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Unit Test
Strand: The Wave Nature of Light

Expectations:

- E1. analyse technologies that use the wave nature of light, and assess their impact on society and the environment;
- E2. investigate, in qualitative and quantitative terms, the properties of waves and light, and solve related problems;
- E3. demonstrate an understanding of the properties of waves and light in relation to diffraction, refraction, interference, and polarization.

PART 1 – FILL IN THE BLANKS – 10 MARKS

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

1. A wave with a repeated pattern over time or distance is called _____.
2. The index of refraction is the ratio of the speed of light in _____ to the speed of light in _____.
3. The nodal line is a line or curve along which _____ interference results in _____ displacement.
4. A diffraction grating consists of a _____ number of closely spaced _____ slits that produces interference patterns.
5. Three ways that polarized light can be produced from unpolarized light are: _____, _____, and _____.

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PART 2 - MATCHING – 5 MARKS

Directions: Beside each definition, write the letter of the term from the right hand column. Use each term only once.

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| _____ | 1. The bending of light as it travels at an angle from one medium to another. | A. Dispersion |
| _____ | 2. The separation of a wave into its component parts according to a given characteristic. | B. Iridescence |
| _____ | 3. The bending and spreading of a wave when it passes through an opening. | C. Reflection |
| _____ | 4. The phenomenon that occurs when two waves in the same medium intersect. | D. Incoherence |
| _____ | 5. A change in direction of a light ray after meeting an obstacle. | E. Interference |
| | | F. Refraction |
| | | G. Diffraction |
| | | H. Interference |

PART 3 – TRUE AND FALSE – 5 MARKS**Directions:** For each question below, circle **True** or **False**.

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| True | False | 1. Newton's Particle Theory of Light states that light particles travel in straight lines with a maximum velocity and therefore have kinetic energy. |
| True | False | 2. At Brewster's angle, the refracted ray and reflected ray are parallel to each other. |
| True | False | 3. Specular reflection is the reflection of light from a surface where all the reflected rays are directed in many different directions. |
| True | False | 4. A light beam diffracting around a small solid disc will create a bright spot in the centre of the disc's shadow. |
| True | False | 5. Electromagnetic waves consist of magnetic and electric fields that are parallel to each other and to the direction of propagation, and oscillate in phase. |

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PART 4 – MULTIPLE CHOICE – 5 MARKS**Directions:** Circle the most correct answer.

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1. The colours in anti-reflective coatings on eyeglasses, solar cells, and the colours seen as sunlight shines on a soap bubble, can be explained by
 - A. Light interfering as it reflects within a thin film
 - B. Light diffracting within a thin film
 - C. Light dispersing across a thick film
 - D. Light polarizing inside a thin film

2. To increase the distance of the first dark fringe from the central maximum in a single-slit diffraction pattern, you should
 - A. Use more intense light
 - B. Use light of a longer wavelength
 - C. Use light of a higher frequency
 - D. Replace the slit with a wider opening

3. All light waves have a speed of 3.0×10^8 m/s. What is the wavelength of light that has a frequency of 5.0×10^{14} Hz?
 - A. 6.0×10^{-5}
 - B. 6.0×10^{-6}
 - C. 6.0×10^{-7}
 - D. 1.5×10^6

4. Light travels from air into a transparent material that has an index of refraction of 1.3. The angle of refraction is 45° . What is the angle of incidence?
 - A. 23°
 - B. 45°
 - C. 50°
 - D. 67°

5. A double-slit experiment uses two slits 0.35 mm apart to produce an interference pattern on a screen 1.5 m from the slits. The distance between adjacent bright spots is 2.4 mm. What is the wavelength of the incident light?
 - A. $0.56 \mu\text{m}$
 - B. 0.56 mm
 - C. $0.84 \mu\text{m}$
 - D. 0.84 mm

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PART 5 – SHORT ANSWER – 13 MARKS - CONTINUED

Directions: Show your work.

3. Explain the key differences between Newton’s particle theory of light and Huygen’s principle. Provide examples to illustrate your point.

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