

MULTIPLE CHOICE

SOUND & MEDIA - PRACTICE SET

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1. How is attenuation measured?

- A. Meters per second (m/s)
- B. Decibels (dB)
- C. Watts/cm²
- D. Hertz (Hz)

2. What is an acute angle?

- A. An angle exactly 90 degrees
- B. Any angle other than 90 degrees
- C. An angle less than 90 degrees
- D. An angle greater than 90 degrees

3. Which two conditions are required for refraction to occur?

- A. Normal incidence and identical propagation speeds
- B. Normal incidence and different acoustic impedances only
- C. Oblique incidence and identical propagation speeds
- D. Oblique incidence and different propagation speeds in the two media

4. True or False? When a sound beam hits an oblique boundary, you can always tell whether the sound will reflect or transmit from the angle alone.

- A. False
- B. True

5. When two media have the same acoustic impedance, how much incident intensity is transmitted?

- A. Only 1% of the incident intensity
- B. All of the incident intensity
- C. Exactly half of the incident intensity
- D. None of the incident intensity

6. What determines the amount of attenuation that occurs as ultrasound travels?

- A. Path length and sound frequency
- B. Pulse repetition frequency and frame rate
- C. Gray-scale map and annotation
- D. Receiver gain and display brightness

7. Which sound beams scatter more, higher-frequency or lower-frequency beams?

- A. All frequencies scatter equally
- B. Higher-frequency beams
- C. Only zero-frequency beams
- D. Lower-frequency beams

8. What happens to attenuation at higher sound frequencies?

- A. Attenuation is greater
- B. Attenuation is unchanged
- C. Attenuation becomes negative
- D. Attenuation is lower

9. What is crucial for ultrasound to image objects deep within the body?

- A. Complete absorption
- B. Refraction only
- C. Total reflection
- D. Transmission

10. True or False? If sound speed is the same in two media, no refraction occurs.

- A. False
- B. True

11. What determines half-value layer thickness?

- A. Display dynamic range only
- B. Pulse repetition frequency only
- C. Medium and frequency
- D. Transducer diameter only

12. What half-value layer is expected in a medium with high attenuation?

- A. Thick half-value layer
- B. Thin half-value layer
- C. No half-value layer
- D. Unchanged half-value layer

13. What are the units of intensity?

- A. W/cm²
- B. Rayls
- C. dB/cm
- D. Hertz

14. If sound travels to a depth of 8 cm in a medium with an attenuation coefficient of 2 dB/cm, what is the total attenuation?

- A. 4 dB
- B. 16 dB
- C. 8 dB
- D. 32 dB

15. True or False? Specular reflections that strike a smooth boundary at an angle return directly to the transducer.

- A. False
- B. True

16. How are distance traveled and attenuation related?

- A. Directly related
- B. Reciprocal
- C. Unrelated
- D. Inversely related

17. What term describes a medium's acoustic resistance to sound propagation?

- A. Attenuation
- B. Impedance
- C. Refraction
- D. Frequency

18. In intensity or power ratios, what change does +10 dB represent?

- A. Ten times larger
- B. Two times larger
- C. One-tenth as large
- D. One-half as large

19. In soft tissue, how are attenuation coefficient and frequency related?

- A. Unrelated
- B. Exponentially decreasing
- C. Inversely related
- D. Directly related

20. What units are used for half-value layer thickness?

- A. Units of length, such as cm
- B. Hertz
- C. W/cm²
- D. dB/cm

21. What term describes a sound beam striking a boundary at exactly 90 degrees?

- A. Diffuse reflection
- B. Normal incidence
- C. Oblique incidence
- D. Refraction

22. What does attenuate mean?

- A. To transmit without loss
- B. To strengthen
- C. To weaken
- D. To change into an image

23. True or False? At most soft-tissue interfaces, 99% or more of the sound intensity is transmitted.

- A. True
- B. False

24. What are the units and typical range of sine values used for ultrasound refraction angles?

- A. Measured in rayls, from 0 to 1
- B. Measured in hertz, from 1 to 10
- C. Unitless, from 0 to 1
- D. Measured in degrees, from 0 to 90

25. What type of scattering occurs when an object's dimensions are much smaller than the wavelength of sound?

- A. Specular reflection
- B. Refraction
- C. Mirror-image artifact
- D. Rayleigh scattering