

1. Which of the following electromagnetic waves has the shortest wavelength?

- A. X-rays
- B. Gamma rays
- C. Ultraviolet rays
- D. Infrared rays

Answer: B

Explanation: Gamma rays have the shortest wavelength and highest frequency among all EM waves.

2. Which electromagnetic wave is used in satellite communication?

- A. Infrared
- B. Microwaves
- C. Ultraviolet
- D. X-rays

Answer: B

Explanation: Microwaves can penetrate the atmosphere and are used in satellite and radar communications.

3. Which electromagnetic wave is produced by the oscillation of electrons in atoms?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. Ultraviolet rays
- C. Infrared rays
- D. Radio waves

Answer: A

Explanation: Gamma rays are emitted during nuclear reactions and from oscillations of subatomic particles like electrons.

4. The electromagnetic wave that can cause skin cancer is

- A. Ultraviolet rays
- B. Infrared rays
- C. Visible light
- D. Microwaves

Answer: A

Explanation: UV rays have high energy and can damage DNA, leading to skin cancer.

5. Which of the following has the lowest frequency?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. Microwaves
- C. Visible light
- D. Ultraviolet rays

Answer: B

Explanation: Among the options, microwaves have the lowest frequency.

6. Which electromagnetic wave is used in remote control devices?

- A. Microwaves
- B. Ultraviolet rays
- C. Infrared rays
- D. Radio waves

Answer: C

Explanation: Infrared radiation is commonly used in TV and AC remote controls.

7. What is the speed of electromagnetic waves in vacuum?

- A. 3×10^6 m/s
- B. 3×10^8 m/s
- C. 1.5×10^8 m/s
- D. 3×10^6 km/s

Answer: B

Explanation: The speed of light or EM waves in vacuum is 3×10^8 m/s.

8. Which electromagnetic radiation is used in night vision devices?

- A. Ultraviolet
- B. X-rays

- C. Infrared
- D. Microwaves

Answer: C

Explanation: Infrared radiation detects body heat and is used in night vision.

9. The source of X-rays in laboratories is

- A. Gamma decay
- B. Synchrotron radiation
- C. Radioactive substances
- D. Sudden deceleration of high-speed electrons

Answer: D

Explanation: X-rays are produced by the deceleration of high-speed electrons hitting a metal target (Bremsstrahlung).

10. Which electromagnetic radiation is used for sterilizing surgical instruments?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. X-rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Infrared rays

Answer: A

Explanation: Gamma rays have strong penetrating power and are used for sterilization.

11. Which region of the electromagnetic spectrum lies just beyond the red end of visible light?

- A. Ultraviolet
- B. Infrared
- C. X-rays
- D. Gamma rays

Answer: B

Explanation: Infrared lies just beyond red light in the EM spectrum.

12. Which electromagnetic waves are produced by oscillating electric charges?

- A. Only X-rays
- B. All EM waves
- C. Only UV rays
- D. Only visible light

Answer: B

Explanation: All EM waves are produced by oscillating electric charges.

13. In electromagnetic waves, the electric and magnetic fields are

- A. Perpendicular to each other
- B. Parallel to each other
- C. At 45° to each other
- D. Anti-parallel to each other

Answer: A

Explanation: EM waves are transverse; electric and magnetic fields are mutually perpendicular and also perpendicular to the direction of wave propagation.

14. What is the nature of electromagnetic waves?

- A. Longitudinal
- B. Transverse
- C. Scalar
- D. Vector

Answer: B

Explanation: EM waves are transverse waves.

15. Which electromagnetic wave is used in detecting fractures in bones?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. Infrared rays
- C. X-rays
- D. Ultraviolet rays

Answer: C

Explanation: X-rays penetrate soft tissue but are absorbed by bones, thus used in medical imaging.

16. Which of the following electromagnetic radiations is absorbed by the ozone layer in the stratosphere?

- A. Infrared rays
- B. X-rays
- C. Ultraviolet rays
- D. Radio waves

Answer: C

Explanation: The ozone layer strongly absorbs UV rays from the Sun, protecting living organisms.

17. Which electromagnetic wave is used in radar systems?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. Ultraviolet rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Infrared rays

Answer: C

Explanation: Microwaves are used in radar systems because of their suitable wavelength and ability to detect objects.

18. The electromagnetic radiation with wavelength just shorter than visible light is

- A. Ultraviolet rays
- B. Infrared rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Radio waves

Answer: A

Explanation: Ultraviolet rays have a shorter wavelength than visible light, placing them just below visible in the spectrum.

19. Which radiation is used to detect forged documents?

- A. X-rays
- B. Gamma rays
- C. Ultraviolet rays
- D. Microwaves

Answer: C

Explanation: UV rays can make certain inks fluoresce, revealing alterations in documents.

20. The momentum of a photon is given by

- A. mc^2
- B. h/λ
- C. $h\nu$
- D. eV

Answer: B

Explanation: Photon momentum = h/λ , where h is Planck's constant and λ is the wavelength.

21. Which of the following waves is produced in nuclear reactions?

- A. X-rays
- B. Gamma rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Ultraviolet rays

Answer: B

Explanation: Gamma rays are emitted during nuclear reactions and transitions.

22. What is the correct order of EM waves in increasing wavelength?

- A. X-rays < UV < Visible < Infrared < Radio
- B. UV < X-rays < Infrared < Visible < Radio
- C. Radio < Infrared < Visible < UV < X-rays
- D. Infrared < Visible < UV < X-rays < Gamma rays

Answer: A

Explanation: Wavelength increases in the order: X-rays < UV < Visible < IR < Radio.

23. Which wave is used in thermal imaging cameras?

- A. Gamma rays
- B. Ultraviolet rays
- C. Infrared rays
- D. Microwaves

Answer: C

Explanation: Infrared rays detect heat and are used in thermal imaging.

24. The energy of an electromagnetic wave is directly proportional to its

- A. Wavelength
- B. Amplitude
- C. Frequency
- D. Speed

Answer: C

Explanation: $E = h\nu \rightarrow$ energy is directly proportional to frequency.

25. Which electromagnetic wave is most suitable for long-distance communication through space?

- A. Radio waves
- B. Ultraviolet rays
- C. Infrared rays
- D. Gamma rays

Answer: A

Explanation: Radio waves have low energy and long wavelengths, suitable for communication over large distances.

26. In electromagnetic waves, electric and magnetic fields oscillate

- A. In phase and perpendicular to each other
- B. In opposite phase and perpendicular
- C. In phase and parallel to each other
- D. Randomly

Answer: A

Explanation: E and B fields oscillate perpendicular to each other and in phase.

27. Which wave can cause ionization in the atmosphere?

- A. Infrared
- B. Visible
- C. Ultraviolet
- D. Radio waves

Answer: C

Explanation: UV rays carry enough energy to ionize atmospheric gases.

28. Which electromagnetic radiation has the least energy per photon?

- A. Infrared rays
- B. Gamma rays
- C. X-rays
- D. Ultraviolet rays

Answer: A

Explanation: Energy \propto frequency. Infrared has the lowest frequency among these, so least energy.

29. Which of the following is true for electromagnetic waves in vacuum?

- A. They require a medium to propagate
- B. They are longitudinal in nature
- C. Speed depends on frequency
- D. Speed is constant and independent of frequency

Answer: D

Explanation: In vacuum, all EM waves travel at speed $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s, regardless of frequency.

30. Which type of electromagnetic wave is used for sterilization of food?

- A. X-rays

- B. Microwaves
- C. Gamma rays
- D. Infrared rays

Answer: C

Explanation: Gamma rays are used in food irradiation to kill bacteria and increase shelf life.

31. If the amplitude of an electromagnetic wave is doubled, its intensity becomes

- A. Same
- B. Doubled
- C. Four times
- D. Half

Answer: C

Explanation: Intensity \propto (Amplitude)², so if amplitude doubles, intensity becomes 4 times.

32. The electric field in an EM wave is given by $E = 100 \sin(2\pi \times 10^7 t - kx)$. What is the frequency of the wave?

- A. 1 MHz
- B. 5 MHz
- C. 10 MHz
- D. 20 MHz

Answer: C

Explanation: Angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi \times f \rightarrow f = 10^7 \text{ Hz} = 10 \text{ MHz}$.

33. The speed of electromagnetic waves in a medium of relative permittivity 4 and relative permeability 1 is

- A. $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- B. $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- C. $0.75 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- D. $2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Answer: B

Explanation: $v = c / \sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r} = 3 \times 10^8 / \sqrt{4 \times 1} = 3 \times 10^8 / 2 = 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.

34. A parallel plate capacitor has an area of 0.1 m^2 and separation 1 mm . If displacement current through it is $3 \mu\text{A}$, find the rate of change of electric field. ($\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$)

- A. $3.39 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$
- B. $3.39 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$
- C. $1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$
- D. $5 \times 10^5 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$

Answer: A

Explanation:

$$I_d = \epsilon_0 \times A \times (dE/dt)$$

$$\rightarrow (dE/dt) = I_d / (\epsilon_0 \times A) = 3 \times 10^{-6} / (8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.1) \approx 3.39 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}\cdot\text{s}$$

35. The energy of a photon of wavelength 620 nm is

- A. 3.2 eV
- B. 2.0 eV
- C. 1.99 eV
- D. 1.5 eV

Answer: C

$$\text{Explanation: } E = hc/\lambda = (6.63 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8) / (620 \times 10^{-9}) \approx 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 1.99 \text{ eV}.$$

36. A plane EM wave has a magnetic field amplitude of $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$. What is the electric field amplitude? ($c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$)

- A. 600 V/m
- B. 1.5 V/m
- C. 3.0 V/m
- D. 0.5 V/m

Answer: A

$$\text{Explanation: } E = c \times B = 3 \times 10^8 \times 2 \times 10^{-6} = 600 \text{ V/m}$$

37. The ratio of electric to magnetic field in an EM wave is

- A. μ_0
- B. ϵ_0

- C. c
D. $1/c$

Answer: C

Explanation: $E/B = c$ for all electromagnetic waves in vacuum.

38. What is the intensity of an EM wave with electric field amplitude 200 V/m? ($\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$)

- A. 0.5 W/m^2
B. 1.77 W/m^2
C. 5.29 W/m^2
D. 10 W/m^2

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$I = (1/2) \epsilon_0 c E^2 = 0.5 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 3 \times 10^8 \times (200)^2 \\ = 0.5 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 3 \times 10^8 \times 40000 \approx 5.31 \text{ W/m}^2$$

39. What is the momentum of a 400 nm photon? ($h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$)

- A. $1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
B. $2.5 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
C. $5.2 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
D. $6.63 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

Answer: A

Explanation:

$$p = h/\lambda = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} / (400 \times 10^{-9}) = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

40. A capacitor is connected to an AC source. The current through it is 5 mA and the frequency is 50 Hz. If the capacitance is $1 \mu\text{F}$, what is the displacement current density through an area of 1 cm^2 ?

- A. 5 A/m^2
B. 50 A/m^2
C. 500 A/m^2
D. 0.5 A/m^2

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$I_d = I / A = 5 \times 10^{-3} / 1 \times 10^{-4} = 50 \text{ A/m}^2$$

But actual frequency effect makes I_d density = $\omega \epsilon_0 E$, so more details needed, but for NEET \rightarrow basic version is 500 A/m^2 for current over small area.

41. Which of the following quantities has the dimension of intensity?

- A. ML^0T^{-3}
- B. ML^2T^{-2}
- C. MT^{-3}
- D. $\text{ML}^{-1}\text{T}^{-3}$

Answer: D

Explanation:

$$\text{Intensity} = \text{Power/Area} = (\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-3})/\text{L}^2 = \text{ML}^{-1}\text{T}^{-3}$$

42. In a medium, if the speed of light is $2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$, what is the refractive index of the medium?

- A. 1.5
- B. 1.33
- C. 2
- D. 0.66

Answer: A

$$\text{Explanation: } n = c / v = 3 \times 10^8 / 2 \times 10^8 = 1.5$$

43. The wave equation for the electric field of an EM wave is $E = E_0 \sin(2\pi ft - kx)$. What is the direction of propagation?

- A. Along x-axis
- B. Along y-axis
- C. Along z-axis
- D. Opposite to x-axis

Answer: A

Explanation: Since the phase is $(ft - kx)$, wave propagates in +x direction.

44. If the electric field in an EM wave is along x-direction and wave propagates along y-direction, then magnetic field is along

- A. x-direction
- B. y-direction
- C. z-direction
- D. -y direction

Answer: C

Explanation: $E \perp B \perp$ direction of propagation. So B is along z-axis.

45. The amplitude of magnetic field in an EM wave is 2×10^{-8} T. Find the intensity of wave. ($\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$)

- A. 0.5 W/m^2
- B. 1.6 W/m^2
- C. 3.2 W/m^2
- D. 2.1 W/m^2

Answer: B

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (B^2 \times c) / (2\mu_0) \\ &= (4 \times 10^{-16} \times 3 \times 10^8) / (2 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7}) \\ &\approx 1.6 \text{ W/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$