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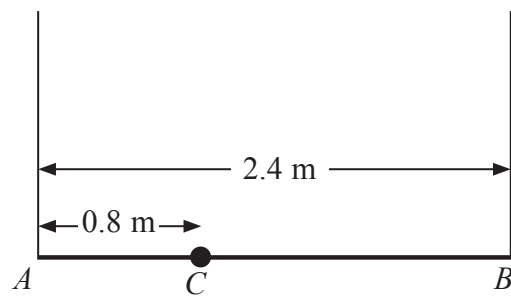


Figure 2

A plank  $AB$  has mass  $12\text{ kg}$  and length  $2.4\text{ m}$ . A load of mass  $8\text{ kg}$  is attached to the plank at the point  $C$ , where  $AC = 0.8\text{ m}$ . The loaded plank is held in equilibrium, with  $AB$  horizontal, by two vertical ropes, one attached at  $A$  and the other attached at  $B$ , as shown in Figure 2. The plank is modelled as a uniform rod, the load as a particle and the ropes as light inextensible strings.

- (a) Find the tension in the rope attached at  $B$ . (4)

The plank is now modelled as a non-uniform rod. With the new model, the tension in the rope attached at  $A$  is  $10\text{ N}$  greater than the tension in the rope attached at  $B$ .

- (b) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the plank from  $A$ . (6)

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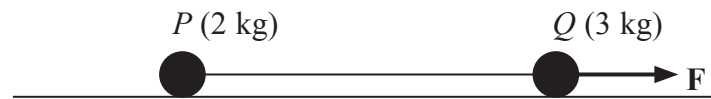


Figure 4

Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of mass 2 kg and 3 kg respectively, are joined by a light inextensible string. Initially the particles are at rest on a rough horizontal plane with the string taut. A constant force  $F$  of magnitude 30 N is applied to  $Q$  in the direction  $PQ$ , as shown in Figure 4. The force is applied for 3 s and during this time  $Q$  travels a distance of 6 m. The coefficient of friction between each particle and the plane is  $\mu$ . Find

- (a) the acceleration of  $Q$ , (2)
- (b) the value of  $\mu$ , (4)
- (c) the tension in the string. (4)
- (d) State how in your calculation you have used the information that the string is inextensible. (1)

When the particles have moved for 3 s, the force  $F$  is removed.

- (e) Find the time between the instant that the force is removed and the instant that  $Q$  comes to rest. (4)

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