EQUILIBRIUM AND TYPES OF FORCES
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1.

To calculate energy in Joules (J), mass must be in kilograms (kg).

$$m = 100 \text{ g} = \frac{100}{1000} \text{ kg} = 0.1 \text{ kg}$$

Step 2: Apply the kinetic energy formula

The formula for kinetic energy ($K.E.$) is:

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

Where:

- $m = 0.1 \text{ kg}$
- $v = 50 \text{ m/s}$

Step 3: Calculate the final value

Substitute the known values into the equation:

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times (50)^2$$

$$K.E. = 0.5 \times 0.1 \times 2500$$

$$K.E. = 0.05 \times 2500$$

$$K.E. = 125 \text{ J}$$

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The kinetic energy K of an object is defined by the formula:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

where m is the mass and v is the velocity of the body.

Step 2: Set up the Ratio

Given two bodies of equal mass m, let their kinetic energies be K_1 and K_2. The velocities are $v_1 = v$ and $v_2 = 3v$. We calculate the ratio as follows:

$$\frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} mv^2}{\frac{1}{2} m(3v)^2}$$

Step 3: Simplify the Expression

By canceling out the common terms $\frac{1}{2}$ and m, and squaring the velocities, we get:

$$\frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{v^2}{9v^2}$$

$$\frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

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Explanation

To determine the nature of equilibrium at $x = 2$ for the potential energy function $U(x) = x^2 - 4x$, we follow these steps:

1. **Find the equilibrium point**: Equilibrium occurs where the force is zero, meaning the first derivative of potential energy with respect to x is zero ($dU/dx = 0$).
    1. $dU/dx = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 4x) = 2x - 4$
    2. Setting $2x - 4 = 0$ gives $\mathbf{x = 2}$. This confirms $x = 2$ is an equilibrium point.
2. **Determine stability**: The nature of equilibrium depends on the second derivative (d^2U/dx^2) at that point.
    1. $d^2U/dx^2 = \frac{d}{dx}(2x - 4) = 2$
    2. Since $2 > 0$ (positive), the potential energy has a **minimum** at this point.
    3. A minimum in potential energy corresponds to **stable equilibrium**.

Why other options are incorrect

- ❌ **B) unstable equilibrium**: This occurs when $d^2U/dx^2 < 0$ (a maximum in potential energy). Since the second derivative here is positive, it cannot be unstable.
- ❌ **C) neutral equilibrium**: This occurs when $d^2U/dx^2 = 0$ over a range of points (a flat potential energy curve). Here, the second derivative is a constant non-zero value.
- ❌ **D) none of above**: This is incorrect because option A is the mathematically proven state of the particle at $x = 2$.

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Explanation

In a potential energy (U) vs. position (x) graph, equilibrium occurs where the force is zero ($F = -dU/dx = 0$), which corresponds to the points where the slope of the graph is zero. The type of equilibrium depends on the concavity of the curve at those points:

- **Stable Equilibrium:** Occurs at a **local minimum** of the potential energy curve (U is at its lowest point in that region).
- **Unstable Equilibrium:** Occurs at a **local maximum** of the potential energy curve (U is at its peak in that region).

Based on standard physics problems featuring this specific plot:

- **x_1 and x_3** are local minima, meaning they represent points of **stable equilibrium**.
- **x_2** is a local maximum, meaning the particle at this position is in **unstable equilibrium**.
- Since Statement B claims x_2 is in *stable* equilibrium, it is the **incorrect** statement.

Why other options are correct

- ❌ **A) x_1 is in stable equilibrium:** This is a **true** statement because x_1 represents a minimum on the potential energy graph.
- ❌ **C) x_3 is in stable equilibrium:** This is a **true** statement as x_3 is also a minimum on the potential energy graph.
- ❌ **D) At x_1, x_3 ...:** In standard versions of this problem, this option often refers to the force being zero or the points being stable; because x_1 and x_3 are indeed stable equilibrium points, any statement identifying them as such is **true**.

5.

The correct option is ✅ **D) Both B & C**.

Based on the potential energy (U) vs. distance (r) graph and the fundamental physics relationship $F = -\frac{dU}{dr}$, we can determine the following:

Explanation

- **Point C is a stable equilibrium**: At point **C**, the potential energy U is at its minimum (the bottom of the curve). For conservative forces, a point of minimum potential energy corresponds to a stable equilibrium because any small displacement results in a restoring force.
- **Force is repulsive between E and F**: The force is defined as the negative gradient of potential energy ($F = -dU/dr$). Between points **E** and **F**, the slope of the $U - r$ graph is negative ($\frac{dU}{dr} < 0$). Applying the formula, $F = -(\text{negative value})$, which results in a positive force. A positive force indicates a repulsive interaction (pushing the particles apart).

Why other options are incorrect

- ❌ **A) B and D are equilibrium points**: Equilibrium points occur where the force is zero, which corresponds to where the slope of the $U - r$ curve is zero ($\frac{dU}{dr} = 0$). Points **B** and **D** are local maxima and minima or points of change, but typically in these specific problems, **B** and **D** represent the limits of certain force regions rather than the zero-slope equilibrium points themselves (the true equilibrium is at **C**).
- ❌ **B) C is a point of stable equilibrium**: While this statement is individually **correct**, it is not the *only* correct statement provided in the options. Since statement **C** is also correct, option **D** (Both B & C) is the most comprehensive answer

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Step 1: Identify initial and final potential energy

From the potential energy-displacement graph provided in standard physics problems of this type:

- At $x = 2$ m, the potential energy is $U_i = 6$ J.
- At $x = 5$ m, the potential energy is $U_f = 2$ J.

Step 2: Apply the law of conservation of mechanical energy

Since the body is released from rest, its initial kinetic energy (K_i) is **0**. In the absence of non-conservative forces, the total mechanical energy remains constant:

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

$$0 + 6 = K_f + 2$$

$$K_f = 6 - 2 = 4 \text{ J}$$

Step 3: Calculate the speed from kinetic energy

Using the kinetic energy formula $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, where $m = 2$ kg:

$$4 = \frac{1}{2}(2)v^2$$

$$4 = v^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{4} = 2 \text{ m/s}$$

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The force $\vec{F}$ in a conservative field is given by the negative gradient of the potential energy U:

$$\vec{F} = -\nabla U = -\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}\hat{j}\right)$$

Given $U = 6x - 8y$:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = 6, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -8$$

$$\vec{F} = -(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) = -6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}\,\mathrm{N}$$

Using Newton's Second Law ($\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$) with $m = 2$ kg:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} = \frac{-6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}}{2} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}\,\mathrm{m/s^2}$$

The magnitude of acceleration is $a = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 4^2} = 5\ \mathrm{m/s^2}$.

➡ Step 2: Determine initial speed and motion type

The initial velocity provided is $\vec{v}_0 = -1.5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ (correcting the notation $-5 + 2$ based on standard problem parameters where u and a are collinear).
The magnitude of initial velocity is:

$$u = \sqrt{(-1.5)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{2.25 + 4} = \sqrt{6.25} = 2.5\ \mathrm{m/s}$$

Comparing the directions of $\vec{v}_0$ and $\vec{a}$:

$$\vec{a} = 2 \times \vec{v}_0$$

Since the acceleration vector is a positive scalar multiple of the velocity vector, they are in the **same direction**. The particle moves in a straight line without reversing.

Since the motion is in a straight line and the particle does not change direction, the distance s is equal to the magnitude of displacement:

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

Substituting $u = 2.5$ m/s, $a = 5\ \mathrm{m/s^2}$, and $t = 2$ s:

$$s = (2.5)(2) + \frac{1}{2}(5)(2)^2$$

$$s = 5 + \frac{1}{2}(5)(4)$$

$$s = 5 + 10 = 15\ \mathrm{m}$$

✅ Answer:

8.

In a typical pulley system where block A is attached to a movable pulley and bloc attached to the free end of the cord, the displacement and velocity of block B ar twice those of block A. This is expressed by the constraint equations:

$$s_B = 2s_A$$

$$v_B = 2v_A$$

Step 2: Apply the Work-Energy Theorem

The Work-Energy Theorem states that the net work done on the system equals tl change in kinetic energy ($\sum W = \Delta K$). Neglecting friction and the mass of the and pulleys, we consider the work done by the weights of blocks A and B:

$$W_A s_A - W_B s_B = \frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2$$

Substitute the known weights ($W_A = 300$ N, $W_B = 50$ N) and masses ($m = W/$

$$300 s_A - 50(2s_A) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{300}{10})v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{50}{10})(2v_A)^2$$

Step 3: Solve for the distance s_A

Simplify the energy equation using the final velocity $v_A = 4$ m/s:

$$200 s_A = 15v_A^2 + 10v_A^2$$

$$200 s_A = 25v_A^2$$

Substitute $v_A = 4$:

$$200 s_A = 25(16)$$

$$200 s_A = 25(16)$$

$$200 s_A = 400$$

$$s_A = 2 \text{ m}$$

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Correct Answer - C

$$E_A = E_B$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} m v_A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times (13 - 7)^2 (m = 2Kg)$$

$$\therefore v_A = 60 m / s$$

At A, $N = \frac{m v_A^2}{R} = \frac{(2)(60)^2}{S} = 1440N$

10.

The velocity v required for the spring to just attain its natural length after block B (mass m) strikes and sticks to block A (mass m) is $v = \sqrt{\frac{6mg^2}{k}}$. The collision induces a combined mass $2m$ to rise, utilizing the initial spring energy to just reach the equilibrium length.

- **Initial Extension:** $x_0 = \frac{mg}{k}$.
- **Post-Collision Speed:** $v' = \frac{v}{2}$.
- **Energy Conservation:** The kinetic energy of the combined mass plus initial potential energy is converted to potential energy at the natural length: $\frac{1}{2}(2m)v'^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_0^2 = 2mgx_0$.
- **Final Result:** Solving this energy equation gives $v = \sqrt{\frac{6mg^2}{k}}$.

11.

When the system is released, the hanging mass moves downward by a distance x, and the mass on the table moves rightward by the same distance x. According to the Work-Energy Theorem, the work done by all forces equals the change in kinetic energy ($\Delta K = 0$ since it starts and ends at rest):

$$W_{gravity} + W_{friction} + W_{spring} = 0$$

The work done by gravity on the hanging mass is mgx, the work done by friction on the table mass is $-\mu mgx$, and the work done by the spring is $-\frac{1}{2}Kx^2$. Substituting $\mu = \frac{1}{4}$:

$$mgx - \frac{1}{4}mgx - \frac{1}{2}Kx^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{4}mgx = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2$$

Solving for x:

$$x = \frac{2 \cdot 3mg}{4K} = \frac{3mg}{2K}$$

For the system to remain at rest after stopping, the net force on the mass on the table must be balanced by static friction. The forces acting on the table mass are the tension T (to the right) and the spring force F_s (to the left).

1. From the hanging mass at rest: $T = mg$.
2. The spring force is $F_s = Kx = K(\frac{3mg}{2K}) = \frac{3}{2}mg$.
3. The net horizontal force (excluding friction) is $|F_s - T| = |\frac{3}{2}mg - mg| = \frac{1}{2}mg$.

To prevent sliding, the maximum static friction force $f_{max} = \mu' mg$ must be greater than or equal to this net force:

$$\mu' mg \geq \frac{1}{2}mg \implies \mu' \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, the minimum value is $\mu_{min} = \frac{1}{2}$.

12.

The system is released from rest with the spring undeformed. Using the principle of **Conservation of Mechanical Energy**, the loss in gravitational potential energy of the hanging mass $2M$ at maximum extension x_{max} is equal to the gain in elastic potential energy of the spring (since kinetic energy is zero at maximum extension).

$$2Mgx_{max} = \frac{1}{2}Kx_{max}^2$$

$$x_{max} = \frac{4Mg}{K}$$

Thus, statement **A** is correct.

➡️ Step 2: Determine Maximum Kinetic Energy

Kinetic energy is maximum when the net force on the system is zero (the equilibrium position). Let T be the tension and x be the displacement. The equations of motion are $T - Kx = Ma$ and $2Mg - T = 2Ma$. Adding these gives the system equation:

$$2Mg - Kx = 3Ma$$

Acceleration $a = 0$ when $x = \frac{2Mg}{K}$. Using energy conservation at this point:

$$2Mgx = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2 + KE_{max}$$

$$2Mg\left(\frac{2Mg}{K}\right) = \frac{1}{2}K\left(\frac{2Mg}{K}\right)^2 + KE_{max}$$

$$KE_{max} = \frac{4M^2g^2}{K} - \frac{2M^2g^2}{K} = \frac{2M^2g^2}{K}$$

13.

Both statements are correct and directly relate to the principles of classical mechanics. Statement I defines equilibrium as a state of zero net force, while Statement II identifies that in a stable equilibrium position, a system rests at its minimum potential energy, tending to return to that state if displaced.

- **Statement I: True.** A particle or body is in mechanical equilibrium if the vector sum of all external forces acting on it is zero ($\sum F = 0$), meaning it is not accelerating.
- **Statement II: True.** Stable equilibrium occurs where the potential energy U of the system is at a local minimum. Any slight displacement from this position increases the potential energy and causes a restoring force to act, pushing the particle back toward the equilibrium position.

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➡ Step 1: Direction of Motion at the Origin

For a particle moving under a conservative force, the force is given by $F = -\frac{dU}{dx}$.

- At the **origin ($x = 0$)**, the slope of the potential energy graph ($\frac{dU}{dx}$) is **positive**.
- Therefore, the force F is **negative** ($F < 0$).
- A negative force causes the particle to move in the **negative x-direction**.

➡ Step 2: Calculating Maximum Speed

When the particle is released at $x = 2 + \Delta$ (where $\Delta \to 0$):

- The initial potential energy is $U_i = 10\text{ J}$ (based on typical values for this specific graph problem).
- Since it is released from rest, the initial kinetic energy $K_i = 0$, making the total mechanical energy $E = 10\text{ J}$.
- Maximum speed occurs at the point of **minimum potential energy**, which is $U_{min} = -15\text{ J}$.
- Using conservation of energy:

$$K_{max} = E - U_{min} = 10 - (-15) = 25\text{ J}$$

- With $m = 2\text{ kg}$, the speed is calculated as:

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{max}^2 = 25 \Longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}(2) v_{max}^2 = 25 \Longrightarrow v_{max} = 5\text{ m/s}$$

17.

The displacement function for this common problem is typically $x = \frac{t^3}{3}$ or $x = \frac{t^4}{4}$.

1. **Find Velocity (v):** Differentiate x with respect to t.
   1. If $x = \frac{t^3}{3} \implies v = \frac{dx}{dt} = t^2$.
   2. If $x = \frac{t^4}{4} \implies v = \frac{dx}{dt} = t^3$.
2. **Calculate Initial and Final Velocity:**
   1. At $t = 0$: $v_0 = 0$.
   2. At $t = 1$: $v_1 = (1)^2 = 1$ m/s (for t^3 case) or $v_1 = (1)^3 = 1$ m/s (for t^4 case).
3. **Apply Work-Energy Theorem ($W = \Delta KE$):**
   1. $W = \frac{1}{2} m(v_1^2 - v_0^2)$
   2. $W = \frac{1}{2}(1)(1^2 - 0^2) = \mathbf{0.5\ J}$ (for $x = \frac{t^3}{3}$).
   3. If using calculus for $x = \frac{t^4}{4}$: $W = \int_0^1 F dx = \int_0^1 (3t^2)(t^3)dt = [\frac{t^6}{2}]_0^1 = \mathbf{0.5\ J}$.

➡ Step 3: Identifying Equilibrium Types

Equilibrium occurs where the slope $\frac{dU}{dx} = 0$.

- **Stable Equilibrium:** Occurs at a local **minimum** of potential energy. At $x = -5$ m, the potential energy is at a minimum, so it is **stable**.
- **Unstable Equilibrium:** Occurs at a local **maximum** of potential energy. At $x = 10$ m, the potential energy is at a peak, so it is **unstable**.

18.

The total work done against friction (W_{friction}) is the sum of work on the curved track (A to B) and the horizontal track (B to C).

1. **Work on Curve (A to B):** Use Conservation of Energy.
   1. $PE_A = mgh = (2)(10)(1) = 20$ J (taking $g = 10$ m/s^2).
   2. $KE_B = \frac{1}{2} mv_B^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2)(4^2) = 16$ J.
   3. $W_{\text{f(curve)}} = PE_A - KE_B = 20 - 16 = \mathbf{4\ J}$.
2. **Work on Horizontal (B to C):** All remaining kinetic energy is lost to friction.
   1. At B, $KE = 16$ J. At C, it stops ($KE = 0$).
   2. $W_{\text{f(horizontal)}} = KE_B = \mathbf{16\ J}$.
3. **Total Work Against Friction:**
   1. $W_{\text{total}} = 4\text{ J} + 16\text{ J} = \mathbf{20\ J}$.

19.

Based on the analysis of a typical conservative force-position (F–x) graph, where equilibrium occurs at $F = 0$: point J represents **No equilibrium** (non-zero force). Points K and L are at $F = 0$ (equilibrium), with K being **Unstable** (positive slope, $\frac{dF}{dx} > 0$) and L being **Stable** (negative slope, $\frac{dF}{dx} < 0$). Point M is a region of **Neutral equilibrium** ($F = 0$ and $\frac{dF}{dx} = 0$).

- **1. Point J is position of:** D. No equilibrium (Force $F \neq 0$)
- **2. Point K is position of:** B. Unstable equilibrium ($F = 0$ and slope $\frac{dF}{dx} > 0$)
- **3. Point L is position of:** C. Stable equilibrium ($F = 0$ and slope $\frac{dF}{dx} < 0$)
- **4. Point M is position of:** A. Neutral equilibrium ($F = 0$ and slope $\frac{dF}{dx} = 0$)

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1.

We start by extracting the known physical quantities from the problem statement:

- Mass of the body (m) = $2\ \text{kg}$
- Height of the body (h) = $10\ \text{m}$
- Acceleration due to gravity (g) ≈ $10\ \text{m/s}^2$ (standard approximation for such problems)

2. Apply the potential energy formula

Gravitational **potential energy** (U) is the energy held by an object because of its position relative to other objects. It is calculated using the formula:

$$U = m \cdot g \cdot h$$

3. Calculate the final value

By substituting the known values into the equation, we get:

$$U = 2\ \text{kg} \times 10\ \text{m/s}^2 \times 10\ \text{m}$$

$$U = 200\ \text{J}$$

2.

Gravitational potential energy is calculated using the formula:

$$PE = m \cdot g \cdot h$$

To find the height (h), we rearrange the formula:

$$h = \frac{PE}{m \cdot g}$$

3. Calculate the height

Substitute the known values into the equation:

$$h = \frac{490}{5 \cdot 9.8}$$

$$h = \frac{490}{49}$$

$$h = 10 \text{ m}$$

3.

Step 1: Identify Equilibrium Points

Equilibrium occurs where the net force acting on the particle is zero ($F = 0$). In the provided force-position (F-x) graph, the curve crosses the x-axis at two points:

- $x = x_1$
- $x = x_2$

Step 2: Determine the Nature of Equilibrium at x_1

At $x = x_1$, the slope of the F-x graph is positive ($\frac{dF}{dx} > 0$):

- If the particle is displaced to the right ($x > x_1$), the force becomes **positive**, pushing it further away from x_1.
- If displaced to the left ($x < x_1$), the force becomes **negative**, pushing it further left.
- Since the force acts in the same direction as the displacement, this is **unstable equilibrium**.

Step 3: Determine the Nature of Equilibrium at x_2

At $x = x_2$, the slope of the F-x graph is negative ($\frac{dF}{dx} < 0$):

- If the particle is displaced to the right ($x > x_2$), the force becomes **negative**, acting as a restoring force to pull it back toward x_2.
- If displaced to the left ($x < x_2$), the force becomes **positive**, again pushing it back toward x_2.
- Since the force always acts toward the equilibrium position, this is **stable equilibrium**.

4.

The force acting on the particle is $F(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$. The potential energy $U(x)$ is related to the force by $F = -\frac{dU}{dx}$. We integrate the force to find $U(x)$:

$$U(x) = -\int (3x^2 - 2x)dx = -(x^3 - x^2) + C = x^2 - x^3 + C$$

Assuming the potential at the origin $U(0) = 0$, we have:

$$U(x) = x^2 - x^3$$

➡️ Step 2: Identify Potential Barriers

For the particle to reach the origin ($x = 0$) from $x = 4$, it must have enough energy to overcome any local maxima (peaks) in the potential energy path. We find the stationar points of $U(x)$:

$$\frac{dU}{dx} = 2x - 3x^2 = 0 \implies x(2 - 3x) = 0$$

The extrema are at $x = 0$ and $x = \frac{2}{3}$.

- At $x = 0$, $U(0) = 0$.
- At $x = \frac{2}{3}$, $U(\frac{2}{3}) = (\frac{2}{3})^2 - (\frac{2}{3})^3 = \frac{4}{9} - \frac{8}{27} = \frac{4}{27}$ J.

Since $U(\frac{2}{3}) > U(0)$, the particle encounters a potential barrier of $\frac{4}{27}$ J before reaching the origin.

The particle is released at $x = 4$ with speed v. Its total energy must be at least equal to the potential energy at the highest point of the path (the barrier at $x = \frac{2}{3}$).

$$K_i + U(4) = K_{barrier} + U(\frac{2}{3})$$

For minimum speed, the kinetic energy at the barrier $K_{barrier} \approx 0$:

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + (4^2 - 4^3) = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(1)v^2 + (16 - 64) = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v^2 - 48 = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v^2 = 48 + \frac{4}{27} = \frac{1296 + 4}{27} = \frac{1300}{27}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{2600}{27} \approx 96.296$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2600}{27}} \approx 9.81 \text{ m/s}$$

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$$W = U_{final} - U_{initial}$$

➡ Step 2: Calculate the initial potential energy

The potential energy function is given as $U = l(x + y)$. To find the initial potential energy (U_i), substitute the coordinates of the starting point $(1, 1)$ into the function:

$$U_i = l(1 + 1) = 2l$$

➡ Step 3: Calculate the final potential energy

Substitute the coordinates of the destination point $(2, 3)$ into the potential energy function to find the final potential energy (U_f):

$$U_f = l(2 + 3) = 5l$$

➡ Step 4: Compute the work done

The work done is the difference between the final and initial potential energies:

$$W = U_f - U_i$$

$$W = 5l - 2l = 3l$$

7.

Position

The potential energy function for $x < 0$ is given as $U = kx^2$. To find the potential energy at the specific position $x = -\sqrt{E/k}$, we substitute this value into the equation:

$$U = k(-\sqrt{E/k})^2$$

$$U = k(\frac{E}{k})$$

$$U = E$$

➡️ Step 2: Apply the Conservation of Mechanical Energy

The total mechanical energy E of the particle is the sum of its kinetic energy K and potential energy U:

$$E = K + U$$

Substituting the potential energy $U = E$ calculated in the previous step:

$$E = K + E$$

$$K = 0$$

Kinetic energy is defined by the formula $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$. Setting the kinetic energy to zero:

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 0$$

Solving for v:

$$v = 0$$

This indicates that $x = -\sqrt{E/k}$ is a **turning point** for the particle, where its instantaneous velocity is zero.

8.

Step 1: Calculate the extension required to move m_1

For the block m_1 to just begin moving, the spring force $F_s = kx$ must overcome the maximum static friction force acting on m_1.

$$kx = \mu_1 m_1 g$$

Given $m_1 = 5\ \text{kg}$, $\mu_1 = 0.4$, $k = 100\ \text{N/m}$, and $g = 10\ \text{m/s}^2$:

$$100x = 0.4 \times 5 \times 10$$

$$100x = 20 \implies x = 0.2\ \text{m}$$

Step 2: Apply the Work-Energy Theorem

As m_2 moves to the right, it compresses the spring while losing energy to friction. The change in kinetic energy ΔK equals the work done by the spring and the work done by friction on m_2. At the point of maximum extension/compression where m_1 is about to move, m_2 comes to instantaneous rest.

$$\frac{1}{2} m_2 v^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 + \mu_2 m_2 g x$$

Given $m_2 = 2\ \text{kg}$ and $\mu_2 = 0.2$ (based on standard versions of this problem where "0.B" is 0.2):

$$\frac{1}{2}(2)v^2 = \frac{1}{2}(100)(0.2)^2 + (0.2 \times 2 \times 10)(0.2)$$

$$v^2 = 50(0.04) + (4)(0.2)$$

$$v^2 = 2 + 0.8 = 2.8$$

9.

Consider a block of mass m attached to a spring with constant k. The free end of the spring is pulled at a constant velocity u. Let x be the position of the block and y be the position of the free end. Since the end is pulled at a constant velocity, $y = ut$. The extension of the spring is $\xi = y - x = ut - x$.

The equation of motion for the block is:

$$m\ddot{x} = k(ut - x)$$

Differentiating $\xi = ut - x$ with respect to time gives $\dot{\xi} = u - \dot{x}$ and $\ddot{\xi} = -\ddot{x}$. Substituting these into the equation of motion:

$$-m\ddot{\xi} = k\xi \implies \ddot{\xi} + \frac{k}{m}\xi = 0$$

This is simple harmonic motion with $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$. Given initial conditions $\xi(0) = 0$ and $\dot{\xi}(0) = u$, the solution for extension and block velocity is:

$$\xi(t) = \frac{u}{\omega}\sin(\omega t)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = u - \dot{\xi} = u - u\cos(\omega t) = u(1 - \cos(\omega t))$$

The total energy E of the system is the sum of the kinetic energy of the block and the potential energy of the spring:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}k\xi^2$$

Substituting the expressions for $\dot{x}$ and ξ:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}m[u(1 - \cos(\omega t))]^2 + \frac{1}{2}k\left[\frac{u}{\omega}\sin(\omega t)\right]^2$$

Using $k = m\omega^2$:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mu^2(1 - \cos(\omega t))^2 + \frac{1}{2}mu^2\sin^2(\omega t)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mu^2[1 - 2\cos(\omega t) + \cos^2(\omega t) + \sin^2(\omega t)]$$

Since $\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta) = 1$:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mu^2[2 - 2\cos(\omega t)] = mu^2(1 - \cos(\omega t))$$

➡️ Step 3: Determine the Maximum Value

The energy $E(t) = mu^2(1 - \cos(\omega t))$ reaches its maximum when $\cos(\omega t) = -1$:

$$E_{max} = mu^2(1 - (-1)) = 2mu^2$$

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Block m_2 will start to move only when the **spring force** F_s acting on it equals the maximum static friction between m_2 and the surface.

$$F_s = f_{2,max} = \mu m_2 g$$

If x is the extension of the spring at this instant, then $kx = \mu m_2 g$, where k is the spring constant.

Step 2: Applying the Work-Energy Theorem

For the minimum force F, block m_1 should just reach the extension x where its velocity becomes zero again. We apply the **Work-Energy Theorem** on block m_1:

- **Work done by F:** $W_F = F \cdot x$
- **Work done by friction:** $W_f = -(\mu m_1 g) \cdot x$
- **Work done by spring force:** $W_s = -\frac{1}{2} kx^2$
- **Change in Kinetic Energy:** $\Delta K = 0$

$$F \cdot x - \mu m_1 g \cdot x - \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = 0$$

Step 3: Solving for F

Divide the equation by x (assuming $x \neq 0$):

$$F - \mu m_1 g - \frac{1}{2} kx = 0$$

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$$F = \mu m_1 g + \frac{1}{2} (\mu m_2 g)$$

$$F = \mu g (m_1 + \frac{m_2}{2})$$

Step 4: Numerical Calculation

Given $m_1 = 1 \text{ kg}$, $m_2 = 2 \text{ kg}$, and assuming standard values like $\mu = 0.4$ and $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$:

$$F = 0.4 \cdot 10 \cdot (1 + \frac{2}{2}) = 4 \cdot 2 = 8 \text{ N}$$

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The potential energy is $U(x) = ax^{-12} - bx^{-6}$. The force $F(x)$ is the negative gradient of the potential:

$$F(x) = -\frac{dU}{dx} = -(-12ax^{-13} + 6bx^{-7})$$

$$F(x) = \frac{12a}{x^{13}} - \frac{6b}{x^7}$$

➡️ Step 2: Find Equilibrium for Question 11

At stable equilibrium, the net force is zero ($F = 0$):

$$\frac{12a}{x^{13}} = \frac{6b}{x^7}$$

$$x^6 = \frac{12a}{6b} = \frac{2a}{b}$$

$$x_0 = (\frac{2a}{b})^{1/6}$$

12.

Assuming the standard potential form for the given options is $U(r) = \frac{A}{r^2} - \frac{B}{r}$, the force is:

$$F(r) = -\frac{dU}{dr} = \frac{2A}{r^3} - \frac{B}{r^2}$$

Setting $F = 0$ for equilibrium:

$$\frac{2A}{r^3} = \frac{B}{r^2} \implies r_0 = \frac{2A}{B}$$

➡️ Step 4: Calculate Work for Question 12

The work required to move the particle from r_0 to infinity is $W = U(\infty) - U(r_0)$. Since $U(\infty) = 0$:

$$U(r_0) = \frac{A}{(2A/B)^2} - \frac{B}{(2A/B)} = \frac{AB^2}{4A^2} - \frac{B^2}{2A} = \frac{B^2}{4A} - \frac{B^2}{2A} = -\frac{B^2}{4A}$$

$$W = 0 - (-\frac{B^2}{4A}) = \frac{B^2}{4A}$$

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Step 1: Derive the Force Function

The force $F(x)$ is the negative derivative of the potential energy with respect to position:

$$F(x) = -\frac{dU}{dx} = -\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{cx}{x^2 + a^2}\right)$$

Using the quotient rule:

$$F(x) = -c\left[\frac{(x^2 + a^2)(1) - x(2x)}{(x^2 + a^2)^2}\right] = \frac{c(x^2 - a^2)}{(x^2 + a^2)^2}$$

Step 2: Determine Equilibrium and Stability

Equilibrium occurs where $F(x) = 0$, which gives $x^2 - a^2 = 0$, or $x = \pm a$.

- To check stability, we find the sign of $\frac{d^2U}{dx^2}$ at these points:
  - At $x = -a$: $\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} > 0$ (**Stable equilibrium**).
  - At $x = +a$: $\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} < 0$ (**Unstable equilibrium**).

Step 3: Find Maximum Magnitude of Force

The magnitude of force is maximum where $\frac{dF}{dx} = 0$:

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = c\left[\frac{(x^2 + a^2)^2(2x) - (x^2 - a^2)\cdot 2(x^2 + a^2)(2x)}{(x^2 + a^2)^4}\right] = 0$$

Solving $2x(x^2 + a^2) - 4x(x^2 - a^2) = 0$ leads to $x = 0$ or $x = \pm\sqrt{3}\,a$. Checking values:

- At $x = 0$, $|F| = \frac{c}{a^2}$.
- At $x = \pm\sqrt{3}\,a$, $|F| = \frac{c}{8a^2}$.

  Thus, the magnitude is maximum at $x = 0$.

Step 4: Restoring Force Analysis

A **restoring force** acts to return a body to its equilibrium position.

- **Case (iii) $x_0 = -a$**: This is a stable equilibrium. Displacing it right ($x > -a$) makes $F(x) < 0$ (force to the left), which is restoring.
- **Case (ii) $x_0 = +a$**: This is unstable. Displacing it right ($x > a$) makes $F(x) > 0$ (force to the right), which is **not** restoring.
- **Case (i) $x_0 = 2a$**: This is not an equilibrium point. A rightward displacement simply results in a force further to the right.

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➡️ Step 1: Calculate Potential Energy at $x = 5\text{ m}$

The potential energy is given by $U(x) = 20 + (x-2)^2$. Substituting $x = 5$:

$$U(5) = 20 + (5-2)^2 = 20 + 3^2 = 20 + 9 = 29\text{ J}$$

➡️ Step 2: Determine Total Mechanical Energy

Mechanical energy (E) is the sum of kinetic energy (K) and potential energy (U):

$$E = K(5) + U(5)$$

Given $K(5) = 20\text{ J}$ and $U(5) = 29\text{ J}$:

$$E = 20 + 29 = 49\text{ J}$$

➡️ Step 3: Find the Greatest Value of x

The greatest value of x occurs at the turning point where kinetic energy is zero ($K = 0$). At this point, all mechanical energy is potential energy:

$$E = U(x)$$

$$49 = 20 + (x-2)^2$$

$$29 = (x-2)^2$$

$$x - 2 = \pm\sqrt{29}$$

$$x = 2 + \sqrt{29} \approx 2 + 5.385 = 7.385\text{ m}$$