

- 5 (a) When monochromatic light is incident normally on a diffraction grating, the emergent light waves have been diffracted and are coherent.

Explain what is meant by

- (i) *diffracted* waves,

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- (ii) *coherent* waves.

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- (b) Light consisting of only two wavelengths λ_1 and λ_2 is incident normally on a diffraction grating.

The third order diffraction maximum of the light of wavelength λ_1 and the fourth order diffraction maximum of the light of wavelength λ_2 are at the same angle θ to the direction of the incident light.

- (i) Show that the ratio $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$ is 0.75.

Explain your working.

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- (ii) The difference between the two wavelengths is 170 nm.

Determine wavelength λ_1 .

$\lambda_1 = \dots\dots\dots$ nm [1]

[Total: 5]