## Midterm 1

## Physics 1C Summer Session II, 2011

- 1. If F = -kx, then  $\frac{k}{m}$  is
  - (a) A
  - (b)  $\omega$
  - (c)  $\omega^2$
  - (d)  $A\omega$
  - (e)  $A^2\omega$
- 2. A body oscillates with simple harmonic motion along the x-axis. Its displacement varies with time according to the equation  $x = 5\sin(\pi t + \frac{\pi}{3})$ . The velocity in m/s of the body at t = 1s is
  - (a) +8
  - (b) -8
  - (c) -14
  - (d) +14
  - (e) -5
- 3. Two circus clowns (each having a mass of 50kg) swing on two flying trapezes (negligible mass, length 25m) shown in the figure. At the peak of the swing, one grabs the other, and the two swing back to one platform. The time for the forward and return motion in s is



- (a) 10
- (b) 5
- (c) 15
- (d) 20
- (e) 25

- 4. . A simple pendulum on the Earth has a period of one second. What would be its period in s on the moon where the acceleration due to gravity is 1/6 that of Earth?
  - (a) 6.00
  - (b) 2.45
  - (c) 1.00
  - (d) 0.408
  - (e) 0.167
- 5. When a damping force is applied to a simple harmonic oscillator which has period  $T_0$  in the absence of damping, the new period T is such that
  - (a)  $T < T_0$
  - (b)  $T = T_0$
  - (c)  $T > T_0$
  - (d)  $\omega T < \omega_0 T_0$
  - (e)  $\omega T > \omega_0 T_0$
- 6. The speed of light waves in air is  $3 \times 10^8 m/s$ . The speed of sound waves in air is 333m/s. How long in s is the time interval between the time a lightning flash is seen and the thunderclap is heard if the lightning flash is 1 kilometer away?
  - (a) 3
  - (b) 5
  - (c) 7
  - (d) 10
  - (e) 1
- 7. The lowest A on a piano has a frequency of 27.5Hz. If the tension in the 2.0 meter string is 308N, and one- half wavelength occupies the wire, what is the mass of the wire in kg?
  - (a) 0.025
  - (b) 0.51
  - (c) 0.72
  - (d) 0.81
  - (e) 0.37

- 8. If y = 0.02sin(30x 400t) (SI units), the velocity of the wave in m/s is
  - (a)  $\frac{3}{40}$
  - (b)  $\frac{40}{3}$
  - (c)  $\frac{60\pi}{400}$

  - (d)  $\frac{400}{60\pi}$
  - (e) 400
- 9. A 500Hz tone is sounded at a train station as a train moves toward the station at 20m/s. What frequency in Hz does the engineer hear if the speed of sound is 335m/s?
  - (a) 530
  - (b) 535
  - (c) 475
  - (d) 495
  - (e) 515
- 10. The longest wavelength that a standing wave can have on a stretched string of length L is
  - (a) 2L
  - (b) 3L
  - (c) 5L
  - (d) 7L
  - (e) 9L
- 11. Two harmonic waves traveling in opposite directions interfere to produce a standing wave described by  $y = 3\sin(2x)\cos(5t)$  where x is in m and t is in s. What is the wavelength in m of the interfering waves?
  - (a)  $\pi$
  - (b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$
  - (c)  $2\pi$
  - (d)  $4\pi$
  - (e)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- 12. Two speakers that are in synchronization are connected to a sine wave source. Waves of 2.2m wavelength travel to point P from the speakers. The phase difference,  $\Delta \phi_{21}$ , between the waves from S2 and S1 when they arrive at point P is



13. An ocean harbor has a rectangular shape, with one shorter side open to the sea. On a day when the speed of waves in the harbor is 20m/s, standing waves can be produced along the length of the harbor if their wavelength is



- 14. Unpolarized light is passed through three successive Polaroid filters, each with its transmission axis at 45 to the preceding filter. What percentage of light gets through?
  - (a) 0%
  - (b) 12.5%
  - (c) 25%
  - (d) 50%
  - (e) 33%