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Multiple Choice Questions

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plays the 4th string on his guitar. By keen observation, he hears the amplitude of the combined sound oscillating thrice per second. Which of the following frequency is the most likely the frequency of the 4th string on his guitar ?

A. 130

B. 117

C. 110

D. 120

Answer: B



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B. $v_A < v_B < v_D < v_c$

C. $v_A = v_B = v_D = v_c$

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Answer: C



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5. A sound wave whose frequency is 5000 Hz travels in air and then hits the water surface. The ratio of its wavelength in water and air is

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B. 0.23

C. 5.30

D. 1.23

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B. $\frac{v(t_1 - t_2)}{2(t_2 + t_2)}$

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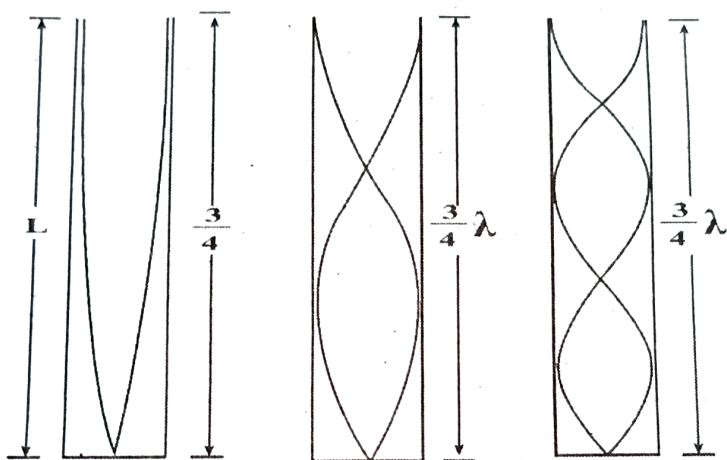
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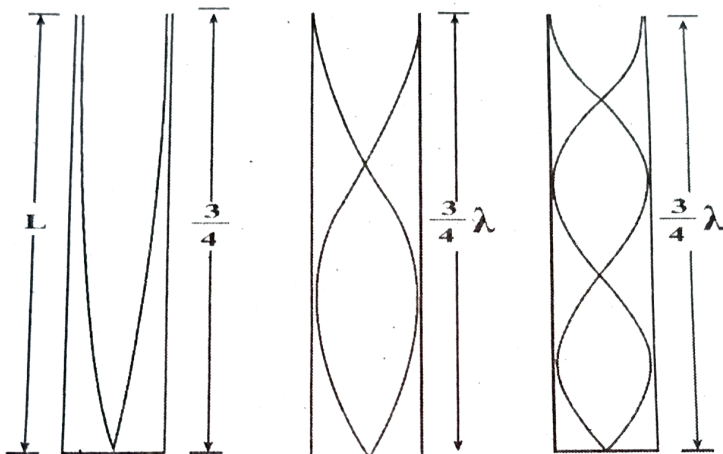
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Other Important Questions Answers Multiple Choice Questions

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A. density and elasticity of gas

B. wavelength of sound only

C. amplitude and frequency of sound

D. intensity of sound waves only

Answer: A



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2. Assertion : Sound wave cannot propagate through vacuum but light can.

Reason : Sound wave cannot be polarised but light can.

A. Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion

B. Both assertion and reason are true and reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion

C. Both assertion and reason are false

D. Assertion is true and reason is false

Answer: B



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3. A 5.5 meter long string has a mass of 0.035kg . If the tension in the string is 77 N, the speed of a wave on the string is :

A. 165ms^{-1}

B. $102ms^{-1}$

C. $110ms^{-1}$

D. $77ms^{-1}$

Answer: C



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4. With propagation of longitudinal waves through a medium the quantity transmitted is

A. energy

B. energy and mass

C. energy and linear momentum

D. energy momentum and mass

Answer: A



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5. What is the wavelength of wave shown in given figure ?



A. $0.3m$

B. $0.08m$

C. $0.6m$

D. $4cm$

Answer: B



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6. Choose the odd man out from the following

:

A. Wavelength

B. Frequency

C. Phase

D. Acceleration

Answer: D



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7. The speed of a wave in medium is 760m.s^{-1} .

If 3600 waves cross a point in the medium in 2 minutes, then the wavelength of the wave is :

A. $25.8m$

B. $14.75m$

C. $25.3M$

D. $50.6M$

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8. A uniform wire of length 20 m and weighing 5 kg hangs vertically . If $g = 10m / s^2$, then

the speed of transverse wave is the middle of
the wire :

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B. $10\sqrt{2} \text{ m/s}$

C. 0

D. 10 m/s

Answer: D



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9. Which of the following statements is correct ?

The waves in which the particles of the medium vibrate in direction perpendicular to the direction of wave motion, are known as :

A. longitudinal waves

B. propagated waves

C. transverse waves

D. none of these

Answer: C



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10. A wave of frequency 100 Hz is sent along a string towards a fixed end. When this wave travels back after reflection a node is formed at a distance of 10 cm from the fixed end of the string. The speeds of incident (or reflected) waves are :

A. $10\text{m} / \text{s}$

B. $5\text{m} / \text{s}$

C. $40\text{m} / \text{s}$

D. $20m / s$

Answer: D



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11. Which one of the following is a correct pair to list the necessary properties of a medium for the propagation of wave ?

A. Elasticity and stress

B. Elasticity and inertia

C. Strain and inertia

D. Compressibility and buoyancy

Answer: B



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12. A transverse wave propagating along x-axis is represented by

$$y(x,t) = 80 \sin\left(0.5\pi x - 4\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right). \text{ Where}$$

x is in metres and t is seconds. The speed of the wave is :

A. $4im / s$

B. $\frac{\pi}{4}m / s$

C. $8m / s$

D. $0.5\pi m / s$

Answer: C



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13. Standing waves are formed on a string when interference occurs between two waves having :

- A. The same amplitude travelling in the opposite direction between them
- B. different amplitudes travelling in the same direction
- C. different amplitudes travelling in the opposite direction
- D. the same amplitude, travelling in the opposite direction with no phase difference between them.

Answer: D



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14. Two sound waves travel in the same direction in a medium . The amplitude of each wave is A and the phase difference between the two waves is 120° . The resultant amplitude will be :

A. $2A$

B. $3A$

C. $\sqrt{2}A$

D. A

Answer: D



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15. When a stationary wave is formed, then its frequency is :

A. $\sqrt{2}$ that of the individual waves

B. half that of the individual waves

C. twice that of the individual waves

D. same as that of the individual waves.

Answer: D



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16. Assertion : When two tuning forks are vibrating with frequencies 256 Hz and 480 Hz are held near each other, beats cannot be heard.

Reason : The principle of super position is

valid if the frequencies of the oscillators are nearly equal.

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$$I_{\text{maximum}} = (A_1 - A_2)^2$$

B. For constructive interference

$$I_{\text{minimum}} = (A_1 + A_2)^2$$

C. Velocity of transverse wave on string is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

D. Velocity of transverse wave on string is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

Answer: C



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18. Which one of the following statements is an incorrect statement ?

A. Sound intensity level is given by

$$\Delta L = 10 \frac{\log_{10}(I_1)}{I_0} \text{ decibel.}$$

B. If natural frequencies are written as multiples of fundamental frequencies then they are said to be overtones.

C. In a closed organ odd harmonics are formed.

D. An open pipe odd and even harmonics are formed.

Answer: B



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19. An open organ pipe of length l vibrates with its fundamental note. The pressure variation is maximum.

A. at the middle of the pipe

B. at the distance $\frac{\lambda}{4}$ inside the ends

C. at the distance $\frac{\lambda}{8}$ inside the ends

D. at the two ends

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$$\text{C. } n = 3, f_2 = \frac{3}{4} f_1$$

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Answer: B



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B. Temperature and pressure

C. Temperature and density

D. Temperature and moisture

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C. n

D. $2n$

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B. 

C. 

D. 

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A. $0.2m$

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C. $0.5m$

D. $0.4m$

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- C. 480 Hz
- D. 540 Hz

Answer: D



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A. 1000 Hz

B. 1100 Hz

C. 1200 Hz

D. 1090 Hz

Answer: C



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44. Select the correct pairs of factors on which does the velocity of sound in any gas depend.

A. density and elasticity of gas

B. wavelength of sound only

C. amplitude and frequency of sound

D. intensity of sound waves only

Answer: A



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45. Assertion : Sound wave cannot propagate through vacuum but light can.

Reason : Sound wave cannot be polarised but light can.

A. Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion

B. Both assertion and reason are true and reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion

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D. Assertion is true and reason is false

Answer: B



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46. A 5.5 meter long string has a mass of 0.035kg . If the tension in the string is 77 N , the speed of a wave on the string is :

A. 165ms^{-1}

B. 102ms^{-1}

C. 110ms^{-1}

D. 77ms^{-1}

Answer: C



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47. With propagation of longitudinal waves through a medium the quantity transmitted is

- A. energy
- B. energy and mass
- C. energy and linear momentum
- D. energy momentum and mass

Answer: A



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48. What is the wavelength of wave shown in given figure ?



A. $0.3m$

B. $0.08m$

C. $0.6m$

D. $4cm$

Answer: B



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49. Choose the odd man out from the following :

A. Wavelength

B. Frequency

C. Phase

D. Acceleration

Answer: D



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50. The speed of a wave in medium is 760m s^{-1} . If 3600 waves cross a point in the medium in 2 minutes, then the wavelength of the wave is :

A. 25.8m

B. 14.75m

C. 25.3M

D. $50.6M$

Answer: C



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51. A uniform wire of length 20 m and weighing 5 kg hangs vertically . If $g = 10m / s^2$, then the speed of transverse wave is the middle of the wire :

A. 4 m/s

B. $10\sqrt{2}m / s$

C. 0

D. $10m / s$

Answer: D



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52. Which of the following statements is correct ?

The waves in which the particles of the

medium vibrate in direction perpendicular to the direction of wave motion, are known as :

- A. longitudinal waves
- B. propagated waves
- C. transverse waves
- D. none of these

Answer: C



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53. A wave of frequency 100 Hz is sent along a string towards a fixed end. When this wave travels back after reflection a node is formed at a distance of 10 cm from the fixed end of the string. The speeds of incident (or reflected) waves are :

A. 10 m / s

B. 5 m / s

C. 40 m / s

D. 20 m / s

Answer: D



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54. Which one of the following is a correct pair to list the necessary properties of a medium for the propagation of wave ?

- A. Elasticity and stress
- B. Elasticity and inertia
- C. Strain and inertia
- D. Compressibility and buoyancy

Answer: B



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55. A transverse wave propagating along x-axis is represented by

$$y(x,t) = 80 \sin\left(0.5\pi x - 4\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right). \text{ Where}$$

x is in metres and t is seconds. The speed of the wave is :

A. 4 m/s

B. $\frac{\pi}{4}\text{ m/s}$

C. $8m / s$

D. $0.5\pi m / s$

Answer: C



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56. Standing waves are formed on a string when interference occurs between two waves having :

- A. The same amplitude travelling in the opposite direction between them
- B. different amplitudes travelling in the same direction
- C. different amplitudes travelling in the opposite direction
- D. the same amplitude, travelling in the opposite direction with no phase difference between them.

Answer: D



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57. Two sound waves travel in the same direction in a medium . The amplitude of each wave is A and the phase difference between the two waves is 120° . The resultant amplitude will be :

A. $2A$

B. $3A$

C. $\sqrt{2}A$

D. A

Answer: D



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58. When a stationary wave is formed, then its frequency is :

A. $\sqrt{2}$ that of the individual waves

B. half that of the individual waves

C. twice that of the individual waves

D. same as that of the individual waves.

Answer: D



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59. Assertion : When two tuning forks are vibrating with frequencies 256 Hz and 480 Hz are held near each other, beats cannot be heard.

Reason : The principle of super position is

valid if the frequencies of the oscillators are nearly equal.

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A. For constructive interference

$$I_{\text{maximum}} = (A_1 - A_2)^2$$

B. For destructive interference

$$I_{\text{minimum}} = (A_1 + A_2)^2$$

C. Velocity of transverse wave on string is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

D. Velocity of transverse wave on string is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{E}} \text{ms}^{-1}$$

Answer: C



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61. Which one of the following statements is an incorrect statement ?

A. Sound intensity level is given by

$$\Delta L = 10 \frac{\log_{10}(I_1)}{I_0} \text{ decibel.}$$

B. If natural frequencies are written as multiples of fundamental frequencies then they are said to be overtones.

C. In a closed organ odd harmonics are formed.

D. An open pipe odd and even harmonics are formed.

Answer: B



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62. An open organ pipe of length L vibrates in its fundamental mode. The pressure variation is maximum

A. at the distance $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ inside the ends

B. at the distance $\frac{\lambda}{4}$ inside the ends

C. at the distance $\frac{\lambda}{8}$ inside the ends

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3. What are the factors that effect the speed of sound in gases?



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4. Prove that $V = \sqrt{\gamma CT}$ from the ideal gas equation for speed of sound is gases.



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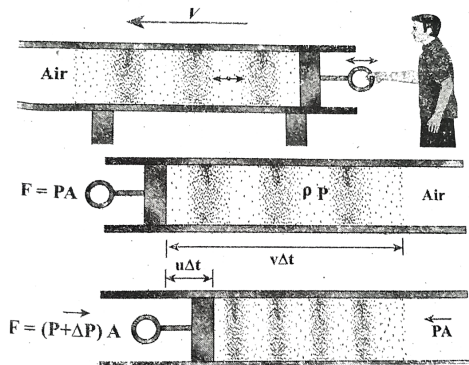
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9. Show that velocity of longitudinal waves is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$$



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11. Write note on graphical representation of wave

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12. Obtain an expression for a stationary wave formed by two sinusoidal waves travelling along the same path in opposite direction,

also discuss the condition for the formation of Nodes and Anti-nodes?



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18. Write note on stethoscope.



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19. What are the important characteristics of progressive wave?



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20. Explain graphically the formation of superposition when two pulses travelling towards each other ?



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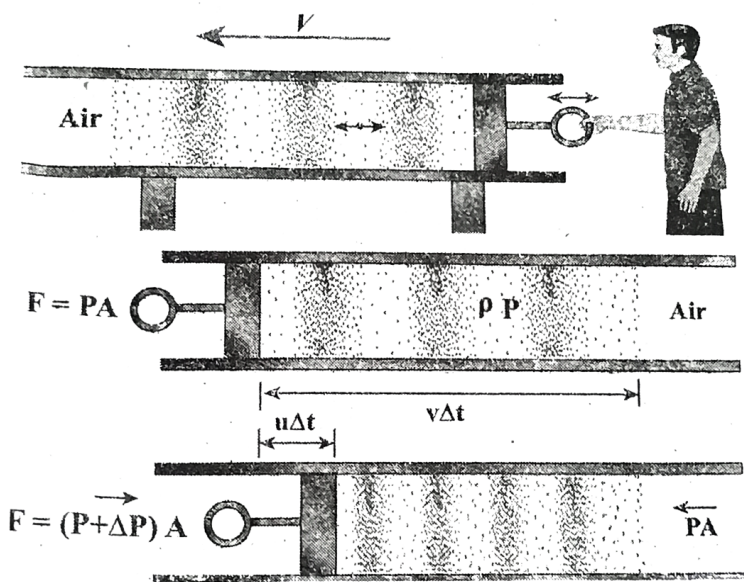
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22. Show that velocity of longitudinal waves is

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23. Discuss the effect of (i) Density (ii) humidity on the velocity of sound in gases?

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24. Write note on graphical representation of wave

(i) Space variation graph

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also discuss the condition for the formation of Nodes and Anti-nodes?



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