



Practice Questions

for the New York Regents Exam

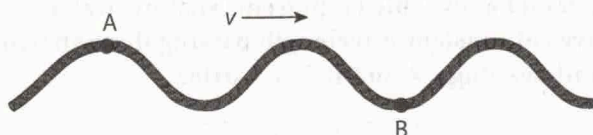
TOPIC **5**

Directions

Review the Test-Taking Strategies section of this book. Then answer the following questions. Read each question carefully and answer with a correct choice or response.

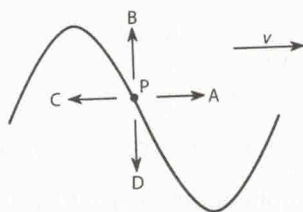
Part A

- 3 A periodic wave travels through a rope, as shown in the diagram below.



As the wave travels, what is transferred between points A and B?

- (1) mass only
 - (2) energy only
 - (3) both mass and energy
 - (4) neither mass nor energy
- 2 In which wave type is the disturbance parallel to the direction of wave travel?
- (1) torsional
 - (2) longitudinal
 - (3) transverse
 - (4) circular
- 3 A tuning fork oscillates with a frequency of 256 hertz after being struck by a rubber hammer. Which phrase best describes the sound waves produced by this oscillating tuning fork?
- (1) electromagnetic waves that require no medium for transmission
 - (2) electromagnetic waves that require a medium for transmission
 - (3) mechanical waves that require no medium for transmission
 - (4) mechanical waves that require a medium for transmission
- 4 The diagram below shows a transverse water wave moving in the direction shown by velocity vector v .



At the instant shown, a cork at point P on the water's surface is moving toward

- (1) A
- (2) B
- (3) C
- (4) D

- 5 The energy of a sound wave is most closely related to its

- (1) period
- (2) amplitude
- (3) frequency
- (4) wavelength

- 6 The product of a wave's frequency and its period is

- (1) one
- (2) its velocity
- (3) its wavelength
- (4) Planck's constant

- 7 What is the period of a wave with a frequency of 250 hertz?

- (1) 1.2×10^{-3} s
- (2) 2.5×10^{-3} s
- (3) 9.0×10^{-3} s
- (4) 4.0×10^{-3} s

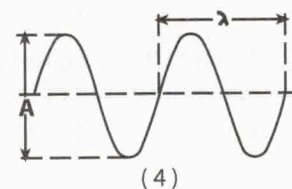
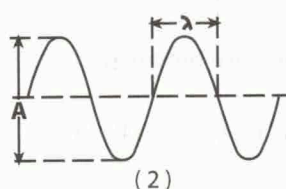
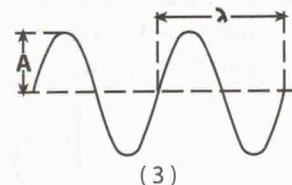
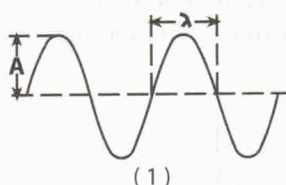
- 8 The reciprocal of the frequency of a periodic wave is the wave's

- (1) period
- (2) amplitude
- (3) intensity
- (4) speed

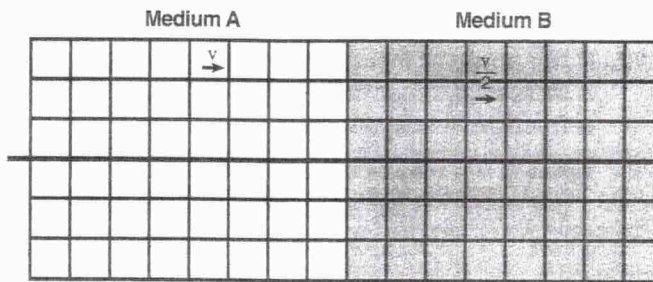
- 9 Two points on a transverse wave that have the same magnitude of displacement from equilibrium are in phase if the points also have

- (1) the same direction of displacement and the same direction of motion
- (2) the same direction of displacement and the opposite direction of motion
- (3) the opposite direction of displacement and the same direction of motion
- (4) the opposite direction of displacement and the opposite direction of motion

- 10 Which wave diagram has *both* wavelength (λ) and amplitude (A) labeled correctly?



- 121.** A periodic wave travels at speed v through medium A. The wave passes with all its energy into medium B. The speed of the wave through medium B is $\frac{v}{2}$. On the diagram below draw the wave as it travels through medium B. [Show at least one full wave.]



Base your answers to questions 125 through 127 on the information below.

A beam of monochromatic light having a wavelength of 5.89×10^{-7} meters in air is incident on the surface of a diamond at an angle of 0° .

- 125.** Calculate the wavelength of this light in the diamond.
- 126.** Determine the angle of refraction of this light as it enters the diamond.
- 127.** Compare the frequency and speed of this light in the diamond to the frequency and speed of this light in air.