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Question-6:

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Feature	802.11a	802.11b
Frequency Band	5 GHz	2.4 GHz
Maximum Speed	54 Mbps	11 Mbps
Range	Shorter (due to higher frequency)	Longer (better penetration through walls)
Interference	Less interference (fewer devices use 5 GHz)	More interference (many devices use 2.4 GHz, e.g., microwaves, Bluetooth)
Cost	More expensive	Cheaper
Adoption	Used in enterprise and high- performance networks	Popular in consumer-grade Wi-Fi at the time
Channels	More non-overlapping channels	Fewer non-overlapping channels (only 3 in 2.4 GHz)
Release Year	1999	1999