Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-2 Topic: Waves (Low Demand Questions)

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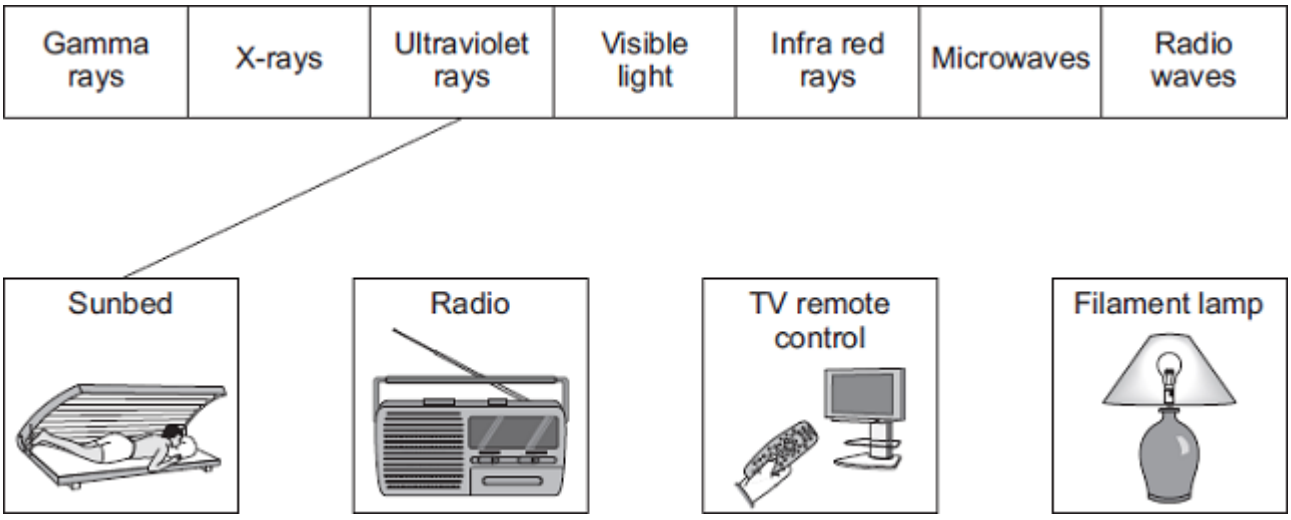
Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 25 Marks **Time : 25 Minutes**

Q1.

(a) The diagram shows the electromagnetic spectrum.
The pictures show four devices that use electromagnetic waves. Each device uses a different type of electromagnetic wave.

Draw a line from each device to the type of electromagnetic wave that it uses. One has been done for you.



(3)

(b) A headline from a recent newspaper article is shown below.

(i) What serious health problem may be caused by using a sunbed too much?

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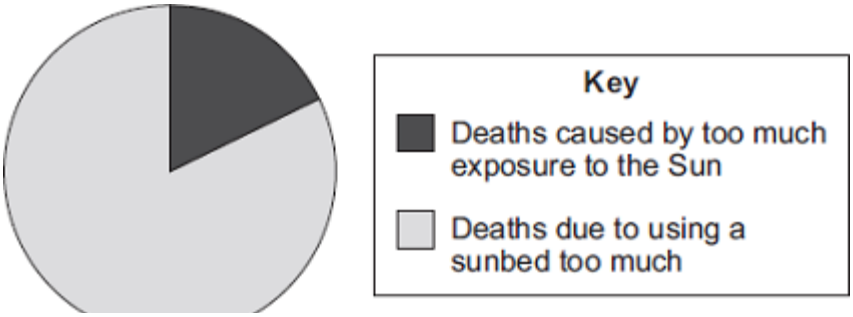
(1)

(ii) The pie chart compares the number of deaths in Britain each year which may have been caused by using sunbeds too much, with those which may have been caused by too much exposure to the Sun.



It is difficult for a doctor to be certain that a person has died because of using a sunbed too much.

Suggest why.

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(1)

(iii) A spokesperson for a leading cancer charity said:

> 'We want people, especially young people, to know the possible dangers of using a sunbed.'

Why is it important that you know the possible dangers of using a sunbed?

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(1)

(Total 6 marks)

Q2.

Using an optical telescope to look at stars is not always easy because:

- too many street lights often make it too light to see faint stars
- clouds reduce the light getting to the telescope
- atmospheric pollution often distorts the images.

Large optical telescopes are often positioned high up a mountain.

Describe the advantages of positioning a telescope high up a mountain.

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(Total 3 marks)

Q3.

(a) The table gives information about the frequencies in the hearing ranges of six different mammals.

Name of mammal	Frequencies in hearing range
Bat	20 Hz → 160 kHz
Dog	20 Hz → 30 kHz
Dolphin	40 Hz → 110 kHz
Elephant	5 Hz → 10 kHz
Human	20 Hz → 20 kHz
Tiger	30 Hz → 50 kHz

(i) Which mammal in the table can hear the highest frequency?

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(1)

(ii) Give **one** example of a frequency which an elephant can hear but which a tiger **cannot** hear.

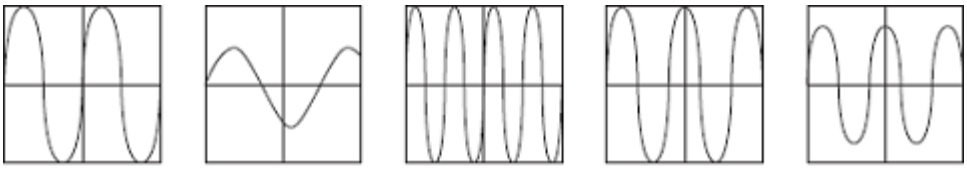
Include the unit in your answer.

Frequency _____

(1)

(b) A sound wave can be represented as a trace on the screen of an oscilloscope.

The diagrams show five traces, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**, on the oscilloscope. All the traces are drawn to the same scale.



(i) Which **three** diagrams show traces with the same amplitude?

Diagrams _____ , _____ and _____ .

(1)

(ii) Which **two** diagrams show traces with the same frequency?

Diagrams _____ and _____

(1)

(c) There is no air in space.

Astronauts in space cannot hear sounds from outside their spacesuits.

Explain this.

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(2)

(Total 6 marks)

Q4.

(a) The diagram below shows six of the seven types of wave that make up the electromagnetic spectrum.

Gamma rays		Ultraviolet	Visible light	Infrared	Microwaves	Radio waves

(i) What type of electromagnetic wave is missing from the diagram?

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(1)

(ii) Which of the following electromagnetic waves has the most energy?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

gamma rays **radio waves** **visible light**

(1)

(iii) Which of the following electromagnetic waves is given out by a TV remote control?

Draw a ring around the correct answer.

infrared **microwaves** **ultraviolet**

(1)

(b) Draw a ring around the correct answer in the box to complete the sentence.

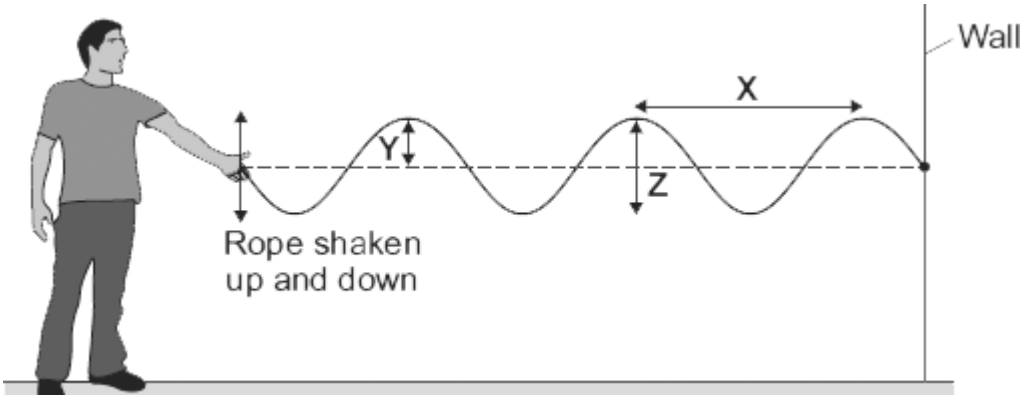
Microwaves travel through a vacuum at

a slower speed than
the same speed as
a faster speed than

radio waves.

(1)

(c) The diagram shows waves being produced on a rope.
The waves are **not** reflected by the wall.



(i) Draw an arrow on the diagram to show the direction in which the waves transfer energy.

(1)

(ii) Which **one** of the arrows, labelled, **X**, **Y** or **Z**, shows the amplitude of a wave?

Write the correct answer in the box. ☐

(1)

(iii) The waves produced on the rope are transverse.

Name **one** other type of transverse wave.

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(1)

(d) The rope is shaken up and down, producing 3 waves every second.
The waves have a wavelength of 1.2 metres.

(i) State the frequency of the waves.

_____ Hz

(1)

(ii) Calculate the speed of the waves.

Show clearly how you work out your answer.

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Wave speed = _____ m/s

(2)

(Total 10 marks)