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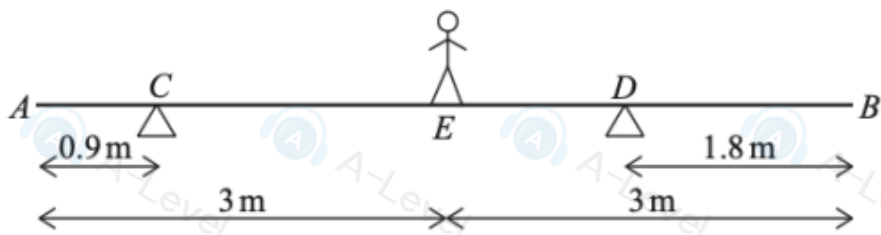


Figure 1

A non-uniform beam AB has length 6 m and mass 50 kg. The beam rests horizontally on two supports at C and D , where $AC = 0.9$ m and $DB = 1.8$ m.

A child of mass 25 kg stands on the beam at E , where $AE = EB = 3$ m, as shown in Figure 1.

The beam is in equilibrium.

The magnitude of the normal reaction between the beam and the support at C is R_C newtons.

The magnitude of the normal reaction between the beam and the support at D is R_D newtons.

The beam is modelled as a rod and the child is modelled as a particle.

The centre of mass of the beam is between C and D and is a distance x metres from D .

Given that $2R_D = 3R_C$

(a) show that $x = 1.38$

(6)

The child remains at E and a block of mass M kg is placed on the beam at B .

The block is modelled as a particle.

Given that the beam is on the point of tilting,

(b) find the value of M .

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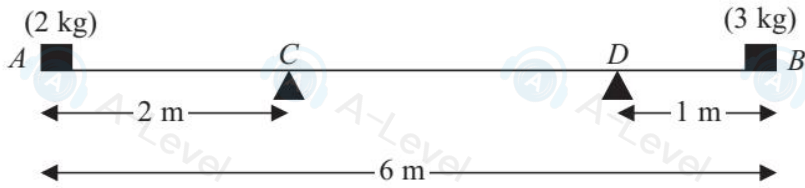


Figure 2

A plank AB , of length 6 m and mass 4 kg, rests in equilibrium horizontally on two supports at C and D , where $AC = 2$ m and $DB = 1$ m. A brick of mass 2 kg rests on the plank at A and a brick of mass 3 kg rests on the plank at B , as shown in Figure 2. The plank is modelled as a uniform rod and all bricks are modelled as particles.

- (a) Find the magnitude of the reaction exerted on the plank
 - (i) by the support at C ,
 - (ii) by the support at D .
- (6)**

The 3 kg brick is now removed and replaced with a brick of mass x kg at B . The plank remains horizontal and in equilibrium but the reactions on the plank at C and at D now have equal magnitude.

- (b) Find the value of x .
- (4)**



