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## Level 3 Physics 2021

### 91523 Demonstrate understanding of wave systems

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Demonstrate understanding of wave systems.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of wave systems.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of wave systems.

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**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**


Make sure that you have Resource Booklet L3–PHYSR.

In your answers use clear numerical working, words, and/or diagrams as required.

Numerical answers should be given with an SI unit, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

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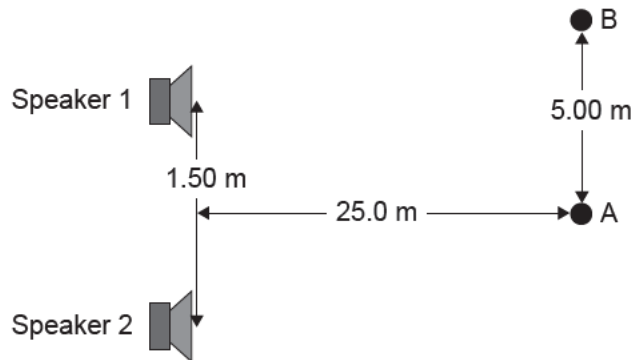
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### QUESTION ONE: SUPERPOSITION OF SOUND WAVES

Two loudspeakers are connected to the same signal generator, which is set to make the loudspeakers vibrate at a frequency of  $8.95 \times 10^2$  Hz (corresponding to a wavelength of 0.381 m in air). The teacher makes sure that she wires the speakers so that they move in phase.

A student uses her phone to measure the sound intensity (loudness) at point A, which is equally distant from both speakers. She moves the phone towards B, noting that the sound gets quieter and then louder again.

The diagram below shows the set-up (not to scale).



- (a) Determine the distance the student will have to move the phone to find the **first quiet** point between A and B.

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- (b) Explain how superposition causes the sound intensity to change when the phone is moved from A to B.

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- (c) Describe the difference in the pattern of loud and soft sounds the students would hear as they walk along AB if the speakers were further apart.

Give reasons for your answer.

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- (d) The teacher also wants to demonstrate beats. With Speaker 1 making a sound of frequency  $8.95 \times 10^2$  Hz, she connects Speaker 2 so that it makes an equally loud sound of frequency  $8.90 \times 10^2$  Hz.

- (i) Explain why the students hear a note that regularly changes in loudness, and determine the frequency of this beat.

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- (ii) Describe the changes to the frequency of beats the students will hear as the teacher slowly increases the frequency of Speaker 2 from  $8.90 \times 10^2$  Hz to  $9.00 \times 10^2$  Hz.

Speaker 1 remains at a frequency of  $8.95 \times 10^2$  Hz.

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## QUESTION TWO: STANDING WAVES

The speed of sound in air is  $341 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (a) Marc makes a sort of didgeridoo using a piece of plastic drainpipe  $1.20 \text{ m}$  long. Marc vibrates his lips against the pipe, making the air vibrate in the tube, and also blocking the tube at the end he is blowing into, so that one end is closed while the other end is open.

Calculate the wavelength of the lowest note that Marc can make with his didgeridoo.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Didgeridoo#/media/File:Didgeridoo\\_street\\_player-2.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Didgeridoo#/media/File:Didgeridoo_street_player-2.jpg)

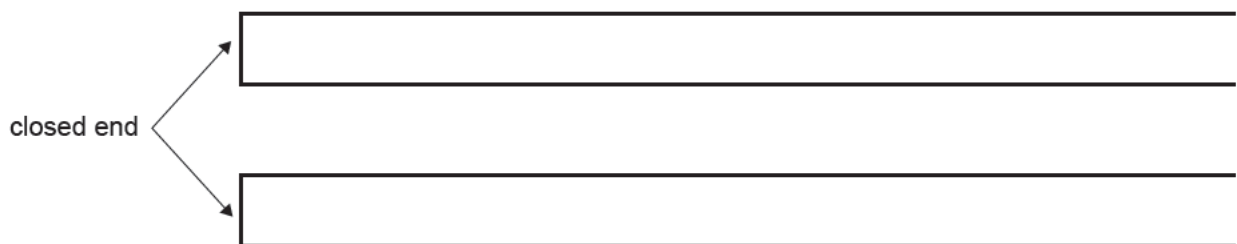
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- (b) Some of the richness in the tone of the didgeridoo is caused by the presence of overtones.

In the space below, label the positions of displacement nodes (N) and antinodes (A) that the first two overtones will produce.



*If you need to redraw your response, use the diagram on page 8.*

State how the frequencies of these overtones relate to the lowest (fundamental) frequency of the pipe.

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### QUESTION THREE: DOPPLER EFFECT AT THE RACE TRACK

Susan is watching a Formula 1 car race. As the cars go past, she hears the familiar sound of the engine change due to the Doppler effect.

The speed of sound in air at the track is  $341 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (a) A car is approaching Susan at a speed of  $44.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and Susan hears an engine at a frequency of  $6.50 \times 10^2 \text{ Hz}$ .

Show that the frequency that would be heard by the driver is  $5.65 \times 10^2 \text{ Hz}$ .



[www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-27/formula-1-season-may-resume-in-austria-july-without-spectators/12190752](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-27/formula-1-season-may-resume-in-austria-july-without-spectators/12190752)

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- (b) Explain why the motion of the car causes Susan to hear a different frequency to that which the driver hears.

(You may add to the diagram below to support your answer).




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- (c) After the car has passed Susan, and is moving directly away from her, Susan hears an engine frequency of  $5.00 \times 10^2$  Hz. Susan wants to know whether the car is still travelling at  $44.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

By assuming that the true frequency of the engine has not changed, determine whether the car has changed speed.

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- (d) Susan knows that as the car accelerates, the frequency of the sound produced by the engine increases.

After the car has passed Susan, it accelerates away with an increase in engine frequency of 10%.

When the car's speed has increased by 10%, will the frequency Susan hears be higher (due to the higher revs) or lower (due to the Doppler effect)?

Justify your answer using equations or simple calculations.

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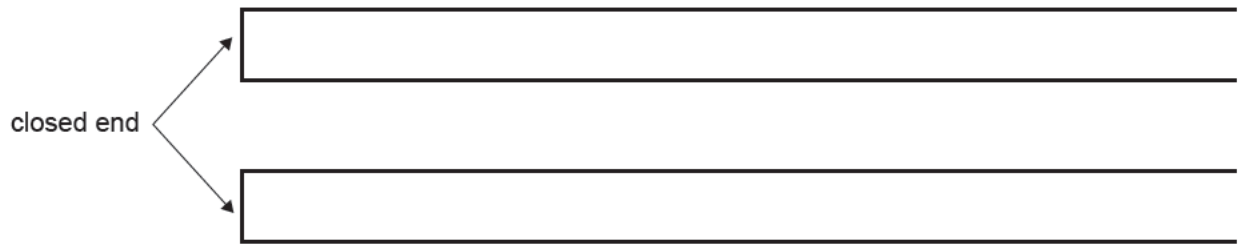
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**SPARE DIAGRAM**

If you need to redraw your response to Question Two (b), use the diagram below. Make sure it is clear which answer you want marked.











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