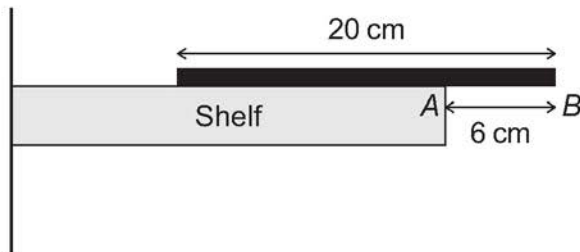


14

A metal rod, of mass  $m$  kilograms and length 20 cm, lies at rest on a horizontal shelf.

The end of the rod,  $B$ , extends 6 cm beyond the edge of the shelf,  $A$ , as shown in the diagram below.



14 (a)

The rod is in equilibrium when an object of mass 0.28 kilograms hangs from the midpoint of  $AB$ .

Show that  $m = 0.21$

**[3 marks]**

14 (b)

The object of mass 0.28 kilograms is removed.

A number,  $n$ , of identical objects, each of mass 0.048 kg, are hung from the rod all at a distance of 1 cm from  $B$ .

Find the maximum value of  $n$  such that the rod remains horizontal.

**[4 marks]**

14 (c)

State one assumption you have made about the rod.

**[1 mark]**