



Figure 1

A particle P has mass 5m.

A particle Q has mass M, where M < 5m.

The particles P and Q are connected by a light inextensible string.

The string passes over a small smooth light pulley that is fixed above horizontal ground.

Particle P is held at rest at a distance $\frac{5}{6}$ m above the ground.

Particle Q hangs freely with the string taut, as shown in Figure 1.

At time t = 0, P is released from rest and begins to move downwards.

The particle P reaches the ground before Q reaches the pulley.

As P moves downwards, the tension in the string is $\frac{10mg}{3}$

In an initial model,

- air resistance is negligible
- P hits the ground at time t = T seconds

Using the model,

(a) find M in terms of m

(6)

(b) find the value of T

(2)

In a refinement to the model,

- air resistance is included
- *P* hits the ground at time $t = T_1$ seconds
- (c) State which is greater, T or T_1 . You must give a reason for your answer.