A **a)** $\Delta x_t = ae^{-\mu t}\cos(\omega t + \phi)$, $0.8 = e^{-50\mu} \Rightarrow \mu = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

b) $\upsilon = (E/\rho)^{1/2} = (7.1 \times 10^{10}/2700)^{1/2} = 5100\ \text{m.s}^{-1}$.
At fundamental $\lambda_{rod} = 4l = 4$ m.
$f = 5100 / 4 = 1.3 \times 10^{3}$ Hz.
$\omega = 2\pi f = 8.1 \times 10^{3}\ \text{rad.s}^{-1}$.

c) $\upsilon = f\lambda_{rod}$, $\delta\lambda_{rod} / \lambda_{rod} = (-)\delta f / f \Rightarrow \delta l / l$.
$\delta l = l.(\delta f / f)$.
[0.6]
$\delta l = 1 \times (5.0 \times 10^{-3}/1.3 \times 10^{3}) = 3.8 \times 10^{-6}$ m.

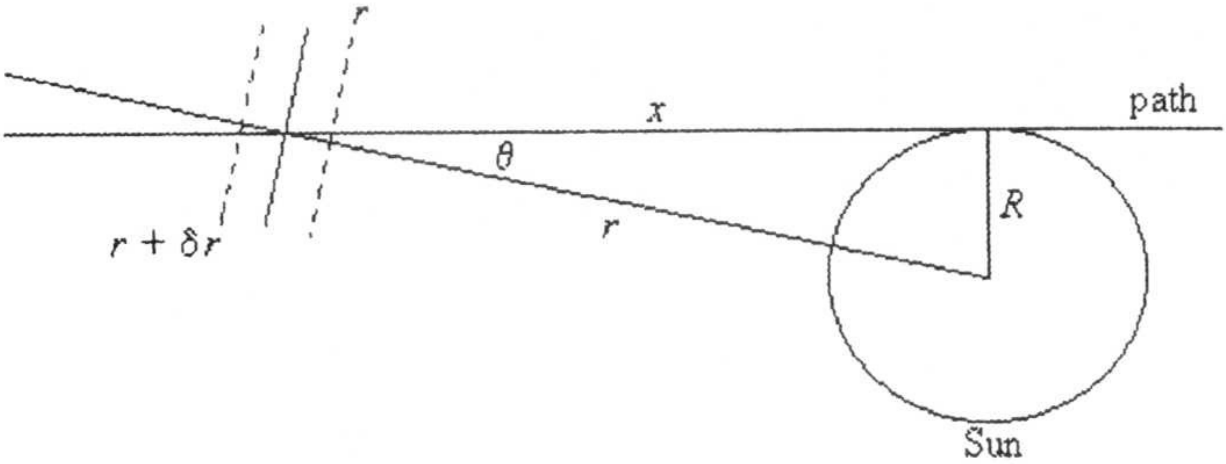
d) Change in gravitational force on rod at a distance x from the free end $= m\Delta g$ and $m = \rho x A$,
where A is the cross-sectional area of the rod.
Change in stress $= m\Delta g/A = \rho x\Delta g$.
Change in strain $= \delta(dx)/dx = \rho x\Delta g/E$;
that is, $dx \rightarrow (1 + \rho x\Delta g/E)dx \Rightarrow \Delta l = (\rho\Delta g/2E)l^2$.

e) At fundamental $\lambda_{rod} = 4l \Rightarrow \Delta l = \Delta\lambda_{rod}/4$,
for $\Delta\lambda_{rod} = 656\ \text{nm}/10^4 \Rightarrow \Delta l = 656\ \text{nm}/(4 \times 10^4)$.
$\Delta l = 656\ \text{nm}/(4 \times 10^4) = (\rho\Delta g/2E)l^2$
[0.1]
$\Delta l = (2700 \times 10^{-19}/ 14 \times 10^{10})\, l^2 \Rightarrow l = 9.2 \times 10^{7}$ m.

B **a)** $mc^2 = hf \Rightarrow m = hf/c^2$,
[0.3]
$hf' = hf - GMm/R$,
$\Rightarrow hf' = hf(1 - GM/Rc^2)$, $\therefore f' = f(1 - GM/Rc^2)$.

b) $n_r = c / c(1 - GM/rc^2)^2$,
$n_r = 1 + 2GM/rc^2$, for small GM/rc^2; i.e. $\alpha = 2$.

c)



Diagram

By Snell's law: $n(r + \delta r) \sin \theta = n(r) \sin (\theta - \delta\xi)$,

$(n(r) + (dn/dr)\, \delta r) \sin \theta = n(r) \sin \theta - n(r) \cos \theta\, \delta\xi$.

$(dn/dr)\, \delta r \sin \theta = -\, n(r) \cos \theta\, \delta\xi$.

Now $n(r) = 1 + 2GM/rc^2$, so $(dn/dr) = -\, 2GM/c^2r^2$,

and $(2GM/c^2r^2) \sin \theta\, \delta r = n(r) \cos \theta\, \delta\xi$.

Hence $\delta\xi = (2GM/c^2r^2) \tan \theta\, (\delta r/n) \approx (2GM \tan \theta\, /c^2r^2)\delta r$.

Now $r^2 = x^2 + R^2$, so $rdr = xdx$.

$$\int d\xi = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \int \frac{\tan \theta dr}{r^2} = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \int \frac{\tan \theta r dr}{r^3} = \frac{2GMR}{c^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{4GM}{Rc^2}\, radians = 8.4 \times 10^{-6}\, radians.$$