

3 Different types of waves are used in hospitals.

(a) Some of the waves used are electromagnetic.

(i) Which of these properties is the same for all electromagnetic waves?

(1)

- ☐ **A** amplitude
- ☐ **B** frequency
- ☐ **C** speed in free space
- ☐ **D** wavelength in free space

(ii) Draw a line linking each type of electromagnetic wave with its use.

(2)

type of electromagnetic wave**use**

gamma rays

heating food for patients

microwaves

imaging broken bones

x-rays

with medical tracers

(iii) Electromagnetic waves are transverse.

Describe how the vibrations of a transverse wave relate to the direction in which the wave travels.

You may draw a diagram to help your answer.

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- (b) Another type of wave used in hospitals is ultrasound.

Ultrasound waves are used to make images of internal organs.

A scanner emits an ultrasound wave into the patient and records any reflections.

- (i) The frequency of ultrasound waves is outside the range of human hearing.

Which of these could be the frequency of an ultrasound wave?

(1)

- ☐ A 45 Hz
- ☐ B 450 Hz
- ☐ C 4 500 Hz
- ☐ D 45 000 Hz

- (ii) The scanner records the time from when a wave is emitted to when its reflection is received.

A technician calculates the depth of the reflection using the equation

$$\text{depth} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\text{speed of ultrasound}}{\text{in patient}} \times \frac{\text{time recorded}}{\text{by scanner}}$$

Explain why the technician uses the value $\frac{1}{2}$ in the equation.

(2)

- (iii) An ultrasound wave travels faster in the patient than it does in air.

Explain how a change in speed affects the wavelength of the ultrasound wave.

(2)

(Total for Question 3 = 9 marks)

