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Right of axis ✓

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$$\ddot{x} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) \quad \therefore 2 \cos x = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) \checkmark$$

$$2 \sin x = \frac{1}{2} v^2$$

$$\therefore v^2 = 4 \sin x \checkmark$$

3. Where will the particle next come to rest?

$v=0, 4 \sin x = 0 \quad \therefore \text{when } x = \pi \checkmark$

4. Describe the subsequent motion.

velocity will increase, and it will decelerate ✓ ✓

5. What is the particle's greatest speed?

max |v| when $2 \cos x = 0 \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ✓

$\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = -2 \sin x$ ✓

when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} < 0$ & $\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} > 0$ when $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$\therefore \text{max}(v) = 2 \text{ m/s}$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \sqrt{\sin x} \checkmark$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\sin x}}$$

$$T = \frac{dt}{1} \quad \therefore 2T = \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \sqrt{\operatorname{cosec} x} \, dx \checkmark$$

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x	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$
f(x)	$\sqrt{2}$	1	$\sqrt{2}$

$$\therefore \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \sqrt{\operatorname{cosec} x} \, dx \approx \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3}}{6} (2\sqrt{2} + 4) \checkmark$$

$$\therefore 2T \approx \frac{2\pi}{9} (\sqrt{2} + 2)$$

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$$\approx 1.19 \text{ (to 2dp)}$$