = ... m **[1]**

(ii) the maximum speed of the oscillator of mass 0.12 kg

maximum speed = ... $m\,s^{-1}$ **[2]**

(iii) the frequency of the oscillations.

frequency = ... Hz **[2]**

(d) Resonance can either be useful or a problem. Describe one example where resonance has a useful application and one example where resonance is a problem or nuisance. For each example identify what is oscillating and what causes these oscillations.

(i) useful application

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(ii) problem

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3 Fig. 4.1 shows slotted masses suspended from a spring. The spring is attached to a fixed support at its upper end.

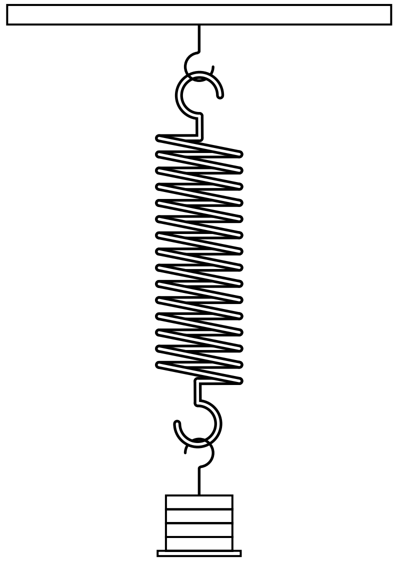

Fig. 4.1

When the masses are pulled down a short distance from the equilibrium position and released they oscillate vertically with simple harmonic motion. The frequency f of these oscillations depends on the mass m of the masses.
Two students make different predictions about the relationship between f and m.
One suggests f is proportional to $1/m$ and the other believes f is proportional to $1/\sqrt{m}$.

(a) Describe how you would test experimentally which prediction is correct.
Include in your answer:

- the measurements you would take, and
- how you would use these measurements to test each prediction.

You should also discuss ways of making the test as reliable as possible.

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(b) When the masses hanging on the spring are 400 g in total, they oscillate with an amplitude of 36 mm and a period of 1.2 s. Calculate

(i) the maximum kinetic energy of the masses

maximum kinetic energy = ... J **[3]**

(ii) the maximum acceleration of the masses.

maximum acceleration = ... $m\,s^{-2}$ **[2]**

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(c) List the different types of energy involved in the oscillations of this mass-spring system. Describe the energy changes when the masses move from the lowest point of the oscillation to the highest point.

In your answer you should use appropriate technical terms spelled correctly.

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4 Fig. 2.1 shows a displacement against time graph for an oscillating mass.

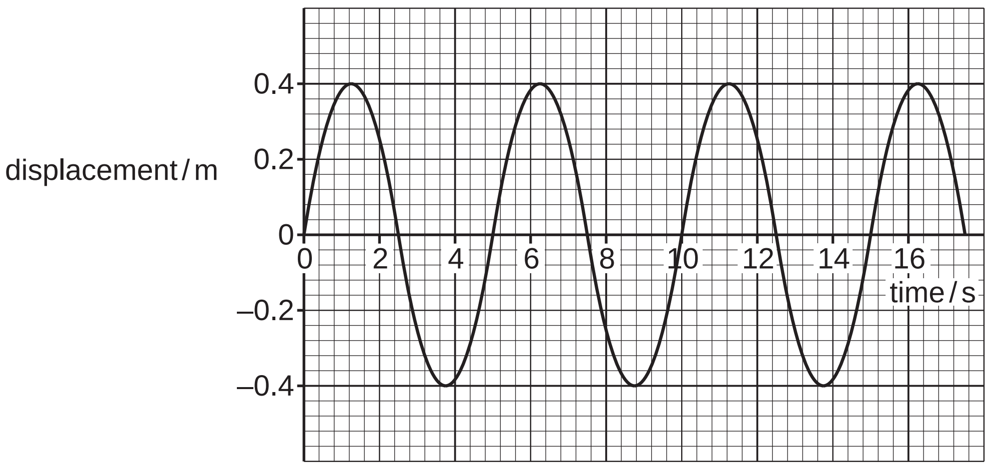

Fig. 2.1

(a) Use Fig. 2.1 to determine, for the oscillations of the mass,

(i) the amplitude and period

amplitude = ... m

period = ... s **[1]**

(ii) the angular frequency, ω.

ω = ... rad s^{-1} **[2]**

(b) Mark with a cross (**X**) on Fig. 2.1, using a different position in each case,

(i) a point where the velocity of the mass is a maximum; label it **V** **[1]**

(ii) a point where the acceleration of the mass is zero; label it **A** **[1]**

(iii) a point where the potential energy of the mass is a minimum; label it **P**. **[1]**

(c) The cone of a loudspeaker oscillates with simple harmonic motion. It vibrates with a frequency of 2.4 kHz and has an amplitude of 1.8 mm.

(i) Calculate the maximum acceleration of the cone.

acceleration = ... $m\,s^{-2}$ **[3]**

(ii) The cone experiences a mean damping force of 0.25 N. Calculate the average power needed to be supplied to the cone to keep it oscillating with a constant amplitude.

power = ...W **[3]**

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