

23. A boy's catapult is made of rubber cord which is 42 cm long, with 6 mm diameter of cross-section and of negligible mass. The boy keeps a stone weighing 0.02 kg on it and stretches the cord by 20 cm by applying a constant force. When released, the stone flies off with a velocity of 20 ms^{-1} . Neglect the change in the area of cross-section of the cord while stretched. The Young's modulus of rubber is closest to :

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(a) 10^6 N/m^{-2}

(b) 10^4 N/m^{-2}

(c) 10^8 N/m^{-2}

(d) 10^3 N/m^{-2}

23. (a) When a catapult is stretched up to length l , then the stored energy in it = Δk . $E \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{YA}{L} \right) (\Delta l)^2 = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \quad \Rightarrow y = \frac{mv^2 L}{\Delta (\Delta l)^2}$$

$$m = 0.02 \text{ kg}$$

$$v = 20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$L = 0.42 \text{ m}$$

$$A = (\pi d^2)/4$$

$$d = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta l = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

$$y = \frac{0.02 \times 400 \times 0.42 \times 4}{\pi \times 36 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.04} = 2.3 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$$

So, order is 10^6 .