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Foundation Tier
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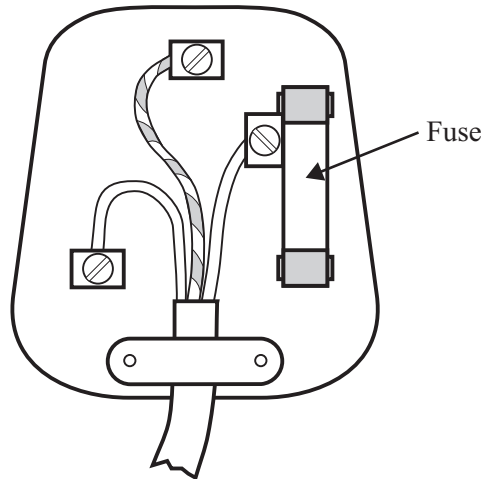
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Answer **all six** questions.

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- (b) The plug shown below is fitted to a kettle. The kettle uses 1000 W of power and is connected to the 250 V mains.



- (i) Calculate the current flowing through the plug.
Use the equation:

$$\text{current} = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{voltage}}$$

Answer _____ A [2]

- (ii) What size of fuse should be fitted inside the plug above?

Choose from:

3A 5A 13A

Answer _____ [1]

- (iii) Apart from the fuse, name two other safety features found in a 3-pin plug.

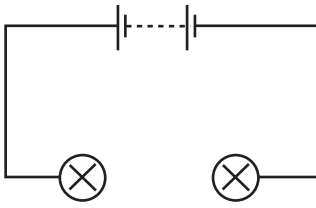
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2. _____ [2]

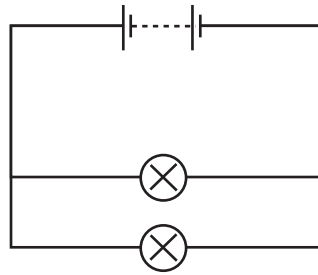
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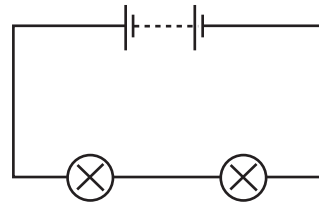
2 Shown below are three simple circuit diagrams.



A



B



C

(a) Which circuit (A, B or C):

(i) will have the brightest bulbs?

Answer _____ [1]

(ii) does not allow the bulbs to light?

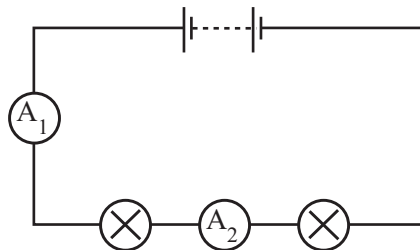
Answer _____ [1]

(b) If one bulb goes out in circuit B, what will happen to the other bulb?

_____ [1]

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(c) Shown below is a series circuit.



- (i) If the current flowing through A_1 is 2 A, what will be the current flowing through A_2 ?

$$A_2 = \text{_____ A [1]}$$

- (ii) Name the meters A_1 and A_2 .

Choose from:

voltmeter

ammeter

ohmmeter

Answer _____ [1]

- (iii) What are the units of current?

Choose from:

ohms

volts

amps

Answer _____ [1]

- (iv) What does the symbol $| \text{---} |$ represent?

Answer _____ [1]

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3 (a) Below are five statements, but only three are correct descriptions of wave features.

The wavelength is the length of one complete vibration

The amplitude is the length of one complete vibration

The frequency is the number of vibrations per second

The wavelength is the maximum height of a wave

The amplitude is the maximum height of a wave

Which two statements are **not** correct?

1. _____
2. _____ [2]

(b) Complete the sentences below.

Choose from:

energy longitudinal vibrations wavelength

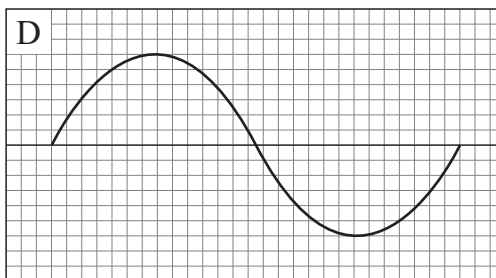
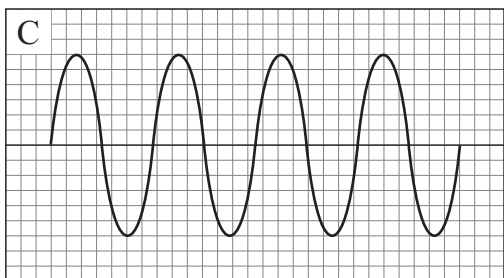
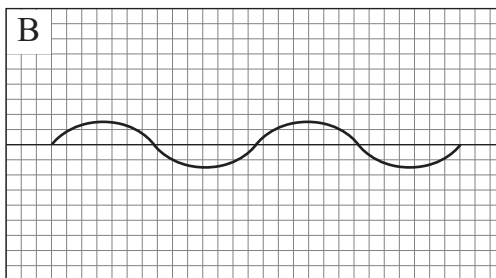
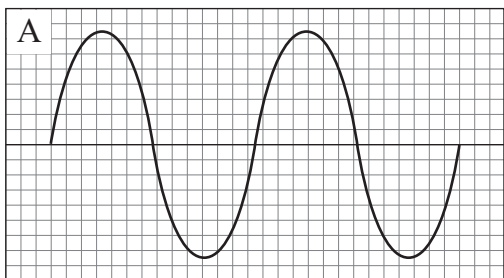
A wave is a series of _____.

Waves carry _____ from one place to another.

There are two types of waves, transverse and _____. [3]

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(c) The diagrams below show four waves taken over the same time.



(i) Which wave (A, B, C or D) has the largest amplitude?

Answer _____ [1]

(ii) Which wave (A, B, C or D) has the longest wavelength?

Answer _____ [1]

(iii) Which **two** waves have the same frequency?

Answer _____ and _____ [1]

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4 The table below shows part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

gamma rays	X-rays	ultra-violet		infra-red	micro-waves	
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(a) Name **one** of the missing waves from the diagram above.

_____ [1]

(b) X-rays are useful, but can be dangerous.

(i) Give **one** use of X-rays. _____

_____ [1]

(ii) Why are X-rays dangerous? _____

_____ [1]

(c) Give two features that all electromagnetic waves have in common.

1. _____ [1]

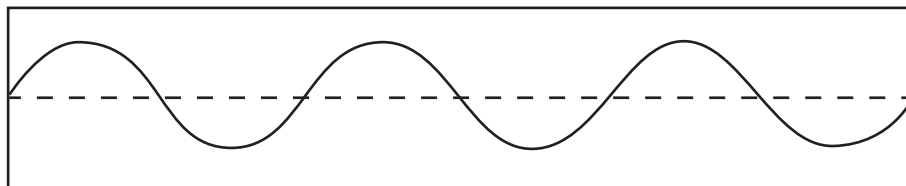
2. _____ [1]

(d) Microwaves can be used to send digital communication signals, e.g. satellite television.

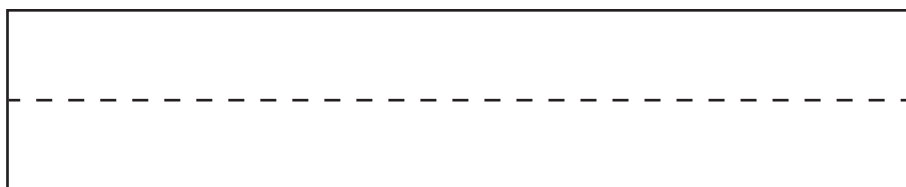
(i) Name another type of electromagnetic wave that can be used in communications.

_____ [1]

The diagram below shows how an analogue signal varies with time.



(ii) In the box below, show how a digital signal varies with time. [1]



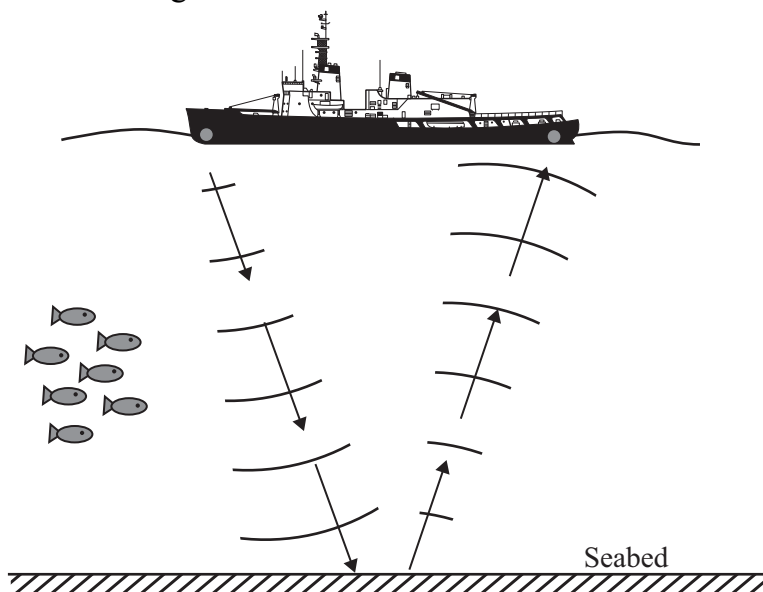
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5 Humans can hear sounds of frequencies between 20 Hz and 20 kHz. This is called the human audible range.

(a) Explain fully how the audible range will change as we grow older.

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(b) Ultrasound can be used to measure the depth of the sea and to find fish as shown in the diagram below.



Sound travels at 1500 m/s in water.

The ship sends out an ultrasound pulse and the echo returns 4 seconds later.

(i) Use the equation below to calculate the depth of the sea.

distance = speed × time

Depth = _____ m [3]

(ii) Use the information above to explain how the ship's captain will know when the shoal of fish swims under the boat.

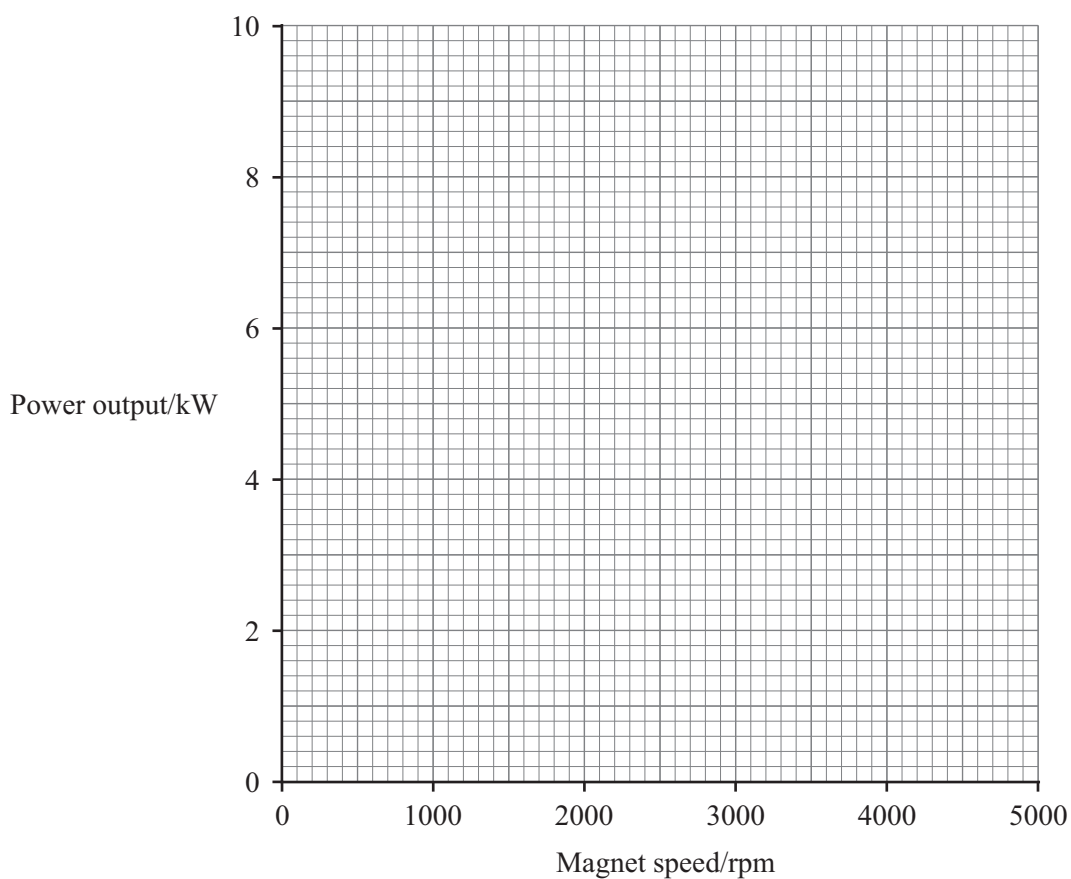
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- 6 The generator inside a power station produces electricity by having a magnet spin inside a coil of wire. The table below gives the power output for different magnet speeds in an investigation.

Magnet speed/rpm	Power output/kW
0	0
800	1.6
2000	4
3200	6.4
4000	7.8
4500	8
5000	8

- (a) Plot a **line graph** for the figures shown in the table.



[3]

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(b) Describe fully the conclusion shown by the results of the investigation.

[2]

(c) It is proposed that fossil fuel power stations should be replaced with nuclear power stations. Describe **two** environmental advantages of this proposal.

[2]

(d) Fossil fuels and nuclear power are described as non-renewable energy sources. Explain the term **non-renewable**.

[1]

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