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Exercise

1. Choose the correct answer.

Sound can travel through

- (a) gases only
- (b) solids only
- (c) liquids only
- (d) solids, liquids and gases.

Answer: (d) solids, liquids and gases.

2. Which of the following voices is likely to have minimum frequency?

- (a) Baby girl
- (b) Baby boy
- (c) A man
- (d) A woman

Answer: (c) A man

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3. In the following statements, tick 'T' against those which are true, and 'F' against those which are false.

- (a) Sound cannot travel in vacuum. (True)
- (b) The number of oscillations per second of a vibrating object is called its time period. (False)
- (c) If the amplitude of vibration is large, sound is feeble. (False)
- (d) For human ears, the audible range is 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz. (True)
- (e) The lower the frequency of vibration, the higher is the pitch. (False)
- (f) Unwanted or unpleasant sound is termed as music. (False)
- (g) Noise pollution may cause partial hearing impairment. (True)

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

- (a) Time taken by an object to complete one oscillation is called _____.
- (b) Loudness is determined by the _____ of vibration.
- (c) The unit of frequency is _____.
- (d) Unwanted sound is called _____.
- (e) Shrillness of a sound is determined by the _____ of vibration.

Answer:

- (a) Time taken by an object to complete one oscillation is called time period.
- (b) Loudness is determined by the amplitude of vibration.
- (c) The unit of frequency is hertz (Hz).
- (d) Unwanted sound is called noise.
- (e) Shrillness of a sound is determined by the frequency of vibration.

5. A pendulum oscillates 40 times in 4 seconds. Find its time period and frequency.

Answer:

Frequency of oscillations is the number of oscillations of a vibrating object per second. Therefore frequency is = 40 vibrations / 4

seconds= 10 Hertz.

Time period is the time required to complete one oscillation. Or it is the inverse of time period. Therefore time period = $1/10 = 0.1$ seconds.

6. The sound from a mosquito is produced when it vibrates its wings at an average rate of 500 vibrations per second. What is the time period of the vibration?

Answer:

Time Period given by the inverse of the frequency.

Time Period= $1/\text{Frequency of oscillation} = 1/500 = 0.002$ sec.

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