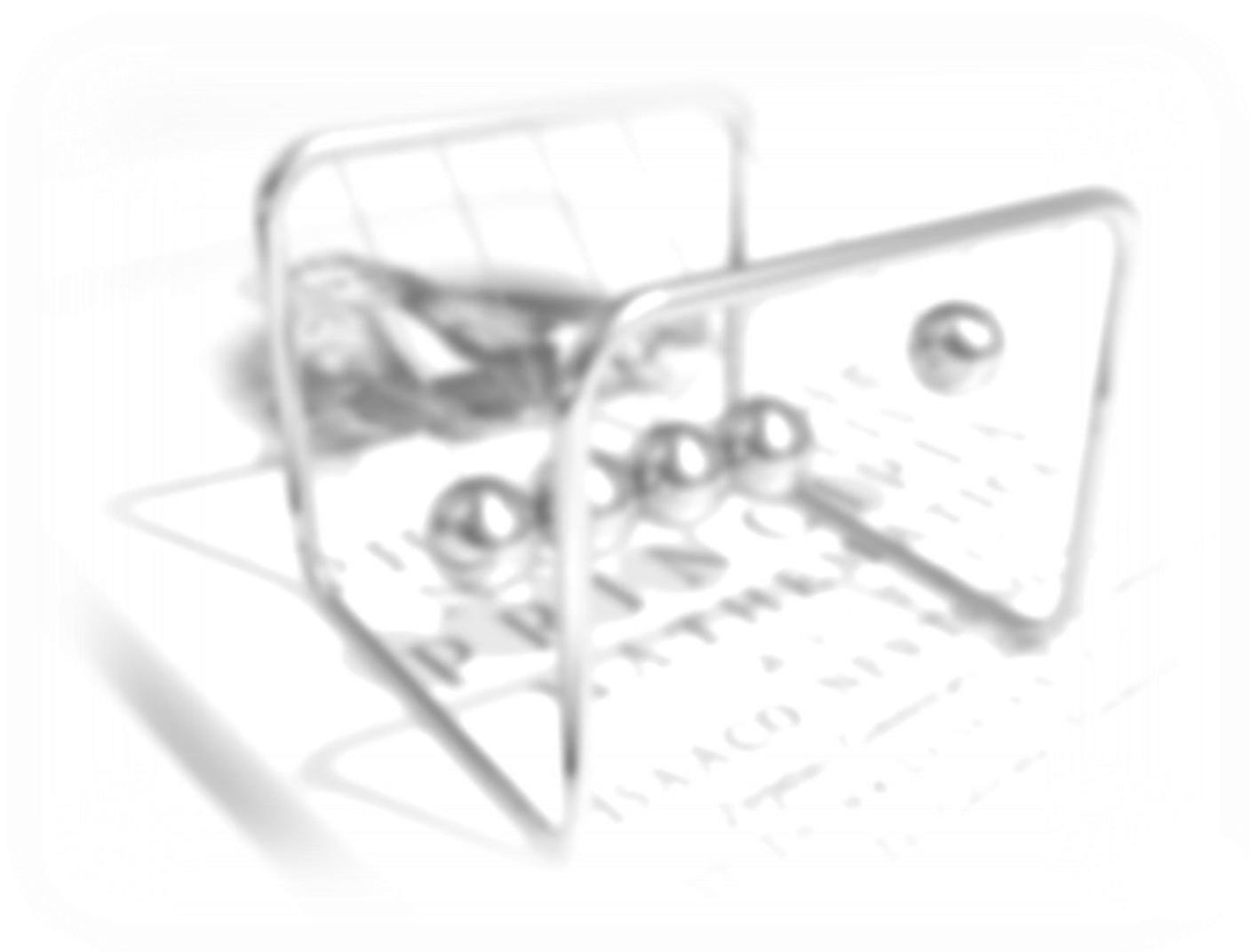


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# PHYSICS

Topics 4 & 5

## LEARNING OUTCOMES



**Maintain a record of your progress**

**Use the booklet to guide revision**



## Topic 4 - Waves

4.1	Recall that waves transfer energy and information without transferring matter	  
4.2	Describe evidence that with water and sound waves it is the wave and not the water or air itself that travels	  
4.3	Define and use the terms frequency and wavelength as applied to waves	  
4.4	Use the terms, amplitude, period and wave velocity as applied to waves	  
4.5	Describe the difference between longitudinal and transverse waves by referring to sound, electromagnetic, seismic and water waves	  
4.6	Recall and use both the equations below for all waves: wave speed = frequency $\times$ wavelength wave speed = distance $\div$ time	  
4.7	Describe how to measure the velocity of sound in air and ripples on water surfaces	  
4.8	Calculate depth or distance from time and wave velocity	  
4.9	Describe the effects of a reflection b refraction c transmission d absorption of waves at material interfaces	  
4.10	Explain how waves will be refracted at a boundary in terms of the change of direction and speed	  
4.11	Recall that different substances may absorb, transmit, refract or reflect waves in ways that vary with wavelength	  
4.12	Describe the processes which convert wave disturbances between sound waves and vibrations in solids, and a explain why such processes only work over a limited frequency range b use this to explain the way the human ear works	  
4.13	Recall that sound with frequencies greater than 20 000 hertz, Hz, is known as ultrasound	  
4.14	Recall that sound with frequencies less than 20 hertz, Hz, is known as infrasound	  
4.15	Explain uses of ultrasound and infrasound, including a sonar b foetal scanning c exploration of the Earth's core	  
4.16	Describe how changes, if any, in velocity, frequency and wavelength, in the transmission of sound waves from one medium to another are inter-related	  
4.17	Core Practical: Investigate the suitability of equipment to measure the speed, frequency and wavelength of a wave in a solid and a fluid	  

## Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum

5.1	Explain, with the aid of ray diagrams, reflection, refraction and total internal reflection (TIR), including the law of reflection and critical angle	  
5.2	Explain the difference between specular and diffuse reflection	  
5.3	Explain how colour of light is related to a differential absorption at surfaces b transmission of light through filters	  
5.4	Relate the power of a lens to its focal length and shape	  
5.5	Use ray diagrams to show the similarities and differences in the refraction of light by converging and diverging lenses	  
5.6	Explain the effects of different types of lens in producing real and virtual images	  
5.7	Recall that all electromagnetic waves are transverse, that they travel at the same speed in a vacuum	  
5.8	Explain, with examples, that all electromagnetic waves transfer energy from source to observer	  
5.9	Investigate refraction in rectangular glass blocks in terms of the interaction of electromagnetic waves with matter	  
5.10	Recall the main groupings of the continuous electromagnetic spectrum including (in order) radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible (including the colours of the visible spectrum), ultraviolet, x-rays and gamma rays	  
5.11	Describe the electromagnetic spectrum as continuous from radio waves to gamma rays and that the radiations within it can be grouped in order of decreasing wavelength and increasing frequency	  
5.12	Recall that our eyes can only detect a limited range of frequencies of electromagnetic radiation	  
5.13	Recall that different substances may absorb, transmit, refract or reflect electromagnetic waves in ways that vary with wavelength	  
5.14	Explain the effects of differences in the velocities of electromagnetic waves in different substances	  
5.15	Explain that all bodies emit radiation, that the intensity and wavelength distribution of any emission depends on their temperature	  
5.16	Explain that for a body to be at a constant temperature it needs to radiate the same average power that it absorbs	  
5.17	Explain what happens to a body if the average power it radiates is less or more than the average power that it absorbs	  
5.18	Explain how the temperature of the Earth is affected by factors controlling the balance between incoming radiation and radiation emitted	  
5.19	Core Practical: Investigate how the nature of a surface affects the amount of thermal energy radiated or absorbed	  
5.20	Recall that the potential danger associated with an electromagnetic wave increases with increasing frequency	  
5.21	Describe the harmful effects on people of excessive exposure to electromagnetic radiation, including:	  

	a microwaves: internal heating of body cells b infrared: skin burns c ultraviolet: damage to surface cells and eyes, leading to skin cancer and eye conditions d x-rays and gamma rays: mutation or damage to cells in the body	
5.22	Describe some uses of electromagnetic radiation a radio waves: including broadcasting, communications and satellite transmissions b microwaves: including cooking, communications and satellite transmissions c infrared: including cooking, thermal imaging, short range communications, optical fibres, television remote controls and security systems d visible light: including vision, photography and illumination e ultraviolet: including security marking, fluorescent lamps, detecting forged bank notes and disinfecting water f x-rays: including observing the internal structure of objects, airport security scanners and medical x-rays g gamma rays: including sterilising food and medical equipment, and the detection of cancer and its treatment	  
5.23	Recall that radio waves can be produced by, or can themselves induce, oscillations in electrical circuits	  
5.24	Recall that changes in atoms and nuclei can generate radiations over a wide frequency range b be caused by absorption of a range of radiations	  

Notes:



You must know, and be able to use, these equations:

**wave velocity = frequency x wavelength**



$$v = f \times \lambda$$

metres per second (m/s) = hertz (hz) x metres (m)

**wave velocity = distance / time**



$$v = x / t$$

metres per second (m/s) = metres (m) / seconds (s)