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Light Calculation Practice

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$\lambda$  = wavelength (nm or m)

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$E = hf$

$c = f \cdot \lambda$

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Planck's Constant ( $h$ )

$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  J·s

1.) The yellow light given off by a sodium vapor lamp used for public lighting has a wavelength of  $5.89 \times 10^{-7}$  m. What is the frequency of this radiation?

2.) An FM radio station broadcasts electromagnetic radiation at a frequency of  $1.034 \times 10^8$  s<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the wavelength of this radiation.

3.) Calculate the energy of one photon of yellow light whose wavelength is  $5.89 \times 10^{-7}$  m.  
\*\* Use your answer to 1.) to help you.

4.) a) A laser emits light with a frequency of  $4.69 \times 10^{14}$  s<sup>-1</sup>. What is the energy of one photon of the radiation from this laser?

b) If the laser emits a pulse of energy containing  $5.0 \times 10^{17}$  photons of this radiation, what is the total energy of that pulse?

## Honors Light Calculations: Homework

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**Light Problems: First determine which equation to use, then substitute the numbers into the equation. Round your answer to the nearest tenths place and be sure to provide proper unit.**

1. If the speed of light is  $3.0 \times 10^8$  m/s, calculate the wavelength of the electromagnetic radiation whose frequency is  $7.500 \times 10^{14}$  s<sup>-1</sup>.

2. Determine the energy of a photon whose frequency is  $3.55 \times 10^{17}$  s<sup>-1</sup>.

3. Determine the frequency of light with a wavelength of  $4.26 \times 10^{-9}$  m.

4. When barium is heated, a green spectral line whose energy is  $3.54 \times 10^{-19}$  J is produced.

a) What is the frequency of this light?

b) What is the wavelength of this light?