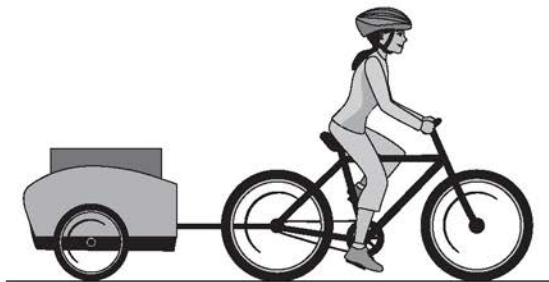


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A cyclist is towing a trailer behind her bicycle.

She is riding along a straight, horizontal path at a constant speed.



A tension of  $T$  newtons acts on the connecting rod between the bicycle and the trailer.

The cyclist is causing a constant driving force of  $40\text{ N}$  to be applied whilst pedalling forwards on her bicycle.

The constant resistance force acting on the trailer is  $12\text{ N}$

15 (a)

State the value of  $T$  giving a clear reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

15 (b)

State one assumption you have made in reaching your answer to part (a).

[1 mark]

15 (c)

Find the external resistance force acting on the cyclist and her bicycle.

[2 marks]