

Multiple-Choice Questions of Chapter 12

Question 1

What is the speed of sound in air when the air temperature is 31°C

- A) 0.313 km/s
B) 0.362 km/s
C) 0.35 km/s
D) 0.332 km/s

$$V = V_0 \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_0}} = 331 \sqrt{\frac{273+31}{273}} = 0.35 \text{ km/s}$$

Question 2

A sound has an intensity of $5.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W/m}^2$. What is the intensity level?

- A) 57 dB
B) $5.0 \times 106 \text{ dB}$
C) 6.99 dB
D) 50 dB

$$\beta = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0} = 10 \log \frac{5 \times 10^{-7}}{10^{-12}} = 57 \text{ dB}$$

Question 3

A locomotive moving at 30.0 m/s approaches and passes a person standing beside the track. Its whistle is emitting a note of frequency 2.00 kHz . What frequency will the person hear (a) as the train approaches and (b) as it recedes? The speed of sound is 340 m/s .

- A) (a) 1.84 kHz (b) 2.19 kHz
B) (a) 2.19 kHz (b) 1.84 kHz
C) (a) 2.18 kHz (b) 1.82 kHz
D) (a) 1.82 kHz (b) 2.18 kHz

$$\text{a) } f_o = \frac{f_s}{1 - v_s/v} = \frac{2000 \text{ Hz}}{(1 - \frac{30}{340})} = 2190 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{b) } f_o = \frac{f_s}{1 + v_s/v} = \frac{2000}{(1 + \frac{30}{340})} = 1.84 \text{ kHz}$$

Question 4

Determine the length of the shortest air column in a cylindrical jar that will strongly reinforce the sound of a tuning fork having a vibration rate of 512 Hz . Use $u=340 \text{ m/s}$ for the speed of sound in air.

- A) 16.6 cm
B) 33.2 cm
C) 37.6 cm
D) 266 cm

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{4} \rightarrow \text{we need } \lambda. \quad \lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{340}{512} = 0.66 \text{ m}$$

$$L = \frac{0.66 \text{ m}}{4} = \frac{66 \text{ cm}}{4} = 16.6 \text{ cm}$$

Question 5

A long, narrow pipe closed at one end does not resonate to a tuning fork having frequency of 300 Hz until the length of the air column reaches 28 cm . (a) What is the speed of sound in air at the existing room temperature? (b) What is the next length of column that will resonate to the fork?

- A) (a) 0.17 km/s , (b) 56 cm
B) (a) 0.27 km/s , (b) 14 cm
C) (a) 0.34 km/s , (b) 84 cm
D) (a) 0.13 km/s , (b) 7.3 cm

$$\text{a) } f = 300 \quad L = 28 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{4} \rightarrow \lambda = 4L = 4(28) = 112 \text{ cm} = 1.12 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \lambda f = (1.12)(300) = 336 \text{ m/s} \approx 0.34 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\text{b) } L = 3\lambda/4 = 3/4 \times 1.12 = 0.84 \text{ m} = 84 \text{ cm}$$

Question 6

A certain organ pipe is tuned to emit a frequency of 196.00 Hz . When it and the G string of violin are sounded together, ten beats are heard in a time of exactly 8 s . The beats

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become slower as the violin string is slowly tightened. What was the original frequency of the violin string?

- ☒ A) 194.75 Hz
- B) 197.25 Hz
- C) 186.00 Hz
- D) 206.00 Hz

Question 7

A trombone and a bassoon play notes of equal loudness with the same fundamental frequency. The two sounds differ primarily in

- A) pitch.
- B) intensity level.
- C) amplitude.
- ☒ D) timbre.
- E) wavelength.

Question 8

A moving van and a small car are traveling in the same direction on a two-lane road. The van is moving at twice the speed of the car and overtakes the car. The driver of the car sounds his horn, frequency = 440 Hz, to signal the van that it is safe to return to the lane. Which is the correct statement?

- A) The car driver and van driver both hear the horn frequency as 440 Hz.
- ☒ B) The car driver hears 440 Hz, but the van driver hears a lower frequency.
- C) The car driver hears 440 Hz, but the van driver hears a higher frequency.
- D) Both drivers hear the same frequency and it is lower than 440 Hz.

Question 9

The three lowest resonant frequencies of a system are 50 Hz, 150 Hz, and 250 Hz. The system could be

- A) a tube of air closed at both ends.
- ☒ B) a tube of air open at one end.
- C) a tube of air open at both ends.
- D) a vibrating string with fixed ends.

Question 10

The intensity of a sound wave is directly proportional to

- A) the frequency.
- B) the amplitude.
- ☒ C) the square of the amplitude.
- D) the square of the speed of sound.
- E) none of the above.