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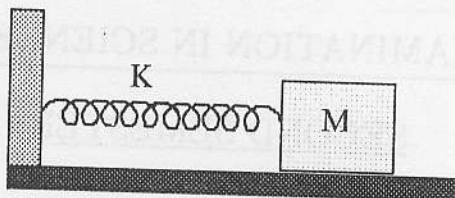
REPEAT

PH 206 WAVES AND VIBRATIONS

Time: 01 hour.

Answer ALL Questions

1. Consider a horizontal coiled spring carrying a mass M in one end and the other end to a wall as shown in the figure. Assume that the system is placed in a frictionless and the spring is stretched at a distance x from its equilibrium position. Derive equation of motion for the system and show that it is a simple harmonic motion.



A horizontal coiled spring is found to be stretched 0.10 m from its equilibrium position when a force of 4 N acts on it. Then a body of mass 1.6 Kg is attached to one end of the spring and is pulled 0.12 m along a horizontal frictionless table from the equilibrium position. The body is then released and executes S.H.M. Find

- (i) the force constant of the spring
- (ii) the force exerted by the spring on 1.6 Kg body just before it is released
- (iii) period of oscillation after release
- (iv) amplitude of motion
- (v) the velocity, acceleration, kinetic energy and potential energy of the body when it is moved half-way from its initial position towards the centre of the motion.
- (vi) the total energy of the oscillating system
- (vii) the equation of motion of the body.

2. The equation of motion of a driven harmonic oscillator is

$$m \ddot{x} + b \dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

where b is the resistance factor and k is the spring factor.

- (a). Show that it possesses a steady state solution of the form

$$x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta),$$

where

$$A = \frac{F_0}{m \sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\tau}\right)^2}}$$

and

$$\delta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{\omega}{\tau}}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \right)$$

Here $\frac{b}{m} = \frac{1}{\tau}$ and $\frac{b}{m} = \omega_0^2$.

Hence deduce an expression for the velocity amplitude x_0 .

- (b). Show that for a particular frequency and for given driving force the velocity amplitude depends on mass, resistance factor and spring factor for the cases $\omega \gg \omega_0$, $\omega = \omega_0$ and $\omega \ll \omega_0$ respectively.