

2-4 Let the tension in the vertical string = F , the tension in the horizontal string (the unknown quantity) = T , and the tension in the inclined string = S .

$F - mg = 0$ gives us $F = 2 \text{ [kg]} \times 9.8 \text{ [m/s}^2\text{]} = 19.6 \text{ N}$.

Taking vertical force components on the three strings, $S \sin 60^\circ - F = 0$.

So $S = F / (\sin 60^\circ) = 22.6 \text{ N}$.

Taking horizontal force components on the three strings $S \cos 60^\circ - T = 0$

So $T = 22.6 \text{ [N]} \times 0.5 = 11.3 \text{ [N]}$. The correct answer is (C).