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***PHY 124F***

## **SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

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***TIME*** : *2 hrs.*  
***SUBJECT*** : *PHY124F - Waves and Optics*  
***MARKS*** : *100*

### **EXAMINER**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Answer ALL Questions.*
- 2. Useful information on the last page*

Question 1 [20marks]

- (a) The displacement (in meters) of a wave is given according to  $y = (0.3m) \sin(\pi t - 3\pi x)$ ,

where  $t$  is in seconds and  $x$  is in meters.

What is the displacement  $y$  when  $t = 35s$  and  $x = 10m$ ? (4)

- (b) A transverse wave is traveling on a string. The displacement  $y$  of a particle from its equilibrium position is given by  $y = (0.2m) \sin(25t - 2x)$ .

The linear density of the string is  $1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg/m}$ .

What is the tension in the string? (8)

- (c) (i) If  $y = 0.02 \sin(30x - 440t)$ , what is the velocity of the wave? (4)

- (ii) Write the equation of a wave traveling along the  $+x$  -axis with amplitude of  $0.02 \text{ m}$ , a frequency of  $400 \text{ Hz}$  and a speed of  $300 \text{ m/s}$ . (4)

Question 2 [20marks]

- (a) A steel cable of cross-sectional area  $2.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$  is kept under a tension of  $1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ . The density of steel is  $7860 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . At what speed does a transverse wave move along the cable? (7)

- (b) The middle C string on a piano is under a tension of  $940 \text{ N}$ . The period and wavelength of a wave on this string are  $3.8 \text{ ms}$  and  $1.4 \text{ m}$ , respectively. Find the linear density of the string. (7)

- (c) The lowest A on a piano has a frequency of  $28 \text{ Hz}$ . If the tension in the  $2.00\text{-m}$  string is  $310 \text{ N}$ , and one-half wavelength occupies the string, what is the mass of the string? (6)

Question 3 [20marks]

- (a) A candle is placed  $15.0\text{ cm}$  in front of a convex mirror. When the convex mirror is replaced with a plane mirror, the image moves  $7.0\text{ cm}$  farther away from the mirror. Find the focal length of the convex mirror. (6)
- (b) A mirror produces an image that is located  $30\text{ cm}$  behind the mirror when the object is located  $10\text{ cm}$  in front of the mirror. What is the focal length of the mirror, and is the mirror concave or convex? (4)
- (c) A concave mirror has a focal length of  $30.0\text{ cm}$ . The distance between an object and its image is  $45.0\text{ cm}$ . Find the object and image distances, assuming that
- the object lies beyond the center of curvature and
  - the object lies within the focal point. (10)

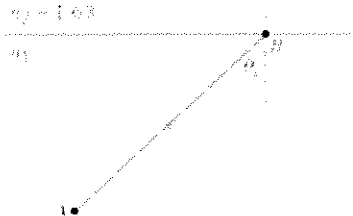
Question 4 [20marks]

- (a) A dentist uses a concave mirror of focal length  $2\text{ cm}$  to examine some teeth. If the distance from a tooth to the mirror is  $1\text{ cm}$ , what is the magnification of the tooth? (5)
- (b) Two converging lenses are separated by  $24.00\text{ cm}$ . The focal length of each lens is  $12.00\text{ cm}$ . An object is placed  $36.00\text{ cm}$  to the left of the lens that is on the left. Determine the final image distance relative to the lens on the right. (15)

Question 5 [20marks]

- (a) The drawing shows a ray of light traveling from point  $A$  to point  $B$ , a distance of  $4.60\text{ m}$  in a material that has an index of refraction  $n_1$ . At point  $B$ , the light encounters a different substance whose index of refraction is  $n_2 = 1.63$ . The light strikes the interface at the critical angle of  $\theta_c = 48^\circ$ . How much time does it take for the light to travel from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

(Recall that  $n_1 = \frac{c}{v_1}$  and  $c = 3 \times 10^8\text{ m/s}$ )



(14)



- (b) In a certain time, light travels  $6.20 \text{ km}$  in a vacuum. During the same time, light travels only  $3.40 \text{ km}$  in a liquid. What is the refractive index of the liquid? (6)
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\*\*\*\*\*The End!\*\*\*\*\*

**USEFUL INFORMATION:**

1. Speed of the wave,  $v = \lambda f$
2. Speed of a wave on a string,  $v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$ ,  $\mu$  is the linear density
3. Wave function  $y = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}x - \frac{2\pi}{T}t\right)$
4. Mirror and lens equation,  $\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f}$
5. Magnification,  $m = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = -\frac{d_i}{d_o}$
6. Gravitational acceleration,  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$