

Question#14603

An object of mass 5 kg is secured by a string and set to rotate round a vertical circular path of 2 m radius . when the object is at the lowest position its tangential speed is 6 m/s , calculate the tension in the string.

Solution:

Let:

$$m = 5 \text{ Kg}$$

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

$$v = 6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F = ?$$

$$F = mg + Ft, \text{ where } Ft - \text{centrifugal force}$$

$$F = mg + m\omega^2 r, \text{ where } \omega - \text{angular velocity}$$

$$\text{As: } v = \omega r; \omega = \frac{v}{r}$$

$$F = mg + m\left(\frac{v}{r}\right)^2 r = mg + m\frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$F = 5 * 9.8 + 5 * \frac{6^2}{2} = 139 \text{ N}$$

Answer: 139 N.