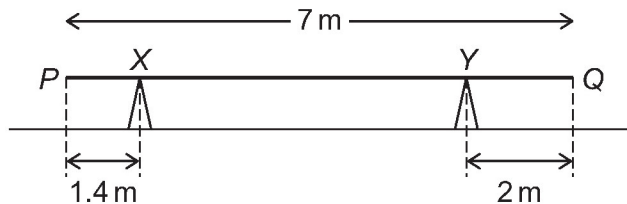


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A uniform plank PQ , of length 7 metres, lies horizontally at rest, in equilibrium, on two fixed supports at points X and Y

The distance PX is 1.4 metres and the distance QY is 2 metres as shown in the diagram below.



17 (a) The reaction force on the plank at X is $4g$ newtons.

17 (a) (i) Show that the mass of the plank is 9.6 kilograms.

[2 marks]

17 (a) (ii) Find the reaction force, in terms of g , on the plank at Y

[2 marks]

17 (b) The support at Y is moved so that the distance $QY = 1.4$ metres.

The plank remains horizontally at rest in equilibrium.

It is claimed that the reaction force at Y remains unchanged.

Explain, with a reason, whether this claim is correct.

[2 marks]