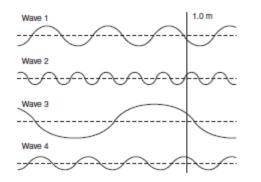
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## SOL 5.3 LIGHT

Key Concepts:

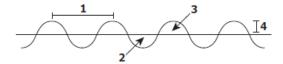
- a. transverse waves;
- b. the visible spectrum;
- c. opaque, transparent, and translucent;
- d. reflection of light from reflective surfaces;
- e. refraction of light through water and prisms

## WAVES; WAVELENGTH; FREQUENCY



1. Which of the above waves has the longest wavelength? (2003-9)

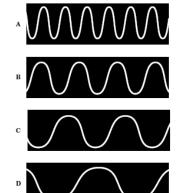
- a. Wave #1
- b. Wave #2
- c. Wave #3
- d. Wave #4



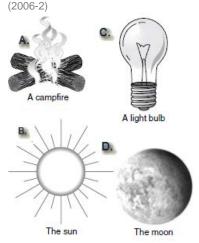
2. Which number on the diagram shows the wavelength? (2008-8)

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4
- 3. 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

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



5. Which of these does not emit light waves?



## **REFRACTION, REFLECTION**

6. By passing white light through a prism, you can tell —  $_{\rm (2003-31)}$ 

- 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.
- 10. Students place a pencil in a glass of water as shown. The pencil in the water looks broken because —

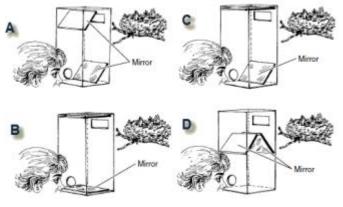
(2009-7)

- 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
- 11. The flower's stem appears under water because the

(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?

(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

14. Which of the following materials is transparent?  $\ensuremath{\tiny (2002-6)}$ 

- a. Clear window glass
- b. Your eyelids
- c. Solid wood door
- d. White paper

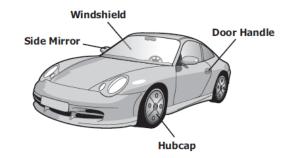
**15.** Which of these objects is opaque? (2008-10)

- 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

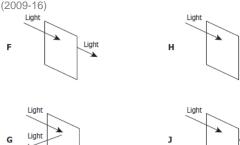
## Automobile



**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?

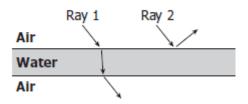
Light





larger

water



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

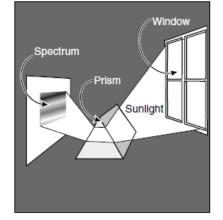
(2008-35)

- 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?

(2004-36)

