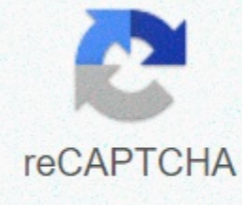




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# Geometric optics problems and solutions pdf

Optics questions with solutions and explanations at the bottom of the page. These questions may be used to practice for the SAT physics test. The questions are about reflection, refraction, critical angle, lenses, reflectors, light rays propagating through different mediums, refractive index of materials, ...etc. Which of the following is true about light? I) It is an electromagnetic wave II) It does not propagate in vacuum III) Its maximum speed is approximately  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s A) I only B) I and II only C) I and III only D) III only E) I, II and III The speed of light in a certain material is 50% of its speed in vacuum. What is the refractive index of this material? A) 1.5 B) 0.5 C) 6.0 D) 2.0 E) 1.5  $\times 10^8$  What is the critical angle at the interface glass-cladding of an optical fiber whose core has a refractive index equal to 1.5 and cladding with a refractive index 1.45? A) 15° B) 105° C) 86° D) 83° E) 75° Which of the following is true about light with a single wavelength? I) It can be refracted II) It cannot be dispersed III) It can be reflected A) I, II and III B) I and II only C) II and III only D) I and III only E) None A ray of light is incident in medium (1) where light has speed  $s_1$  onto the interface with medium (2) where light has speed  $s_2$ . If  $s_1 > s_2$ , then at the interface A) the ray will refract away from the normal to the interface B) the ray will refract toward from the normal to the interface C) the ray will follow a straight path from medium (1) to medium (2) D) the angle of reflection is greater than the angle of incidence E) the angle of reflection is not equal to the angle of incidence Parallel rays of light strikes a convex lens. Which of the following diagrams shows what happens to the rays when they strike the lens? An object of height 10 cm is placed 50 cm in front of a bi-convex lens with a focal length of 20 cm. Which of the following is true about the image? I) The image is virtual II) The image is situated on the opposite side as the object III) The image is inverted A) I only B) I and II only C) II and III only D) II only E) III only An object of height 5 cm is placed 25 cm in front of a bi-convex lens with a focal length of 10 cm. What is the height of the image? A) 2.5 cm B) 12.5 cm C) 6.8 cm D) 3.4 cm E) 7.4 cm An optical fiber is made up of a core of refractive index 1.6 and a cladding of refractive index 1.5. What is the maximum angle that the light rays can make with the axis of the optical fiber so that light is totally reflected inside the optical fiber? A) 10° B) 15° C) 20° D) 70° E) 90° For an object in front of a plane mirror, which of the following about its images is(are) true? I) The image is real II) The image is upright III) The height of the image is twice the image of the object A) I, II and III B) I and II only C) II only D) I and III only E) None Solutions to Above Questions Light is an electromagnetic wave that can propagate in vacuum with a maximum speed of approximately  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s. Answer:  $c = 50\% c$  ( $c$  speed of light in vacuum) Definition of refractive index:  $n = c / v = c / 50\% c = 2.0$  Answer:  $n = \arcsin(1.45/1.5) = 75^\circ$  Answer: Light of any wavelength can be reflected and refracted. Light with a single wavelength cannot be dispersed. Answer: A) Snell's law:  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$  Use definition of refractive index:  $n = c / v$  ( $c$  speed of light in vacuum and  $v$  speed of light in the material)  $\sin(\theta_1) = (c / s_2) \sin(\theta_2)$   $\sin(\theta_2) = (s_2 / s_1) \sin(\theta_1)$   $i_c = \arcsin(1.5/1.6) = 70^\circ$  Let  $\alpha$  be the angle made by the ray and the axis of the optical fiber. The relationship between  $\alpha$  and  $i$  is:  $\alpha = 90^\circ - i > i < 90^\circ - \alpha > 70^\circ \alpha < 90^\circ - 70^\circ \alpha < 20^\circ$  Answer: C The image of the object in front of a plane mirror is virtual, upright and of the same height as the object. Answer: C Report this ad Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. (B)  $\frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{10}$  Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. (A, B, C) Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol.  $\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{f}$   $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{5}$   $\frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$   $m' = 10$  cm. Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. 6  $\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{f}$   $\frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{10}$   $\frac{1}{m'} = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{25} = \frac{5}{50} - \frac{2}{50} = \frac{3}{50}$   $m' = \frac{50}{3}$  cm. Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. 3  $\frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$   $\frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{30}$   $\frac{1}{m} = \frac{6}{150} + \frac{5}{150} = \frac{11}{150}$   $m = \frac{150}{11}$  cm. Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. 6  $f = \frac{uv}{u+v}$   $6 = \frac{uv}{u+v}$   $6(u+v) = uv$   $6u + 6v = uv$   $uv - 6u - 6v = 0$   $(u-6)(v-6) = 36$   $(u-6)$  and  $(v-6)$  are factors of 36.  $(u-6, v-6) = (2, 18), (3, 12), (4, 9), (6, 6), (9, 4), (12, 3), (18, 2)$ . Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. 2 First refraction [ Lens-air interface]  $\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$  where  $f = 16$  cm,  $u = 50$  cm,  $\frac{1}{50} - \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{50} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{16 - 50}{800} = -\frac{34}{800} = -\frac{17}{400}$   $v = -\frac{400}{17}$  cm. Second refraction [ Lens-water interface]  $\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$  where  $f = 16$  cm,  $u = \frac{400}{17}$  cm,  $\frac{1}{\frac{400}{17}} - \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{17}{400} - \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{16}$   $\frac{1}{v} = \frac{17}{400} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{17 - 25}{400} = -\frac{8}{400} = -\frac{2}{100}$   $v = -50$  cm. Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... Sol. (C) When  $\theta = 0^\circ$  (circ),  $n$  maximum light is transmitted. At  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ,  $n$  minimum light is transmitted.  $\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{n}$   $\theta_c = \arcsin(\frac{1}{n})$  (critical angle), no further light is transmitted. Download eSaral App for Video Lectures, Complete Revision, Study Material and much more... 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