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$$K_A + U_A = K_B + U_B$$

$$mg(2\ell) + \frac{1}{2}m(v_A^{\min})^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(v_B^{\min})^2 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2mg\ell + \frac{1}{2}mg\ell = \frac{1}{2}m(v_B^{\min})^2 \quad (\because v_b^{\min} = \sqrt{g\ell})$$

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If v_C^{\min} be the critical velocity of the particle at the bottom, then from conservation of energy

$$K_A + U_A = K_C + U_C$$

$$mg(2\ell) + \frac{1}{2}m(v_A^{\min})^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(v_C^{\min})^2 + mg\ell$$

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Important Cases:

(a) If $v_B > \sqrt{5g\ell}$

In this case tension in the string will not be zero at any of the point, which implies that the particle will continue complete the circular motion.

(b) If $v_B = \sqrt{5g\ell}$:

In this case the tension at the top most point (B) will be zero, which implies that the particle will just complete the circular motion.