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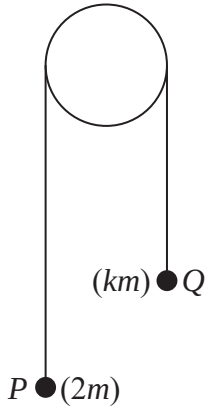

Figure 1

Two small balls, P and Q, have masses $2m$ and km respectively, where $k < 2$.
The balls are attached to the ends of a string that passes over a fixed pulley.
The system is held at rest with the string taut and the hanging parts of the string vertical, as shown in Figure 1.

The system is released from rest and, in the subsequent motion, P moves downwards with an acceleration of magnitude $\frac{5g}{7}$

The balls are modelled as particles moving freely.
The string is modelled as being light and inextensible.
The pulley is modelled as being small and smooth.

Using the model,

(a) find, in terms of m and g, the tension in the string,

(3)

(b) explain why the acceleration of Q also has magnitude $\frac{5g}{7}$

(1)

(c) find the value of k.

(4)

(d) Identify one limitation of the model that will affect the accuracy of your answer to part (c).

(1)