

## Answers - Waves 3

1.

- (a) slits act as coherent sources ✓  
 waves/light diffract at slits ✓  
 waves overlap/superpose/meet/cross ✓  
 bright patches : constructive/waves in phase/reinforce ✓  
 dark patches : destructive/waves out of phase/cancel ✓

max(3)

- (b)(i) spacing  $w = \frac{76 \pm 1(\text{mm})}{26} = 3.0$  or  $2.9$  mm ✓ (2.92 ± 0.04 mm)  
 15 or more fringes used ✓

- (b)(ii) (use of  $\lambda = \frac{ws}{D}$  gives)  $\lambda = \frac{2.92 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.90 \times 10^{-3}}{4.2}$  ✓  
 $= 6.26 \times 10^{-7}$  ✓  
 (allow C.E. for sensible value of  $w$  from (i))

(4)

(7)

2.

- (a) interference or superposition ✓  
 reflection from metal plate ✓  
 two waves of the same frequency/wavelength ✓  
 travelling in opposite directions (or forward/reflected waves) ✓  
 maxima where waves are in phase or interfere constructively ✓  
 minima where waves are out of phase/antiphase  
 or interfere destructively ✓  
 nodes and antinodes or stationary waves identified ✓

max(4)

- (b)(i) (distance between minima =  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ )  
 $\left(\frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{144}{9}\right)$  gives  $\lambda = 32.0$  mm ✓

- (b)(ii)  $c = f\lambda$  and  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  (m s<sup>-1</sup>) ✓  
 $f = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{32 \times 10^{-3}} = 9.38 \times 10^9$  Hz ✓  
 (allow C.E. for value of  $\lambda$  from (i))

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3.

(a)	same wavelength or frequency ✓ (same phase or) constant phase difference ✓	2
(b) (i)	narrow slit gives wide diffraction ✓ (to ensure that) both S <sub>1</sub> and S <sub>2</sub> are illuminated ✓	Max 4
(ii)	slit S acts as a point source ✓ S <sub>1</sub> and S <sub>2</sub> are illuminated from same source giving monochromatic/same λ ✓ paths to S <sub>1</sub> and S <sub>2</sub> are of constant length giving constant phase difference ✓ [or SS <sub>1</sub> = SS <sub>2</sub> so waves are in phase]	
(c)	graph to show: maxima of similar intensity to central maximum ✓ [or some decrease in intensity outwards from centre] all fringes same width as central fringe ✓	2

4.

(a) (i)	$\lambda = \left( \frac{ws}{D} \right) = \frac{2.0 \times 3.2}{16} = 0.40 \text{ m} \checkmark$	2
(ii)	$c (= f \lambda) = 850 \times 0.40 = 340 \text{ ms}^{-1} \checkmark$	
(b) (i)	speakers act as coherent sources or have constant phase relation ✓ light is emitted from sources in (incoherent) bursts ✓ light sources are not coherent or phase relation not constant ✓	max 5
(ii)	use of double slit ✓ wavefronts are divided at slits ✓ slits act as coherent sources ✓ slit sources have the same frequency ✓ slit sources have a constant phase relation ✓	