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## Level 2 Physics 2022

### 91170 Demonstrate understanding of waves

Credits: Four

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of waves.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of waves.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of waves.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Make sure that you have Resource Sheet L2–PHYSR.

In your answers use clear numerical working, words, and/or diagrams as required.

Numerical answers should be given with an appropriate SI unit.

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**QUESTION ONE: BEHAVIOUR OF LIGHT**

Helen is investigating wave behaviour in the school physics laboratory.

She starts by shining a ray of light from air into a glass block so that the angle of light inside the glass is  $32^\circ$ , as shown in the diagram.

$$\text{Refractive index of glass} = 1.52$$

$$\text{Refractive index of air} = 1.00$$

$$\text{Speed of light in air} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$



Adapted from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refraction#/media/File:Refraction\\_photo.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refraction#/media/File:Refraction_photo.png)

- (a) Calculate the angle of incidence.

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- (b) The light changes direction as it enters the block.

- (i) State what happens to the speed of the light as it enters the glass.

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- (ii) Calculate the speed of light within the glass block.

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- (c) Helen now uses a semi-circular block and alters the angle that the light hits the straight side, and she observes the following phenomenon:



Adapted from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7U3k2XtzVU>

- (i) Identify the physics phenomenon occurring at the straight boundary.

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- (ii) Describe the two conditions required for this phenomenon to occur.

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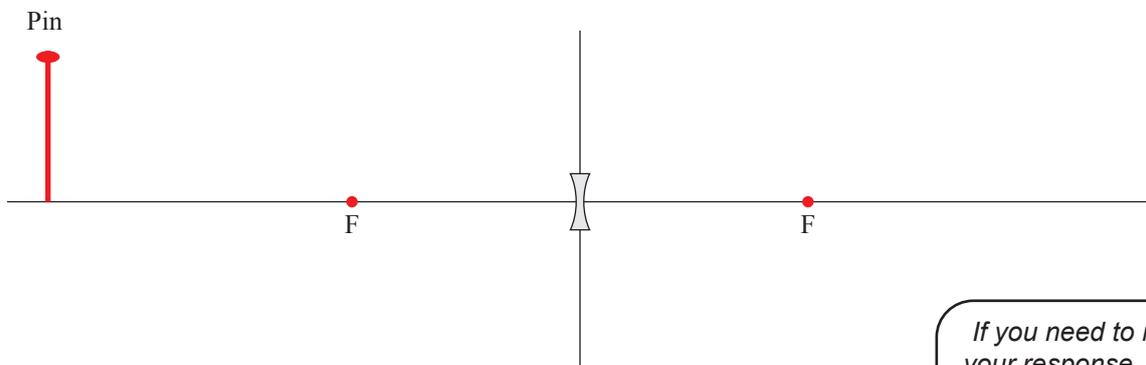
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- (d) Helen then investigates a **concave** lens.

She places a pin at a distance of 7 cm in front of the lens, and finds that she **cannot** form an image on the screen.

The lens has a focal length of 3 cm.

Complete the following ray diagram AND use calculations to describe and explain why she cannot see the image on the screen.



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## QUESTION TWO: LIGHT WAVES AND BARRIERS

Helen decides to investigate wave movement and barriers. She starts by shining a purple light, with a frequency of  $7.5 \times 10^{14}$  Hz, on the wall.

- (a) Calculate the wavelength of the purple light.

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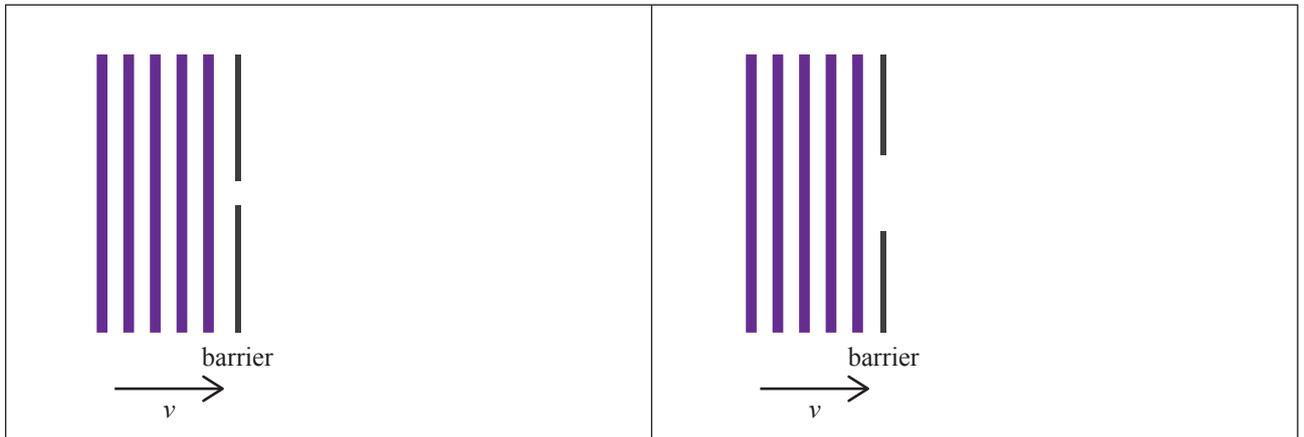
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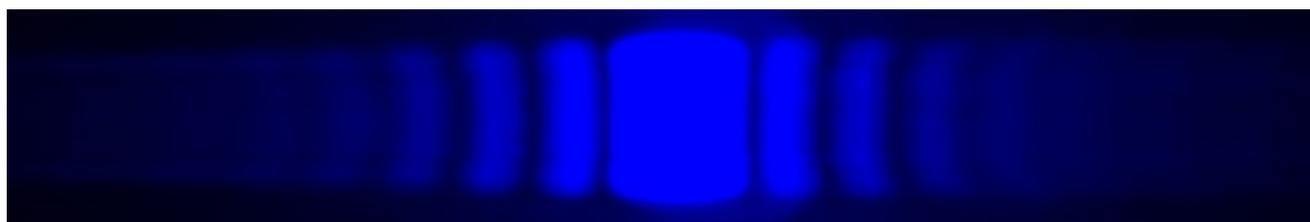
- (b) She finds an online simulator of wave movement through a gap in a barrier. She sets up the two simulations below.

Complete the diagrams to show the effect of the gap on the waves.

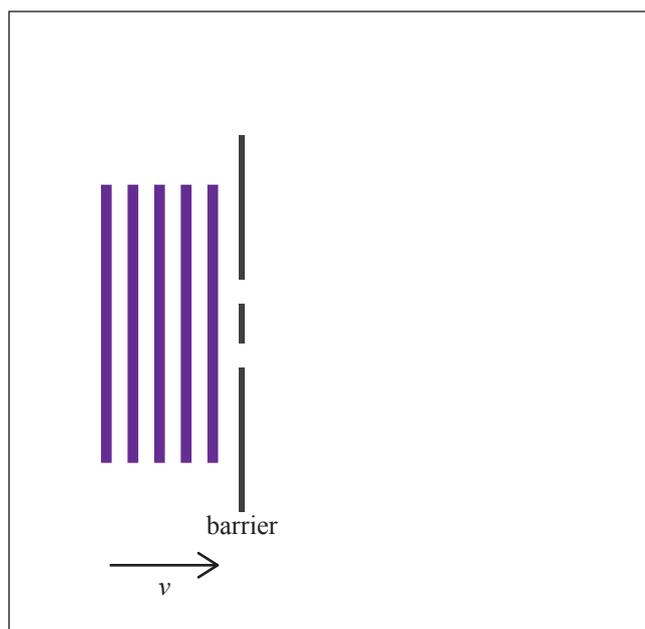


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She then shines the same light through a double slit and observes the following pattern formed on a screen.



- (c) Complete a labelled wave diagram to show how this phenomenon occurs.



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- (d) Use physics principles to describe and explain how the pattern in part (c) is formed. Start by naming the phenomenon that is taking place, and then discussing the conditions required for the pattern to form.

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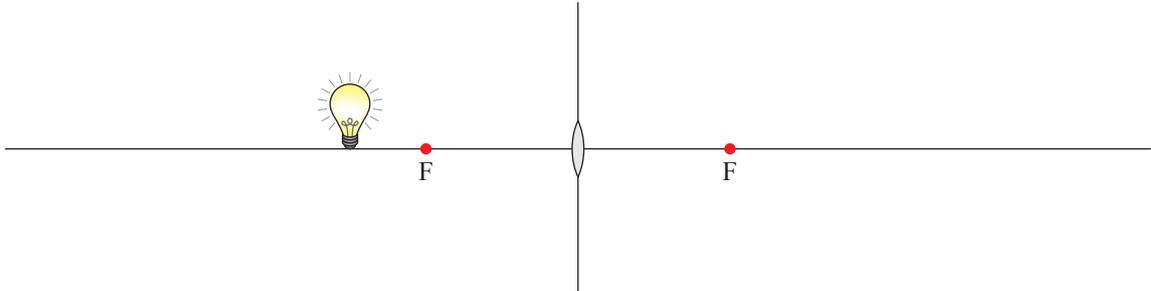
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### QUESTION THREE: LIGHT RAYS AND PULSES IN A ROPE

Helen continues to investigate light and optics. She chooses to look at the images formed by **convex** lenses, and then compares these with mirrors.

She starts by placing a lamp in front of the lens and looking at the image formed on a screen.

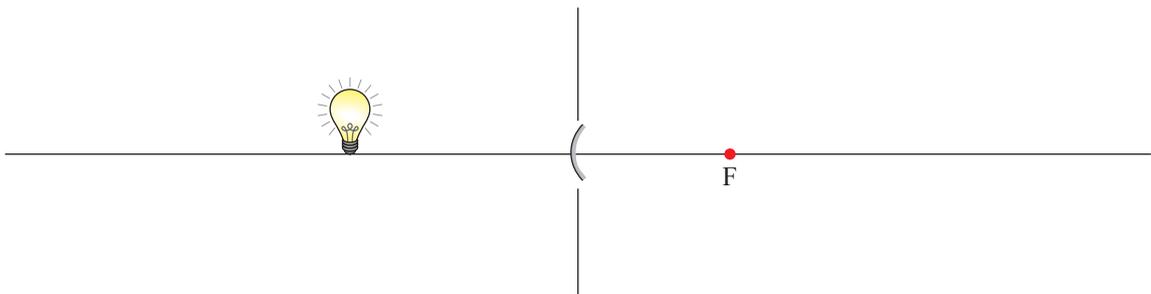
- (a) Complete the following ray diagram for the lamp placed at 3 cm from a convex lens of focal length 2 cm.



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- (b) Helen then tries the same lamp in front of a convex mirror of the same focal length (2 cm) and the same distance away (3 cm).

- (i) Complete the ray diagram.



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- (ii) Describe the image produced.

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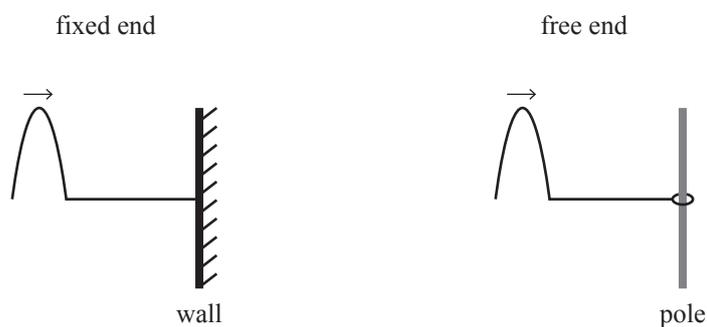
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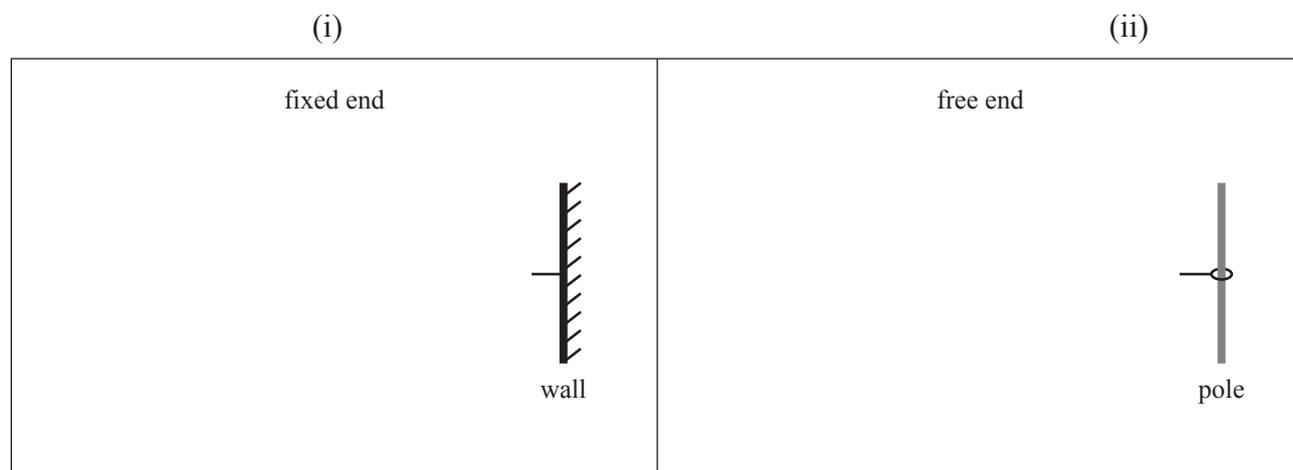
- (c) To further investigate waves, Helen looks at the effect of sending a pulse down a rope, firstly with a fixed end, and then with a free end.

**Before**



Complete the diagrams below to show the reflected pulses from each system.

**After**

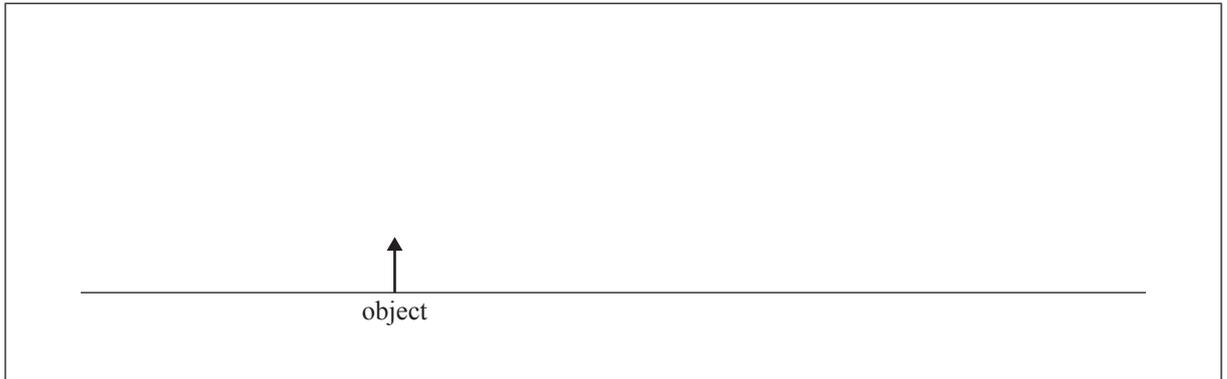


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*Question Three continues on the next page.*

(d) Helen wanted to see if she could create a virtual image with a concave mirror.

(i) Use a ray diagram to show how this is possible.



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diagram on page 11.*

(ii) Describe the position of the object in relation to the mirror.

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(iii) Compare the similarities and differences of the image (if any) with a virtual image formed by a convex mirror.

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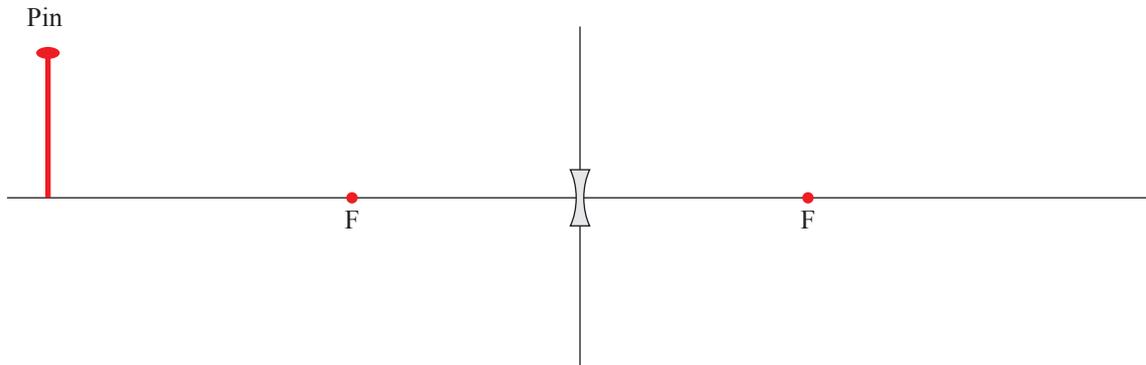
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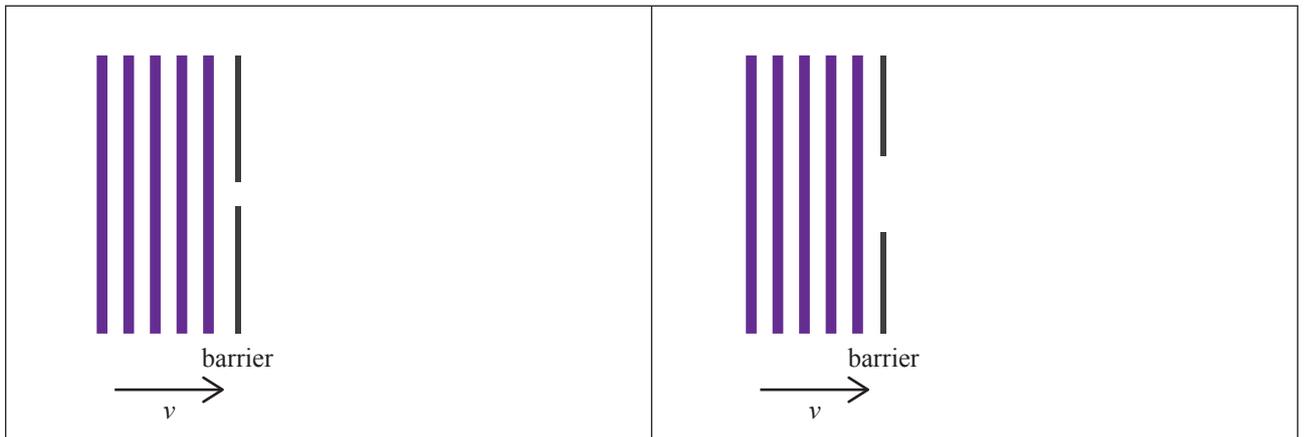
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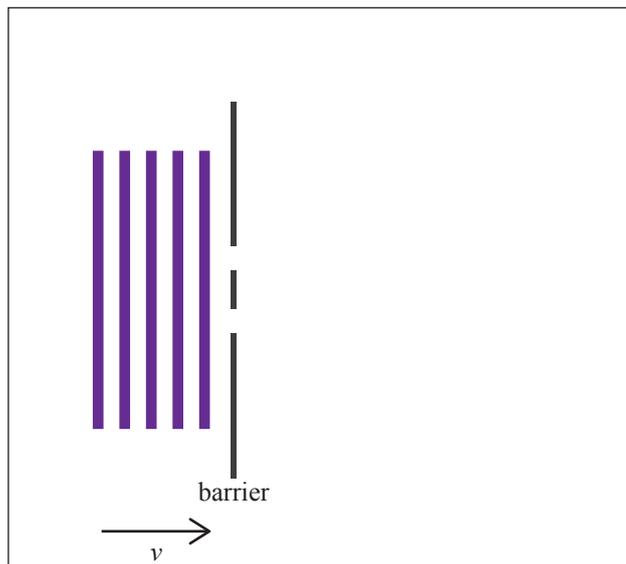
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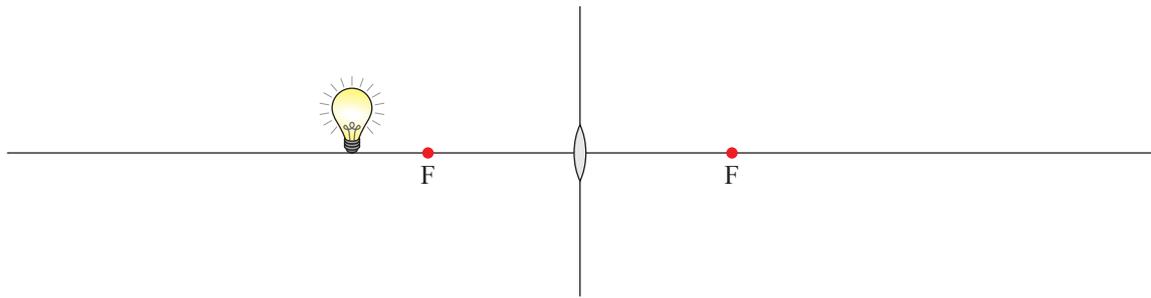
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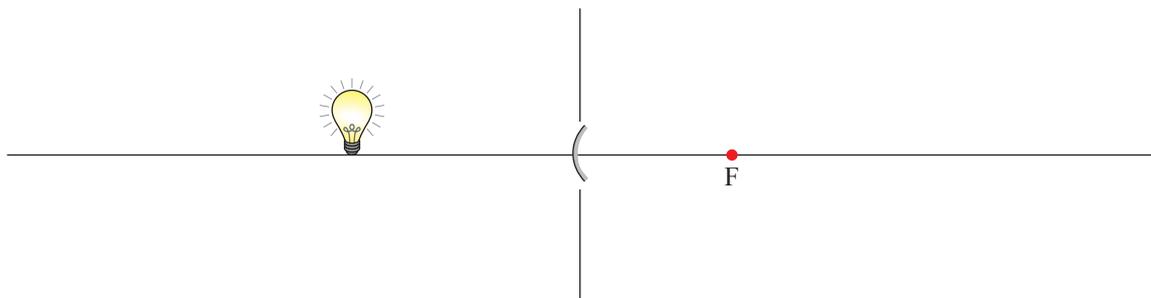
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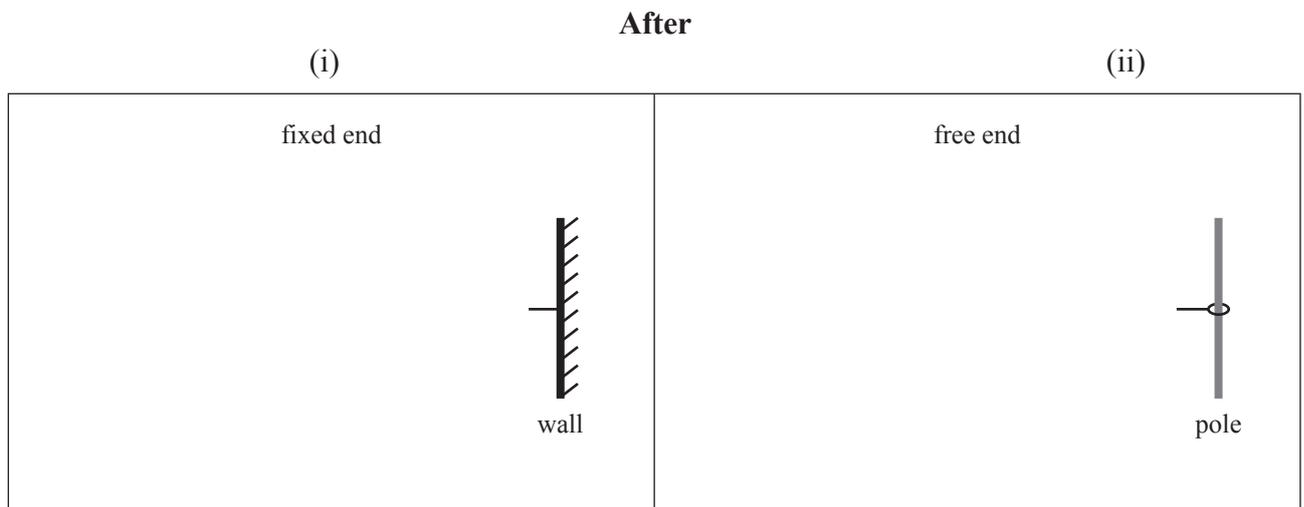
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If you need to redraw your response to Question Three (b)(i), use the diagram below. Make sure it is clear which answer you want marked.



If you need to redraw your response to Question Three (c), use the diagram below. Make sure it is clear which answer you want marked.





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