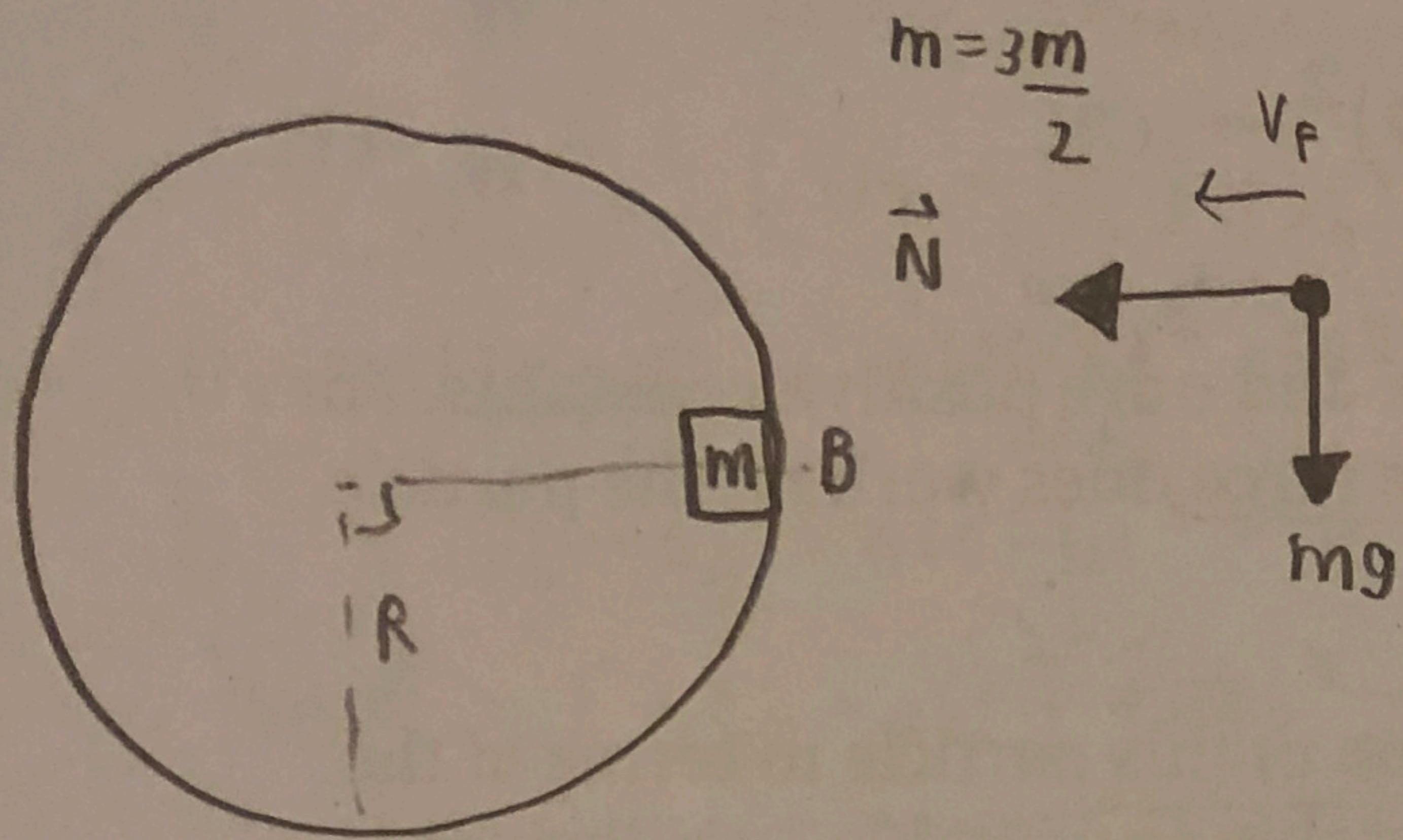


**Part C (10 points):** After the collision described in Part B, what is the magnitude of the normal force exerted by the loop onto the two stuck-together blocks as they pass Point B, located  $90^\circ$  up the loop with respect to the vertical? Express your answer in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ .



Conservation of Energy:

$$K_i + U_i^0 = K_f + U_f$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + mgh \quad m = \frac{3m}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (3\sqrt{5Rg})^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + 9R$$

$$v_f^2 = \left( \frac{5Rg}{2} - Rg \right) \times 2 = 3Rg \quad \frac{m}{s}$$

*E\_mech is not conserved.*

$$\Delta E_{\text{mech}} = W_{\text{other}} = W_N$$

$$|\vec{N}| = \frac{3m v_f^2}{2R}$$

$$|\vec{N}| = \frac{3m v_f^2}{2R} = \frac{3m(3Rg)}{2R} = \frac{9mg}{2}$$

$$F_{\text{net},x} = m a_{\text{rad}} = |\vec{N}|$$

$$\frac{m v_f^2}{R} = |\vec{N}| = \frac{m(3Rg)}{R} = 3mg$$

~~$$|\vec{N}| = 3mg \text{ N.}$$~~