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Light and Color Basics

1. How can you PROVE that light is a wave?

It can be reflected.

2. How can you PROVE that light is a particle?

It can travel without a medium

3. What is the speed of light? 3×10^8 m/s

4. What variable do we use for the speed of light? *c*

5. When energy goes into an atom is light produced? *NO → only when e's fall E → out*

6. What is the speed of radio waves with a wavelength of 4.2 m?

c

7. What do we call a prism spreading out light into its colors?

dispersion



Use the information at the right for the following:

8. A. Convert 400 nm to m.
 B. What is its frequency?

$400 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ or 4.0×10^{-7}
 $v = \lambda \cdot f \quad f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{4 \times 10^{-7}} = 7.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

1 MHz = 1×10^6 Hz
 So, 45 MHz = 45×10^6 Hz
 1 nm = 1×10^{-9} m
 So, 340 nm = 340×10^{-9} m

9. A. Convert 90 MHz to Hz.
 B. What is its wavelength?

~~90 MHz = 90 \times 10^6 Hz~~
 $90 = 9 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$
 $\lambda = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{9 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}} = 3.3 \text{ m}$

10. Find the frequency of light rays that are 650 nm long.

$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{650 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 4.62 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

3.3 m

11. What do scientists call all light, both visible and invisible?

EM Spectrum

12. Which has higher frequency: red or blue light?

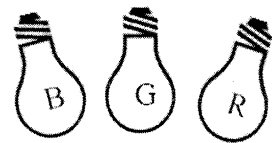
blue

13. Which has a longer wavelength: red or blue light?

red

14. Three light bulbs are above a circle.

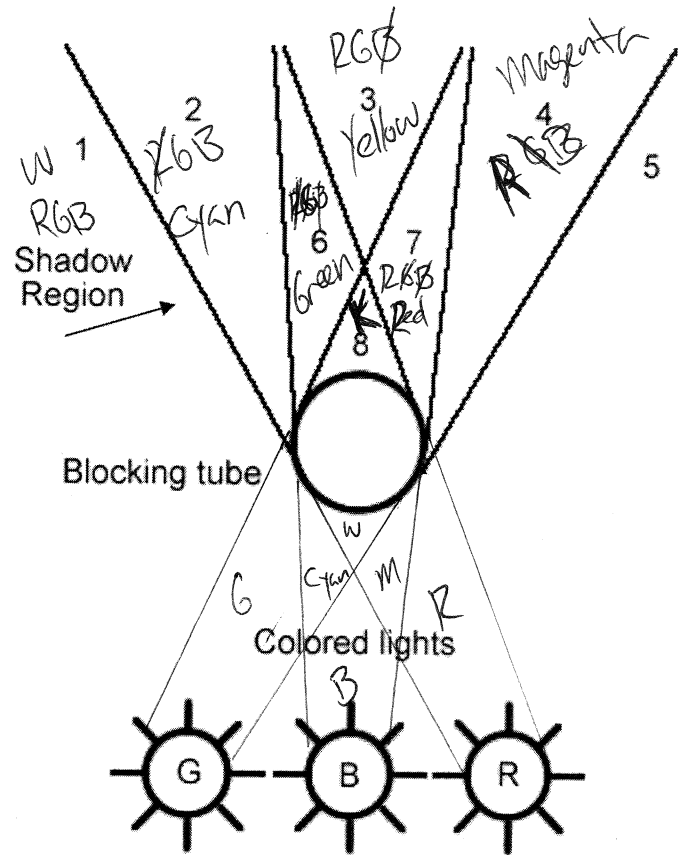
- A. If all of them are off, what color is the circle? *Black*
- B. What color if all are on? *White*
- C. What color if B and R are on? *Magenta*
- D. Which have to be on to produce magenta? *B+R*
- E. Which have to be on to produce green? *G*
- F. Which have to be on to produce yellow? *B+G*
- G. Which have to be on to produce black? *none*



White
What color?

15. Is the blocking tube adding or subtracting light?

16. Fill in the colors for the different regions and write RGB for each. Use a slash thru a letter to show a color that is missing.
 Ex: RGB means R and G are present, but B is blocked.

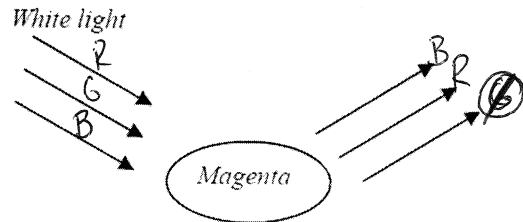


17. In CMYK.

- A. What is K? *Black*
- B. How do you make yellow? *Yellow*
- C. How would you make red? *M + Y*
- D. How would you make white? *none, page is already white*

18. White light shines onto a patch of magenta paint.

- A. What lights make up magenta? *R + B*
- B. For you to see magenta, what lights must be reflected? *R + B*
- C. What color must NOT be reflected? *G*
- D. So, what color is absorbed by magenta? *G*



19. What color is absorbed by cyan?

Red *Cyan = RGB*

20. A blue filter is put in front of a red light.

- A. What color does it look like? *black*
- B. Why? *only blue gets through filter*

21. A. The phosphorus pad (glow-in-the-dark) was what color? *creepy green*

B. What color was it when blue light was shined on it? *creep green*

C. Why?

each element give off certain colors