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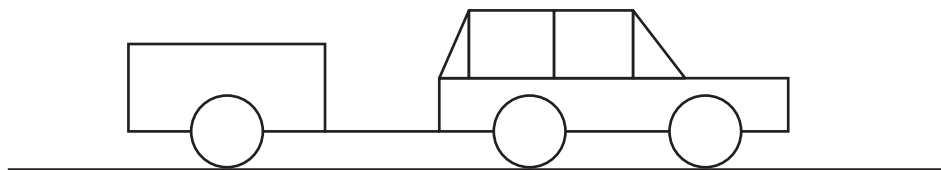


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a car towing a trailer along a straight horizontal road.

The mass of the car is 800 kg and the mass of the trailer is 600 kg.

The trailer is attached to the car by a towbar which is parallel to the road and parallel to the direction of motion of the car and the trailer.

The towbar is modelled as a light rod.

The resistance to the motion of the car is modelled as a constant force of magnitude 400 N.

The resistance to the motion of the trailer is modelled as a constant force of magnitude  $R$  newtons.

The engine of the car is producing a constant driving force that is horizontal and of magnitude 1740 N.

The acceleration of the car is  $0.6 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and the tension in the towbar is  $T$  newtons.

Using the model,

(a) show that  $R = 500$  (3)

(b) find the value of  $T$ . (3)

At the instant when the speed of the car and the trailer is  $12.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the towbar breaks.

The trailer moves a further distance  $d$  metres before coming to rest.

The resistance to the motion of the trailer is modelled as a constant force of magnitude 500 N.

Using the model,

(c) show that, after the towbar breaks, the deceleration of the trailer is  $\frac{5}{6} \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (1)

(d) find the value of  $d$ . (3)

In reality, the distance  $d$  metres is likely to be different from the answer found in part (d).

(e) Give two **different** reasons why this is the case. (2)









