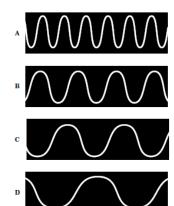
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Which diagram shows a wave with the highest frequency? (a) (2002-17)



SOL 5.3 LIGHT

Key Concepts:

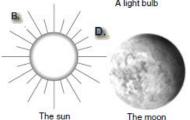
- a. transverse waves;
- b. the visible spectrum;
- c. opaque, transparent, and translucent;
- d. reflection of light from reflective surfaces;
- e. refraction of light through water and prisms

 Which of these does not emit light waves? (d)

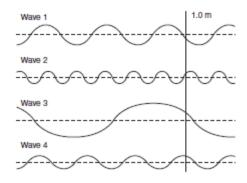


A campfire

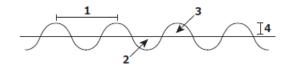




WAVES; WAVELENGTH; FREQUENCY



- Which of the above waves has the longest wavelength? (2003-9)
 - a. Wave #1
 - b. Wave #2
 - c. Wave #3
 - d. Wave #4



- 2. Which number on the diagram shows the wavelength? $_{\left(2008\text{-}8\right)}$
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
- A person will see a flash of lightning before they hear the thunder that goes with it because — (2003-14)
- a. the eye is quicker than the ear
 - b. the thunder occurs much later than the lightning
 - c. sound travels faster through the atmosphere than light
 - d. light travels faster through the atmosphere than sound

REFRACTION, REFLECTION

- 6. By passing white light through a prism, you can tell $_{(2003\text{-}31)}$
 - a. that white light is actually a mixture of different colors
 - b. the mass of the prism
 - c. the original source of the light
 - d. that blue light is brighter than white light
- 7. Which of the following is the best observation of the refraction of light?

(2011-12)

- a. Looking at oneself in a mirror
- b. Looking at a shadow of an object
- c. Viewing an object through an open window
- d. Viewing an object partially in water
- 8. Roger Bacon is credited for developing the magnifying glass. His understanding of which of these was most useful for this development?

(2010-33)

- a. Light
- b. Sound
- c. Gravity
- d. Electricity

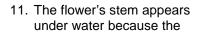
9. Which explains why the fork looks different under water?

(2010-37)

- a. Light is refracted at an angle.
- b. The wavelength of light lengthens.
- c. Light cannot pass through the glass.
- d. The amount of light increases when going through water.
- Students place a pencil in a glass of water as shown. The pencil in the water looks broken because —



- a. water can dissolve pencils
- b. water is colder than air
- c. light bends when it enters the water
- d. light is absorbed when it hits the glass

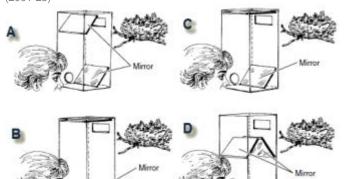


(2007-20)

- a. absorbs light
- b. produces light
- c. repels light
- d. refracts light

12. A periscope works by using the reflection of mirrors. Tama made several periscopes for watching baby birds in a nest. Which periscope will work? (a)

(2001-25)



 When light hits an object, the rays can pass through it, bounce off it, or be absorbed by it. Light rays that bounce back are — (2002-40)

- a. radiant
- b. reflected
- c. refracted
- d. radar

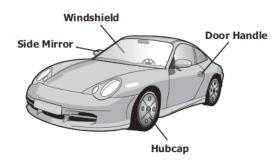


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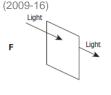
water

- 14. Which of the following materials is transparent? (2002-6)
 - a. Clear window glass
 - b. Your eyelids
 - c. Solid wood door
 - d. White paper
- 15. Which of these objects is opaque? (2008-10)
 - a. A brick wall
 - b. Eyeglass lenses
 - c. Liquid water
 - d. Stained glass windows
- **16.** Which of these objects is translucent? (2009-30)
 - a. A student's notebook
 - b. A mirror on the bus
 - c. A brick wall of the school
 - d. A student's sunglass lenses

Automobile

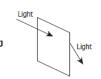


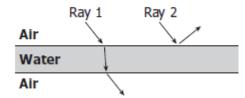
- **17.** Which part of an automobile is transparent? (2011-24)
 - a. Door Handle
 - b. Side Mirror
 - c. Hubcap
 - d. Windshield
- 18. Which of these correctly shows how light acts when it hits a mirror? (b)











 Two flashlights are turned on. The light rays they create are shown in the diagram. These light rays best illustrate that —

(2008-35)

- a. both rays are reflected
- b. both rays are refracted
- c. Ray 1 is reflected and Ray 2 is refracted
- d. Ray 1 is refracted and Ray 2 is reflected
- 20. Which object helps people understand what makes up white light?

(2007-10)

- a. Barometer
- b. Prism
- c. Microscope
- d. Thermometer
- 21. A shiny aluminum screen can be placed on the windshield of a parked car. This screen helps to keep the car cool because it —

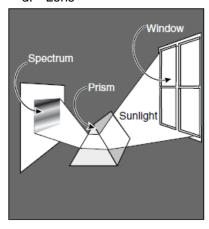
(2007-35)

- a. reflects the sunlight
- b. absorbs heat
- c. causes evaporation
- d. conducts electricity

22. Which of the following would reflect rather than refract light?

(2005-2)

- a. Magnifying glass
- b. Mirror
- c. Prism
- d. Lens



- 23. The picture shows a study that Isaac Newton made with a prism to produce a spectrum. Newton's discovery led most directly to an understanding of the cause of — (2005-23)
 - a. x-rays
 - b. spots
 - c. rainbows
 - d. starlight
- 24. Which tool is used to separate white light into the color spectrum? (a)

(2004-36)

