



SUBJECT – IGCSE PHYSICS

TIME – 30min

MARKS- 36

KINDLY FOLLOW THE QUESTION ORDER OF THIS PAPER ONLY. DON'T DO YOUR OWN NUMBERING.

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1 Different types of waves are used in hospitals.

(a) Some of the waves used are electromagnetic.

(i) Which of these properties is the same for all electromagnetic waves?

(1)

- ☐ A amplitude
- ☐ B frequency
- ☐ C speed in free space
- ☐ D wavelength in free space

(ii) Draw a line linking each type of electromagnetic wave with its use.

(2)

**type of electromagnetic wave**

**use**

gamma rays

heating food for patients

microwaves

imaging broken bones

x-rays

with medical tracers

(iii) Electromagnetic waves are transverse.

Describe how the vibrations of a transverse wave relate to the direction in which the wave travels.

You may draw a diagram to help your answer.

(1)

(c) (i) State the equation linking wave speed, frequency and wavelength.

(1)

(ii) The speed of radio waves is 300 000 000 m/s.

A radio wave has a frequency of 31 MHz.

Calculate the wavelength of this radio wave.

(3)

wavelength = ..... m

(d) A sound wave and a radio wave have the same wavelength.

State why they have different frequencies.

(1)

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(b) Two students investigate the speed of sound waves in air.

They use a stopwatch that shows times to the nearest 0.1 s.

They use an outdoor running track as their measure of distance.

The track is straight and 100 m long.

Describe what else they must do to obtain a value for the speed of sound. (separate only

(5)

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(b) A student writes some sentences about electromagnetic waves.

His teacher circles a mistake in each sentence.

In the table, write a suitable correction for each mistake.

The first one has been done for you.

(5)

Sentence	Correction
Electromagnetic waves travel at $3 \times 10^2$ m/s in a vacuum.	$10^8$
Sound waves are electromagnetic.	
Infra-red waves are the most harmful to people.	
Gamma waves are used for heating up food.	
Radio waves have the highest frequency.	
Gamma waves have a very long wavelength.	

(b) The Astra satellite takes 24 hours to orbit the Earth once.

It travels at a speed of 3.1 km/s.

Calculate the orbital radius of the satellite and give the unit.

(4)

orbital radius = ..... unit .....

(c) The Astra satellite orbits above the equator and travels in the same direction as the rotation of the Earth.

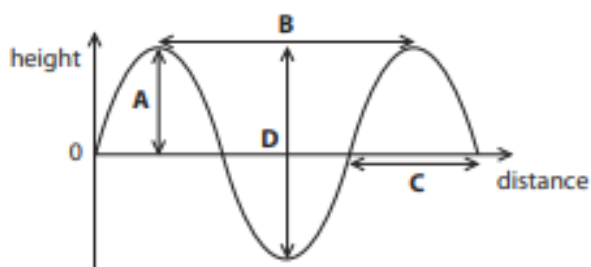
Suggest why this type of 24-hour orbit is an advantage for communications.

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- 4 The diagram shows part of a water wave.



- (a) (i) Which letter represents the wavelength?

(1)

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

- (ii) Which letter represents the amplitude?

(1)

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ D

- (iii) This water wave is transverse. Other waves can be longitudinal.

State a similarity and a difference between a transverse wave and a longitudinal wave.

(2)

similarity .....

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difference .....

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(ii) State what happens to the amplitude and the wavelength of the wave if

1. the loudness of the sound is increased at constant pitch,

amplitude .....

wavelength ..... [1]

2. the pitch of the sound is increased at constant loudness.

amplitude .....

wavelength ..... [1]

(b) A ship uses pulses of sound to measure the depth of the sea beneath the ship. A sound pulse is transmitted into the sea and the echo from the sea-bed is received after 54 ms. The speed of sound in seawater is 1500 m/s.

Calculate the depth of the sea beneath the ship.

depth = ..... [3]

2 (a) A sound wave in air consists of alternate compressions and rarefactions along its path.

(i) Explain how a compression differs from a rarefaction.

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..... [1]

(ii) Explain, in terms of compressions, what is meant by

1. the wavelength of the sound,

.....  
..... [1]

2. the frequency of the sound.

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..... [1]