

- 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  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  is incident normally on a diffraction grating.

The third order diffraction maximum of the light of wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the fourth order diffraction maximum of the light of wavelength  $\lambda_2$  are at the same angle  $\theta$  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  $\lambda_1$ .

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

[Total: 5]