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**COURSE CODE: PHY 306**

**COURSE TITLE: OPTICS II**

**CREDIT UNIT 2**

**TIME ALLOWED (2 HRS)**

**INSTRUCTION: *Answer question 1 and any other three questions***

**QUESTION 1**

a) What is meant by diffraction? (3marks)

b) State and prove Brewster’s law. (5 marks)

c) What is the Rayleigh criterion for the resolution of two images? (3marks)

d) Explain one of the important and simple applications of the principle of interference in the production of coated surfaces. (4marks)

e) Newton's rings are formed in reflected light of wavelength 5895×10-8 cm with a liquid between the plane and curved surfaces. The diameter of the fifth ring is 0.3 cm and the radius of curvature of the curved surface is 100 cm. Calculate the refractive index of the liquid, when the ring is

i) bright (2.5 marks) ii) dark. (2.5marks)

f) White light is incident normally on a sheet of glass 500 nm thick. Which wavelength in the visible range (4 × 10-7 m to 7× 10-7 m) will be reinforced by interference between the light reflection from top and the bottom surfaces of the sheet? Assume that the glass has index of refraction 1.39. (5 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

a) For the human eye, with a pupil diameter of about 2 mm and using a wavelength of 500 nm,

1. Calculate the minimum angle separating two just resolvable points.

(3 marks)

1. Find the actual minimum distance between just resolvable points as the distance between their images on the retina (take 2 cm as the lens-retina distance). (4 marks)

b) i) How many Fresnel zones will be obstructed by a sphere of diameter 2 mm if the screen is 40 cm away? The wavelength is 500 nm. (4 marks)

ii) If the distance of the screen is 5 times, what will be the size of the sphere which will cut off 10 zones? (4 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

Three polarized filters are arranged with the axes of the second and third filters inclined at 300 and 750 respectively with respect to the first filter randomly polarized light is incident on the first filter.

i) Find the intensity and the state of polarization of the light after it passes each filter. (9 marks)

ii) If the middle filter is removed, what is the intensity and state of polarization of the light which comes through the last filter? (6 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

a) What are the salient features of the resultant double diffraction pattern shown in Figure (i)?

(7.5 marks)



Figure i: observed double slit diffraction pattern

b) Consider a double slit arrangement with *b* =7.0 ×10-3 cm, *d* =3.5× 10-2 cm and *λ*= 6300 Å. How many interference minima will occur between the diffraction minima on either side of the central maximum? If a screen is placed at a distance of 5m from the diffracting aperture, what is the fringe width? (7.5 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

a) Three polarized filters are arranged with the axes of the second and third filters

inclined at 300 and 750 respectively with respect to the first filter randomly

polarized light is incident on the first filter.

i) Find the intensity and the state of polarization of the light after it passes each

filter. (5 marks)

ii) If the middle filter is removed, what is the intensity and state of polarization of the

light which comes through the last filter? (5 marks)

b) It is desired to coat a flat sheet of glass n = 1.5 with a layer of transparent material of n = 1.3, so that light of wavelength 5.8 × 10-7m, incident normally is not reflected. What thickness should the layer of material be? (5 marks)