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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**PHY 104: GEOMETRICAL OPTICS**

**Date: APRIL 2022**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions**

1. (a) Distinguish between real and virtual images **(3marks)**
- (b) State the laws of refraction **(2marks)**
- (c) Two plane mirrors are inclined at  $22.5^\circ$  and an object placed between them. Calculate the number of images observed. **(3marks)**
- (d) Distinguish between diffused and regular reflections **(2marks)**
- (e) A ray of light is incident on a plane mirror at  $13^\circ$  to the mirror surface, the mirror is then rotated clockwise through  $10^\circ$  about the incident point without interfering with the incident ray. Find the final angle of reflection **(4marks)**
- (f) A converging lens of focal length 20cm forms an image of an object of height 30cm located at a distance of 40cm from the lens.
  - (i) Locate and characterize the image **(3marks)**
  - (ii) Draw a ray diagram to show the image **(3marks)**
- (g) A light ray is incident on a water-glass boundary at  $30^\circ$ . If  $n_w = \frac{4}{3}$  and  $n_g = \frac{3}{2}$ . Find the angle of refraction. **(4marks)**
- (h) A convex mirror of radius of curvature 40cm forms an image which is half the height of the object. Find the object and image positions,

(6marks)

2. (a) Differentiate between the following as used with lenses;
- (i) Real and virtual focal point (2marks)
  - (ii) Biconvex and plano-convex lens (2marks)
- (b) An object is placed 20cm from a diverging lens of focal length 15cm. Calculate the image position and the magnification. (3marks)
- (c) A Plano convex-air lens of radius 10cm in water of refractive index  $\frac{4}{3}$ . If the refractive index of the material of the lens is 1 ( $n_2 = 1$ ). Find the focal length (5marks)
- (d) A compound microscope has an objective lens  $L_1$  of focal length 0.8cm and an eye piece lens  $L_2$  of focal length 2.5cm. An object O is placed in front of the objective lens at a distance  $u_1$  of length 1.2cm. The system forms a final image  $I_2$  at a distance of 10cm from  $L_2$ . Determine the distance of separation of lenses  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . (8marks)
3. (a) State the laws of refraction (2marks)
- (b) What do you understand by the term "Absolute refractive index" (2marks)
- (c) Briefly explain the formation of a Mirage (3marks)
- (d) A refractive prism has a refractive angle of  $56^\circ$  and a minimum deviation of  $40^\circ$ . Calculate the refractive index of the material of the prism (4marks)
- (e) A ray of monochromatic light in air passes successively through parallel layers of water and glass. If the angle of incidence in air is  $60^\circ$  while the refractive indices of water and glass are  $\frac{4}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  respectively. Calculate
- (i) The angle of refraction in water (2marks)
  - (iii) The angle of incidence at the water-glass boundary (2marks)
  - (iv) The angle of refraction in the glass. (2marks)
- (f) A ray of light is incident at  $45^\circ$  on one edge of a  $60^\circ$  prism of refractive index 1.5. Calculate the total deviation of the ray. (3marks)
4. (a) Consider a point object O on the principal axis of a concave mirror in figure 3. A ray OX from O is reflected in the direction XI making an equal angle of  $\theta^\circ$  with the normal CX; A ray OP from O, incident at P, is reflected back along PO, since CP is the normal at P. I is the image of O.

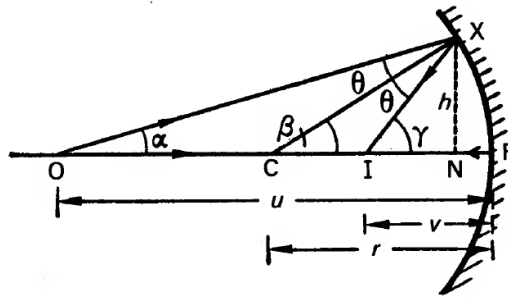


Figure 1

Use this information to derive the mirror formula  $\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$

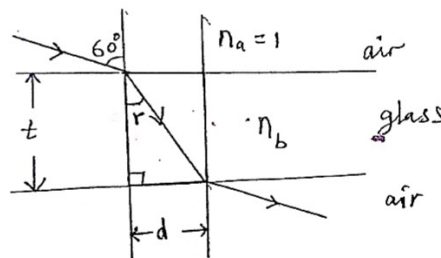
(10 marks)

(b) A boy 1.5m tall and can just see his image in a vertical plane mirror 3.0m away. His eyes are 1.40m from the floor level. Determine the dimension and elevation (distance from his foot to the lowest part of the mirror) of the shortest mirror in which he could see his full image.

(5 marks)

(c) For the light ray in figure 2, the angle of incidence is  $60^\circ$ . The same ray leaving the flat glass on the other side is displaced a distance  $d = 0.8 \times 10^{-2}$  m from the spot where it entered the glass. Calculate the index of refraction if the glass plate is  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  m thick.

(5 marks)



5 (a) Define;

Figure 2

i). Optical prism

(1 mark)

ii). *grazing incidence* in a prism

(1 mark)

(b) Figure 4 shows a prism with an incident ray at Q being refracted and finally emerges at R.

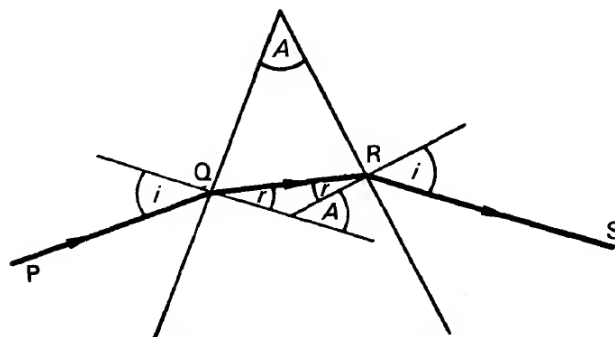


Figure 3

Considering that the net deviation of the ray incident ray as D. show that the refractive index  $n$  of the prism is given as;

**(8 marks)**

$$n = \frac{\sin \frac{A+D}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

- (c) A ray of light is refracted through a prism of angle  $70^\circ$ . If the angle of refraction in the glass at the first face is  $28^\circ$ , what is the angle of incidence in the glass at the second face? **(10marks)**

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