

- 5 (a) A beam of vertically polarised light is incident normally on a polarising filter, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

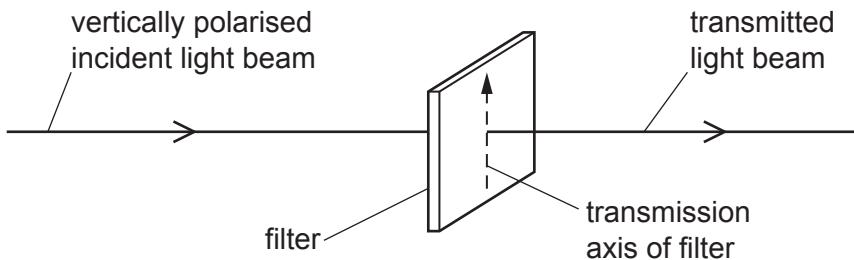


Fig. 5.1

- (i) The transmission axis of the filter is initially vertical. The filter is then rotated through an angle of  $360^\circ$  while the plane of the filter remains perpendicular to the beam.

On Fig. 5.2, sketch a graph to show the variation of the intensity of the light in the transmitted beam with the angle through which the transmission axis is rotated.

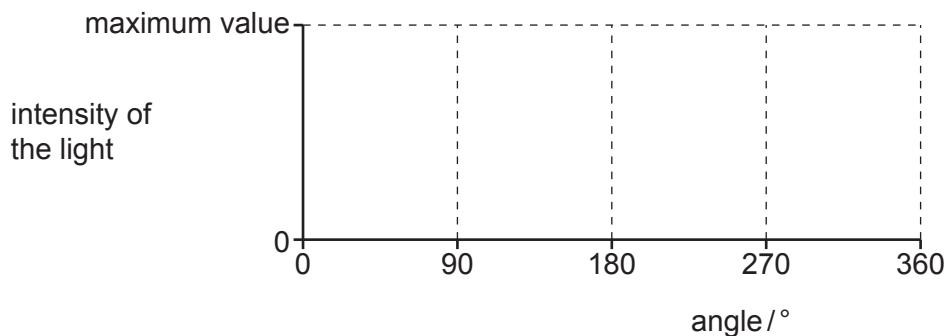


Fig. 5.2

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- (ii) The intensity of the light in the incident beam is  $7.6 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ . When the transmission axis of the filter is at angle  $\theta$  to the vertical, the light intensity of the transmitted beam is  $4.2 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ .

Calculate angle  $\theta$ .

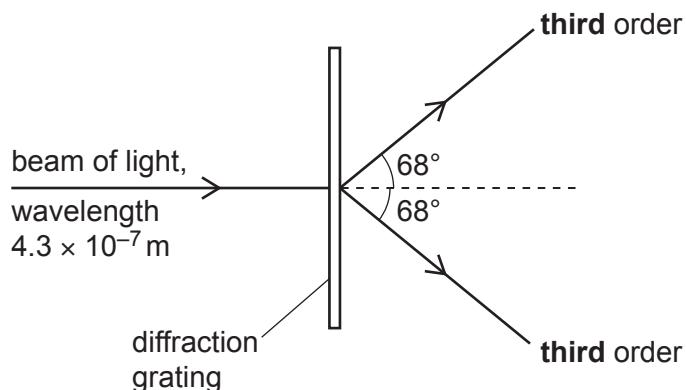
$$\theta = \dots^\circ [2]$$

- (b) State what is meant by the diffraction of a wave.

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- (c) A beam of light of wavelength  $4.3 \times 10^{-7}$  m is incident normally on a diffraction grating in air, as shown in Fig. 5.3.



**Fig. 5.3** (not to scale)

The **third**-order diffraction maximum of the light is at an angle of  $68^\circ$  to the direction of the incident light beam.

- (i) Calculate the line spacing  $d$  of the diffraction grating.

$$d = \dots \text{m} [2]$$

- (ii) Determine a different wavelength of **visible** light that will also produce a diffraction maximum at an angle of  $68^\circ$ .

$$\text{wavelength} = \dots \text{m} [2]$$