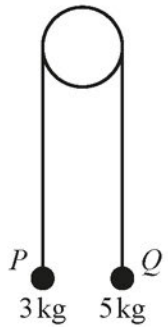
10 Particles P and Q, of masses 3 kg and 5 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a smooth fixed pulley. The system is held at rest with the string taut. The hanging parts of the string are vertical and P and Q are above a horizontal plane (see diagram).



(i) Find the tension in the string immediately after the particles are released. **[4]**

After descending 2.5 m, Q strikes the plane and is immediately brought to rest. It is given that P does not reach the pulley in the subsequent motion.

(ii) Find the distance travelled by P between the instant when Q strikes the plane and the instant when the string becomes taut again. **[4]**