

15 A tractor and its driver have a combined mass of m kilograms.

The tractor is towing a trailer of mass $4m$ kilograms in a straight line along a horizontal road.

The tractor and trailer are connected by a horizontal tow bar, modelled as a light rigid rod.

A driving force of 11 080 N and a total resistance force of 160 N act on the tractor.

A total resistance force of 600 N acts on the trailer.

The tractor and the trailer have an acceleration of 0.8 m s^{-2}

15 (a) Find m .

[3 marks]

15 (b) Find the tension in the tow bar.

[2 marks]

15 (c) At the instant the speed of the tractor reaches 18 km h^{-1} the tow bar breaks.

The total resistance force acting on the trailer remains constant.

Starting from the instant the tow bar breaks, calculate the time taken until the speed of the trailer reduces to 9 km h^{-1}

[4 marks]