7 A laser is placed in front of a double slit, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

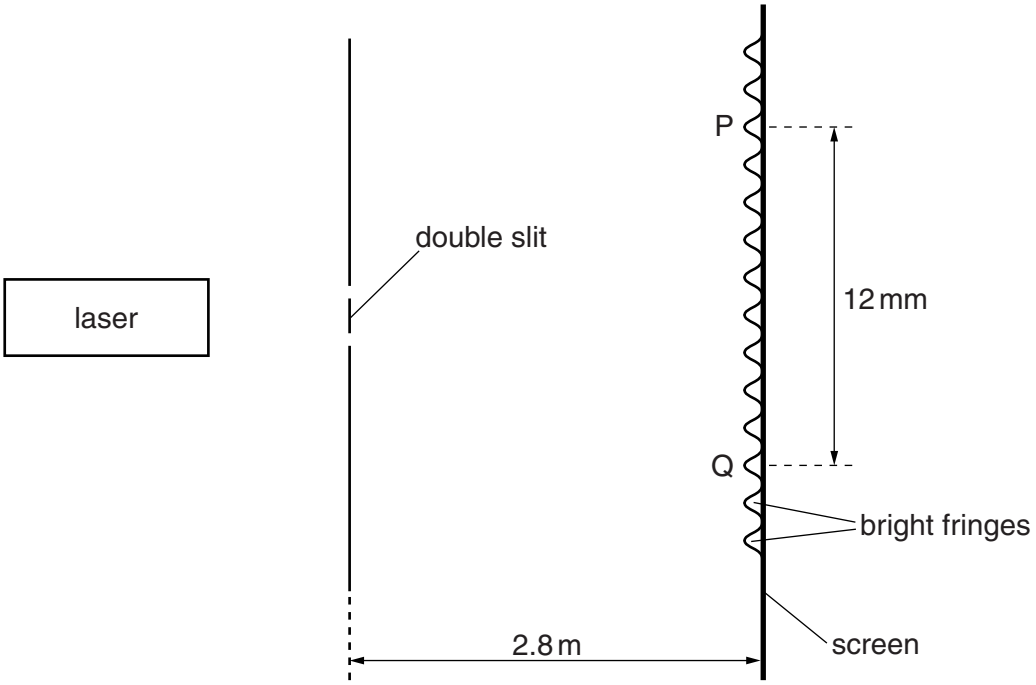

Fig. 7.1 (not to scale)

The laser emits light of frequency 670 THz. Interference fringes are observed on the screen.

(a) Explain how the interference fringes are formed.

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(b) Show that the wavelength of the light is 450 nm.

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(c) The separation of the maxima P and Q observed on the screen is 12 mm. The distance between the double slit and the screen is 2.8 m.

Calculate the separation of the two slits.

separation = ... m [3]

(d) The laser is replaced by a laser emitting red light. State and explain the effect on the interference fringes seen on the screen.

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