

3. Waves

3.3 Electromagnetic spectrum

Paper 3 and 4

Answer Key

Paper 3

Q1.

(c)(i)	radio waves OR microwaves OR infrared	B1
(c)(ii)	security marking OR detecting forged bank notes OR sterilising food / water	B1
(c)(iii)	(both have) same speed of wave	B1

Q2.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	microwaves (after radio waves)	B1
	X-rays (after ultraviolet)	B1
(b)	(use of infrared) any one from: electric grills, short range communications such as remote controllers for televisions, intruder alarms, thermal imaging, optical fibres, (heating) solar panels	B1
	(use of ultraviolet) any one from: security marking, detecting fake bank notes, sterilising water / food	B1
(c)	(infrared can cause) (skin) burns	B1
	(ultraviolet can cause) damage to (surface / skin) cells / eyes OR skin cancer OR can cause eye conditions e.g. cataracts	B1

Q3.

(b)	infrared (rays / waves) OR microwaves OR radio (waves)	B1
(c)(i)	any one from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sterilising food / water sterilising (medical) equipment detection of cancer treatment of cancer space telescopes 	B1
(c)(ii)	mutation (of cells / DNA) OR damage to cells / DNA	B1

Q4.

(d)(i)	gamma / γ (rays) on lhs	B1
	ultraviolet / uv (rays) between X rays and visible	B1
(d)(ii)	the same (speed)	B1
(e)(i)	infrared	B1
(e)(ii)	microwaves	B1

Q5.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	(1st box) microwaves	B1
	(2nd box) infrared	B1
(a)(ii)	X-rays OR gamma rays	B1
(c)	microwaves	B1
	X-rays	B1

Q6.

(c)(i)	(The speed of visible light is) same (as) (the speed of X-rays.)	B1
	(The frequency of visible light is) lower OR smaller (than the frequency of X-rays)	B1
(c)(ii)	example of medical / security imaging or treatment of cancer	B1

Q7.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	any 6 correct colours from: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet	M1
	candidate's colours in correct order	A1
(b)(i)	refraction	B1
(b)(ii)	dispersion	B1
(c)	infrared (rays/waves) (are used in tv remote controllers)	B1
	gamma (rays/waves) (have the highest frequencies in em spectrum)	B1

Q8.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	(1st box/next to visible) ultraviolet (rays)	B1
	(2nd box/next to gamma) X-rays	B1
(a)(ii)	detection and treatment of cancer OR imaging/gamma photography OR (space) telescopes OR sterilisation of food/medical equipment	B1
(a)(iii)	statement: (radiations arrive) at same time	M1
	reason: (because they have) same speed (in a vacuum)	A1

Q9.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	top – visible light	B1
	bottom – microwaves	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(ii)	any two from: transverse wave travel at same speed do not need a medium	B2
(b)(i)	X-rays	B1
(b)(ii)	infrared	B1
(b)(iii)	microwaves	B1

Q10.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)		B1
		B1
		B1
(b)(i)	infrared OR microwaves OR radio waves	B1
(b)(ii)	speed	B1

Q11.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	ultraviolet (waves / radiation)	B1
(a)(ii)	wavelength	B1
(a)(iii)	(visible light and radio waves) / (they have) the same (speed)	B1
(b)(i)	Any 2 from: Checking bags or people or packages For hidden objects shadow / image on screen / monitor	B2
(b)(ii)	Transmission (of X-rays) through less dense materials OR absorption (of X-rays) by dense materials	B2

Q12.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	orange yellow green blue indigo	B2
(b)(i)	detecting an intruder to infra-red	B1
	communicating by satellite to microwaves	B1
	detecting broken bones to X-rays	B1
(b)(ii)	<u>frequency</u>	B1

Q13.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	X-rays between gamma rays and ultraviolet	1
	microwaves between infra-red and radio	1
(a)(ii)	ring drawn around radio on Fig.9.1	1
(b)	any two from: lead/metal apron (use long) tongs limit (time of) exposure point source away (from you) owtte	2

Q14.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	microwaves	1
(a)(ii)	3.0×10^8 (m / s)	1
(a)(iii)	ultraviolet or X-rays or gamma/ γ -rays	1
(b)(i)	X-rays any one from: detecting broken bones/damaged teeth or detecting/treating cancer	1
	gamma: any one from: detecting/treating cancer or sterilising (hospital) equipment/food	1
(b)(ii)	any two from: ionising radiations/high frequency/high energy (e-m radiation) (may) damage or mutate cells/DNA (may) cause radiation burns	2

Paper 4

Q15.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>use of electromagnetic radiation</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Bluetooth headset</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">thermal imaging</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">photography of people's faces</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">sterilising medical equipment</div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>region of electromagnetic spectrum</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px; text-align: center;">gamma rays</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px; text-align: center;">radio waves</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px; text-align: center;">infrared</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">visible light</div> </div> </div> <p>all correct 2 marks 1 or 2 correct 1 mark</p>	B2
(b)	$3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$	B1
(c)(i)	0.12 m	A3
	(mid-point of frequency range identified as) 2.44 (GHz)	C1
	$v = f\lambda$ OR $(\lambda =) v / f$ OR $(\lambda =) 3.0 \times 10^8 / 2.44 \times 10^9$ OR $(\lambda =) 1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	C1
(c)(ii)	(radio waves / signal) lose energy / get weaker / lose (signal) strength (passing through walls) owtte	B1

Q16.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	(wavelength =) 0.16 m	A2
	$v = f\lambda$ OR $(\lambda =) v / f$ OR $(\lambda =) 3 \times 10^8 / 1.9 \times 10^9$	C1
(b)	(microwaves) only need short aerials / antennas	B1
	(microwaves) penetrate (some) walls	B1

Question	Answer	Marks
(c)(i)	labelled diagram of digital (signal) with blocks of high (1) and low (0) AND labelled diagram of analogue with continuously variable signal	B1
	digital (signal) consists of <u>two</u> values owtte	B1
	analogue (signal) varies over a range (of values) owtte	B1
(c)(ii)	any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> faster (data) transmission rate OR data can be compressed data / signal transmitted over long(er) distances (as signal can be regenerated) noise easily removed (from signal / data) OR signal can be regenerated 	B2

Q17.

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	(J) ultraviolet (radiation) (K) infrared (radiation) (L) radio (waves)	
	two correct	C1
	all three correct	A1
(a)(ii)	L or radio (waves)	B1
(b)	(c =) 3.0×10^8 (m / s) seen	C1
	(f =) v / λ in any form or $3.0 \times 10^8 / 1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	C1
	2.5×10^{17} Hz	A1
(c)(i)	stated <u>medical</u> use (e.g. treating cancer / X-ray shadowgraph / sterilising equipment)	B1
	statement of what happens to the X-rays (e.g. absorbed by tumour / bones / bacteria)	B1
	stated consequence (e.g. tumour killed or image / picture / shadow / photograph produced)	B1
(c)(ii)	can cause burns / (cell) mutation / cell damage / tumours / cancer / damages DNA etc.	B1