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Wave Optics Quiz

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- Who proposed the wave theory of light in 1678?
 - Christiaan Huygens
 - James Clerk Maxwell
 - Isaac Newton
 - René Descartes
- What phenomenon did Thomas Young's interference experiment establish?
 - Light travels in straight lines
 - Light can be polarized
 - Light is a wave phenomenon
 - Light reflects off surfaces
- According to Huygens' principle, what is a wavefront?
 - A surface of constant frequency
 - A surface of constant speed
 - A surface of constant phase
 - A surface of variable amplitude
- What is the relationship between the angles of incidence and refraction according to Snell's law?
 - $n_1 \sin i = n_2 \sin r$
 - $i + r = 90$ degrees
 - $\sin i = \sin r$
 - $n_1 \sin r = n_2 \sin i$
- What happens to the speed of light when it enters a denser medium?
 - It remains the same
 - It decreases
 - It increases
 - It becomes zero

13. What is the main characteristic of coherent sources?

- a) Different frequencies and random phase difference
- b) Same frequency and stable phase difference
- c) Same amplitude and random phase difference
- d) Different amplitudes and stable phase difference

Answer Keys

1. a) Christiaan Huygens
2. c) Light is a wave phenomenon
3. c) A surface of constant phase
4. a) $n_1 \sin i = n_2 \sin r$
5. b) It decreases
6. b) $0.6 \mu\text{m}$
7. c) The angle at which light is totally reflected
8. d) Change in frequency due to motion
9. c) Wider central maximum
10. b) The angle where reflected light is polarized
11. d) Minimum intensity
12. d) Transverse wave
13. b) Same frequency and stable phase difference

