



PHYSICS

BOOKS - U-LIKE PHYSICS (HINGLISH)

WAVE OPTICS

Ncert Textbook Exercises

1. Monochromatic light of wavelength 589 nm is incident from air on a water surface. What are the wavelength, frequency and speed of (a)

reflected, and (b) refracted light ? Refractive index of water is 1.33 .



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2. What is the shape of the wavelength in each of the following cases:

(a) Light diverging from a point source.

(b) Light emerging out of a convex lens when a point source is placed at its focus.

(c) The portion of the wavelength of light from a distant star intercepted by the Earth.



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3. (a) The refractive index of glass is 1.5. what is the speed of light in glass ? (Speed of light in vacuum is $3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ms}^{-1}$)

(b) Is th speed of light in glass independent of the colour of light ? If not, which of the two colours red and violet travels slower in a glass prism ?



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4. In a Young's double-slit experiment, the slits are separated by 0.28 mm and the screen is placed 1.4 away. The distance between the central bright fringe and the fourth bright fringe is measured to be 1.2 cm. determine the wavelength of light used in the experiment.



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5. In Young's double-slit experiment using monochromatic light of wavelength λ , the

intensity of light at a point on the screen where path difference is λ , is K units. What is the intensity of light at a point where path difference is $\lambda/3$?



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6. A beam of light consisting of two wavelengths, 650 nm and 520 nm, is used to obtain interference fringes in a Young's double-slit experiment.

(a) Find the distance of the third bright fringe

on the screen, from the central maximum for wavelength 650 nm.

(b) What is the least distance from the central maximum where the bright fringes due to both the wavelength coincide ?



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7. In a double-slit experiment the angular width of a fringe is found to be 0.2° on a screen placed 1 m away. The wavelength of light used is 600 nm. What will be the angular

width of the fringe if the entire experimental apparatus is immersed in water ? take refractive index of water to be $\frac{4}{3}$.



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8. What is the Brewster angle for air to glass transtion ? (Refractive index of glass=1.5)



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9. Light of wavelength 5000 \AA falls on a plane reflecting surface. What are the wavelength and frequency of the reflected light ? For what angle of incidence is the reflected ray normal to the incident ray ?



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10. Estimate the distance for which ray optics is good approximation for an aperture of 4 mm and wavelength 400 nm .





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Additional Exercise

1. You have learnt in the text how Huygens' principle leads to the laws of reflection and refraction. Use the same principle to deduce directly that a point object placed in front of a plane mirror produces a virtual image whose distance from the mirror is equal to the object distance from the mirror.



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2. Let us list some of the factors, which could possible influence the speed of wave propagation:

- (i) Nature of the source.
- (ii) Direction of propagation.
- (iii) Motion of the source and/or observer.
- (iv) wavelength.
- (v) Intensity of the wave.

On which of these factors, if any, does.



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3. In double-slit Experiment using light of wavelength 600 nm, the angular width of a fringe formed on a distance screen is 0.1° .

What is the spacing between the two slits?



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4. In a single-slit diffraction experiment, the width of the slit is made double the original width. How does this affect the size and intensity of the central diffraction band?





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5. In what way is diffraction from each slit related to the interference pattern in a double-slit experiment?



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6. When a tiny circular obstacle is placed in the path of light from a distance source, a bright spot is seen at the centre of the shadow of the obstacle. Explain. Why?



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7. Two students are separated by a 7m partition wall in a room 10 m high. If both light and sound waves can bend around obstacles, how is it that the students are unable to see each other even though they can converse easily.



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8. Ray optics is based on the assumption that light travels in a straight line. Diffraction effects (observed when light propagates through small apertures/slits or around small obstacles) disprove this assumption. Yet the ray optics assumption is so commonly used in understanding location and several other properties of images in optical instruments. what is the justification ?



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9. Two towers on top of two hills are 40 km apart. The line joining them passes 50 m above a hill halfway between the towers. What is the longest wavelength of radio waves, which can be sent between the towers without appreciable diffraction effects ?



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10. A parallel beam of light of wavelength 500 nm falls on a narrow slit and the resulting diffraction pattern is observed on a screen 1 m

away. It is observed that the first minimum is at a distance of 2.5 mm from the centre of the screen. Find the width of the slit.



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11. When a low flying aircraft passes overhead, we sometimes notice a slight shaking of the picture on our TV screen. Suggest a possible explanation.



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12. As you have learnt in the text, the principle of linear superposition of wave displacement is basic to understanding intensity distributions in diffraction and interference patterns. What is the justification of this principle ?



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13. In deriving the single-slit diffraction pattern, it was stated that the intensity is zero

at angles $\frac{n\lambda}{a}$. Justify this by suitable dividing the slit to bring out the cancellation.



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Case Based Source Based Integrated Questions

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The adjoining Fig. Shows a plane surface XY separating two transparent media, medium 1 and medium 2. the lines AB and CD represent wavefronts of a light wave travelling in

medium in medium 1 corresponding to times t and $(t + \Delta t)$ respectively. the lines EF and GF represent wavefronts of the light wave in medium 2 after refraction corresponding to the times t' and $(t' + \Delta t)$ respectively. On the basis of above figure and applying basic related concepts studied by you answer the following questions

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B. convergent beam in each medium

C. divergent beam in each medium

D. convergent beam in one medium and
divergent beam in the other medium

Answer:



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Q. Let phases of the light wave at C, D, E and F be ϕ_C , ϕ_D , ϕ_E and ϕ_F respectively and it is given that $\phi_C \neq \phi_E$. Choose the correct relation out of the following :

A. ϕ_C cannot be equal to ϕ_D .

B. ϕ_D may be equal to ϕ_E

C. $(\phi_E - \phi_C)$ must be equal to $(\phi_F - \phi_D)$

D. $((\phi_E - \phi_C)$ cannot be equal to $(\phi_F - \phi_D)$

Answer:



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Q. What is the shape of interference fringes?



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This is a general property of waves and can be

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Q. Why is diffraction so common is sound but not so common in light ?



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Q. Draw diffraction pattern obtained on a screen when a plane wavefront falls on a narrow slit.



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Q. Can sound waves be polarised ? Give reason for your answer.



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Q. Two polaroids P_1 and P_2 are set with their pass axis inclined at an angle 30° . if I_0 be the

light incident on P_1 , what is the intensity of light transmitted through P_2 ?



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Multiple Choice Questions

1. Light waves appear to travel in straight lines since

A. these are not absorbed by the atmosphere

B. these are reflected back by the atmosphere

C. their wavelength is small

D. their velocity is very large

Answer: C



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2. To demonstrate the phenomenon of interference we require two sources which emit radiation

- A. of the same frequency and having a definite phase relationship
- B. of nearly the same frequency
- C. of the same frequency
- D. of different wavelength

Answer: A



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3. In Young's experiment the distance between the slits is reduced to half and the distance between the slit and screen is doubled then the fringe width

A. will not change

B. will become half

C. will be doubled

D. will become four times

Answer: D



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4. In Young's double-slit experiment the distance between the slits is 1 mm and that between slit and screen is 1m. If 10th bright fringe is 5 mm away from the central bright fringe, then wavelength of light used will be

A. 5000 Å

B. 6000 Å

C. 4000 Å

D. 8000 Å

Answer: A



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5. In Young's double-slit experiment, 12 fringes are observed to be formed in a certain segment of the screen when light of wavelength 600 nm is used. If the wavelength of light is changed to 400 nm, number of fringes observed in the same segment of the screen is given by

A. 12

B. 18

C. 24

D. 30

Answer: B



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6. In a Young's double-slit experiment, the slit separation is 0.2 mm and the distance between the screen and double-slit is 1.0 m.

wavelength of light used is 5000 \AA . The distance between two consecutive dark fringes is

A. 2.5 mm

B. 4.0 mm

C. 5.0 mm

D. 0.25 mm

Answer: A



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7. When a compact disc is illuminated by a source of white light, coloured lanes are observed. This is due to

A. dispersion

B. diffraction

C. interference

D. refraction

Answer: A



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8. For what distance is ray optics a good approximation when the aperture is 4mm wide and the wavelength is 500 nm ?

A. 32m

B. 64m

C. 16m

D. 8m

Answer: A



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9. A ray of light strikes a material's slab at an angle of incidence 60° . If the reflected and refracted rays are perpendicular to each other, the refractive index of the material is

A. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

B. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

C. $\sqrt{2}$

D. $\sqrt{3}$

Answer: D



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10. A mixture of light, consisting of wavelength 590 nm and an unknown wavelength, illuminates Young's double-slit and gives rise to two overlapping interference patterns on the screen. The central maximum of both lights coincide. Further, it is observed that the third bright fringe of known light coincides with the 4th bright fringe of the unknown light. From this data, the wavelength of the unknown light is

A. 885.0 nm

B. 443.5 nm

C. 776.8 nm

D. 393.4 nm

Answer: B



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11. The angle of incidence at which reflected light is totally polarised for reflection from air to glass (refractive index n) is

A. $\sin^{-1}(n)$

B. $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$

C. $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$

D. $\tan^{-1}(n)$

Answer: D



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12. When an unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on a polarising sheet, the intensity of the light which does not get transmitted is

A. zero

B. I_0

C. $\frac{1}{2}I_0$

D. $\frac{1}{4}I_0$

Answer: C



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13. The shape of the wavefront due to a light source situated at infinity is

A. spherical

B. plane

C. cylindrical

D. rectangular

Answer: B



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14. The phenomenon of interference is exhibited by

A. longitudinal waves only

B. transverse waves only

C. electromagnetic waves only

D. all sort of waves

Answer: D



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15. Two coherent monochromatic light beams of intensities I and $4I$ are superposed. The

maximum and minimum intensities in the resulting beam are

A. $5I$ and I

B. $5I$ and $3I$

C. I and I

D. $9I$ and $3I$

Answer: C



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16. Two light sources are called coherent if both of them

A. have the same amplitude of vibrations

B. have the same wavelength

C. emit waves of same wavelength having a constant originating phase difference

D. emit waves of same frequency travelling with same speed.

Answer: C

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17. Wave nature of light is verified by the phenomenon of

A. rectilinear propagation of light

B. refraction through a lens

C. interference of light

D. photoelectric effect

Answer: C

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18. The maximum intensity of fringes in Young's double-slit experiment is I . If one of the slits is closed, the intensity at that place becomes I_0 . Which of the following relations is true ?

A. $I = I_0$

B. $I = 2I_0$

C. $I = 4I_0$

D. $I_0 = 2I$

Answer: C



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19. In Young's double-slit experiment, light of wavelength 400 nm is used to produce bright fringes of width 0.6 mm at a distance of 2 m. if whole apparatus is immersed in water of refractive index $\frac{4}{3}$, then fringe width will be

A. 0.6 mm

B. 0.45 mm

C. 0.8 mm

D. 0.3 mm

Answer: B



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20. In a Young's double-slit experiment, monochromatic light is replaced by white light. Then

A. all bright fringes will become white

- B. all bright fringes may have different colours ranging from violet to red
- C. only the central fringe is white and all other fringes are coloured one
- D. no fringe pattern is formed on the screen

Answer: C



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21. The bending of a light beam around the edges of small obstacles and narrow apertures is called

- A. reflection of light
- B. diffraction of light
- C. polarisation of light
- D. optical rotation

Answer: B



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22. A beam of light of wavelength 600 nm from a distant source falls normally on a single-slit, 1 mm wide, and the resulting diffraction pattern is obtained on a screen 2.0 away. The distance between the first dark fringes on either side of the central bright fringe is

A. 1.2 mm

B. 1.2 cm

C. 2.4 cm

D. 2.4 mm

Answer: D



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23. A parallel monochromatic beam of light is incident normally on a narrow slit and the resulting diffraction pattern is formed on a screen placed perpendicular to the direction of incident beam. At the first minimum of the diffraction pattern, the phase difference between the waves coming from the edges of the slit is

A. 0

B. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

C. π

D. 2π

Answer: D



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24. Direction of the first secondary maximum in the diffraction pattern at a single-slit is

given by (Here a =width of the slit and θ =angle of diffraction)

A. $a \sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2}$

B. $a \sin \theta = \lambda$

C. $a \sin \theta = \frac{3\lambda}{2}$

D. $a \cos \theta = \frac{3\lambda}{2}$

Answer: C



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25. Resolving power of a microscope depend on the wavelength (λ) of the light used to illuminate the object to be viewed as

A. $R. P. \propto \lambda$

B. $R. P. \propto \frac{1}{\lambda}$

C. $R. P. \propto \lambda^2$

D. $R. P. \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

Answer: B



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26. The aperture of objective lens of a telescope is made large so as to

- A. increase its magnifying power
- B. increase its resolving power
- C. make the image free from aberrations
- D. focus it on distant objects

Answer: B



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27. Light waves can be polarised as they are

A. transverse waves

B. longitudinal waves

C. having small wavelength

D. having very high speed in air

Answer: A



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28. Through which characteristic phenomenon we can distinguish the light waves from sound waves ?

- A. Interference
- B. Diffraction
- C. Polarisation
- D. Total internal refraction

Answer: C



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29. Polarising angle for water is 53° . If light is incident at polarising angle on the surface of water and is partly reflected, the angle of refraction will be

A. 53°

B. 37°

C. 127°

D. 30°

Answer: B



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30. Two polaroids are oriented with their principal planes making an angle of 60° . The percentage of incident unpolarised light, which passes through the system is

A. 1

B. 0.5

C. 0.25

D. 12.5 %

Answer: D



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Fill In The Blanks

1. The wavefront coming from a point source of light is a _____ wavefront.



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2. In a Young's double-slit experiment if blue light is replaced by red light then the fringe width will _____.



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3. The wave theory of light was put forward by _____.



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4. The light from two coherent sources, each of intensity I , having a phase difference ϕ superimpose then resultant intensity (I_R) of light is given as _____.



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5. Shape of interference fringes, in general is_____.



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6. In a single-slit diffraction pattern the angular width of the central maxima is ___ of the angular width of subsequent maxima.



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7. If the light from an ordinary sodium lamp, having an intensity I , passes through a polaroid sheet, the intensity of emergent light is _____.



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8. The colours that one sees when a CD is viewed is due to ____ effects.



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9. Polarisation phenomenon is exhibited by ____ waves only.



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10. Continuous locus of all the points vibrating in same phase condition is called_____.



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11. In a single-slit diffraction experiment the angular width of central maxima is independent of _____.



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12. The angular resolution of a 1m diameter telescope at a wavelength of 500 nm is of the order of _____.



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13. A certain flint glass block has a refractive index of $\sqrt{3}$. The polarising angle for this block is _____.



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True Or False

1. In a Young's double-slit experiment the fringe width for dark fringes is different from fringe width for bright fringes.



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2. The fringes in the interference pattern become narrower if the entire double-slit experimental set up is immersed in water.



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3. In a Young's double-slit experiment performed with a source of white light, only black and white fringes are observed.



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4. In Young's double-slit experiment, the screen becomes uniformly bright if one of the slits is covered with a black paper.



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5. Two sources of light are said to be coherent if they emit light of same frequency, same wavelength and same intensity.



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6. In a diffraction pattern due to a single-slit, the angular size of the central maximum increases on decreasing the slit width.



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7. If polarised light of intensity I passes through a polaroid whose pass axis makes an angle θ from the vibration axis of polarised light, the intensity of emergent light is

$$I' = I \cos^2 \theta.$$



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Assertion Reason Type Questions

1. Assertion: No interference pattern is detected when two coherent sources are infinitesimally close to each other.

Reason: The fringe width is inversely proportional to the distance between the two slits.



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2. Assertion: For best contrast between maxima and minima in the interference

pattern of young's double-slit experiment the intensity of light emerginig out of the two slits should be equal.

Reason: The intensity of light is proportional to square of its amplitude.



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3. Assertion: Polaroids are used to polarise as well as analyse place polarised light.

Reason: Polaroids reduce the intensity of light to zero.



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4. Assertion: Light waves can be polarised but sound waves cannot be polarised.

Reason: Sound waves in air are longitudinal in nature.



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5. Assertion: Coloured spectrum is seen when we look at a distant light source through a fine muslin cloth.

Reason: It is due to the diffraction of white light on passing through fine slits present between the threads of muslin cloth.



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Very Short Answer Questions

1. When monochromatic light travels from one medium to another its wavelength changes but frequency remains the same. Explain.



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2. Differentiate between a ray and a wavefront.



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3. Draw the shape of the wavefront coming out of a concave mirror when a plane wave is incident on it.



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4. What are coherent sources of light ?



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5. State the reason, why two independent sources of light cannot be considered as coherent sources.



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6. Is the law of conservation of energy obeyed by interference phenomenon of light ?



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7. State the conditions which must be satisfied for two light sources to be coherent.



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8. How does the fringe width in Young's double slit experiment change when the distance of separation 'D' between the slits and screen is doubled?



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9. How does the fringe width of interference fringes change, when the whole apparatus of Young's experiment is kept in a liquid of refractive index 1.3 ?





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10. How does the angular separation of interference fringes change in Young's experiment, if the distance between the slits is increased ?



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11. What happens to the interference pattern if one of the slits in Young's double-slit experiment is closed ?



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12. How would the angular separation of interference fringes in Young's double-slit experiment change when the distance between the slits and screen is doubled ?



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13. When light travels from a rarer to a denser medium, the speed of light decreases. Does

the reduction in speed imply a reduction in the energy ?



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14. A parallel beam of monochromatic light falls normally on a single narrow slit, how does the angular width of the principal maximum in the resulting diffraction pattern depend on width of the slit ?



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15. Draw an intensity distribution graph for diffraction due to a single slit.

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16. For a given single-slit, the diffraction pattern is obtained on a fixed screen by using red light and then with blue light. In which case, will the central maxima, in observed diffraction pattern, have a larger angular width ?

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17. In a single-slit diffraction experiment, the width of the slit is reduced to half its original width. How would this affect the size and intensity of the central maxima ?



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18. Sketch the variation of intensity of the interference pattern in Young's double-slit experiment.



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19. Which of the following waves can be polarised (i) Heat waves (ii) Sould waves ? Give reason to support your answer.



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20. What is upolarised light ?



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21. What is plane polarised light ?



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22. Draw the graph showing the variation of intensity of polarised light transmitted by an analyser.



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23. In what way is plane polarised light different from an unpolarised light ?



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24. What does a polaroid consist of ?



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25. Unpolarised light is incident on a plane surface of glass of refractive index n at angle i . If the reflected light gets totally polarised, write the relation between the angle i and refractive index n .



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26. At what angle of incidence should a light beam strike a light beam strike a glass slab of refractive index $\sqrt{3}$, such that the reflected and refracted rays are perpendicular to each other ?



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27. The refractive index of a medium is $\sqrt{3}$. What is the angle of refraction, if the

unpolarised light is incident on it at the polarising angle of the medium ?



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28. What is the speed of light in a denser medium of polarising angle 30° ?



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29. If the angle between the pass axis of polariser and the analyser is 45° , write the

ratio of the intensities of original light and the transmitted light after passing through the analyser.



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30. How does resolving power of a telescope change in decreasing the aperture of its objective lens ? Justify your answer.



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31. The objective lenses of two telescopes have the same aperture but their focal lengths are in the ratio 1:2. compare the resolving powers of the two telescopes.



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Short Answer Questions

1. Define a wavefront. Use Huygen's principle to show diagrammatically the propagation of a

wave-front from the instant $t_1 = 0$ to a later time $t_2 = t$.



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2. (a) Write the conditions under which light sources can be said to be coherent.

(b) Why is it necessary to have coherent sources in order to produce an interference pattern ?



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3. Based on Huygen's construction, draw the shape of a plane wavefront as it gets refracted on passing through (a) a thin prism, and (b) a thin convex lens.



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4. Show that the superposition of the waves originating from two coherent sources s_1 and s_2 having displacement $y_1 = a \cos \omega t$ and $y_2 = a \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ at a point produce a result intensity

$I_R = 4a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2}$. Hence, write the conditions for the appearance of dark and bright fringes.

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5. What is the effect on the interference fringes in a Young's double-slit experiment if monochromatic source is replaced by source of white light ?

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6. Laser light of wavelength 630 nm incident on a pair of slits produces an interference pattern in which the bright fringes are separated by 8.1 mm. a second light produces an interference pattern in which the fringes are separated by 7.2 mm. calculate the wavelength of the second light.



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7. In a Young's double-slit experiment fringes are obtained on a screen placed at certain distance away from the slits. If the screen is moved by 5 cm towards the slit, the fringe width changes by $30\mu\text{m}$. Given that the slits are 1 mm apart. Calculate the wavelength of the light red.



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8. Laser light of wavelength 640 nm incident on a pair of slits produces an interference pattern in which the bright fringes are separated by 7.2 mm. Calculate the wavelength of another source of light which produces interference fringes separated by 8.1 mm using same arrangement. Also find the minimum value of the order (n) of bright fringes of shorter wavelength which coincides with that of the longer wavelength.



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9. In a single-slit diffraction experiment, a monochromatic source of light of wavelength ' λ ' illuminates a narrow slit of width 'a'. Show, giving appropriate reasoning, that the half angular width of the central maximum in the observed pattern is (nearly) equal to $\frac{\lambda}{a}$.



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10. Draw the intensity pattern for single-slit diffraction and double-slit interference. Hence,

state two differences between interference and diffraction pattern.



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11. Yellow light ($\lambda = 6000\text{\AA}$) illuminates a single-slit of width $1 \times 10^{-4}\text{m}$. calculate (i) the distance between two dark lines on either side of the central maximum when the diffraction pattern is viewed on a screen kept 1.5 m away from the slit, (ii) the angular spread of the first diffraction minima.



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12. Give two differences between interference and diffraction.



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13. State one feature by which the phenomenon of interference can be distinguished from that of the diffraction.

A parallel beam of light of wavelength 600 nm is incident normally on a slit of width 'a'. If the

distance between the slit and the screen is 0.8m and the distance of second order maximum from the centre of the screen 15 mm, calculate the width of the slit.



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14. Does the appearance of bright and dark fringes in the interference pattern violate, in any way, conservation of energy ? Explain.



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15. For a single-slit of width "a", the first minimum of the interference pattern of a monochromatic light of wavelength λ occurs at an angle of $\frac{\lambda}{a}$. At the same angle of $\frac{\lambda}{a}$, we get a maximum for two narrow slits separated by a distance "a". explain.



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16. In the diffraction due to a single-slit experiment, the aperture of the slit is 3mm. If monochromatic light of wavelength 620 nm is

incident normally on the slit, calculate the separation between the first order minima and the 3rd order maxima on one side of the screen. the distance between the slit and the screen is 1.5 m.



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17. how can one distinguish between an unpolarised light beam and a linearly polarised light beam using a polaroid ?



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18. Differentiate between polarised and unpolarised light. How are these represented ?



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19. Explain, with the help of diagram, how plane polarised light is obtained by scattering.



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20. What does a polaroid consist of ? Using polaroid show that light waves are transverse in nature ?



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21. Show that when a light beam is incident on a refractive surface at the polarising angle, the reflected and refracted beams are mutually perpendicular to each other.



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22. Show using a proper diagram how unpolarised light can be linearly polarised by reflection from a transparent glass surface.



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23. State Brewster's law.

The value of Brewster angle for a transparent medium is different for light of different colours. Give reason.



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24. Unpolarised light is passed through a polaroid P_1 . When this polarised beam passes through another polaroid P_2 and if the pass axis of P_2 makes angle θ with the pass axis of P_1 , then write the expression for the polarised beam passing through P_2 . Draw a plot showing the variation of intensity when θ varies from 0 to 2π .



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25. The speed of a certain monochromatic light, in a given transparent medium, is $2.25 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. What is the (a) critical angle of incidence, (b) polarising angle for this medium ?



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26. When are two objects just resolved ? Explain. How can the resolving power of a compound microscope be increased ? Use relevant formula to support your answer.



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27. Define resolving power of a compound microscope. How does the resolving power of a compound microscope change when :

(i) refractive index of the medium between the object and objective lens increases,

(ii) wavelength of the radiation used is increased?



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28. Two convex lenses of same focal length but of aperture A_1 and A_2 ($A_2 < A_1$), are used as the objective lenses in two astronomical telescopes having identical eyepieces. What is the ratio of their resolving power ? Which telescope will you prefer and why ? Give reason.



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29. Define the term resolving power of a telescope. How does it get affected on

(i) increasing the aperture of the objective lens,

(ii) Increasing the focal length of the objective lens ?



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Long Answer Questions I

1. (a) Define a wavefront. How is it different from a ray ?

(b) Depict the shape of a wavefront in each of

the following cases:

(i) Light diverging from a point source.

(ii) Light emerging out of a convex lens when a point source is placed at its focus.



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2. Define a wavefront. Using Huygen's principle, verify the laws of reflection at a plane surface.



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3. Define a wavefront. Use Huygen's principle to verify the laws of diffraction.



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4. Use Huygen's principle to show how a plane wavefront propagates from a denser to rarer medium. Hence, verify Snell's law of refraction.



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5. Using Huygen's principle construct a refracted wavefront when a plane wavefront is incident on plane surface from an optically denser medium side. Using this figure, obtain the condition of critical angle and total internal reflection.



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6. Explain the following giving reasons:

(a) When monochromatic light is incident on a

surface separating two media, the reflected and refracted light both have the same frequency as the incident frequency. Explain why.

(b) When light travels from a rarer to a denser medium, the speed decreases. does the reduction in speed imply a reduction in the energy carried by the light wave ?

(c) In the wave picture of light, intensity of light is determined by the square of the amplitude of the wave, what determines the intensity of light in the photon picture of light ?



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7. Describe Young's slit experiment to produce interference pattern due to a monochromatic source of light. Deduce the expression for the fringe width.



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8. What is the effect on the interference pattern observed in a Young's double-slit

experiment in the following cases:

(i) screen is moved away from the plane of the slits,

(ii) separation between the slits is increased,

(iii) width of the slits are doubled.

Give reason for your answer.



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9. In Young's double-slit experiment, the two slits 0.15 mm apart are illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength 450 nm.

The screen is 1.0 m away from the slits.

(a) Find the distance of the second (i) bright fringe, (ii) dark fringe from the central maximum.

(b) How will the fringe pattern change if the screen is moved away from the slits?



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10. In a modified set up of Young's double slit experiment, it is given that $SS_2 - SS_1 = \frac{\lambda}{4}$ i.e., the source S is not equidistant from the

slits S_1 and S_2 .

(a) Obtain the condition for constructive and destructive interference at any point P on the screen in terms of the path difference

$$\Delta = S_2P - S_1P.$$

(b) Does the observed central bright fringe lie above or below O ? Give reason in support of your answer.



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11. If one of two identical slits producing interference in Young's experiment is covered with glass, so that the light intensity passing through it is reduced 50%, find the ratio of the maximum and minimum intensity of the fringe in the interference pattern.

(b) What kind of fringes do you expect to observe if white light is used instead of monochromatic light ?



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12. In Young's double-slit experiment,, monochromatic light of wavelength 630 nm illuminates the pair of slits and produces an interference pattern in which two consecutive bright fringes are separated by 8.1mm. Another source of monochromatic light produces the interference pattern in which the two consecutive bright fringes are separated by 7.2 mm. find the wavelength of light from the second source.

What is the effect on the interference fringes if the monochromatic source is replaced by a source of white light ?



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13. (a) Ratio of widths of two slits in Young's double-slit experiment is 4:1. evaluate the ratio of intensity at maxima and minima in the interference pattern.

(b) Does the appearance of bright and dark fringes in the interference pattern violate, in any way, conservation of energy ? Explain.



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14. 

The figure, drawn here, show sthe geometry of path difference for diffraction by a single-slit of width 'a'. Give appropriate reasoning to explain why the intensity of light is :

(a) maximum at the central point C on the screen.

(b) nearly zero for point P on the screen when

$$\theta = \frac{\lambda}{a}.$$

Hence, write an expression for the total linearm width of the central maximum on a

screen kept at a distance 'D' from the plane of the slit.



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15. Explain, using Huygen's principle, how diffraction is produced by a narrow slit which is illuminated by a monochromatic light.

Show that central maximum is twice as wide as the other maxima and the pattern becomes narrower as the width of the slit is increased.



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16. In a single-slit diffraction pattern, how does the angular width of central maximum change, when

(i) slit width is decreased,

(ii) distance between the slit and screen is increased, and

(iii) light of smaller visible wavelength is used

?

Justify your answer in each case.



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17. (a) In what way is diffraction from each slit related to the interference pattern in a double-slit experiment?

(b) Two wavelengths of sodium light 590 nm and 596 nm are used, in turn, to study the diffraction taking place at a single slit of aperture $2 \times 10^{-4} m$. the distance between the slit and the screen is 1.5m. calculate the separation between the positions of first maxima of the diffraction pattern obtained in the two cases.



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18. (a) Describe briefly, with the help of suitable diagram, how the transverse nature of light can be demonstrated by the phenomenon of polarisation.

(b) When unpolarised light passes from air to a transparent medium, under what condition does the reflected light is plane polarised ?



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19. (a) In a single-slit diffraction experiment, a slit of width 'd' is illuminated by red light of wavelength 650 nm. For what value of 'd' will

(i) the first minimum fall at an angle of diffraction of 30° and

(ii) the first maximum fall at an angle of diffraction of 30° ?



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20. What is an unpolarised light ? Explain with the help of suitable ray diagram how an unpolarised light can be polarised by reflected from a transparent medium. Write the expression for Brewster angle in terms of the refractive index of denser medium.



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21. (a) What is linearly polarised light ? Describe briefly using a diagram how sunlight

is polarised

(b) Unpolarised light is incident on a polaroid.

How would the intensity of transmitted light change when the polaroid is rotated ?



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22. Distinguish between unpolarised and plane polarised light. An unpolarised light is incident on the boundary between two transparent media. State the condition when the reflected wave is totally plane polarised. Find out the

expression for the angle of incidence in this case.



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23. Briefly explain Malus law about the intensity of polarised light.



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24. (i) State law of Malus.

(ii) Draw a graph showing the variation of

intensity (I) of polarised light transmitted by an analyser with angle (θ) between polariser and analyser.

(iii) What is the value of refractive index of a medium of polarising angle 60° ?



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25. (a) When an unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is passed through a polaroid, what is the intensity of the linearly polarised light ? Does it depend on the orientation of the polaroid ?

Explain your answer.

(b) A plane polarised beam of light is passed through a polaroid. show graphically the variation of the intensity of the transmitted light with angle of rotation of the polaroid in complete one rotation.



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26. How does an unpolarised light get polarised when passed through a polaroid ?

Two polaroids are set in crossed position. A

third polaroid is placed between the two making an angle θ with the pass axis of the first polaroid. Write the expression for the intensity of light transmitted from the second polaroid. in what orientations will the transmitted intensity be (i) minimum and (ii) maximum ?



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27. Two polaroids P_1 and P_2 are set up so that their pass axis are crossed with respect to

each other. A third polaroid P_3 is now introduced between these two so that its pass axis makes an angle θ with the pass axis of P_1 .

A beam of unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on P_1 . If the intensity of light, that gets transmitted through the combination of three polaroids, be I find the ratio $\frac{I}{I_0}$ when θ equals.

(i) 30° ,

(ii) 45° .



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28. (a) Using the phenomenon of polarisation, show how transverse nature of light can be demonstrated.

(b) Two polaroids P_1 and P_2 are placed with their pass axes perpendicular to each other. Unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on P_1 . a third polaroid P_3 is kept in between P_1 and P_2 such that its pass axis makes an angle of 30° with that of P_1 . determine the intensity of light transmitted through P_1 , P_2 and P_3 .



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29. Explain the following giving reason for each:

(a) How does a polaroid work to produce a linearly polarised light from an unpolarised beam of light ?

(b) Why is it that light waves can be polarised but sound waves cannot be ?

(c) Why are sun goggles made of polaroids preferred over those using coloured glasses ?



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30. State clearly how an unpolarised light gets linearly polarised when passed through a polaroid.

(i) Unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on a polaroid P_1 which is kept near another polaroid P_2 whose pass axis is parallel to that of P_1 . how will the intensities of light, I_1 and I_2 , transmitted by the polaroids P_1 and P_2 respectively, change on rotating P_1 without disturbing P_2 ?

(ii) Write the relation between the intensities I_1 and I_2 .



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31. (a) Light, from a sodium lamp, is passed through two polaroid sheets, P_1 and P_2 kept one after the other. Keeping P_1 fixed, P_2 is rotated so that its pass-axis can be at different angles θ , with respect to the pass-axis of P_1 .

An experimentalist records the following data for the intensity of light coming out of P_2 as a function of the angles θ .



$[I_0 = \text{Intensity of beam falling on } P_1]$

One of these observations is not in agreement with the expected theoretical variation of I .

Identify this observation and write the correct expression.

(b) Define Brewster angle and write the expression for it in terms of the refractive index of the medium.



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Long Answer Questions II

1. (a) In Young's double-slit experiment, derive the condition for

(i) constructive interference and (ii) destructive interference at a point on the screen.

(b) A beam of light consisting of two wavelengths, 800 nm and 600 nm is used to obtain the interference fringes in a Young's double-slit experiment on a screen placed 1.4m away. If the two slits are separated by 0.28 mm, calculate the least distance from the central

bright maximum where the bright fringes of the two wavelengths coincide.



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2. (a) (i) 'Two independent monochromatic sources light cannot produce a sustained interference pattern.' Give reasons.

(ii) Light waves each of amplitude "a" and frequency " ω ", emanating from two coherent light sources superpose at a point. If the displacement due to these waves is given by

$y_1 = a \cos \omega t$ and $y_2 = a \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ where ϕ is the phase difference between the two, obtain the expression for the resultant intensity at the point.

(b) In Young's double-slit experiment, using monochromatic light of wavelength λ , the intensity of light at a point on the screen where path difference is λ , is K units. Find out the intensity of light at a point where path difference is $\lambda/3$.



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3. State the importance of coherent sources in the phenomenon of interference.

In Young's double-slit experiment to produce interference pattern, obtain the conditions for constructive and destructive interference.

Hence, deduce the expression for the fringe width.

How does the fringe width get affected, if the entire experimental apparatus of Young's is immersed in water ?



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4. State Huygen's principle. Show, with the help of a suitable diagram, how this principle is used to obtain the diffraction pattern by a single-slit.

Draw a plot of intensity distribution and explain clearly why the secondary maxima become weaker with increasing order (n) of the secondary maxima.



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5. (a) When a plane wavefront of wavelength λ is incident on a narrow slit, an intensity distribution pattern of the form shown in observed on a screen suitable kept behind the slit.

(i) Name the phenomenon observed.

(ii) Obtain the conditions for the formation of central maxima and secondary maxima and the minima.

(b) Why is there significant fall in intensity of the secondary maxima compared to the central maxima ?

(c) When the width of the slit is made double the original width, how is the size of the central band affected ?



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6. (a) Describe briefly how a diffraction pattern is obtained on a screen due to a single narrow slit illuminated by a monochromatic source of light. Hence, obtain the conditions for the angular width of secondary maxima and

secondary minima.

(b) Two wavelengths of sodium light of 590 nm and 596 nm are used in turn to study the diffraction taking place at a single-slit of aperture 2×10^{-6} m. the distance between the slit and the screen is 1.5m. calculate the separation between the positions of first maxima of the diffraction pattern obtained in the two cases.



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7. (a) Explain two features to distinguish between the interference pattern in Young's double-slit experiment with the diffraction pattern obtained due to a single-slit.

(b) A monochromatic light of wavelength 500 nm is incident normally on a single-slit of width 0.2 mm to produce a diffraction pattern. Find the angular width of the central maximum obtained on the screen.

Estimate the number of fringes obtained in Young's double-slit experiment with fringe width 0.5 mm, which can be accommodated

within the region of total angular spread of the central maximum due to single-slit.



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8. (a) Define a wavefront. Using Huygen's principle, verify the laws of reflection at a plane surface.

(b) In a single-slit diffraction experiment, the width of the slit is made double the original width. How does this affect the size and intensity of the central diffraction band?

Explain.

(c) When a tiny circular obstacle is placed in the path of light from a distant source, a bright spot is seen at the centre of the obstacle. explain why.



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9. (a) (i) How does an unpolarised light incident on a polaroid get polarised ?

(ii) Describe briefly, with the help of a necessary diagram, the polarisation of light by

reflection from a transparent medium.

(b) Two polaroids 'A' and 'B' are kept in crossed position. how should a third polaroid 'C' be placed between them so that the intensity of polarised light transmitted by polaroid B reduces to $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the intensity of unpolarised light incident on A?



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10. What is plane polarised light ? Two polaroids are placed at 90° to each other and

the transmitted intensity is zero. What happens when one more polaroid is placed between these two, bisecting the angle between them ? How will the intensity of transmitted light vary on further rotating the third polaroid ?

(b) If a light beam shows no intensity variation when transmitted through a polaroid, which is rotated, does it mean that the light is unpolarised ? Explain briefly.



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11. (a) Distinguish between unpolarised light and linearly polarised light. How does one get linearly polarised light with the help of a polaroid ?

(b) A narrow beam of unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on a polaroid P_1 . The light transmitted by it is then incident on a second polaroid P_2 with its pass axis making angle of 60° relative to the pass axis of P_1 . find the intensity of the light transmitted by P_2 .



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12. (a) In Young's double-slit experiment, describe briefly how bright and dark fringes are obtained on the screen kept in front of a double-slit. Hence obtain the expression for the fringe width.

(b) The ratio of the intensities at minima to the maxima in the Young's double-slit experiment is 9:25. find the ratio of the widths of the two slits.



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Self Assessment Test Section A Multiple Choice Questions

1. Huygen's principle of secondary wavelets can be used to

A. find out speed of light in a medium

B. explain the particle nature of light

C. find the new position of the wavefront

D. explain the wave nature of light

Answer: C





2. Monochromatic green light of wavelength 500 nm illuminates a pair of slits 1 mm apart. Separation between the two consecutive bright fringes on the interference pattern formed on a screen 2 m away is

A. 0.25mm

B. 0.1mm

C. 1.0mm

D. 0.01mm

Answer: C



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3. The slits in Young's double-slit experiment have equal widths and the light source is placed symmetrically relative to the slits. The intensity of the central fringe's is I_0 .if one of the slits is closed, the intensity at the point will be

A. I_0

B. $\frac{I_0}{2}$

C. $\frac{I_0}{4}$

D. $4I_0$

Answer: C



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4. A parallel beam of monochromatic light of wavelength 5000 \AA is incident normally on a single narrow slit of width 0.001 mm . the emergent light is focussed by a convex lens on

a screen placed at its focal plane. The first minimum will be formed for the angle of diffraction θ

A. 0°

B. 15°

C. 30°

D. 60°

Answer: C



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5. Two polaroids are placed in the path of unpolarised light of intensity I_0 such that no light is emitted from the second polaroid. If a third polaroid, whose pass axis makes an angle θ with the pass axis of first polaroid, is placed between these polaroid then the intensity of the light emerging from the last polaroid will be

A. $\frac{I_0}{8} \sin^2 2\theta$

B. $\frac{I_0}{4} \sin^2 2\theta$

C. $\frac{I_0}{2} \cos^4 \theta$

$$D. I_0 \cos^2 \theta$$

Answer: A



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6. A telescope of diameter 2 m uses light of wavelength 5000 \AA for viewing stars. The minimum angular separation between two stars, whose image is just resolved by this telescope, is

$$A. 4.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad}$$

B. $0.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rad}$

C. $5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$

D. $0.31 \times 10^{-6} \text{ rad.}$

Answer: D



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Self Assessment Test Section A Fill In The Blanks

1. A beam of light is incident normally upon a polaroid and the intensity of the emergent

beam is found to be unchanged when the polaroid is rotated about an axis perpendicular to its pass axis. The incident beam is ___ in nature.



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2. In a single-slit diffraction experiment if the slit width is doubled then intensity of central fringe increases to ___ the original intensity.



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Self Assessment Test Section B Very Short Answer Questions

1. A narrow slit is illuminated by a parallel beam of monochromatic light of wavelength λ equals to 6000 \AA and the angular width of the central maxima in the resulting diffraction pattern is measured. When the slit is next illuminated by light of wavelength λ , the angular width decreases by 30%. calculate the value of the wavelength λ .



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Self Assessment Test Section C Very Short Answer Questions

1. (a) Explain how an unpolarised light gets polarised when incident on the interface separating the two transparent media.

(b) Green light is incident at the polarising angle on a certain transparent medium. The angle of refraction is 30° . Find

(i) Polarising angle, and

(ii) refractive index of the medium.



2. (a) In what way is diffraction from each slit related to the interference pattern in a double-slit experiment?

(b) Two wavelengths of sodium light 590 nm and 596 nm are used, in turn, to study the diffraction taking place at a single slit of aperture 2×10^{-4} m. the distance between the slit and the screen is 1.5m. calculate the separation between the positions of first

maxima of the diffraction pattern obtained in the two cases.



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3. Explain, with the help of a diagram, how plane polarised light can be produced by scattering of light from the Sun.

Two polaroids P_1 and P_2 are placed with their pass axes perpendicular to each other.

Unpolarised light of intensity I is incident on

P_1 . a third polaroid P_3 is kept between

P_1 and P_2 such that its pass axis makes an angle of 45° with that of P_1 . calculate the intensity of light transmitted through P_1 , P_2 and P_3 .



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4. (a) Derive the relation $a \sin \theta = \lambda$ for the first minimum of the diffraction pattern produced due to a single-slit of width 'a' using light of wavelength λ .

(b) State with reason, how the linear width of

central maximum will be affected if (i) monochromatic yellow light is replaced with red light, and (ii) distance between the slit and the screen is increased.

(c) using the monochromatic light of same wavelength in the experimental set-up of the diffraction pattern as well as in the interference pattern where the slit separation is 1mm, 10 interference fringes are found to be within the central maximum of the diffraction pattern. determine the width of the single-slit, if the screen is kept at the same distance from the slit in the two cases.



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