

OPHW2-5 Soln)

a)

The condition for a bright reflection is

$$PC_{\text{TOP}} + PC_{\text{BOTTOM}} + 2 n_2 d = m\lambda_o \text{ (m a positive integer, } \lambda_o \text{ the wavelength in vacuum)}$$

We're given that  $n_1 = 1$  (air) and then  $n_2 = 1.45$  and  $n_3 = 1.33$ , so  $PC_{\text{TOP}} = 180^\circ$  and  $PC_{\text{BOTTOM}} = 0^\circ$ .

$$\lambda_o/2 + 0 + 2 n_2 d = m\lambda_o$$

$$2 n_2 d = (m + 1/2)\lambda_o$$

$$\lambda_o = 2 n_2 d / (m + 1/2) = 2 * 1.45 * 380 / (m + 1/2) = 1102 / (m + 1/2) = 2204 \text{ nm (m = 0), } 735 \text{ nm (m = 1), } \mathbf{441 \text{ nm (m = 2), } 315 \text{ nm (m = 3)}$$

of which 735 nm might be visible and 441 nm would be visible.

b)

The condition for a bright transmission is the same as for a dark reflection:

$$PC_{\text{TOP}} + PC_{\text{BOTTOM}} + 2 n_2 d = (m + 1/2)\lambda_o \text{ (m a positive integer, } \lambda_o \text{ the wavelength in vacuum)}$$

or, after doing the manipulation:

$$\lambda_o = 2 n_2 d / m = 2 * 1.45 * 380 / m = 1102 / m = 1102 \text{ nm (m = 1), } \mathbf{551 \text{ nm (m = 2), } 367 \text{ nm (m = 3)}$$