Reflection of light - Exercise

- 1. What do you mean by reflection of light?
- 2. State which surface of a plane mirror- the front smooth surface or the black silvered surface reflects most of the light incident on it.
- 3. Explain the following terms:
 - (a) a plane surface
 - (b) incident ray
 - (c) reflected ray
 - (d) angle of incidence
 - (e) angle of reflection

Draw a diagram to show them.

- 4. With the help of ray diagrams, explain the difference between regular and irregular reflection.
- 5. Differentiate between the reflection of light from a plane mirror and that from a plane sheet of paper.
- 6. State the two laws of reflection of light.
- 7. A light ray is incident normally on a plane mirror. What is its angle of incidence? What is the direction of the reflected ray? Show it on a diagram.
- 8. What are the characteristics of the image formed by a plane mirror? How is the position of image related to the position of object?
- 9. Differentiate between a real and a virtual image.
- 10. What is meant by lateral inversion of an image in a plane mirror? Explain it with the help of a ray diagram.
- 11. Write down the letters of the word POLEX as seen in a plane mirror held perpendicular to the plane of the paper.
- 12. Why is it difficult to read the image of the text of a page that is reflected in aplane mirror?
- 13. How many images are formed for a point source kept in between the two plane mirrors M_1 and M_2 at right angles to each other? Show them by drawing a ray diagram.

- 14. State two uses of a plane mirror.
- 15. State one use of periscope.
- 16. Draw a neat labelled diagram to show how a periscope is used to see an object over obstacles.
- 17. How many plane mirrors are used in a periscope? How are they arranged relative to each other?
- 18. Is the image seen by a periscope laterally inverted? Give reason for your answer.
- 19. Is the final image formed in a periscope real?
- 20. State the mirror formula for formation of total number of images formed in two mirrors, held at an angle.
- 21. Draw a neat two ray diagram for the formation of images in two plane mirrors, when mirrors are (i) at right angles to each other (ii) when mirrors are facing each other.
- 22. State three ways in which the image formed in a plane mirror differs from the image formed in a pinhole camera.
- 23. In a dark room, a parallel beam of light falls on a plane mirror and another parallel beam of light falls on a white wall. Explain why the light reflected by the mirror can be seen only in a certain direction, but the reflected light from the wall can be seen from anywhere.
- 24. Can you use ray diagram to locate the image formed by plane mirror in the following diagram?

