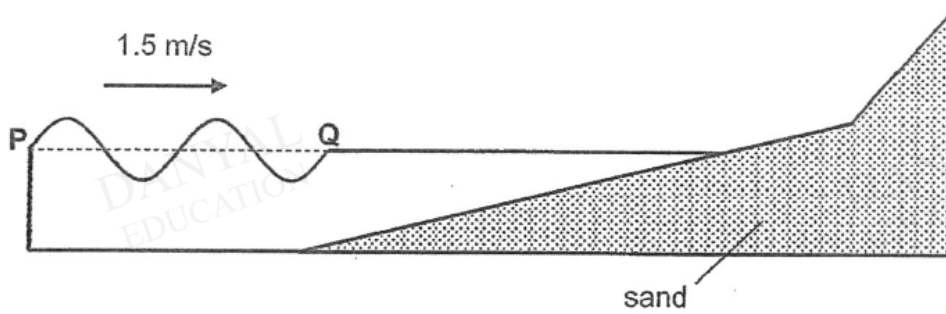


**O Level Combined Physics Structured**

**General Wave Properties Test 1.0**

Q1

Fig. 5.1 shows sea waves approaching a beach at a speed of 1.5 m/s. Two complete waves hit the sand every 10 s.



**Fig. 5.1**

(a) Determine the frequency of the wave.

frequency = .....[1]

(b) Calculate the wavelength of the wave between P and Q.

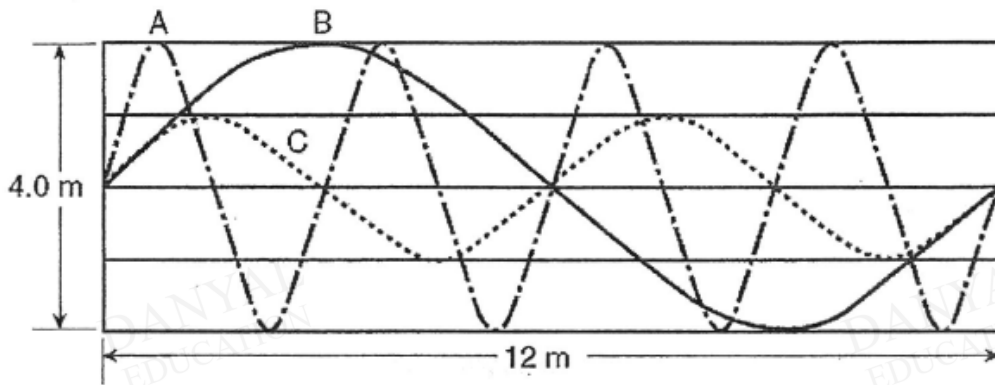
wavelength = .....[2]

(c) Determine the distance between P and Q.

distance = .....[1]

Q2

Fig. 6.1 shows three waves A, B and C. They travel 12.0 meters in 2.0 s through the same medium.



- (a) Calculate the wavelength of wave A.

wavelength = \_\_\_\_\_ m [1]

- (b) Determine the period of wave B.

period = \_\_\_\_\_ s [1]

- (c) Calculate the speed of wave C.

speed = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [1]

Q3

Fig 6.1 shows the top view of a transverse water wave that travels a distance 22 m from A to B in 1.5 s. A particle X is on the wavefront A.

Fig 6.2 shows the front view of particle X.

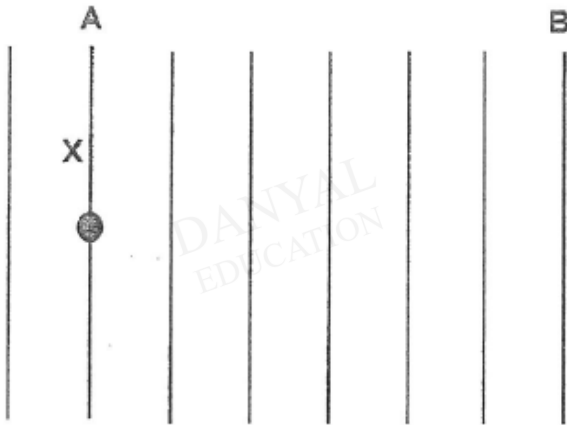


Fig 6.1

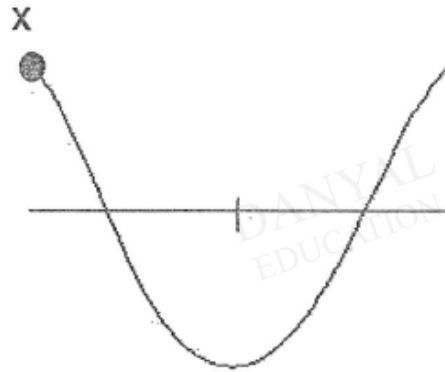


Fig 6.2

(a) State what is meant by the term wavefront.

.....  
..... [1]

(b) Explain why the water wave is considered a transverse wave.

.....  
..... [1]

(c) Calculate the velocity, wavelength and frequency of the wave.

velocity = ..... m/s

wavelength = ..... m

frequency = ..... Hz [3]

Q4

Fig. 7.1 shows the displacement-time graph of a wave.

Displacement / cm

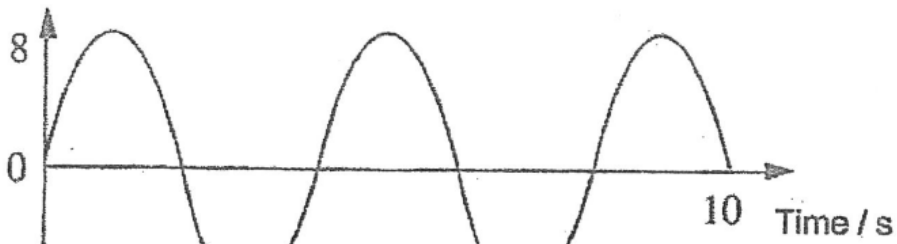


Fig. 7.1

Determine

(a) the frequency of the wave, and

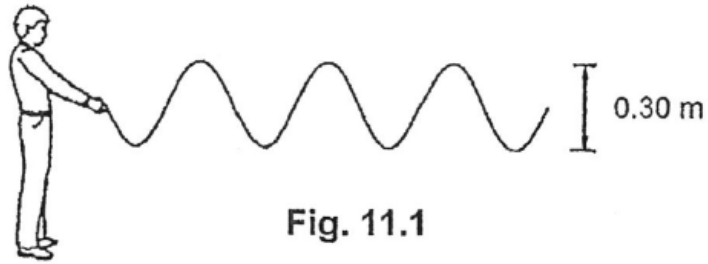
frequency = ..... [2]

(b) the speed of the wave if the wavelength is 6.0 m.

speed = ..... [1]

Q5

a) Fig. 11.1 shows a student setting up waves on a long elastic cord.



The student's hand makes one complete up-and-down movement in 0.40 s. In each up-and-down movement, the hand moves through a height of 0.30 m. The wavelength of the waves on the string is 0.80 m.

For each wave, determine

- i) the amplitude, [1]
- ii) the frequency, [2]
- iii) the speed. [2]

Answers

General Wave Properties Test 1.0

Q1

- (a) Frequency =  $\frac{2}{10} = 0.20 \text{ Hz}$  A1
- (b)  $\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{1.5}{0.2} = 7.5 \text{ m}$  Allow ECF from (a) C1  
A1
- (c)  $d = 2 \times 7.5 = 15 \text{ m}$  Allow ECF from (b) A1

Q2

Fig. 6.1 shows three waves A, B and C. They travel 12.0 meters in 2.0 s through the same medium.

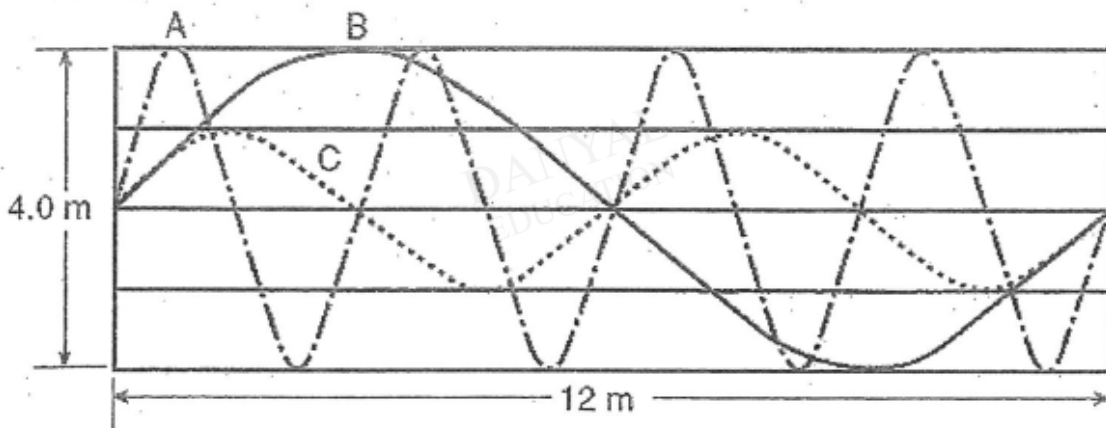


Fig. 6.1

- (a) Calculate the wavelength of wave A.  
wavelength of A =  $\frac{12}{4}$   
= 3.0 m [A1]

wavelength = \_\_\_\_\_ m [1]

- (b) Determine the period of wave B.  
 Period of B = 2.0 s [A1]

period = \_\_\_\_\_ s [1]

- (c) Calculate the speed of wave C.  
 Speed of C =  $d / t$   
 =  $12.0 / 2.0$   
 = 6.0 m/s [A1]

speed = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  [1]

Q3

3a	The imaginary line through all points on a wave that are in phase	1
b	The water particle moves in a direction perpendicular to the direction of wave motion	1
c	$v = d / t = 22 / 1.5 = 14.7 \text{ m/s}$	1
	wavelength = $22 / 6 = 3.67 \text{ m}$	1
	frequency = velocity / wavelength = $14.7 / 3.67 = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$	1

Q4

- a  $f = 1/T$   
 =  $1 / 4.0$   
 = 0.25 Hz
- b  $v = f\lambda$   
 =  $0.25 \text{ Hz} \times 6.0 \text{ m}$   
 =  $1.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Q5

a) i)  $0.15\text{m}$

ii)  $f = 1/T \Rightarrow f = 1/0.4 = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$

iii)  $V = f\lambda \Rightarrow V = 2.5 \times 0.8 = 2 \text{ m/s}$

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