2 One end of a light elastic string of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $2mg$ is attached to a fixed point A on a rough horizontal surface. The other end of the string is attached to a particle P of mass m. The particle and string rest on the surface. The coefficient of friction between P and the surface is μ. The particle P is initially held in equilibrium at a distance $\frac{4}{3}a$ from A. The particle is then released from rest.

(a) Given that the string never becomes slack, find the minimum value of μ. [3]

It is now given that $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$.

(b) Find the extension of the string when the particle comes to rest. [3]