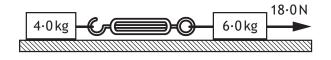
3. Two blocks are linked by a newton balance of negligible mass.

The blocks are placed on a level, frictionless surface. A force of $18.0\,\mathrm{N}$ is applied to the blocks as shown.



The reading on the newton balance is

- A 3⋅6 N
- B 7.2 N
- C 9.0 N
- D 10.8 N
- E 18.0 N.