



2020 Sec 4 Physics Assignment Answers  
AS12 Sound

**Total = 20**

**Note:** Show all formulae & working steps!

1(a) The flash travels instantaneously from shooter to him; the time taken for flash to travel from shooter to him is negligible. [1]

**Assumptions:**

- sound is produced at the same time as the flash seen by the student
- this is not about human reaction time!

(b)  $v = \frac{d}{t} = \frac{300}{0.90} = 330 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (2 s.f.) [1]

2(a) Light from lightning reaches the eye much faster than the sound from the thunder because light travels much faster than sound in air. [1]

(b)  $340 = \frac{d}{5.0} \rightarrow d = 1700 \text{ m}$  (2 s.f.) [1]

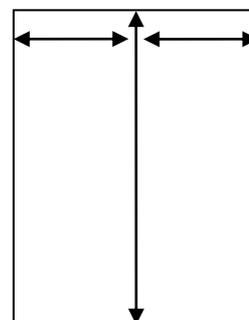
(c)  $d = vt = 340 \times 3.0 = 1020 \text{ m} = 1000 \text{ m}$  (2 s.f.) [1]

(d)  $v = \frac{(1700 - 1020)}{20 \times 60} = 0.567 \approx 0.57 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (2 s.f.) [1]  
OR 34 m/min or 2.0 km/h

3(a) Show to and fro paths! [2]

(b)  $v = \frac{2d}{t} = \frac{2 \times (17/2)}{50 \times 10^{-3}} \approx 340 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  [1]

$2L = vt \Rightarrow L = \frac{vt}{2} = \frac{340 \times 160 \times 10^{-3}}{2} = 27.2 \approx 27 \text{ m}$  [2]



**Note:** echo, need to take into account twice the distance travelled to and fro

4	Diagram	Reason
(a) sound of lower pitch	Fig. 4.1 [1]	It has a lower frequency [1]
(b) louder sound	Fig. 4.1	It has a larger amplitude [1]

**Note:** on CRO display, horizontal time axis: longer period  $T$  means lower frequency  $f$

5(a) Peak voltage = height x gain = 2.0 cm x 1.0 V/cm = 2.0 V [2]

(b) Period,  $T = \text{length} \times \text{time base}$  = 8.0 cm x 0.5 ms / cm = 4.0 ms [2]

(c)  $f = 1/T$  = 1/4.0 ms [1] = 250 Hz [2]