

General Physics II — Practice Quiz (1 Hour)

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1. SHM - mass on a spring

A 0.30 kg mass oscillates on a horizontal spring with $k = 120 \text{ N/m}$. Its amplitude is $A = 4.0 \text{ cm}$.

- (a) Find ω and T .
- (b) Find the maximum acceleration.
- (c) Find the total mechanical energy of the motion.

2. Traveling waves

A transverse wave is described by

$$y(x, t) = (1.5 \text{ cm}) \sin[(2.5 \text{ rad/m}) x + (20 \text{ rad/s}) t].$$

- (a) What direction does this wave travel (positive or negative x)? Briefly explain.
- (b) Find λ , f , and v .
- (c) What is the displacement at $x = 0.80 \text{ m}$ and $t = 0.10 \text{ s}$?

3. Sound levels

At a certain location, the sound intensity is measured to be $I = 3.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/m}^2$.

- (a) What is the sound level β in dB?
- (b) Another location is 12 dB louder. By what factor is the intensity larger there?

4. Doppler effect

A mosquito produces a tone of 600 Hz as it flies in a straight line toward you at 3.5 m/s. Assume you are stationary.

- (a) What frequency do you hear as it approaches?
- (b) If the mosquito then flies away at the same speed, what frequency do you hear?

5. Beats

You play two notes on a keyboard: $f_1 = 512 \text{ Hz}$ and an unknown f_2 . You hear 6 beats/s.

- (a) What are the two possible values of f_2 ?
- (b) You increase the frequency of f_2 and you now hear 8 beats/s. Which one of your possible frequencies in part (a) was the correct one?

6. Standing waves on a string

A guitar string of length $L = 0.65$ m is fixed at both ends. Its linear density is $\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ kg/m and the tension is $T = 95$ N.

- (a) Find the wave speed.
- (b) Find the fundamental frequency.
- (c) What tension would be needed to raise the fundamental frequency by a factor of 2 (keeping L and μ the same)?

7. Standing sound waves in tubes

A tube of length $L = 0.40$ m resonates with a 430 Hz tone at its *lowest* resonance.

- (a) Is the tube more consistent with being open-open or open-closed? Justify using the fundamental frequency formulas.
- (b) Based on your choice, estimate the speed of sound implied by these data.
- (c) Predict the next resonance frequency for that same tube.