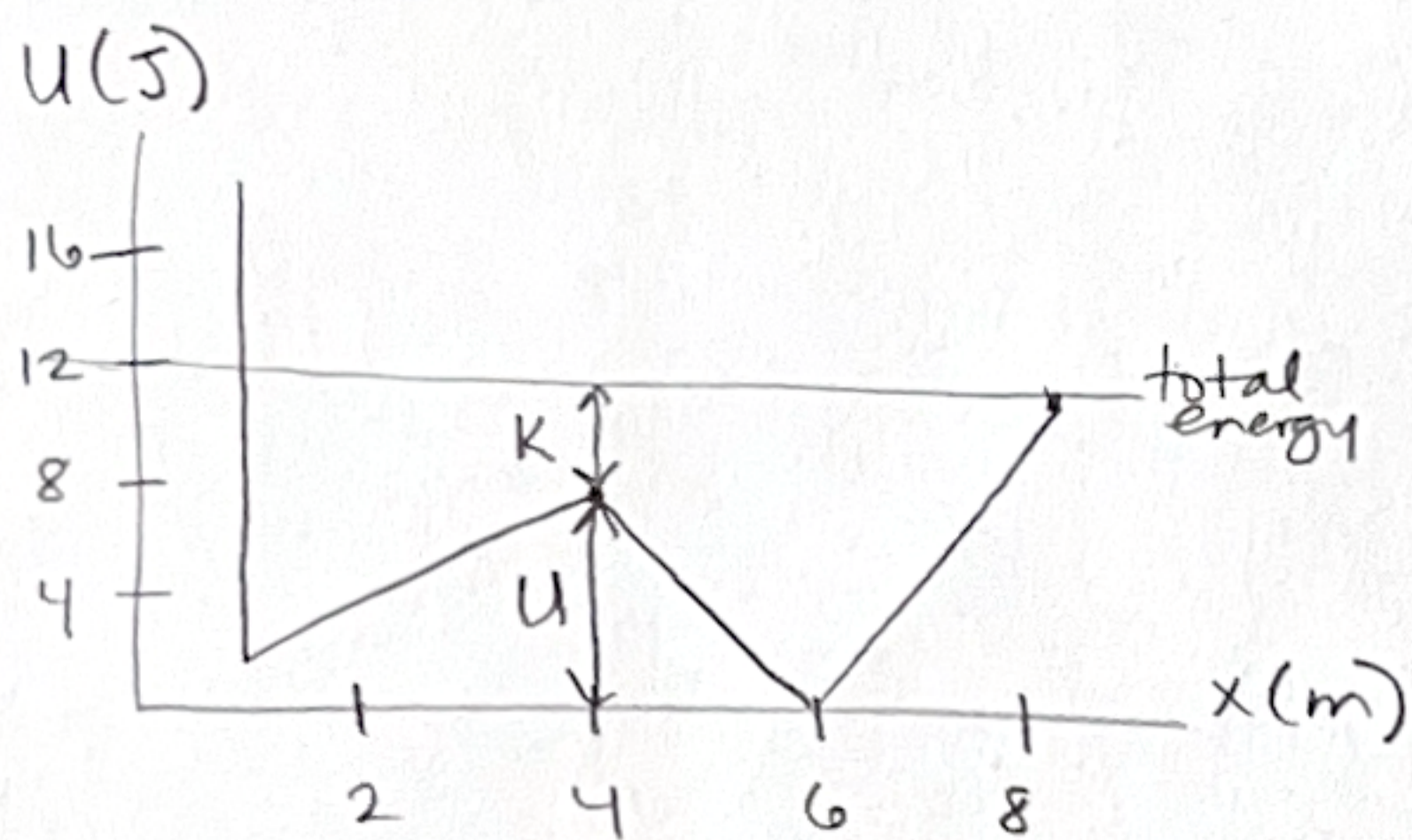


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$$M = 500g = 0.500kg$$

mechanical energy is 12J

This term includes kinetic energy and potential energy.

a) What are the particle's turning points?

$$E_T = K + U \text{ at any moment}$$

The turning points occur when all the energy is potential, and at those moments, $K=0$, and so $v=0$. The particle will change direction.

At $x=1m$ and $x=8m$, all the energy is potential, so these are the turning points.

b) What is speed at $x=4m$?

$$E_T = K + U \quad \leftarrow \text{(from graph)}$$

$$12J = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 8J$$

$$12 = \frac{1}{2}(0.5kg)v^2 + 8$$

$$4m/s = v$$

c) The maximum speed will occur when U is its smallest value, because this is when K is its greatest value. This occurs at $x=6m$.

Write the energy equation for $x=6m$ and find the velocity:

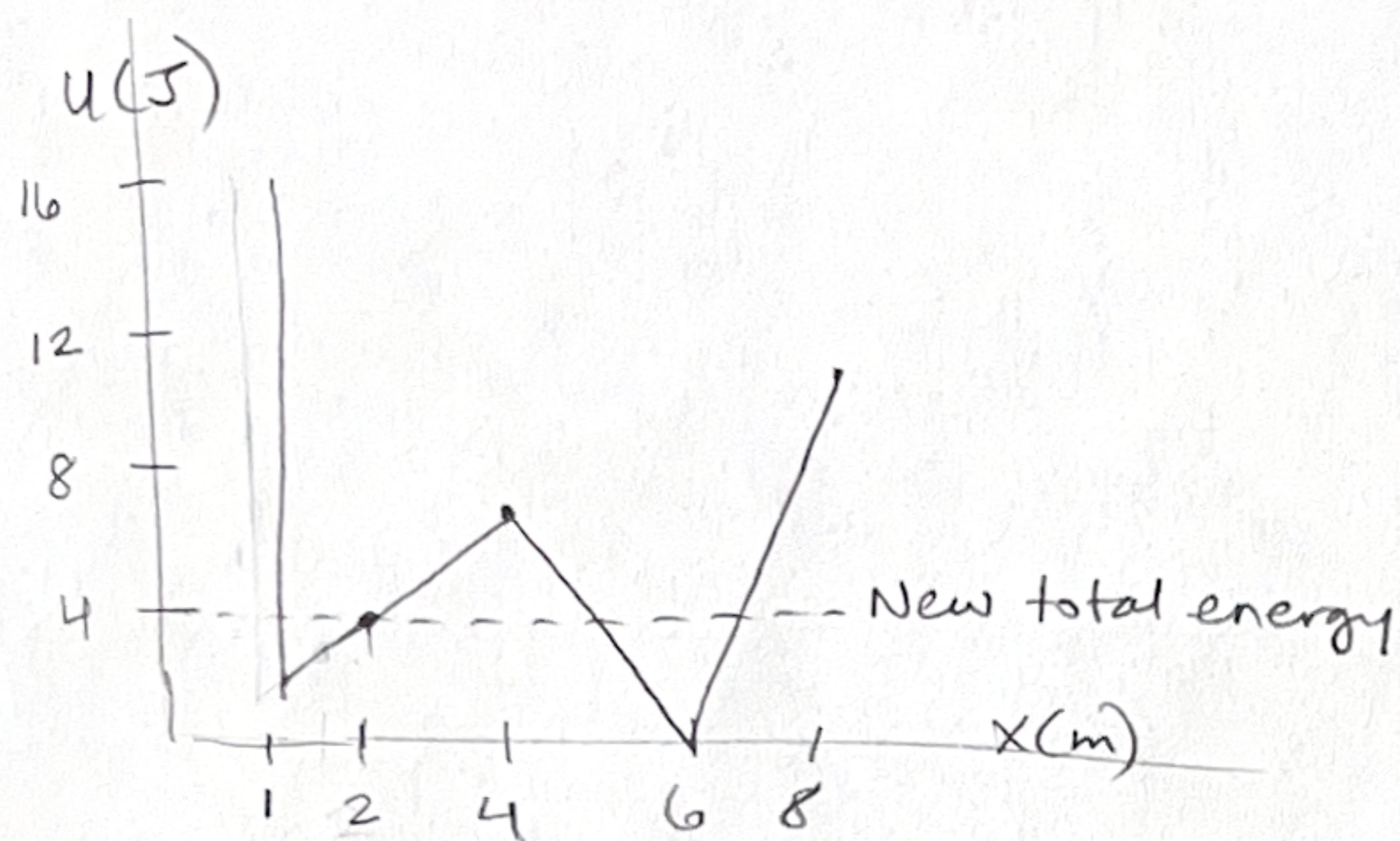
$$E_T = K + U$$

$$12J = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 0$$

$$12 = \frac{1}{2}(0.5kg)v^2$$

$$6.9m/s = v$$

d) Suppose the total energy is lowered to 4.0 J. Can the particle ever be at $x = 2.0\text{m}$? At $x = 4.0\text{m}$?



Yes, the particle can be at $x = 2$ because its U is 4 J there, which is the total energy. It would have a velocity of 0.

No, the particle cannot be at $x = 4$ because that would mean it had more potential energy than total energy. no kinetic energy