

**Q1.(a)** Explain what ultrasound is.

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(b) Ultrasound is used for pre-natal scanning. This is much safer than using X-rays. However, doctors were only sure ultrasound was safe after experiments on mice.

Do you think the ultrasound experiments on mice were justified?

Explain your answer.

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(c) Explain what scientists should do if they find evidence that ultrasound may be harmful to human health.

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**Q2.**A note was played on an electric keyboard.

The frequency of the note was 440 Hz.

(a) (i) What does a frequency of 440 Hz mean?

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(ii) The sound waves produced by the keyboard travel at a speed of 340 m / s.  
Calculate the wavelength of the note.

Give your answer to **three** significant figures.

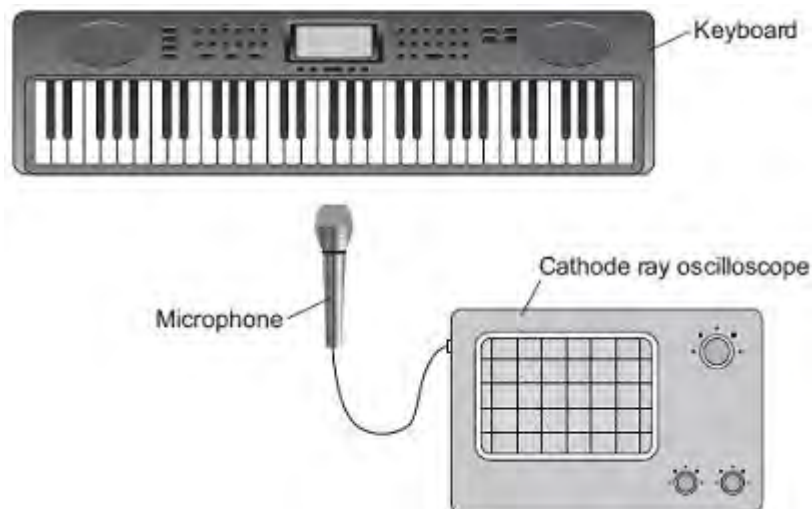
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Wavelength = ..... metres

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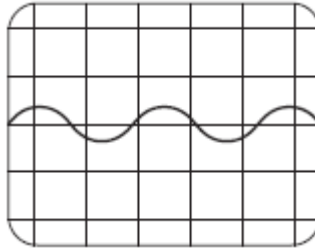
(b) **Figure 1** shows a microphone connected to a cathode ray oscilloscope (CRO) being used to detect the note produced by the keyboard.

**Figure 1**



**Figure 2** shows the trace produced by the sound wave on the CRO.

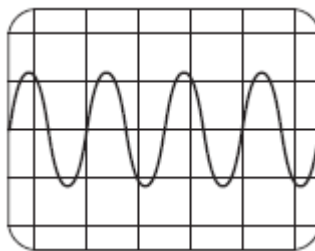
**Figure 2**



A second note, of different wavelength, was played on the keyboard.

**Figure 3** shows the trace produced by the sound wave of the second note on the CRO.

**Figure 3**



The settings on the CRO were unchanged.

What **two** conclusions should be made about the **second** sound wave produced by the keyboard compared with the **first** sound wave?

Give a reason for each conclusion.

Conclusion 1 .....

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Reason .....

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Conclusion 2 .....

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**Q3.**Ultrasound and X-rays are waves used in hospitals to create images of the inside of the

human body. To produce the images below, the waves must enter the human body.

**Ultrasound scan of an unborn child  
bone**

**X-ray of a broken  
bone**



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- (a) *In this question you will be assessed on using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist terms where appropriate.*

Describe the features of ultrasound and X-rays, and what happens to each type of wave after it has entered the human body.

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(b) It would **not** be safe to use X-rays to produce an image of an unborn child.

Explain why.

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(c) Ultrasound can be used for medical treatments as well as for imaging.

Give **one** use of ultrasound for medical treatment.

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**Q4.(a)** Light waves transfer energy.

(i) Complete the following sentence.

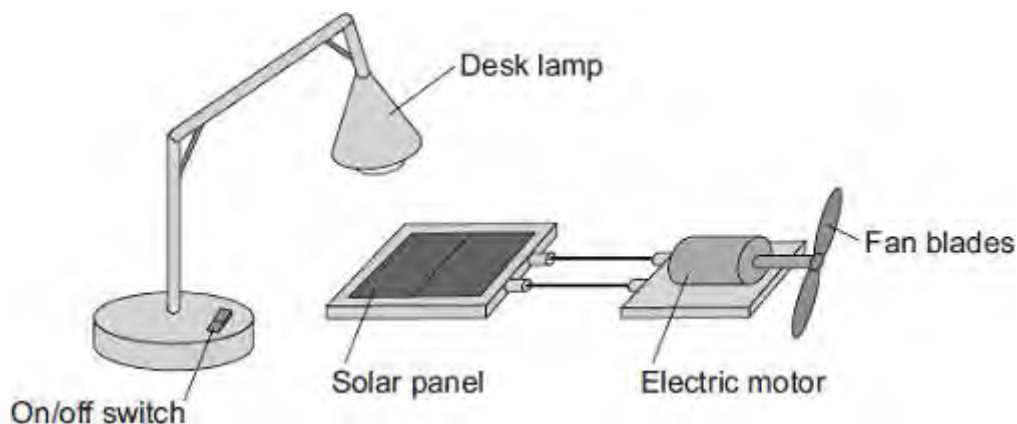
The oscillations producing a light wave are

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to the direction of the energy transfer by the light wave.

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(ii) The apparatus in the diagram shows that light waves transfer energy.



Describe how switching the desk lamp on and off shows that light waves transfer energy.

You do **not** need to describe the energy transfers.

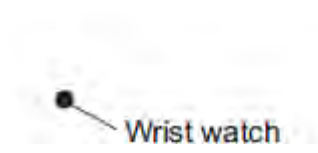
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(b) A student holds a wrist watch in front of a plane mirror. The student can see an image of the wrist watch in the mirror.

The diagram shows the position of the wrist watch and the mirror.

Plane mirror



Draw a ray diagram showing how the image of the wrist watch is formed.

Mark the position of the image.

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(c) The image of the wrist watch seen by the student is virtual.

What is a virtual image?

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**Q5.**Waves may be longitudinal or transverse.

(a) Describe the differences between longitudinal waves and transverse waves.

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(b) Radio waves are electromagnetic waves.

Describe how radio waves are different from sound waves.

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**Q6.(a)** Human ears can detect a range of sound frequencies.

(i) Use the correct answers from the box to complete the sentence.

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The range of human hearing is from about ..... Hz to ..... Hz.

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(ii) What is ultrasound?

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(iii) Ultrasound can be used to find the speed of blood flow in an artery.

State **one** other medical use of ultrasound.

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(b) The speed of an ultrasound wave in soft tissue in the human body is  $1.5 \times 10^3$  m / s and the frequency of the wave is  $2.0 \times 10^6$  Hz.

Calculate the wavelength of the ultrasound wave.

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Wavelength = ..... m

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(c) When ultrasound is used to find the speed of blood flow in an artery:

- an ultrasound transducer is placed on a person's arm

- ultrasound is emitted by the transducer
- the ultrasound is reflected from blood cells moving **away** from the transducer
- the reflected ultrasound is detected at the transducer.

Describe the differences between the ultrasound waves emitted by the transducer and the reflected waves detected at the transducer.

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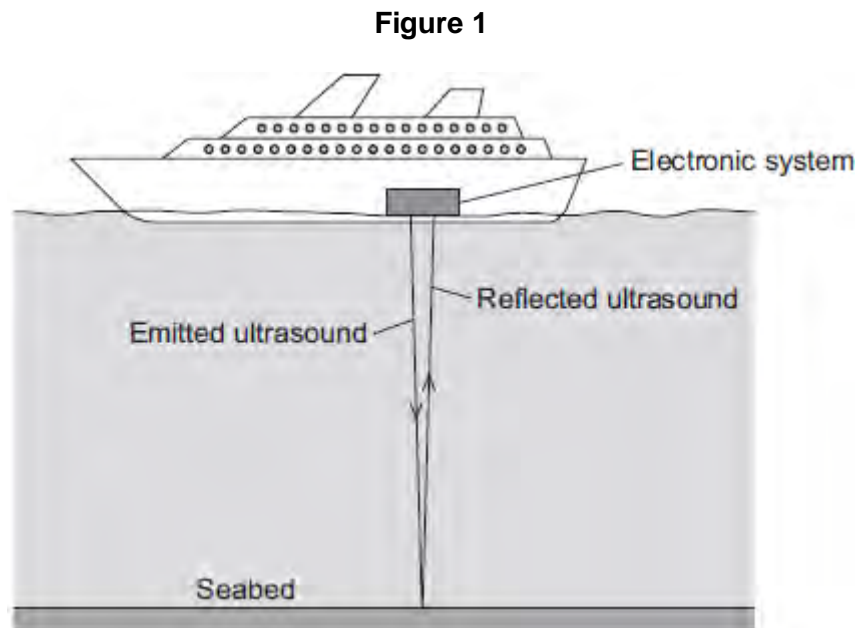
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Q7.(a) What is ultrasound?

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(b) **Figure 1** shows how ultrasound is used to measure the depth of water below a ship.



A pulse of ultrasound is sent out from an electronic system on-board the ship.  
It takes 0.80 seconds for the emitted ultrasound to be received back at the ship.  
Calculate the depth of the water.

Speed of ultrasound in water = 1600 m / s

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Depth of water = ..... metres

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(c) Ultrasound can be used in medicine for scanning.

State **one** medical use of ultrasound scanning.

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(d) Images of the inside of the human body can be made using a Computerised Tomography (CT) scanner. The CT scanner in **Figure 2** uses X-rays to produce these images.

**Figure 2**



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State **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using a CT scanner, compared with ultrasound scanning, for forming images of the inside of the human body.

Advantage of CT scanning .....

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Disadvantage of CT scanning .....

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(Total 7 marks)