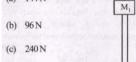
Two blocks of mass $M_1=20~kg$ and $M_2=12~kg$ are connected by a metal rod of mass 8 kg. The system is pulled vertically up by applying a force of 480 N as shown. The tension at the mid-point of the rod is:



↑ 480 N





(d) Acceleration produced in upward direction

$$a = \frac{F}{M_1 + M_2 + \text{Mass of metal rod}}$$

$$= \frac{480}{20 + 12 + 8} = 12 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$
Tension at the mid point

(Mass of rod)

$$T = \left(M_2 + \frac{\text{Mass of rod}}{2}\right) a$$

= (12+4) × 12 = 192 N