

$$1. \lambda = 2.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} \quad c = f\lambda$$

$$\therefore f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8}{2.7 \times 10^{-11}}$$

$$\therefore f = 1.11 \times 10^{19} \text{ Hz.}$$

$$2. f = 102.3 \text{ MHz.} = 1.023 \times 10^8 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{Using } c = f\lambda$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8}{1.023 \times 10^8}$$

$$\lambda = 2.93 \text{ m}$$

3. (i) A wave is 'plane polarised' if the oscillations are all confined to one plane.

(ii) Only transverse waves can be polarised.

(iii) The plane of polarisation of an electromagnetic wave is the plane defined by the oscillation of the electric field vector ( $\vec{E}$ ) and the direction of travel of the wave ( $\vec{v}$ )

(iv) When an electromagnetic wave is emitted by a dipole antenna all the electric field vectors ( $\vec{E}$ ) are oscillating in the same direction as the rods of the antenna (as this is the direction in which the electrons in the antenna are oscillating). Thus all the oscillations of the  $\vec{E}$  vectors are confined to one plane.  $\therefore$  The wave is polarised.

$$4. f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$$

(1). The plane of polarisation is horizontal. Electrons in the rod of the antenna are oscillating in a horizontal direction.  $\therefore \vec{E}$  vectors are oscillating in a horizontal direction.

(2).  $f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$ . The frequency of oscillation of the  $\vec{E}$  vector equals the frequency of oscillation of charges in the rods, equals the frequency of oscillation of the alternating potential difference applied to the rods.

(3). The rods of the receiving antenna must be orientated horizontally. The electric fields of the E/M waves are oscillating in a horizontal direction.  $\therefore$  They will cause the electrons in the antenna to oscillate in a horizontal direction.

(4). The electrons in a receiving antenna will oscillate with the same frequency as the  $\vec{E}$  field in the E/M wave.  $\therefore$  The alternating potential difference generated in the antenna will have the same frequency as the wave.  $\therefore f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$ .

(5). The signal strength in the receiving antenna is greatest when the rods are aligned in the direction of polarisation of the E/M wave.  $\therefore$  if the country channels are polarised perpendicularly to city channels, country viewers can pick up their local channel (by orientating their antennae appropriately) with minimal interference from the city broadcasts.

5. (1). See text.

$$(a). t_1 = 3.333 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s.}$$

$$t_2 = 3.576 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s.}$$

(a) The first beam travels a distance  $s = c \times t$

$$\therefore s = 3.00 \times 10^8 \times 3.333 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$s = 999.9 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{height above the sea} = \frac{1}{2}s = 500 \text{ m}$$

$$(b) \Delta t = 0.243 \mu\text{s.}$$

$$= 2.43 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s.}$$

$\therefore$  extra distance travelled

$$s = v \Delta t$$

$$= 2.234 \times 10^8 \times 2.43 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$= 54.3 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{depth of ocean} = \frac{s}{2}$$

$$= 27.1 \text{ m}$$

(3). (a) First beam travels a distance  $s = ct$

$$s = 3.00 \times 10^8 \times 2.44 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$s = 732 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{height above lake} = 366 \text{ m}$$

(b) Extra distance travelled by the 'second' beam ( $\Delta t = 4.56 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$ )

$$s = v \Delta t$$

$$= 2.251 \times 10^8 \times 4.56 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$= 102.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{depth of lake} = \frac{102.6}{2}$$

$$= 51.3 \text{ m}$$

$$(4) (a) \Delta t = t_2 - t_1$$

$\therefore$  extra distance travelled

$$s = v \Delta t$$

$$= v_s (t_2 - t_1)$$

$$\therefore \text{depth } (d) = \frac{1}{2}s$$

$$\text{ie } d = \frac{v_s (t_2 - t_1)}{2}$$

(b) Distance travelled by 'beam 1',  $s = ct_1$   
 $\therefore$  height above sea =  $\frac{1}{2}s$   
 $\therefore h = \frac{1}{2}c \cdot t_1$

6. See notes & texts.