8. A student investigates interference of light by directing laser light of wavelength 630 nm onto a grating as shown.

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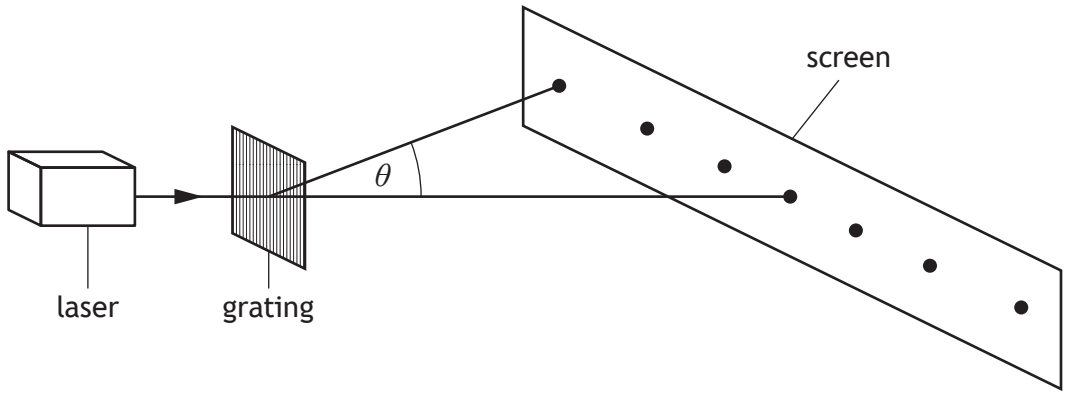

(a) A pattern of bright spots is observed on a screen.

(i) Explain, in terms of waves, how bright spots are produced on the screen. **1**

(ii) The grating has 250 lines per millimetre.

Calculate the angle θ between the central maximum and the third order maximum. **3**

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8. (a) (continued)

(iii) The grating is now replaced by one which has 600 lines per millimetre.

State the effect of this change on the pattern observed. **2**

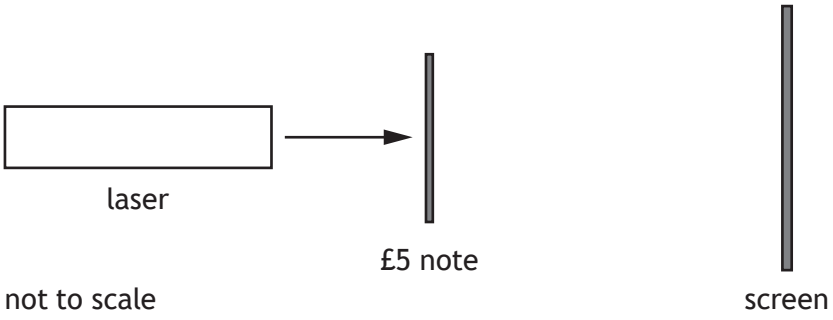
Justify your answer.

(iv) The interference pattern is produced by coherent light.

State what is meant by the term *coherent*. **1**

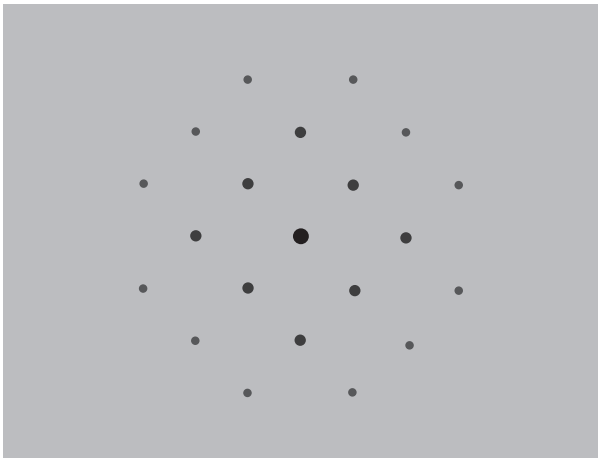
8. (continued)

(b) The student now shines light from the laser onto a £5 note.



When it is shone through the transparent section of the note the student observes a pattern of bright spots on the screen.

The diagram below shows the pattern that the student observes on the screen.



Suggest a reason for the difference in the pattern produced using the £5 note and the pattern produced using the grating. **1**

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