

Wave Basics

Mark Scheme 2

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Subject	Physics
Exam Board	CIE
Topic	Waves
Sub Topic	Wave Basics
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Time Allowed: 76 minutes

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>85%	77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

- 1 (a) when waves overlap / meet the resultant displacement is the sum of the individual displacements of the waves B1 B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 1. phase difference = $180^\circ / (n + \frac{1}{2}) 360^\circ$ (allow in rad) B1 [1]
 2. phase difference = $0 / 360^\circ / (n360^\circ)$ (allow in rad) B1 [1]
- (ii) $v = f\lambda$ C1
 $\lambda = 320 / 400 = 0.80 \text{ m}$ A [2]
- (iii) path difference = $7 - 5 = 2 \text{ (m)}$ M1
 $= 2.5\lambda$
 hence minimum
 or maximum if phase change at P is suggested A1 [2]
- 2 (a) travel through a vacuum / free space B1 [1]
- (b) (i) B : name: microwaves wavelength: 10^{-4} to 10^{-1} m B1
 C : name: ultra-violet / UV wavelength: 10^{-7} to 10^{-9} m B1
 F : name: X-rays wavelength: 10^{-9} to 10^{-12} m B1 [3]
- (ii) $f = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{500 \times 10^{-9}}$ C1
 $f = 6(.0) \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ A1 [2]
- (c) vibrations are in one direction M1
 perpendicular to direction of propagation / energy transfer
 or good sketch showing this A1 [2]

- 3 (a) transverse waves have vibrations that are perpendicular / normal to the direction of energy travel B1
longitudinal waves have vibrations that are parallel to the direction of energy travel B1 [2]
- (b) vibrations are in a single direction M1
either applies to transverse waves
or normal to direction of wave energy travel
or normal to direction of wave propagation A1 [2]
- (c) 1. amplitude = 2.8 cm B1 [1]
2. phase difference = 135° or 0.75π rad or $\frac{3}{4}\pi$ rad or 2.36 radians (three sf needed)
numerical value M1
unit A1 [2]
- (ii) amplitude = 3.96 cm (4.0 cm) [1]
- 4 (a) (i) amplitude = 7.6 mm allow 7.5 mm A1 [1]
(ii) $180^\circ / \pi$ rad A1 [1]
(iii) $v = f \times \lambda$
 $= 15 \times 0.8$ C1
 $= 12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ A1 [2]
- (b) correct sketch with peak moved to the right B1
curve moved by the correct phase angle / time period of $0.25 T$ B1 [2]
- (c) zero (rad) A1 [1]
(ii) antinode maximum amplitude,
node zero amplitude / displacement A1 [1]
- (iii) 3 A1 [1]
(iv) horizontal line through central section of wave B1 [1]

- 5 (a) (i) distance (of point on wave) from rest/equilibrium position B1 [1]
- (ii) distance moved by wave energy / wavefront during one cycle of the source
or minimum distance between two points with the same phase or between
adjacent crests or troughs B1 [1]
- (b) (i) $T = 0.60\text{s}$ B1 [1]
- (ii) $\lambda = 4.0\text{cm}$ B1 [1]
- (iii) *either* $v = \lambda/T$ *or* $v = \lambda f$ and $f = 1/T$
 $v = 6.7\text{cms}^{-1}$ C1
A1 [2]
- (c) (i) amplitude is decreasing
so, it is losing power M1
A1 [2]
- (ii) $\text{intensity} = (\text{amplitude})^2$
ratio = $2.2^2 / 1.1^2$
= 3.3 C1
C1
A1 [3]

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6	(a) (i) 1 number of oscillations per unit time (not per second)	B1	[1]
	2 $n\lambda$	A1	[1]
	(ii) $v = \text{distance} / \text{time} = n\lambda / t$	M1	
	$n/t = f$ hence $v = f\lambda$	A1	
	or f oscillations per unit time so $f\lambda$ is distance per unit time	M1	
	distance per unit time is v so $v = f\lambda$	A1	[2]
	(b) (i) 1.0 period is $3 \times 2 = 6.0$ ms	C1	
	frequency = $1 / (6 \times 10^{-3}) = 170$ Hz		[2]
	(ii) wave (with approx. same amplitude and) with correct phase difference	B1	[1]
7	(a) transfer / propagation of energy	M1	
	as a result of oscillations / vibrations	A1	[2]
	(b) (i) displacement / velocity / acceleration (of particles in the wave)	B1	[1]
	(ii) displacement etc. is normal to direction of energy transfer / travel of wave / propagation of wave(not 'wave motion')	B1	[1]
	(iii) displacement etc. along / same direction of energy transfer / travel of wave / propagation of wave(not 'wave motion')	B1	[1]
	(c) diffraction: suitable object, means of observation	M1	
	either laser or lamp and aperture		
	or distant source	M1	
	light region where darkness expected	A1	
	interference: suitable object, means of observation and illumination	B1	
	light and dark fringes observed	B1	
	appropriate reference to a dimension for diffraction or for interference	B1	[6]
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