1 The variation with time *t* of the displacement *x* of a point in a transverse wave T$_1$ is shown in Fig. 5.1.
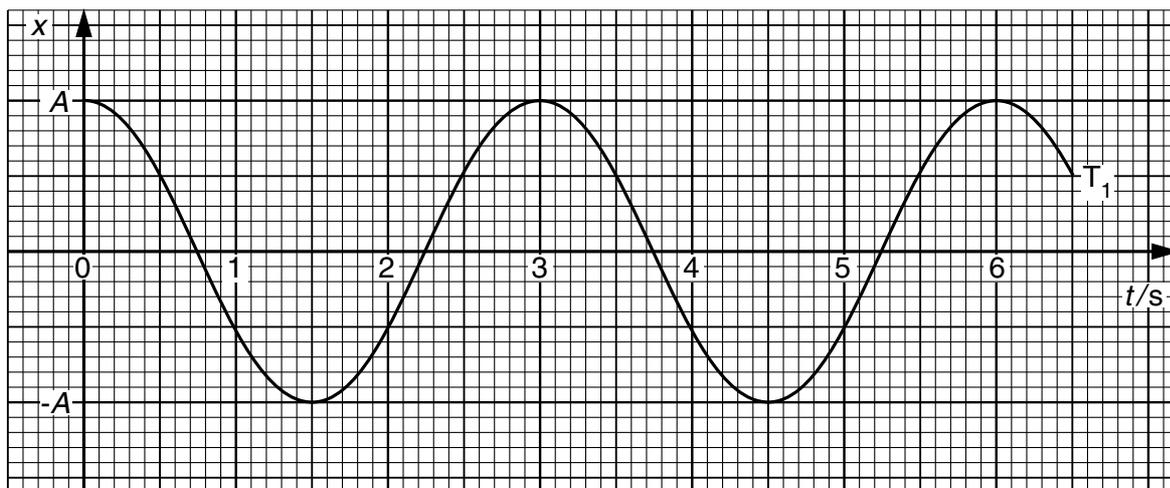

Fig. 5.1

(a) By reference to displacement and direction of travel of wave energy, explain what is meant by a *transverse wave*.

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....[1]

(b) A second transverse wave T$_2$, of amplitude *A* has the same waveform as wave T$_1$ but lags behind T$_1$ by a phase angle of 60°. The two waves T$_1$ and T$_2$ pass through the same point.

   (i) On Fig. 5.1, draw the variation with time *t* of the displacement *x* of the point in wave T$_2$. [2]

   (ii) Explain what is meant by the *principle of superposition* of two waves.

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....[2]

   (iii) For the time *t* = 1.0 s, use Fig. 5.1 to determine, in terms of *A*,

      1. the displacement due to wave T$_1$ alone,

               displacement = ...

      2. the displacement due to wave T$_2$ alone,

               displacement = ...

      3. the resultant displacement due to both waves.

               displacement = ...
                                       [3]

2 Fig. 2.1 shows the variation with distance x along a wave of its displacement d at a particular time.
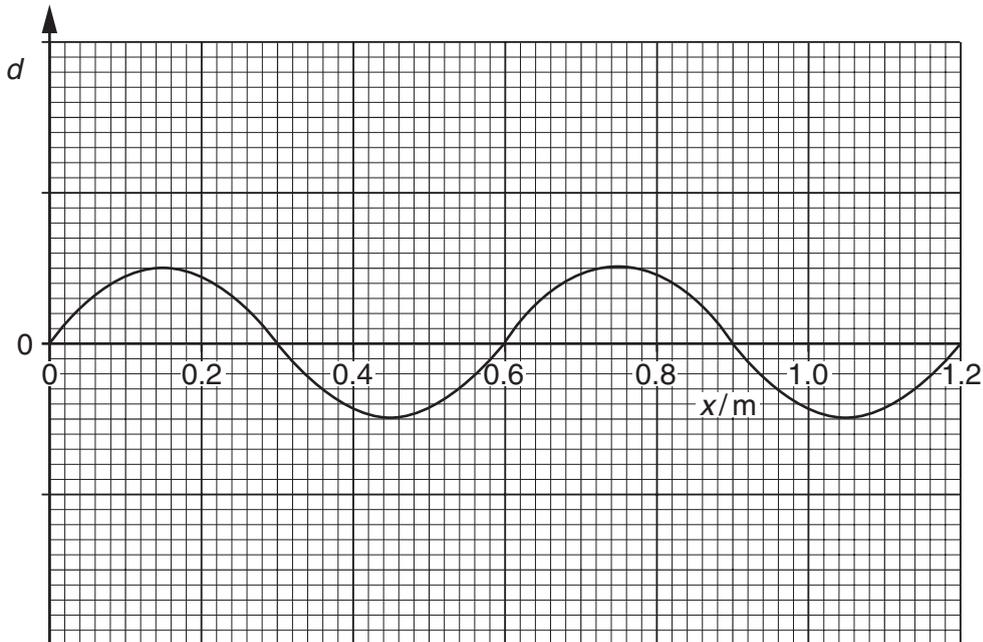

Fig. 2.1

The wave is a progressive wave having a speed of $330 \, \text{m s}^{-1}$.

(a) (i) Use Fig. 2.1 to determine the wavelength of the wave.

wavelength = ... m

(ii) Hence calculate the frequency of the wave.

frequency = ... Hz

[3]

(b) A second wave has the same frequency and speed as the wave shown in Fig. 2.1 but has double the intensity. The phase difference between the two waves is 180°.

On the axes of Fig. 2.1, sketch a graph to show the variation with distance x of the displacement d of this second wave. [2]

3 A string is stretched between two fixed points. It is plucked at its centre and the string vibrates, forming a stationary wave as illustrated in Fig. 4.1.
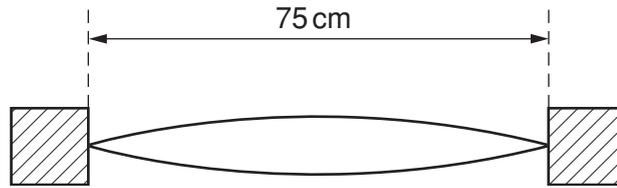

Fig. 4.1

The length of the string is 75 cm.

(a) State the wavelength of the wave.

wavelength = …………………………. m [1]

(b) The frequency of vibration of the string is 360 Hz. Calculate the speed of the wave on the string.

speed = …………………………… m s^{-1} [2]

(c) By reference to the formation of the stationary wave on the string, explain what is meant by the speed calculated in **(b)**.

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.... [3]

4 Fig. 5.1 shows the variation with time t of the displacements x_A and x_B at a point P of two sound waves A and B.

Fig. 5.1
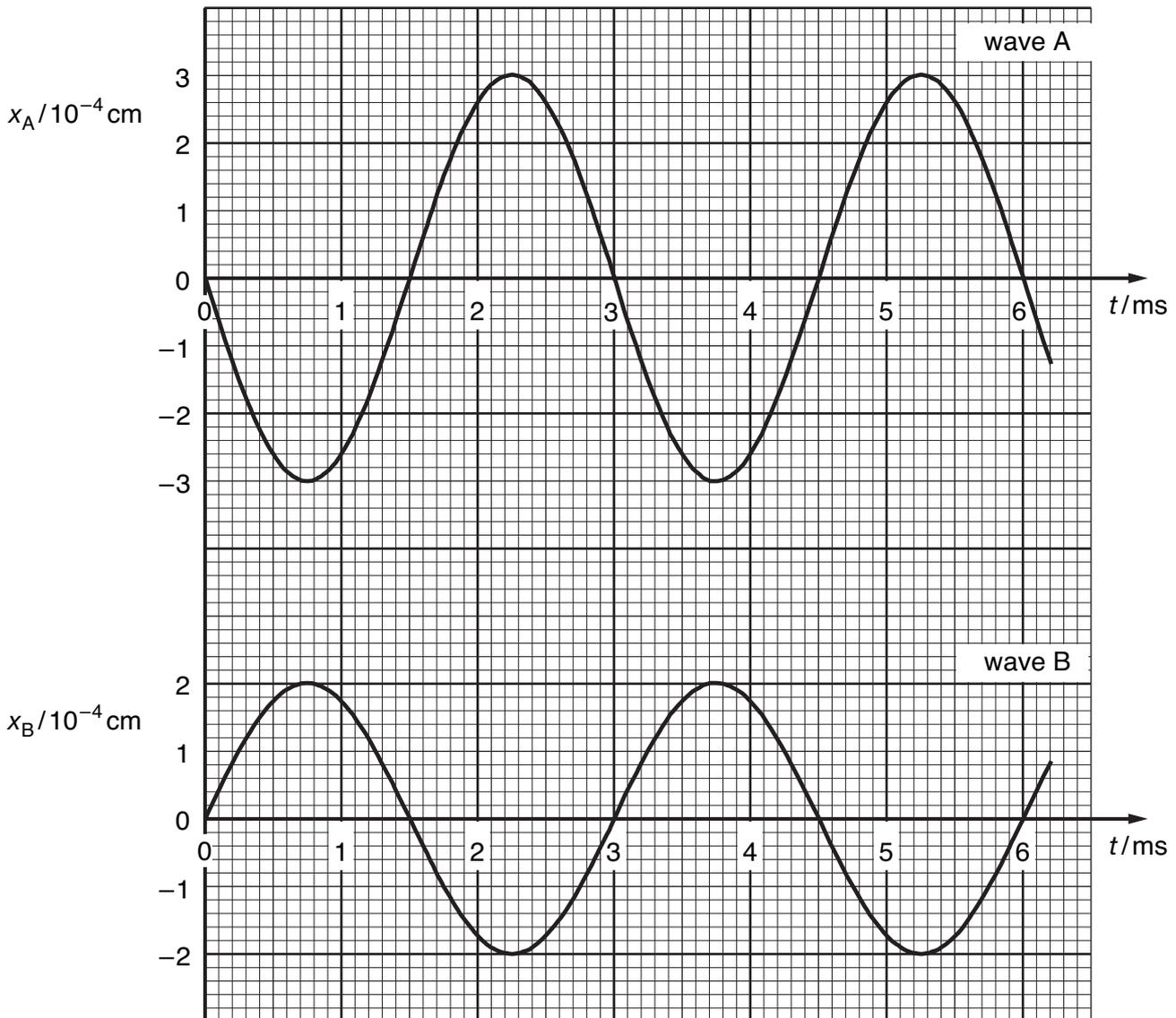
(a) By reference to Fig. 5.1, state one similarity and one difference between these two waves.

similarity: ....

difference: .... [2]

(b) State, with a reason, whether the two waves are coherent.

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.... [1]

(c) The intensity of wave A alone at point P is I.

    (i) Show that the intensity of wave B alone at point P is $\frac{4}{9}I$.

[2]

    (ii) Calculate the resultant intensity, in terms of I, of the two waves at point P.

resultant intensity = ……………………………… I [2]

(d) Determine the resultant displacement for the two waves at point P

    (i) at time $t = 3.0\,\text{ms}$,

resultant displacement = ……………………………… cm [1]

    (ii) at time $t = 4.0\,\text{ms}$.

resultant displacement = ……………………………… cm [2]

5 A long tube, fitted with a tap, is filled with water. A tuning fork is sounded above the top of the tube as the water is allowed to run out of the tube, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

tuning fork
512 Hz

32.4 cm

Fig. 6.1   **Fig. 6.2**
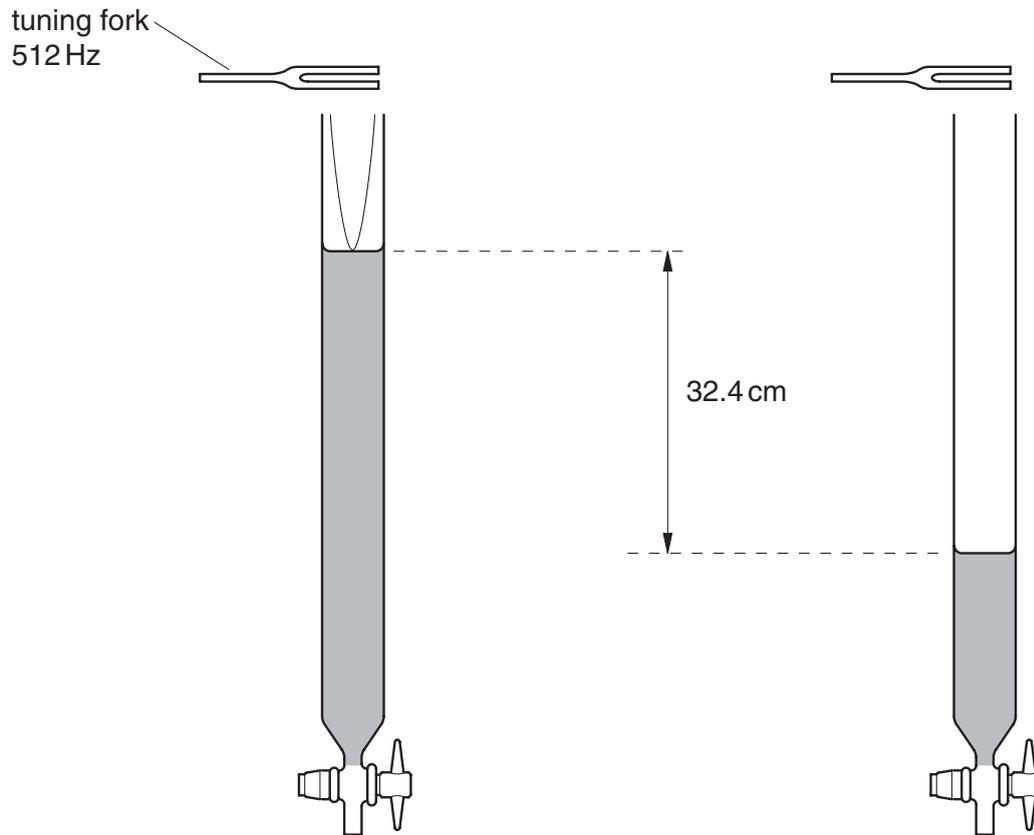
A loud sound is first heard when the water level is as shown in Fig. 6.1, and then again when the water level is as shown in Fig. 6.2.

Fig. 6.1 illustrates the stationary wave produced in the tube.

(a) On Fig. 6.2,

   (i) sketch the form of the stationary wave set up in the tube, [1]

   (ii) mark, with the letter N, the positions of any nodes of the stationary wave. [1]

(b) The frequency of the fork is 512 Hz and the difference in the height of the water level for the two positions where a loud sound is heard is 32.4 cm.

Calculate the speed of sound in the tube.

speed = ……………………. m s^{-1} [3]

(c) The length of the column of air in the tube in Fig. 6.1 is 15.7 cm.

Suggest where the antinode of the stationary wave produced in the tube in Fig. 6.1 is likely to be found.

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.... [2]

6 Light reflected from the surface of smooth water may be described as a polarised transverse wave.

(a) By reference to the direction of propagation of energy, explain what is meant by

(i) a *transverse wave*,

....

....[1]

(ii) *polarisation*.

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....[1]

(b) A glass tube, closed at one end, has fine dust sprinkled along its length. A sound source is placed near the open end of the tube, as shown in Fig. 5.1.
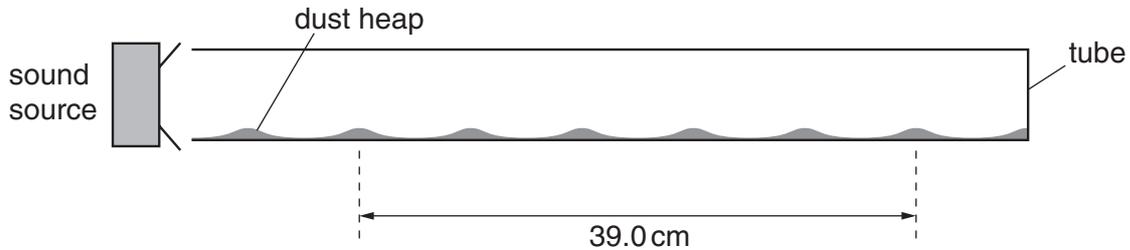
Fig. 5.1

The frequency of the sound emitted by the source is varied and, at one frequency, the dust forms small heaps in the tube.

(i) Explain, by reference to the properties of stationary waves, why the heaps of dust are formed.

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....[3]

(ii) One frequency at which heaps are formed is 2.14 kHz.
The distance between six heaps, as shown in Fig. 5.1, is 39.0 cm.
Calculate the speed of sound in the tube.

speed = ...m s^{-1} [3]

(c) The wave in the tube is a stationary wave. Explain, by reference to the formation of a stationary wave, what is meant by the speed calculated in **(b)(ii)**.

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....[3]

7 **(a)** State what is meant by

   (i) the *frequency* of a progressive wave,

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   ....

   ....[2]

   (ii) the *speed* of a progressive wave.

   ....

   ....[1]

(b) One end of a long string is attached to an oscillator. The string passes over a frictionless pulley and is kept taut by means of a weight, as shown in Fig. 5.1.
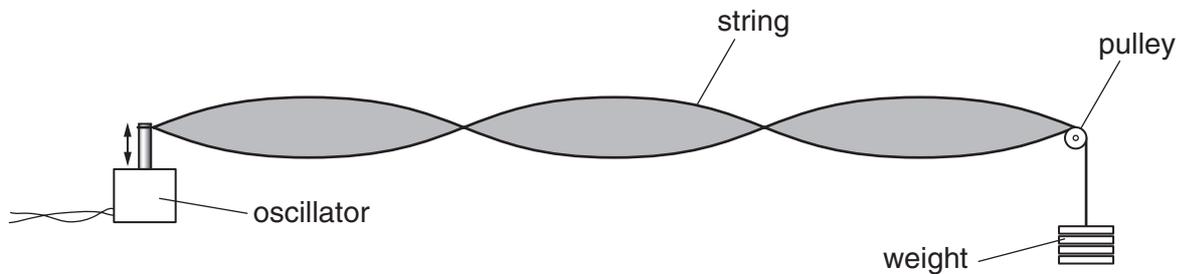

Fig. 5.1

The frequency of oscillation is varied and, at one value of frequency, the wave formed on the string is as shown in Fig. 5.1.

   (i) Explain why the wave is said to be a *stationary wave*.

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   ....[1]

   (ii) State what is meant by an *antinode*.

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   ....[1]

   (iii) On Fig. 5.1, label the antinodes with the letter A.   [1]

(c) A weight of 4.00 N is hung from the string in **(b)** and the frequency of oscillation is adjusted until a stationary wave is formed on the string. The separation of the antinodes on the string is 17.8 cm for a frequency of 125 Hz.
The speed v of waves on a string is given by the expression

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}} \; ,$$

where T is the tension in the string and m is its mass per unit length.
Determine the mass per unit length of the string.

mass per unit length = ... $kg\,m^{-1}$ [5]