

- 6 (b) A particle moves with simple harmonic motion of amplitude 0.75 m.
The period of the motion is 4 s.

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- Find (i) the maximum speed of the particle
(ii) the time taken by the particle to move from the position of maximum speed to a position at which its speed is half its maximum value.

(i) Period = 4

$$\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 4$$

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$v_{\max} = \omega a$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{8} \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{1}{2} v_{\max} = \frac{3\pi}{16}$$

$$v^2 = \omega^2 (a^2 - x^2)$$

$$\left(\frac{3\pi}{16} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 \left(\left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 - x^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

$$x = a \cos \omega t$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} t \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{time} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ s.}$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} t \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3} \text{ s.}$$

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