



Wave equations			Transverse and Longitudinal waves					Key Vocabulary		
Ι	v = f A	wave speed = frequency ×wavelength. wave speed, v, in metres per second, m/s frequency, f, in hertz, Hz wavelength, A, in metres, m	I	Transverse wave			1	Wave	Any disturbance that transmits energy	
			2	Longitudinal wave	Longitudinal . Compression Conditional Wavesion Conditional Conditiona Conditional Conditional Conditiona Conditional Conditio				through matter or space.	
			3	Reflection	Whe reflec wave reflec	en waves are reflected the angle of is the same as the angle of ction.The angle of incidence is the angle between the incoming e and the normal.The angle of reflection is the angle between the cted wave and the normal.The normal is usually show by a dotted	2	Medium	A solid, liquid or gas that is vibrated	
2	T = 1/ f	period = 1/ frequency period, T, in seconds, s frequency, f, in hertz, Hz	4	Specular or diffuse	line. Spec direc	ular reflection happens when a wave is reflected in a single tion, Diffuse reflection when a wave is reflected in many directions	3 Transverse Wave		The oscillations are perpendicular to the direction of energy transfer.	
			Ele	Electromagnetic waves and refraction and light					The oscillations are parallel to the direction of energy	
Re	Required Practical's – RP 8 – Waves – ripple tank RP 9 – Reflection and refraction RP 10 – Infra-red radiation and absorption			spectrum		10 ^a 10 ^a 10 ^b 10 ^a 10 ^a 10 ^a Radio waves Micro- wave Infrared Visible Light Ultraviolet X-Rays Gamma Rays Visible Light 4 × 10 ⁻⁷ m		Wavelength	transfer. The distance between any adjacent crests or	
RI RI				Refraction		When a wave crosses a boundary between materials at an angle it changes direction –it's refracted. Refraction depends on speed of the wave and density of the material			compressions in a series of waves.	
re RI at				Radio waves		Radio waves are a type of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths in the electromagnetic spectrum longer than infrared light. Radio waves are made by oscillating charges		Frequency	The number of waves produced in a given amount of time.	
			4	4 Using EM waves		Radio waves are extensively used for communication. Satellites, Microwaves, Temperature monitoring, Data transmission, sun tanning, Medicine. EM radiation can be barmful to people Radiation does is measured in signerts		Wave Speed	wave speed (metre per second) = frequency (hertz) × wavelength (metre)	

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Ray diagrams	Lenses and visible light						Key Vocabulary		
convex lens		Concave	A cont out (d	cave lens caves inwards. It causes parallel rays of li verge).	ght to spread	I	Diffraction	The bending of waves around a barrier or through an opening.	
light rays	2	Convex	A convex lens bulges outwards. It causes rays of light parallel to the axis to spread out (converge) at the principle focus.			2	Reflection	The angle of incidence	
object principle axis	3	Ray diagrams	A ray diagram shows how light travels, including what happens when it reaches a surface. In a ray diagram, you draw each ray as: a straight line; with an arrowhead pointing in the direction that the light travels.					equals the angle of reflection. The normal is a line drawn at right angles	
concave lens light	4	Light	Visible light is made up of a range of different colours (white light) ROYGBIV. Primary colours – red, green and blue.				Refraction	Waves pass through a different medium and change direction	
2F F 2F	5	Radiation Every object absorbs and emits infra-red radiation. A Leslie cube can be used to investigate IR emission. Black bodies are the ultimate emitters of radiation. and absorbers of radiation.					Decibel (dB)	The most common unit used to express loudness	
object image	So	Sound waves					Frequency	Number of oscillations	
	I	Sound waves		Sound travels as a wave. Sound waves are caused objects. Sound Is a type of longitudinal wave. It tr solids than liquids and faster in liquids than gases. Sound does not travel through a vacuum.	by vibrating ravels faster in	6	Time Period	one complete cycle of vibration to pass a given point	
object 2F F F 2F	2	Ultra sound		Ultra sound is sound with frequencies greater than 20,000Hz. Ultra sound can be used in hospitals for pre-natal scanning of a foetus and industrial imaging such as finding flaws in in materials.		7	Oscillation	A motion that repeats itself – IE vibrations	
real image	3	Exploring earth's structure using sound		There are two types of seismic waves (P and S). P waves can travel through the core of the earth, S waves cannot. P waves are longitudinal and S waves are transverse.					