

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
Advanced Subsidiary GCE

PHYSICS A

2823/01

Wave Properties

Wednesday **12 JANUARY 2005** Morning 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.
Additional materials:
Electronic calculator

Candidate Name	Centre Number	Candidate Number										
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- You may use an electronic calculator.
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE		
Qu	Max.	Mark
1	6	
2	6	
3	7	
4	15	
5	11	
TOTAL	45	

This question paper consists of 10 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Data

speed of light in free space,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space,	$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
elementary charge,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
the Planck constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
unified atomic mass constant,	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of electron,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
rest mass of proton,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
molar gas constant,	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant,	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall,	$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

Formulae

uniformly accelerated motion,

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

refractive index,

$$n = \frac{1}{\sin C}$$

capacitors in series,

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$$

capacitors in parallel,

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$$

capacitor discharge,

$$x = x_0 e^{-t/CR}$$

pressure of an ideal gas,

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$$

radioactive decay,

$$x = x_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$t_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

critical density of matter in the Universe,

$$\rho_0 = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$$

relativity factor,

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

current,

$$I = nAve$$

nuclear radius,

$$r = r_0 A^{1/3}$$

sound intensity level,

$$= 10 \lg \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Answer **all** the questions.

- 1 (a) The refractive index n of a transparent medium is defined by the equation

$$n = \frac{c_i}{c_r}$$

State the meaning of the symbols c_i and c_r .

c_i

c_r [2]

- (b) The refractive index of glycerol is 1.47. Calculate the angle of refraction r in the glycerol for light

- (i) at an angle of incidence of 50°

$r = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

- (ii) at an angle of incidence of 0° .

$r = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

[4]

[Total: 6]

2 (a) Describe, using fully labelled diagrams, what is meant by

(i) *critical angle*

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.....[2]

(ii) *total internal reflection.*

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.....[2]

(b) The refractive index of ruby is 1.76. Calculate the critical angle C for an air/ruby interface.

$C = \text{.....}^\circ$ [2]

[Total: 6]

3 (a) State an example of

(i) a transverse wave

.....[1]

(ii) a longitudinal wave.

.....[1]

(b) By referring to the nature of the vibrations involved, describe what is meant by

(i) a *transverse wave*

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.....[1]

(ii) a *longitudinal wave*.

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.....[1]

(c) Write **yes** or **no** in the spaces of the table below to indicate the wave phenomena associated with transverse and/or longitudinal waves. The first row in the table has already been completed.

wave phenomenon	transverse waves	longitudinal waves
reflection	YES	YES
refraction		
diffraction		
polarisation		

[3]

[Total: 7]

- 4 Fig. 4.1 shows, at a given instant, the surface of the water in a ripple tank when plane water waves are travelling from left to right.

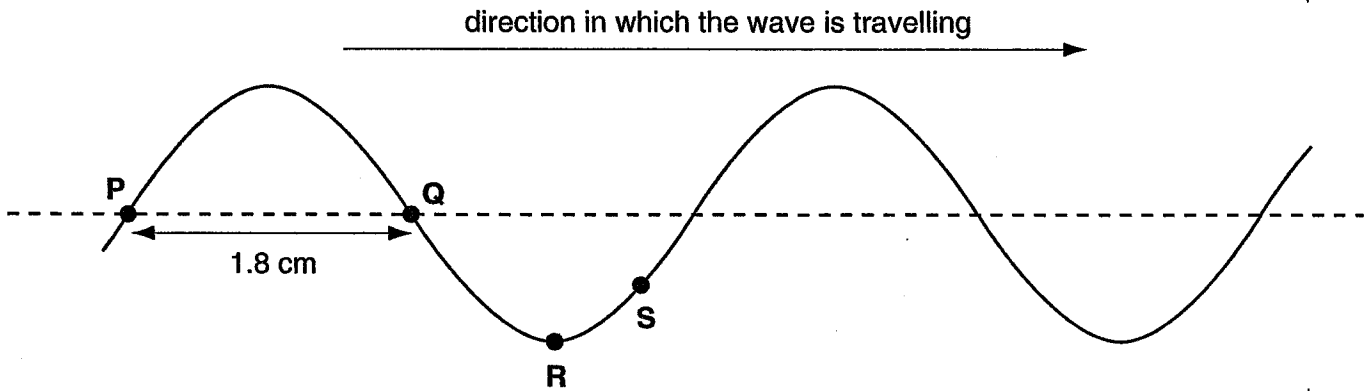


Fig. 4.1

- (a) Show on Fig. 4.1

- (i) the amplitude of the wave – label this A [1]
 (ii) the wavelength – label this λ . [1]

- (b) On Fig. 4.1

- (i) draw the position of the wave a short time, about one-tenth of a period, later [2]
 (ii) draw arrows to show the directions in which the particles at **Q** and **S** are moving during this short time. [2]

- (c) State the phase difference between the movement of particles at **P** and **Q**.

phase difference =° [1]

- (d) The frequency of the wave is 25 Hz and the distance between **P** and **Q** is 1.8 cm. Calculate

- (i) the period of the wave

period =s [2]

- (ii) the speed of the wave.

speed =m s⁻¹ [3]

