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18 Parallel waves in a ripple tank are diffracted as they pass through a gap in a barrier.

Three changes that can be made to this arrangement are listed.

1 Decrease the wavelength of the waves.

2 Increase the amplitude of the waves.

3 Decrease the size of the gap.

Which changes will cause the shape of the diffracted waves to be less curved?

A 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1 and 3 only **C** 1 only **D** 2 and 3 only

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17 An earthquake-monitoring station records the arrival of 16 complete wavelengths of an earthquake wave in a time of 20 s.

The speed of the earthquake wave is 6.0 km / s.

What is the wavelength of the earthquake wave?

A 1.3×10^{-4} m **B** 2.1×10^{-4} m **C** 4.8×10^{3} m **D** 7.5×10^{3} m

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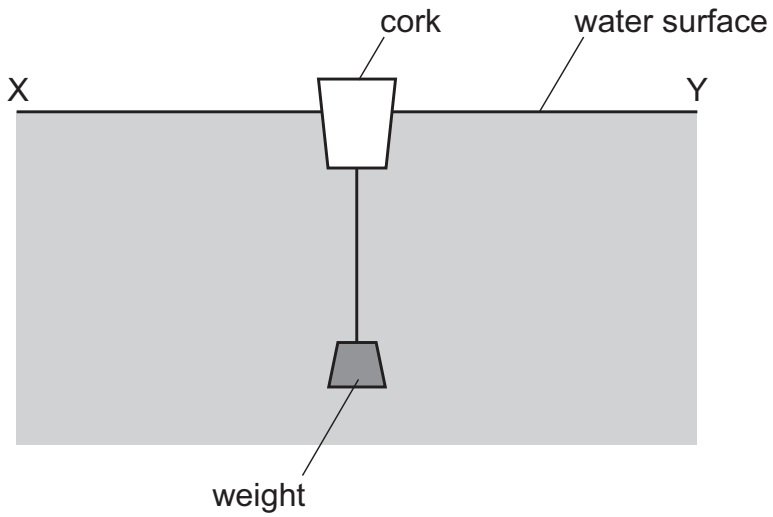
17 The diagram shows a cork with a weight attached so that the cork floats upright in water.



Transverse waves travel across the water from X to Y.

In which direction do the waves make the cork move?

A → ← right and left

B ↑↓ up and down

C → only to the right

D ← only to the left

16 Which statement about waves is correct?

A Waves do not transfer either energy or matter.

B Waves transfer both energy and matter.

C Waves transfer energy without transferring matter.

D Waves transfer matter without transferring energy.

5 **(a)** Describe how a longitudinal wave differs from a transverse wave.

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(b) Fig. 5.1 represents a seismic wave produced by an earthquake.

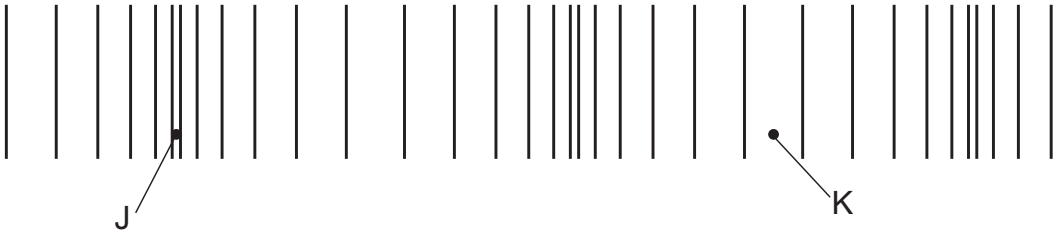

Fig. 5.1

(i) State whether this seismic wave is a P-wave (primary) or an S-wave (secondary). Justify your choice.

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(ii) The wave represented in Fig. 5.1 has a wavelength of 1.2×10^4 m.

Calculate the actual distance between point J and point K.

distance = ... [2]

(iii) The wave in **(ii)** travels through the ground at a speed of 4600 m/s.

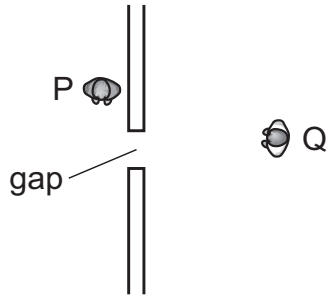
As the wave passes a certain point, the ground completes 5 oscillations.

Calculate the time that it takes for the wave to pass. Show your working.

time = ... [3]

[Total: 8]

17 Two men, P and Q, stand close to a gap in a wall, as shown. Man P cannot see man Q but man P can hear man Q speaking.



Which statement explains this?

A Light waves do not diffract at all because they are electromagnetic waves.

B Light waves have a range of frequencies but sound has just one frequency.

C Sound waves are of a higher frequency than light waves.

D Sound waves diffract a lot because their wavelength is a similar size to the width of the gap.

18 Which quantities relating to a wave on the surface of water can **both** be measured in metres?

A amplitude and frequency

B amplitude and wavelength

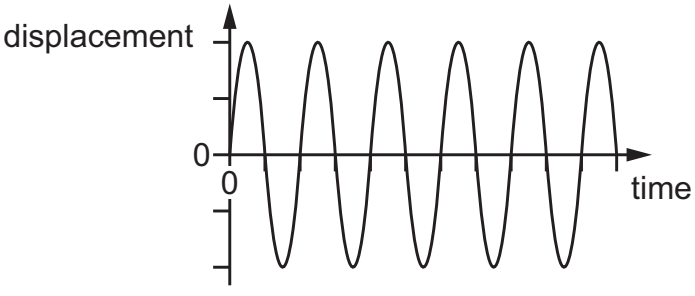
C amplitude and wave speed

D frequency and wavelength

17 The diagrams show graphs of displacement against time for four waves. All the graphs are drawn to the same scale.

Which wave has the largest amplitude and the highest frequency?

A



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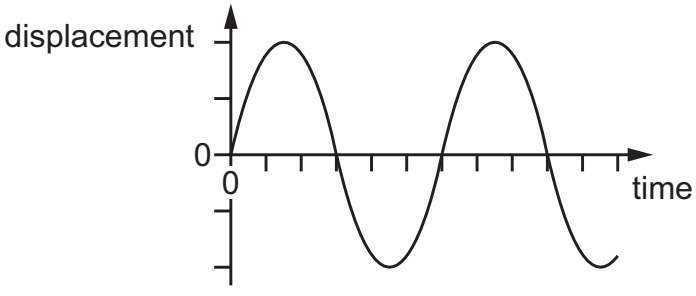

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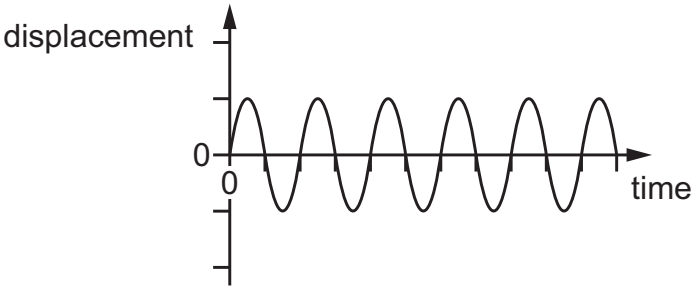

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