Practice Question Set For A-Level

Subject : Physics

Paper-1 Topic: Waves



Name of the Student:_____

Max. Marks: 17 Marks Time: 17 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

- (a) (i) diffraction (1)
 - (ii) any 4 points from

interference (fringes formed) (1)

where light from the two slits overlaps (or superposes) (1)

bright (or red) fringes are formed where light (from the two slits) reinforces (or interfere constructively/crest meets crest) (1)

dark fringes are formed where light (from the two slits) cancels (or interferes destructively/trough meets crest) (1)

the light (from the two slits) is coherent (1)

either

reinforcement occurs where light waves are in phase (or path difference = whole number of wavelengths) (1)

or

cancellation occurs where light waves are out of phase of 180° (in anti-phase)

(or path difference = whole number + 0.5 wavelengths) (1) (not 'out of phase')

(iii)
$$(w = \frac{\lambda D}{s})$$
 gives $\lambda = \frac{ws}{D}$ (1)

w = 3.6/4 = 0.9(0) mm (1) (failure to /4 is max 2)

$$\lambda \left(= \frac{ws}{D} \right) = \frac{0.90 \times (10^{-3}) \times 0.56 \times (10^{-3})}{0.80}$$
 (1) = 6.3 × 10⁻⁷ m (1)

(b) central (bright) fringe would be white (1)

side fringes are (continuous) spectra (1)

(dark) fringes would be closer together (because λ_{red} > average λ_{white}) (1)

the bright fringes would be blue on the side nearest the centre (or red on the side away from the centre) (1)

bright fr		ht fringes wider (or dark fringes narrower) (1)	max 3	[12]
Q2.				
(a)	(i)	particle vibration (or disturbance or oscillation) (1) same as (or parallel to) direction of propagation (or energy transfer) (1)		
	(ii)	(particle vibration) perpendicular to direction of propagation (or energy transfer) (1)	3	
(b)	variation in intensity between max and min (or light and dark) (1) two maxima (or two minima) in 360° rotation (1)		2 OWC 1	
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bright fringes merge away from centre (1)