AP 2 Light: Refraction/reflection worksheet 2

1. Which diagram best represents what happens to a ray of light entering air from water? Air is at the top in all diagrams.



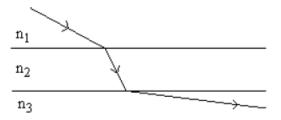






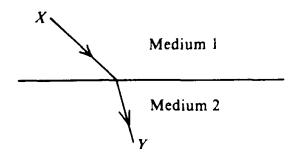


- 2. The critical angle in a transparent substance surrounded by air is 30°. What is the speed of light in the substance?
- 3. A beam of light passes from medium 1 to medium 2 to medium 3 as shown in the diagram. Rank the speed of light in each medium from largest to smallest.



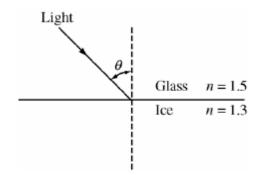
4. A jeweler can distinguish between a diamond and a piece of glass by observing the critical angle of light in each material. Glass with an index of refraction of 1.52 has a critical angle of 41.1° while a diamond with an index of refraction of 2.42 would have what critical angle?

- 5. Light leaves a source at X and travels to Y along the path shown above. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - (A) The index of refraction is the same for the two media.
 - (B) Light travels faster in medium 2 than in medium 1.
 - (C) Snell's law breaks down at the interface.
 - (D) Light would arrive at Y in less time by taking a straight line path from X to Y than it does taking the path shown above
 - (E) Light leaving a source at Y and traveling to X would follow the same path shown above, but in reverse.



6. Light travels from material X with an index of refraction of n=1.5 to material Y with an index of refraction of n=2.0. If the speed of light in material Y is v, what is the speed of light in material X?

7. A ray of light in glass that is incident on an interface with ice, as shown, is partially reflected and partially refracted. The index of refraction n for each of the two media is given in the figure. How do the angle of reflection and the angle of refraction compare with the angle of incidence θ ? If the incident angle was 25°, what is the refracted angle? What is the reflected angel?



8. A ray of light in air is incident on a $30^{\circ}60^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ prism, perpendicular to face ab, as shown in the diagram. The ray enters the prism and strikes face ac at the critical angle. What is the index of refraction of the prism?

