

2. a) 7 points

The work required to compress the spring must be at least as great as the kinetic energy the spring imparts to the block, so

$$W_{\min} = \Delta K$$

2 points

Since the block is released from rest, its kinetic energy increase is

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(3 \text{ kg})\left(10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2$$

3 points

$$\text{Therefore } W_{\min} = 150 \text{ joules}$$

2 points

b) 8 points

The linear momentum of the system, initially zero, is conserved, so that the momentum of each block has the same magnitude:

$$|p_1| = |p_2|$$

1 point

$$\text{For each block, } p = mv$$

1 point

$$\text{Therefore } |m_1 v_1| = |m_2 v_2|$$

$$\text{and } |v_1| = \frac{m_2}{m_1} |v_2| = 3 |v_2|$$

1 point

Energy is conserved as the blocks separate.

1 point

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2 v_2^2 = 150 \text{ J}$$

1 point

Eliminate  $v_1$  by using preceding momentum conservation equation:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1(3v_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2 v_2^2 = 150 \text{ J}$$

1 point

Substituting  $m_1 = 1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $m_2 = 3 \text{ kg}$  gives

$$12 v_2^2 = 300$$

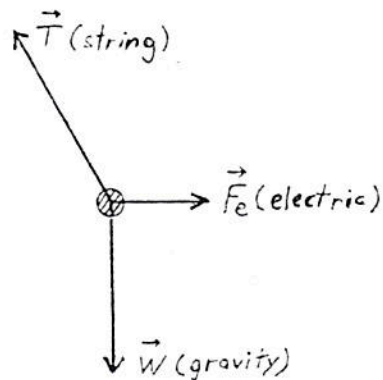
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$$\text{so } v_2 = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ m/s and } v_1 = 3 \cdot 5 = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

1 point

Total 15 points

3. a) 4 points



1 point for each force, with correct direction and an adequate label.

3 points

If lengths of vectors correctly represent relative magnitudes of forces.

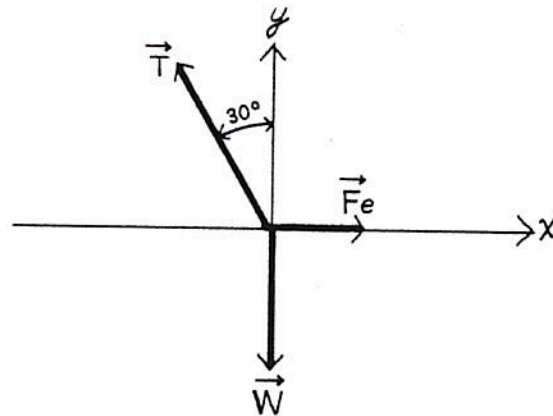
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b) 7 points



Vector sum of forces is zero:

$$\vec{T} + \vec{F}_e + \vec{W} = 0$$

Considering y-components,  
 $T \cos 30^\circ = W = mg$ , so

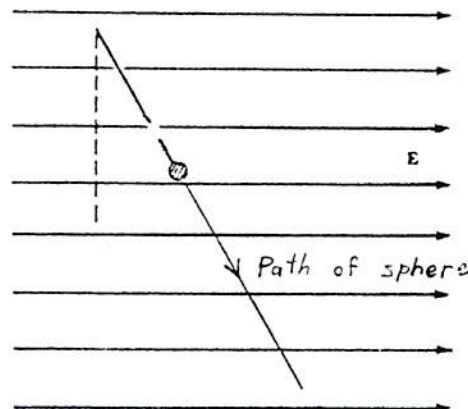
$$T = \frac{5 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 10}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = .058 \text{ N}$$

Considering x-components,  
 $F_e = T \sin 30^\circ$  (or  $mg \tan 30^\circ$ )

Field and force are related by  $E = F_e/Q$ , so

$$E = \frac{mg \tan 30^\circ}{Q} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-2} \cdot (\sqrt{3}/3)}{5 \times 10^{-6}} = 5.8 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$$

c) 4 points



After the string is cut, the only forces are gravity, which acts down, and the electrical force, which acts to the right.

The resultant of these two forces causes a constant acceleration from rest along the line of the string.

The path is therefore down and to the right,  
a straight line along the direction of the string as shown above.

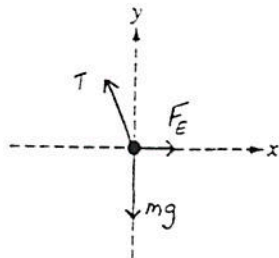
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Total 15 points

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Question 2 (15 points)

(a) 3 points



One point for each correctly drawn and labeled force

3 points

One point was deducted (up to a maximum of three points) for each extra force, for any missing arrowheads, and for any missing labels

(b) 3 points

For using the correct expression for the magnitude of the electric field (as indicated by either of the following two equations)

1 point

$$E = \frac{F}{q}$$

$$E = \frac{0.032 \text{ N}}{80.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}$$

For the correct magnitude of the field

1 point

$$E = 400 \text{ N/C}$$

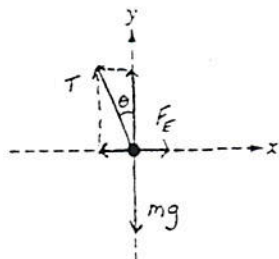
For indicating the correct direction for the field (e.g. -x, or to the left)

1 point

(c) 4 points

For some indication of resolving the tension into x and y components

1 point



For the correct force equations using these components

1 point

$$T \sin \theta = F_E$$

$$T \cos \theta = mg$$

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Question 2 (continued)

(c) (continued)

Dividing these equations

$$\tan \theta = \frac{F_E}{mg}$$

For determining the value of the angle  $\theta$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{(0.032 \text{ N})}{(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.01 \text{ kg})}$$
$$\theta \approx 18^\circ$$

1 point

Using trigonometry to find the perpendicular distance  $x$  from the wall

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x}{0.30 \text{ m}}$$

For the correct value for  $x$

$$x = 0.09 \text{ m}$$

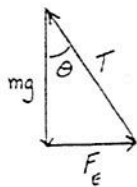
1 point

(Alternate solution I)

(Alternate points)

For some indication that the three forces are in equilibrium, e.g. drawing the triangle representing the vector addition

1 point



For using trigonometry to find the angle  $\theta$

1 point

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Question 2 (continued)

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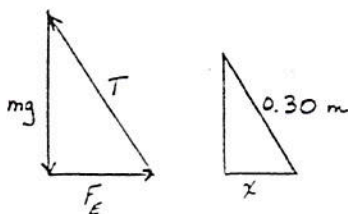
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(Alternate solution II)

(Alternate points)

For indicating both triangles to be used in the method of similar triangles

2 points



Calculating the length of the hypotenuse (the tension) in the force triangle

$$T = \sqrt{(0.098 \text{ N})^2 + (0.032 \text{ N})^2} = 0.103 \text{ N}$$

For correctly setting up the proportionality between the sides of the triangles

1 point

$$\frac{x}{0.30 \text{ m}} = \frac{0.032 \text{ N}}{0.103 \text{ N}}$$

For the correct answer

1 point

$$x = 0.09 \text{ m}$$

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## Question 2 (continued)

(d)

i. 4 points

For using Newton's law to calculate the acceleration due to the electric force

1 point

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{0.032\text{N}}{0.01\text{ kg}} = 3.2\text{ m/s}^2$$

For vector addition of the two accelerations

1 point

$$a^2 = (3.2\text{ m/s}^2)^2 + (9.8\text{ m/s}^2)^2$$

For the correct magnitude of the resultant acceleration

1 point

$$a = 10.3\text{ m/s}^2$$

Using trigonometry to calculate the angle  $\theta$ 

$$\tan \theta = \frac{(9.8\text{ m/s}^2)}{(3.2\text{ m/s}^2)}$$

(One could also realize that the acceleration must be opposite the tension, whose angle may have been determined in part (c) )

For the correct value of  $\theta$ 

1 point

$$\theta = 72^\circ \text{ below the x-axis or } 18^\circ \text{ to the right of the y-axis}$$

ii. 1 point

For correctly indicating that the ball moves in a straight line, down and to the right (via words or a figure), or indicating that the ball has a horizontal acceleration and a vertical acceleration due to gravity

1 point