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The  $x$ -axis points downward. The upper end of a vertical spring is fixed on this axis and its lower end is at the origin when it is relaxed. Then a block of mass  $m$  is attached to the lower end and released from rest at the origin. The spring constant is  $k$  and the acceleration of gravity is  $g$ . Let  $x$  be the position of the block,  $V(x)$  be the potential energy of the system, and  $\omega$  be the angular frequency for the simple harmonic oscillations (SHO) of the block. Which of the following statements is correct?

- $V(x)$  can be chosen as  $(kx^2)/2 + mgx$ .
  - $V(x)$  can be chosen as  $-(kx^2)/2 - mgx$ .
  - $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ .
  - The equilibrium position of the block is at  $x = 0$ .
  - The amplitude of SHO is independent of  $g$ .
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