



8 (a) State the meaning of the following terms associated with wave motion, using labelled diagrams where useful.

(i) *frequency* of a wave

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(ii) *diffraction* of a wave

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(iii) *superposition* of two waves

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(iv) stationary waves

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- (b) Describe a method for finding the speed of a sound wave in the laboratory by first measuring its frequency and then measuring its wavelength.

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- (c) The speed of sound in air varies with temperature. It is given by the equation

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{kT}{M}}$$

where c is the speed of sound in air,
 k is a constant which has the value $11.6 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$,
 T is the absolute temperature and
 M is the molar mass and for air is $0.0288 \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$.

- (i) Calculate the value of c for air at a temperature of 25°C .

(Absolute temperature $T = \text{temperature in Celsius} + 273$)

$$c = \dots \text{ ms}^{-1} [2]$$

- (ii) Show that the unit of c is the same as the unit of $\sqrt{\frac{kT}{M}}$.

[2]

[Total: 20]

