

Waves part 4 AQA Triple Physics

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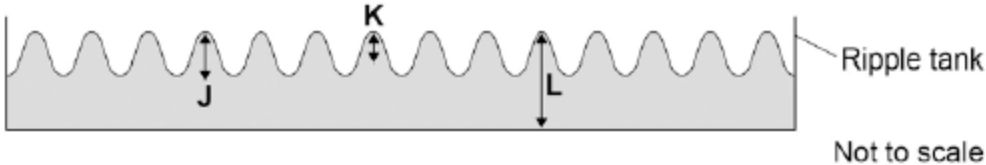
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1.

Small water waves are created in a ripple tank by a wooden bar. The wooden bar vibrates up and down hitting the surface of the water.

The figure below shows a cross-section of the ripple tank and water.



(a) Which letter shows the amplitude of a water wave?

Tick **one** box.

J

K

L

(1)

(b) The speed of the wooden bar is changed so that the bar hits the water fewer times each second.

What happens to the frequency of the waves produced?

Tick **one** box.

Increases

Does not change

Decreases

(1)

- (c) Describe how the wavelength of the water waves in a ripple tank can be measured accurately.

(2)

- (d) The speed of a wave is calculated using the following equation.

$$\text{wave speed} = \text{frequency} \times \text{wavelength}$$

The water waves in a ripple tank have a wavelength of 1.2 cm and a frequency of 18.5 Hz.

How does the speed of these water waves compare to the typical speed of a person walking?

(4)

(Total 8 marks)

2.

The figure below shows an incomplete electromagnetic spectrum.



(a) What name is given to the group of waves at the position labelled **A** in the figure above?

Tick **one** box.

infrared

radio

visible light

X-ray

(1)

(b) Electromagnetic waves have many practical uses.

Draw **one** line from each type of electromagnetic wave to its use.

Electromagnetic wave	Use
Gamma rays	For fibre optic communications
Microwaves	For communicating with a satellite
Ultraviolet	To see security markings
	To sterilise surgical instruments

(3)

(c) Complete the sentence.

Use an answer from the box.

black body	ionising	nuclear
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X-rays can be dangerous to people because X-rays are
_____ radiation.

(1)

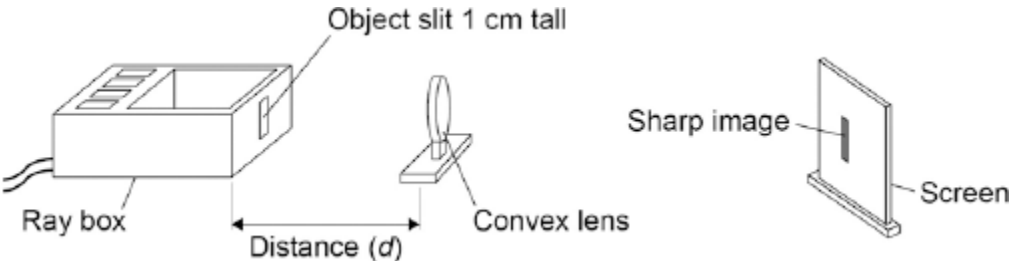
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3.

A student investigated how the magnification produced by a convex lens varies with the distance (d) between the object and the lens.

The student used the apparatus shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1



- (a) The student measured the magnification produced by the lens by measuring the image height in centimetres.

Explain why the image height in centimetres was the same as the magnification.

(2)

(b) The data recorded by the student is given in **Table 1**.

Table 1

Distance between the object and the lens in cm	Magnification
25	4.0
30	2.0
40	1.0
50	0.7
60	0.5

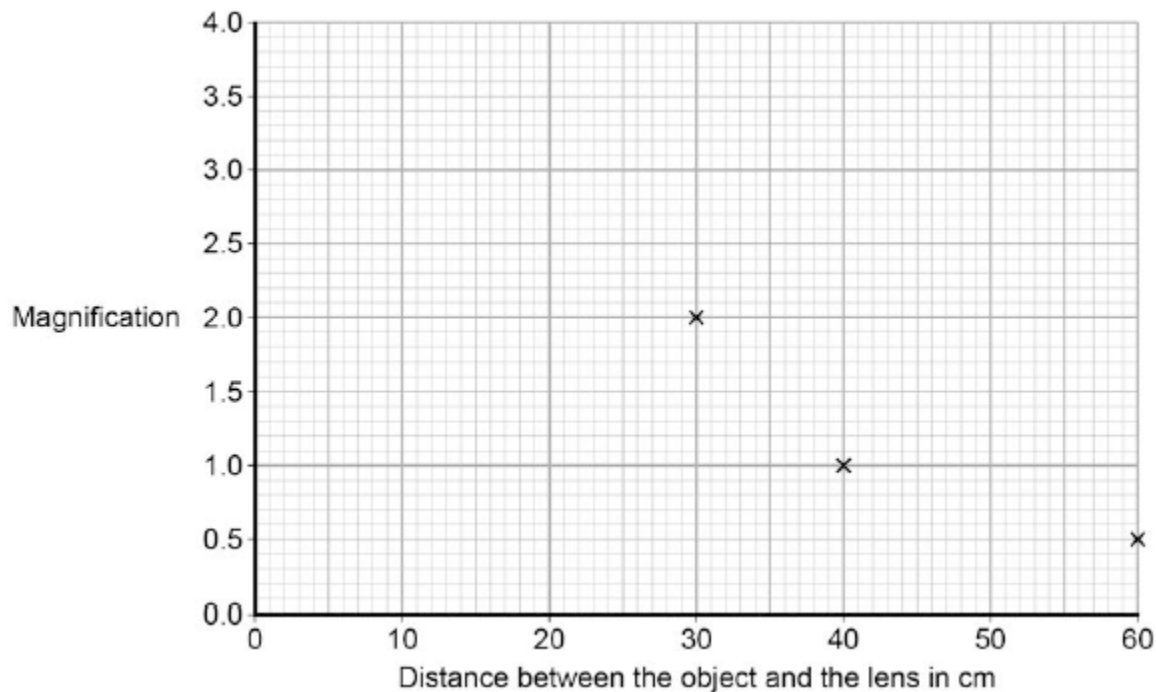
It would be difficult to obtain accurate magnification values for distances greater than 60 cm.

Suggest **one** change that could be made so that accurate magnification values could be obtained for distances greater than 60 cm.

(1)

(c) The graph in **Figure 2** is incomplete.

Figure 2



Complete the graph in **Figure 2** by plotting the missing data and then drawing a line of best fit.

(2)

(d) How many times bigger is the image when the object is 35 cm from the lens compared to when the object is 55 cm from the lens?

(2)

- (e) During the investigation the student also measured the distance between the lens and the image.

Table 2 gives both of the distances measured and the magnification.

Table 2

Distance between the lens and the image in cm	Distance between the lens and the object in cm	Magnification
100	25	4.0
60	30	2.0
40	40	1.0
33	50	0.7
30	60	0.5

Consider the data in **Table 2**.

Give a second way that the student could have determined the magnification of the object.

Justify your answer with a calculation.

(2)
(Total 9 marks)

5.

The data given in the table below was obtained from an investigation into the refraction of light at an air to glass boundary.

Angle of incidence	Angle of refraction
20°	13°
30°	19°
40°	25°
50°	30°

(a) Describe an investigation a student could complete in order to obtain similar data to that given in the table above.

Your answer should consider any cause of inaccuracy in the data.

A labelled diagram may be drawn as part of your answer.

(6)

(b) State the reason why light is refracted as it crosses from air into glass.

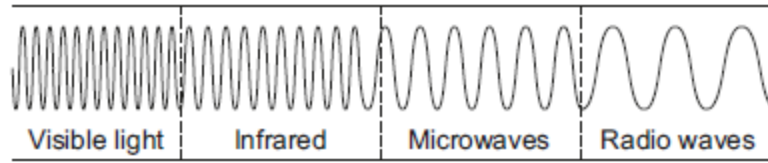
(1)

(Total 7 marks)

6.

Infrared and microwaves are two types of electromagnetic radiation.

The diagram below shows the positions of the two types of radiation within part of the electromagnetic spectrum.



(a) Name **one** type of electromagnetic radiation which has more energy than infrared.

(1)

(b) Use the correct answer from the box to complete each sentence.

Each answer may be used once, more than once or not at all.

greater than	less than	the same as
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The wavelength of infrared is _____ the wavelength of microwaves.

The frequency of microwaves is _____ the frequency of infrared.

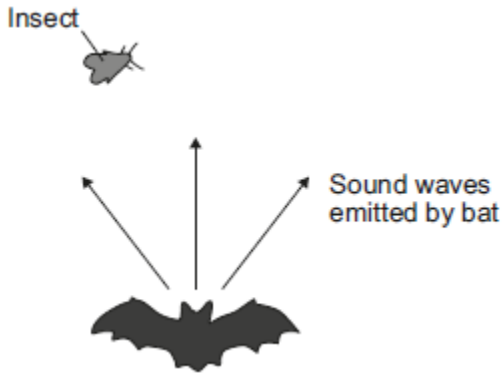
The speed of microwaves in a vacuum is _____ the speed of infrared in a vacuum.

(3)

(Total 4 marks)

7.

Bats use the reflection of high pitched sound waves to determine the position of objects. The image below shows a bat and an insect flying in front of the bat.



(a) What determines the pitch of a sound wave?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

	Tick (✓)
amplitude	
frequency	
speed	

(1)

(b) State the name given to reflected sound waves.

(1)

(c) The bat emits a sound wave with a frequency of 25.0 kHz and a wavelength of 0.0136 metres.

Calculate the speed of this sound wave.

Speed = _____ m/s

(2)

(d) Sound waves are longitudinal. Describe a longitudinal sound wave.

(2)
(Total 6 marks)

8.

Infrared and microwaves are two types of electromagnetic radiation.

(a) State **one** example of the use of each type of radiation for communication.

Infrared: _____

Microwaves: _____

(2)

(b) Some of the properties of infrared and microwaves are the same.

State **two** of these properties.

1. _____

2. _____

(2)
(Total 4 marks)

9.

Figure 1 shows an X-ray of an arm with a broken bone.

Figure 1



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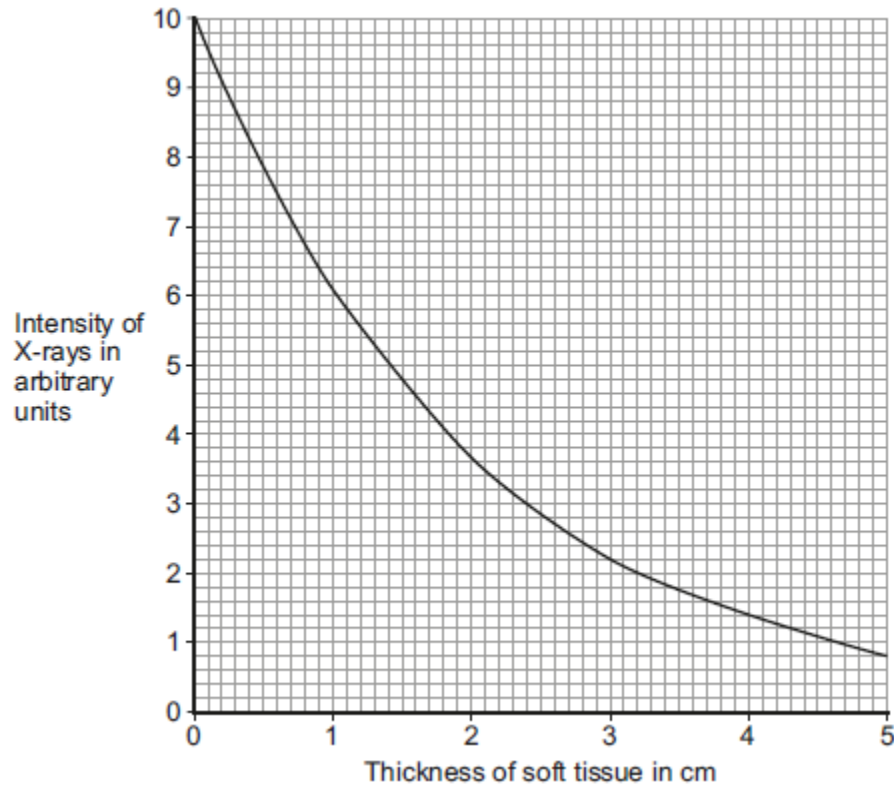
(a) Complete the following sentence.

X-rays are part of the _____ spectrum.

(1)

(b) **Figure 2** shows how the intensity of the X-rays changes as they pass through soft tissue and reach a detector.

Figure 2



(i) Use **Figure 2** to determine the intensity of X-rays reaching the detector for a 3 cm thickness of soft tissue.

Intensity of X-rays = _____ arbitrary units

(1)

(ii) Describe how the thickness of soft tissue affects the intensity of the X-rays.

(2)

(iii) The data in **Figure 2** are shown as a line graph and not as a bar chart.

Choose the reason why.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Both variables are categoric

Both variables are continuous

One variable is continuous and one is categoric

(1)

(c) What happens to X-rays when they enter a bone?

(1)

(d) How are images formed electronically in a modern X-ray machine?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

With a charge-coupled device (CCD)

With an oscilloscope

With photographic film

(1)

(e) Radiographers who take X-ray photographs may be exposed to X-rays.

(i) X-rays can increase the risk of the radiographer getting cancer.

Why can X-rays increase the risk of getting cancer?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

X-rays travel at the speed of light

X-rays can travel through a vacuum

X-rays are ionising

(1)

(ii) What should the radiographer do to reduce the risk from X-rays?

(1)

(Total 9 marks)

10.

X-rays and ultrasound can both be used for scanning internal organs.

(a) Ultrasound is used to scan unborn babies but X-rays are **not** used to scan unborn babies.

Explain why.

(3)

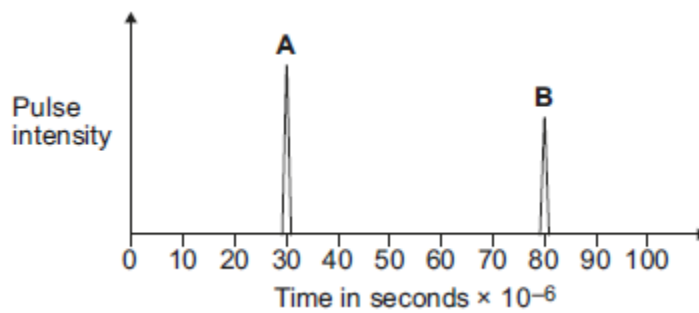
- (b) The behaviour of ultrasound waves when they meet a boundary between two different materials is used to produce an image.

Describe how.

(2)

- (c) **Figure 1** shows two pulses from a scan of an unborn baby. The emitted pulse is labelled **A**. The returning pulse picked up by the receiver is labelled **B**.

Figure 1



The closest distance between the unborn baby and the mother's skin is 4.0 cm. Use information from **Figure 1** to calculate the average speed of the pulse.

Average speed = _____ m/s

(3)

(d) **Figure 2** shows an X-ray of an arm with a broken bone.

Figure 2



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(i) Describe how X-rays are able to produce an image of bones.

(3)

(ii) Complete the following sentence.

X-rays are able to produce detailed images because their wavelength
is very _____ .

(1)

(Total 12 marks)

11.

(a) Ultrasound is sound above the maximum frequency that humans can hear.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

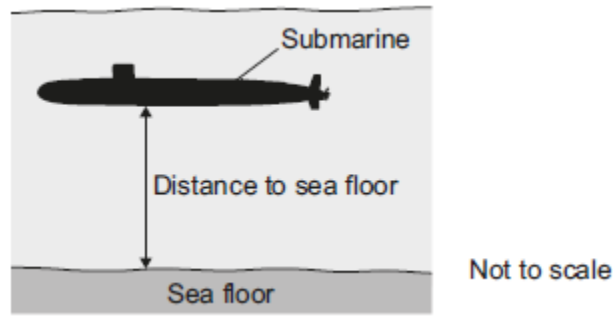
20 Hz

2000 Hz

20 000 Hz

(1)

(b) The image shows a submerged submarine.



The submarine sends a pulse of ultrasound to the sea floor.
The pulse takes 0.25 seconds to travel from the submarine to the sea floor.

The speed of sound in water is 1600 m/s.

Calculate the distance from the submarine to the sea floor.

Distance = _____ m

(2)

(c) The ultrasound is reflected from the sea floor back to the submarine.
Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

half	the same as	twice
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The total distance the ultrasound pulse travelled is _____ the distance to the sea floor.

(1)

- (d) The submarine moves through the sea and every few seconds sends a pulse of ultrasound to check the distance to the sea floor.

The table shows the time taken for five ultrasound pulses to travel from the submarine to the sea floor and back to the submarine.

Pulse number	Time for pulse to return in seconds
1	0.50
2	0.45
3	0.38
4	0.40
5	0.48

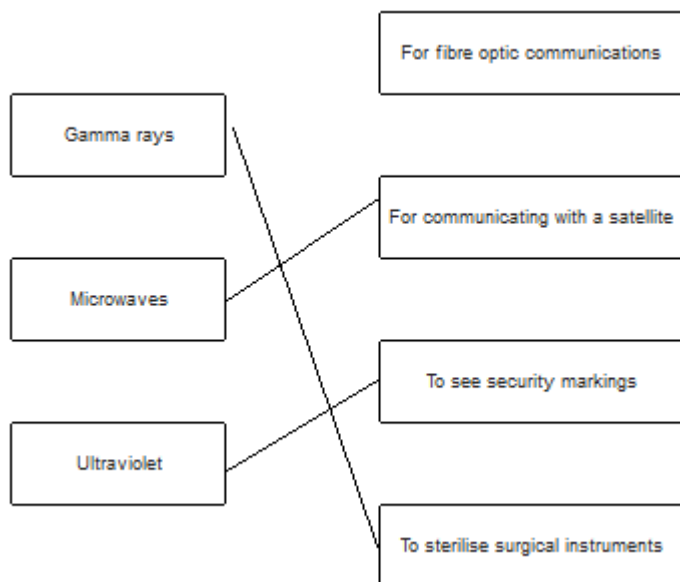
Describe how the distance from the submarine to the sea floor changed over these five pulses.

(2)
(Total 6 marks)

Mark schemes

- 1.** (a) K 1
- (b) Decreases 1
- (c) use a metre rule / 30 cm ruler to measure across 10 (projected) waves
accept any practical number of waves number for 10 1
- and then divide by 10 1
- (d) 1.2 cm = 0.012 m 1
- $18.5 \times 0.012 = 0.22(2)$ (m / s) 1
- allow 0.22(2) with no working shown for 2 marks*
- typical walking speed = 1.5m / s
accept any value e.g. in the range 0.7 to 2.0 m / s 1
- so the water waves are slower (than a typical walking speed)
this cannot score on its own 1
- [8]**
- 2.** (a) radio 1

(b)



award 1 mark for each correct line

if more than one line is drawn from any em wave then none of those lines gain credit

3

(c) ionising

1

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3.

(a) magnification = $\frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}}$

1

dividing by an object height of 1 cm gives the same (numerical) value

1

(b) accept anything practical that would work eg:

use a taller object

use a (travelling) microscope

attach a scale to the screen and use a magnifying glass

1

(c) both points plotted correctly

1

correct line of best fit drawn

a curve passing through all points (within ½ square), judge by eye

1

(d) values of 1.4 and 0.6 extracted from the graph

1

2.33 times bigger

accept any number between 2.3 and 2.5 inclusive

1

- (e) by dividing the distance between the lens and the image by the distance between the lens and the object

1

at least one correct calculation and comparison eg $100 \div 25 = 4$ which is the same as the measured magnification

1

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4.

Level 3 (5–6 marks):

A detailed and coherent plan covering all the major steps is provided. The steps in the method are logically ordered. The method would lead to the production of valid results.

A source of inaccuracy is provided.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):

The bulk of a method is described with mostly relevant detail. The method may not be in a completely logical sequence and may be missing some detail.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):

Simple statements are made. The response may lack a logical structure and would not lead to the production of valid results.

0 marks:

No relevant content.

Indicative content

place a glass block on a piece of paper

draw around the glass block and then remove from the paper

draw a line at 90° to one side of the block (the normal)

use a protractor to measure and then draw a line at an angle of 20° to the normal

replace the glass block

using a ray box and slit point the ray of light down the drawn line

mark the ray of light emerging from the block

remove the block and draw in the refracted ray

measure the angle of refraction with a protractor

repeat the procedure for a range of values of the angle of incidence

possible source of inaccuracy

the width of the light ray

which makes it difficult to judge where the centre of the ray is

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5.

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(b) velocity / speed of the light decreases

allow velocity / speed of the light changes

1

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6.	(a) any one from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (visible) light • UV / ultra violet • X-ray • gamma / γ-ray 		1
	(b) less than		1
	less than		1
	the same as		1
			[4]
7.	(a) frequency		1
	(b) echo(es)		1
	(c) 340 (m/s)	<p><i>allow 1 mark for correct substitution ie $25\ 000 \times 0.0136$ provided no subsequent step</i></p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>allow 1 mark for a correct calculation showing an incorrect value from conversion to hertz $\times 0.0136$</i></p> <p><i>an answer of 0.34 gains 1 mark</i></p>	2
	(d) (a wave where the) oscillations are parallel to the direction of energy transfer	<p><i>both marking points may appear as labels on a diagram</i></p> <p><i>accept vibrations for oscillations</i></p> <p><i>accept in same direction as for parallel to</i></p> <p><i>allow direction of wave (motion) for direction of energy transfer</i></p> <p><i>allow 1 mark for a correct calculation showing an incorrect value from conversion to hertz $\times 0.0136$</i></p>	1
	causing (areas of) compression and rarefaction	<p><i>accept correct description in terms of particles</i></p> <p><i>mechanical wave is insufficient</i></p> <p><i>needs a medium to travel through is insufficient</i></p>	1
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8.	<p>(a) use of infrared: remote controls fibre optic (communications)</p> <p>use of microwaves: mobile/cell phones <i>accept mobiles</i> <i>accept phone signals</i> satellite (communications/TV) wi-fi Bluetooth</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>
	<p>(b) any two from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same speed <li style="padding-left: 20px;">or <li style="padding-left: 20px;">travel at the speed of light (in a vacuum) • transverse <li style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>accept a full description of a transverse wave</i> • transfer energy (from one place to another) • can be reflected • can be refracted • can be diffracted • can be absorbed / transmitted • can travel through a vacuum/space • can be polarised <li style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>travels in straight lines is insufficient</i> 	<p>2</p> <p>[4]</p>
9.	<p>(a) electromagnetic <i>accept e.m.</i></p> <p>(b) (i) 2.2 (arbitrary units) <i>allow an answer between 2.1 and 2.3</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>

- (ii) the thicker the tissue the lower the intensity
accept more intensity is needed to pass through thicker tissue

1

the relationship is not linear
accept the line is not straight
allow for 1 mark
it still goes through with thicker tissue
or
intensity does not reach zero
or
at 5 cm X rays still pass through

1

- (iii) Both variables are continuous

1

- (c) (they are) absorbed
accept (they are) stopped

1

- (d) With a charge-coupled device (CCD).

1

- (e) (i) X-rays are ionising

1

- (ii) stand behind a (protective) screen
accept leave the room
accept wear a lead apron

1

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10.

- (a) ultrasound is not ionising
allow ultrasound does not harm the (unborn) baby

1

but X-rays are ionising

1

so X-rays increase the health risk to the (unborn) baby
accept specific examples of health risks, eg cancer, stunted growth, impaired brain function etc
X-rays are dangerous is insufficient

1

- (b) ultrasound/waves are partially reflected
 (when they meet a boundary) (between two different media / substances / tissues)
must be clear that not all of the wave is reflected

1

the time taken is measured (and is used to determine distances)

1

- (c) 1600 (m/s)

800 (m/s) gains 2 marks

160 000 (m/s) gains 2 marks

0.0016 (m/s) gains 2 marks

allow 2 marks for

$$\frac{0.04}{25 \times 10^{-6}}$$

or

$$\frac{0.08}{50 \times 10^{-6}}$$

80 000 (m/s) gains 1 mark

0.0008 (m/s) gains 1 mark

allow 1 mark for

$$\frac{0.04}{25}$$

or

$$\frac{0.08}{50}$$

allow 1 mark for evidence of doubling the distance or halving the time

3

- (d) (i) they are absorbed by bone
allow stopped for absorbed
X-rays are reflected negates this mark

1

they are transmitted by soft tissue
allow pass through for transmitted
allow flesh / muscle / fat
accept less (optically) dense material for soft tissue

1

(the transmitted) X-rays are detected

1

- (ii) short
accept small

1

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11.

(a) 20 000 Hz

1

(b) 400 (m)

*allow 1 mark for correct
substitution ie 1600×0.25
provided no subsequent steps shown
an answer of 200 (m) gains 1 mark*

2

(c) twice

1

(d) From pulse 1 to pulse 3 the distance (to the sea floor) decreased

accept the sea got shallower

or

the submarine went deeper for the distance decreased

1

then (after pulse 3) the distance (to the sea floor) increased

accept the sea got deeper

or

the submarine rose for the distance increased

An answer of the distance decreased then increased gains 1 mark

1

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