A uniform rod AB of length 160 mm and a fixed load of mass m grams are used to check that a £2 coin has the correct mass. The rod rests with its midpoint on a support. A £2 coin is placed face down on the rod with part of its curved edge directly

The fixed load is hung by a light inextensible string from a point directly below the

A £2 coin has a diameter of 28 mm and a mass of 12 grams.

other end of the rod at B, as shown in the diagram.



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above A.

14 (a) Given that the rod is horizontal and rests in equilibrium, find m.

[3 marks]

14 (b) State an assumption you have made about the £2 coin to answer part (a). [1 mark]