Practice Question Set For GCSE

Subject: Physics

Paper-1 Topic : 5_Light and Electromagnetic Spectrum



Name of the Student:

Max. Marks : 21 Marks

Time : 21 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	An explanation linking:		(2)
	make the distance between students larger (1)		
	OR		
	viable alternative method such as use microphones / sound sensors / datalogger (to start and stop timer) (1)		
	with:		
	to give a more measurable time (1)	50 m is too short (a distance to produce a	
	OR	measurable time)	
	to remove (variable) reaction times (at start and end) / to reduce effect of reaction times / improve accuracy of timing (1)	gives a longer time – more accurate measurement	
		do not accept 'more accurate' without qualification for either method	

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	explanation linking: wave P refracts (towards the normal) (1)	accept 'upper layer' for 'P' accept 'wavelength decreases' accept 'bends' for 'refracts' in this instance	(4)
	because P slows down (1) AND wave Q is reflected (at an equal angle from the boundary) (1)	accept 'lower layer' for 'Q' accept 'wavelength unchanged' accept 'wave Q bounces off' (at an equal angle)	
	without change of speed of Q (1)	allow one mark for refraction and reflection if no other mark awarded	

Q3.

8	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	an explanation linking: (refraction caused by) change	allow 3 marks for sound speeds up and light slows down (when entering	(3) AO1
	in speed (1)	water)	
	sound speeds up (when	allow 2 marks for	
	entering water) (1)	sound speeds up (when entering water)	
	light slows down (when	OR	
	entering water) (1)	light slows down (when entering water)	
		if no other marks scored	
		allow 1 mark for description of any speed change (when entering water)	
		if no other marks scored	
		allow 1 mark for wavelength changes	
		ignore references to	
		transverse, longitudinal.	

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	substitution (1)		(3)
	$\frac{3.0 \ (\times \ 10^8)}{5.8 \ (\times \ 10^{-7})}$		AO 2 1
	evaluation (1)		
	5.2 × 10 ¹⁴	answers that round to 5.2×10^{14}	
		award 2 marks for a correct answer without working	
		allow 1 mark for answers that round to 5.2 to any power of ten	
	unit (1)	independent mark	
	Hz	accept hz or s ⁻¹ or per sec(ond) or hertz	
		accept kHz, MHz etc with correct power (10 ¹¹ kHz, 10 ⁸ MHz)	

Q5.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	an explanation linking:		(3)
	(the colours have) different wavelengths (1) different wavelengths / colours travel at different speeds (1)	allow the word frequencies for wavelengths	AO 2 1
	so refract by different amounts (1)	for refract allow bend/change direction/follow different path	

Question number	Answer	Mark
(i)	sound waves are longitudinal but radio waves are transverse. sound waves need a medium but radio waves travel through a vacuum. sound waves have (much) lower velocity than radio waves. sound waves have lower frequency / greater wavelength than radio waves sound waves are vibrations but radio waves are electromagnetic waves.	(3)