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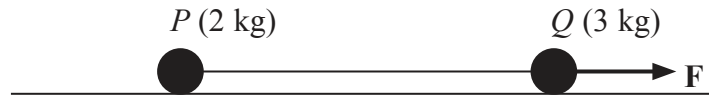


Figure 4

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 μ . Find

- (a) the acceleration of Q , (2)
- (b) the value of μ , (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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