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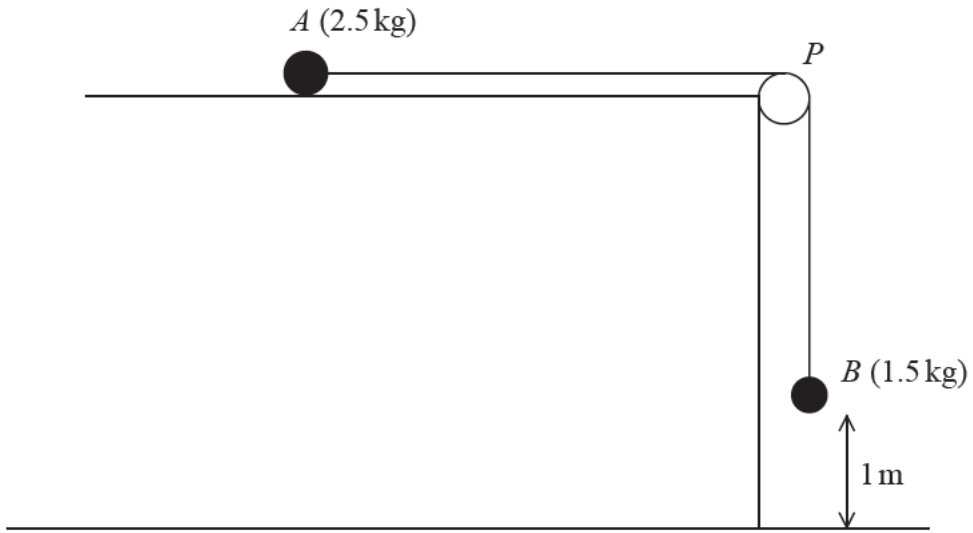

Figure 2

A small ball A of mass 2.5 kg is held at rest on a rough horizontal table.

The ball is attached to one end of a string.

The string passes over a pulley P which is fixed at the edge of the table. The other end of the string is attached to a small ball B of mass 1.5 kg hanging freely, vertically below P and with B at a height of 1 m above the horizontal floor.

The system is release from rest, with the string taut, as shown in Figure 2.

The resistance to the motion of A from the rough table is modelled as having constant magnitude 12.7 N. Ball B reaches the floor before ball A reaches the pulley.

The balls are modelled as particles, the string is modelled as being light and inextensible, the pulley is modelled as being small and smooth and the acceleration due to gravity, g, is modelled as being $9.8\,\text{m s}^{-2}$.

(a) (i) Write down an equation of motion for A.

(ii) Write down an equation of motion for B.

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(b) Hence find the acceleration of B.

(2)

(c) Using the model, find the time it takes, from release, for B to reach the floor.

(2)

(d) Suggest two improvements that could be made in the model.

(2)