

- 1) C White light coming from an incandescent or fluorescent light bulb consists of:
- A) one sinusoidal wave.
 - B) only a few sinusoidal waves, one for each color.
 - C) many, many sinusoidal waves that vary in almost everything, including color and phase.
 - D) many identical sinusoidal waves, except that they have different frequencies (colors).
 - E) many waves that are not sinusoidal.
- 2) D Light is:
- A) An electric wave.
 - B) A magnetic wave.
 - C) A wave carried by a medium known as the luminiferous ether.
 - D) Both an electric and a magnetic wave.
 - E) A wave that cannot move through a perfect vacuum.
- 3) A The only difference between a radio wave and visible light is:
- A) their wavelengths
 - B) their phases
 - C) their polarizations
 - D) their speeds
 - E) their amplitudes
- 4) E If you send unpolarized white light through an ordinary polarizing filter, the result will be:
- A) uniformly polarized light with a specific color.
 - B) polarized white light with the same intensity as the incident light.
 - C) unpolarized white light with one-half the intensity as the incident light.
 - D) light with the different colors polarized at different angles.
 - E) polarized white light with one-half the intensity of the incident light.
- 5) A The intensity of polarized light sent through *two* successive polarizing sheets varies as $\cos^2\theta$. This is because:
- A) The intensity of a wave varies as the amplitude squared, and the polarized amplitude goes as $\cos\theta$.
 - B) The direction of the light going through the first sheet is at an angle θ .
 - C) The second sheets acts to rotate the polarization of the first sheet.
 - D) The electric field of a light wave varies depending on its angle relative to the magnetic field.
 - E) The electric field of the light wave is at 90° relative to the second sheet.