5 **(a)** Light of a single wavelength is incident on a diffraction grating. Explain the part played by *diffraction* and *interference* in the production of the first order maximum by the diffraction grating.

diffraction: .....

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interference: .....

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[3]

(b) The diffraction grating illustrated in Fig. 5.1 is used with light of wavelength 486 nm.

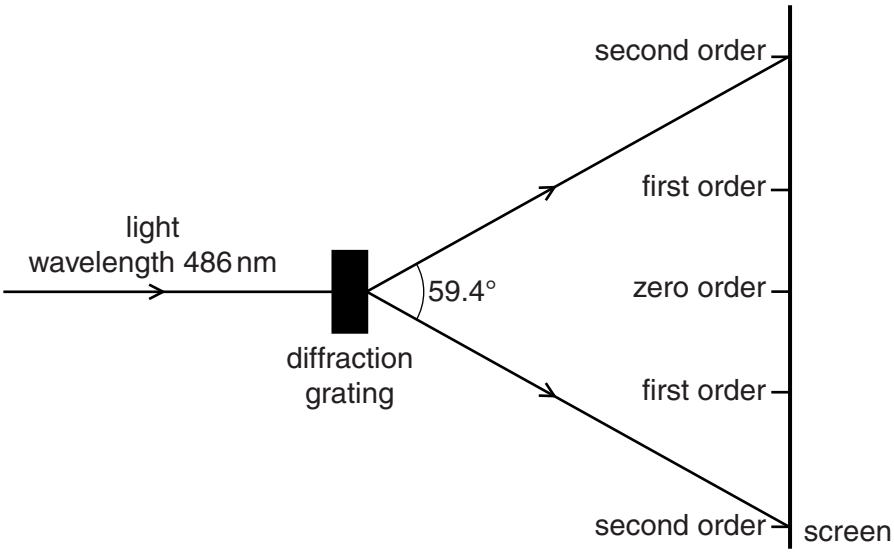

Fig. 5.1 (not to scale)

The orders of the maxima produced are shown on the screen in Fig. 5.1. The angle between the two second order maxima is 59.4°.

Calculate the number of lines per millimetre of the grating.

number of lines per millimetre = ... mm^{-1} [3]

[Total: 6]

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