Short Answer

- 1. What property of a mechanical wave is the same for a material no matter how the wave was created?
- 2. As a wave travels from one material into a different material, what property of the wave will not change?
- 3. Why are longitudinal waves also called pressure waves?
- 4. Sketch a diagram of a transverse wave and label a crest, trough, rest position, amplitude and wavelength.
- 5. Define a standing wave and provide an example of such a wave in 1, 2 and 3 dimensions.
- 6. Define nodes and antinodes.
- 7. How do the strength between medium particles and the mass of those particles affect the speed of waves through that medium?
- 8. What is friction as it pertains to waves and what effect does it have on waves?
- 9. What do waves transfer?
- 10. For a particular medium, if the wave frequency increases, how do the period and wavelength change?

Review Problems

- 1. A wave is created with a frequency of 300 Hz. It has a speed of 1200 m/s.
 - a. Calculate the period of the wave.
 - b. Calculate the wavelength of the wave.
- 2. The period of a longitudinal water wave is 2.5 seconds.
 - a. Calculate the frequency of the wave.
 - b. Calculate the length of time for 150 waves to pass by you.
- 3. A wave takes 6.7 seconds to travel down a 12 m long string. The waves have a period of 1.5 seconds. Calculate the wavelength of the waves in the spring.
- 4. Radio waves travel at 3.00×10^8 m/s. Calculate the wavelength of radio waves emitted by a radio station operating at 103.1 MHz.
- 5. A car tire completes 475 rotations in 12.5 seconds. Calculate the frequency and period of the spinning tire.
- 6. Two fishing boats are in the water. At a time when one boat is on a crest the other is in a trough and there are three crests between them. The boats are 125 m apart and the wave period was measured to be 1.75 seconds. Calculate the speed of the waves.