

Exam Report

Module Code/Title: PHYS2023 Wave Physics

Module Leader:

Feedback comments:

The average mark on the paper was satisfactory. However, this was at least in part because there is always a question on the derivation of the wave equation in some guise or other and also always one on Fourier series or transforms. Most of the class showed that they were able to do this, which in itself is an achievement.

I was, however, disappointed in how many were unable to do very well on much of the remaining material.

The mark profile has a long tail consisting of a large fraction of the class who simply chose not to engage in the course. I noticed that attendance at lectures was very poor – an average of about 50% and so it is hardly surprising that those who did not attend lectures were unable to perform adequately at the exam.

I strongly recommend that steps be taken to encourage lecture attendance – e.g. by monitoring attendance (perhaps using zappers) and advising tutors of students who are regularly absent.