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Part 1 – Geometric Optics

- 1. A light bulb is placed infinitely far from a spherical concave mirror which has a radius of curvature of 10 cm. Would the light rays converge? If so, where?
- 2. A light bulb is placed infinitely far from a convex lens which has a focal length of 10 cm. Would the light rays converge? If so, where?
- 3. A light bulb is placed infinitely far from a concave lens which has a focal length of 15 cm. Would the light rays converge? If so, where?
- 4. An object is placed 75 cm away from a concave lens which has a focal length of 2 meters.
 - a. Is there an image formed? If not, you may leave the rest of the letters in this question blank. Choose: **yes** or **no**
 - b. Where would the image appear, relative to the lens and the object? (You may wish to draw a picture to best describe this)
 - c. What type of image would it be? Choose: real or virtual
 - d. Describe the orientation of the image.
 - e. Calculate the distance between the lens and the image. Circle your final answer.

- f. What is the magnification of this image?
- 5. An object is placed 1 m away from a convex mirror which has a focal length of 35 cm.
 - a. Is there an image formed? If not, you may leave the rest of the letters in this question blank. Choose: **yes** or **no**
 - b. Where would the image appear, relative to the mirror and the object? (You may wish to draw a picture to best describe this)
 - c. What type of image would it be? Choose: real or virtual
 - d. Describe the orientation of the image.
 - e. Calculate the distance between the lens and the image. Circle your final answer.
 - f. What is the magnification of this image?
- 6. An object is placed 25 cm away from a biconvex lens which has a radius of curvature of 50 cm on both sides.
 - a. Is there an image formed? If not, you may leave the rest of the letters in this question blank. Choose: **yes** or **no**

- b. Where would the image appear, relative to the lens and the object? (You may wish to draw a picture to best describe this)
- c. What type of image would it be? Choose: real or virtual
- d. Describe the orientation of the image.
- e. Calculate the distance between the lens and the image. Circle your final answer.
- f. What is the magnification of this image?
- 7. Light travels at a rate 2×10^8 m/s in a rectangular piece of Pyrex. You set up an apparatus in a vacuum which shines light into the glass in a way such that the beam and the side of the Pyrex rectangle make a 40 degree angle.
 - a. What is the angle of incidence?
 - b. What is the angle of refraction?

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- 8. A certain fiber optic cable is made of material that has an index of refraction of 2.23. What must the angle of incidence for a beam of light be so that the light remains in the cable?
- 9. A light ray hits a surface and reflects at an angle of 40 degrees from the normal to the mirror. What angle did the ray make with the mirror when it first struck it?
- 10. Describe the difference between specular and diffuse reflection.
- 11. How does a prism work?
- 12. A thin, biconcave lens with a focal length of 10 cm is desired. What must the radius of curvature be for such a lens if it is made out of Pyrex? Circle your final answer.

Part 2 – Physical Optics

- 13. Arrange these in order of photon energy, lowest energy first:
 - a. X-Rays
 - b. Microwaves
 - c. Gamma Rays
 - d. Orange light
 - e. Radio waves
 - f. Ultraviolet light
 - g. Green light
 - h. Long-waves
 - i. TV waves

For questions 12 – 15, assume the room is dark and has white walls

- 14. A blue object has red light shined on it. What color does the object appear?
- 15. A black object has magenta light shined on it. What color does the object appear?
- 16. A cyan object has green light shined on it. What color does the object appear?
- 17. A white object has cyan light shined on it. What color does the object appear?
- 18. List the primary and secondary colors. Make sure you label which are which!

19. A light wave with a wavelength of 10 Å passes.

- a. Classify this wave as one of the types listed in #11
- b. Find the photon energy, frequency, and period of this wave

20. Fill in this diagram of the eye:



- 21. What type of lens does a nearsighted person need? Choose: concave or convex
- 22. What type of contact lens does a farsighted person need? Choose: concave or convex
- 23. Observatories on Earth found light with a frequency of 6.1x10¹⁴ Hz coming from a certain faraway star. However, this type of star is known to produce light with a frequency of 6.0x10¹⁴ Hz. How fast is the star moving away or toward Earth?
- 24. What is a bright line spectrum? What is an absorption spectrum? Why do they occur?