## Light Ray Box Lab: Mirrors and Lenses

## A) Flat Mirror – Part A

- 1. Set up the light ray box so it is projecting a single ray of light.
- 2. On a <u>blank paper</u>, put your <u>name</u>, <u>class</u>, <u>date and the title</u> for this part of the lab.
- 3. Set the light ray box, paper and mirror up as shown in the diagram below.



- 4. Using a <u>ruler</u>, <u>trace</u> the <u>mirror</u>, the <u>incident ray</u> and the <u>reflected ray</u> onto the blank paper. Be sure to place arrow heads on the <u>middle</u> of the incident ray and the <u>middle</u> of the reflected ray to show the direction each is travelling.
- 5. Use the <u>protractor</u> to draw a <u>dashed line</u> to represent <u>the normal</u> at 90° to the surface of the mirror (where the incident ray meets the mirror).
- 6. <u>Label</u> the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection.
- 7. Label the mirror, the incident ray, the reflected ray, and the normal.
- 8. Use the protractor to <u>measure</u> the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection, and <u>record both</u> <u>angles</u> on your diagram. Be sure to use the correct scale on the protractor to measure the angle.
- 9. Below your light ray diagram, write the Law of Reflection for light hitting the mirror at an angle.

## B) Flat Mirror – Part B

- 1. On the <u>back</u> of your blank paper put the <u>title</u> for this part of the lab.
- 2. Use a ruler to draw a line going across most of the page about the middle of the page, to represent the mirror, and label it (see diagram below).
- 3. Use the protractor to draw a dashed line at 90° to the mirror (in about the middle of the mirror) to represent the normal, and label it.
- 4. Set up the light ray box, the paper and the mirror as shown in the diagram below, so the light ray is travelling parallel to the normal just beside it.



- 5. Use a ruler to trace the incident ray and the reflected ray onto the paper. Be sure to place arrow heads on the <u>middle</u> of the incident ray and the <u>middle</u> of the reflected ray to show the direction each is travelling.
- 6. Label the incident ray and the reflected ray.
- 7. Below your light ray diagram, write the Law of Reflection for light hitting the mirror straight on.

## C) Convex Mirror

- 1. Set up the light ray box so it is projecting 5 or 6 lines.
- 2. On a <u>blank</u> paper, put your <u>name, class, date and title</u> for this part of the lab.
- 3. Set up the convex mirror (bulges out) so it is about the middle of the blank paper.
- 4. Trace the shape of the convex mirror onto the paper and label it.
- 5. Set up the light ray box so the light rays are hitting the convex mirror straight on.
- 6. Use a ruler to draw each of the incident rays and label them.
- 7. Use a ruler to draw each of the reflected rays and label them.
- 8. Below your diagram, write the <u>Law of Reflection for Convex Mirrors</u> using the term converge or diverge to describe what happens to the light rays.

#### D) Concave Mirror

- 1. On the back of the blank paper, put the title for this part of the lab.
- 2. Set up the concave mirror (caves in) so it is about the middle of the blank paper.
- 3. Trace the shape of the concave mirror onto the paper and label it.
- 4. Set up the light ray box so the light rays are hitting the concave mirror straight on.
- 5. Use a ruler to draw each of the incident rays and label them.
- 6. Use a ruler to draw each of the reflected rays and label them.
- 7. Label the point where the reflected rays meet the "focal point."
- 8. Below your diagram, write the <u>Law of Reflection for Concave Mirrors</u> using the term converge or diverge to describe what happens to the light rays.

#### E) Concave Lens

- 1. Set up the light ray box so it is projecting 5 or 6 lines.
- 2. On a <u>blank paper</u>, put your <u>name</u>, <u>class</u>, <u>date and title</u> for this part of the lab.
- 3. Set up the concave lens (caves in) so it is about the middle of the blank paper.
- 4. Trace the shape of the concave lens onto the paper and label it.
- 5. Set up the light ray box so the light rays are hitting the concave lens straight on.
- 6. Use a ruler to draw each of the incident rays and label them.
- 7. Use a ruler to draw each of the reflected rays and label them.
- 8. Below your diagram, write the <u>Law of Refraction for Concave Lenses</u> using the term converge or diverge to describe what happens to the light rays.

#### F) Convex Lens

- 1. On the back of the blank paper, put the title for this part of the lab.
- 2. Set up the convex lens (bulges out) so it is about the middle of the blank paper.
- 3. Trace the shape of the convex lens onto the paper and label it.
- 4. Set up the light ray box so the light rays are hitting the convex lens straight on.
- 5. Use a ruler to draw each of the incident rays and label them.
- 6. Use a ruler to draw each of the reflected rays and label them.
- 7. Label the point where the reflected rays meet on your diagram the "focal point."
- 8. Below your diagram, write the <u>Law of Refraction for Convex Lenses</u> using the term converge or diverge to describe what happens to the light rays.

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