



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2025

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Double Award Science Physics

Unit 7: Practical Skills

Booklet A
Foundation Tier

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TIME

1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Answer **all** parts of Question 1.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is **15**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Follow all health and safety instructions.

You may not have access to notes, textbooks and other material to assist you.

You may use a ruler and a scientific calculator if required.

The apparatus and materials required to complete the task(s) are provided.

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Question Number	Marks
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- 1 The experiment to be carried out is the refraction of a ray of light as it passes through a transparent block.

Use Diagrams A, B and C to complete the experiment.

- (a) The angle of incidence for Diagram A is 40° as recorded in **Table 1** below.

Measure the angle of incidence, labelled i , for Diagrams B and C and record the values in **Table 1**.

Table 1

Diagram	Angle of incidence $i / ^\circ$	Angle of refraction $r / ^\circ$
A	40	
B		
C		

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Place the edge of the transparent block in the position shown in Diagram A.

Draw around the block.

The point at which the ray of light enters the transparent block is called the incident point.

Use the ray box to direct a ray of light along the arrow to the incident point as shown in Diagram A.

The point at which the ray of light leaves the transparent block is called the emergent point.

Mark the emergent point on Diagram A.

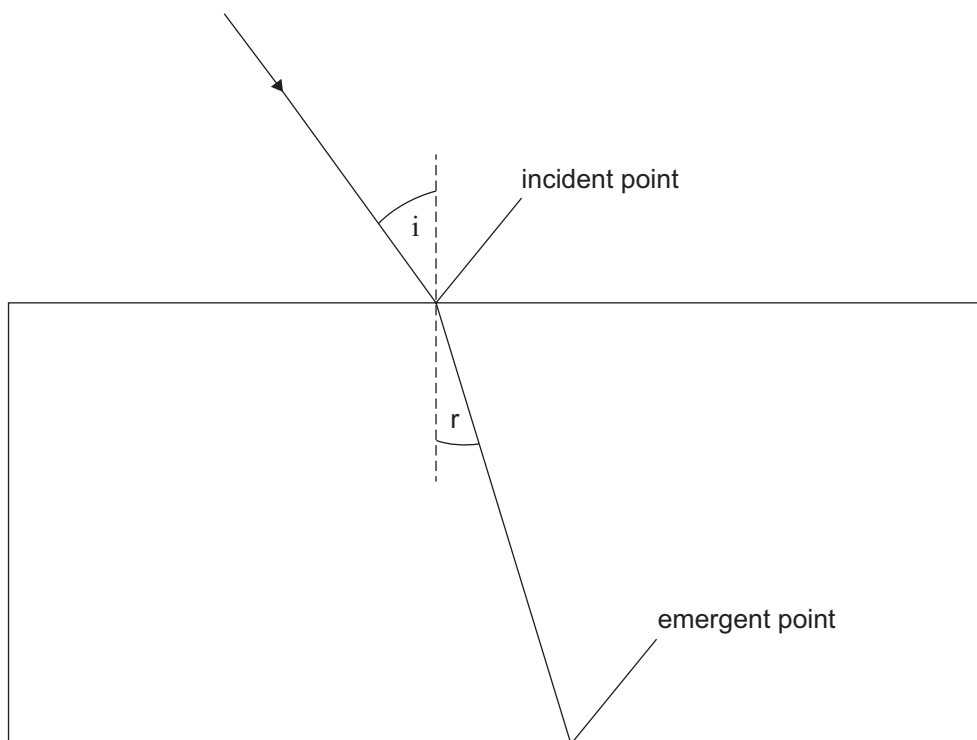
Remove the transparent block and use a ruler to draw a straight line to join the incident point to the emergent point.

Your completed diagram should look similar to the one shown on page 3.

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Measure the angle of refraction for Diagram A and record your value in **Table 1**.

Repeat the experiment for Diagrams B and C and record your values in **Table 1**.

You must complete the remainder of the paper on your own.

(b) How could the reliability of this experiment be improved?

_____ [1]

(c) State a controlled variable in this experiment.

_____ [1]

(d) What is the size of the angle between the normal and the surface of the transparent block?

_____ ° [1]

Use the words provided in the box below to complete the sentence.

along

decreases

increases

towards

(e) When a ray of light goes from air into glass it is refracted

_____ the normal and the speed of the
light _____. [2]

Another student carried out a similar experiment with a different material. The angles of incidence and the angles of refraction were measured.

The results are shown in **Table 2** below.

Table 2

Angle of incidence $i / ^\circ$	Angle of refraction $r / ^\circ$
0	0
10	6
30	17
50	27
60	31
80	35

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APPARATUS AND MATERIALS LIST AND CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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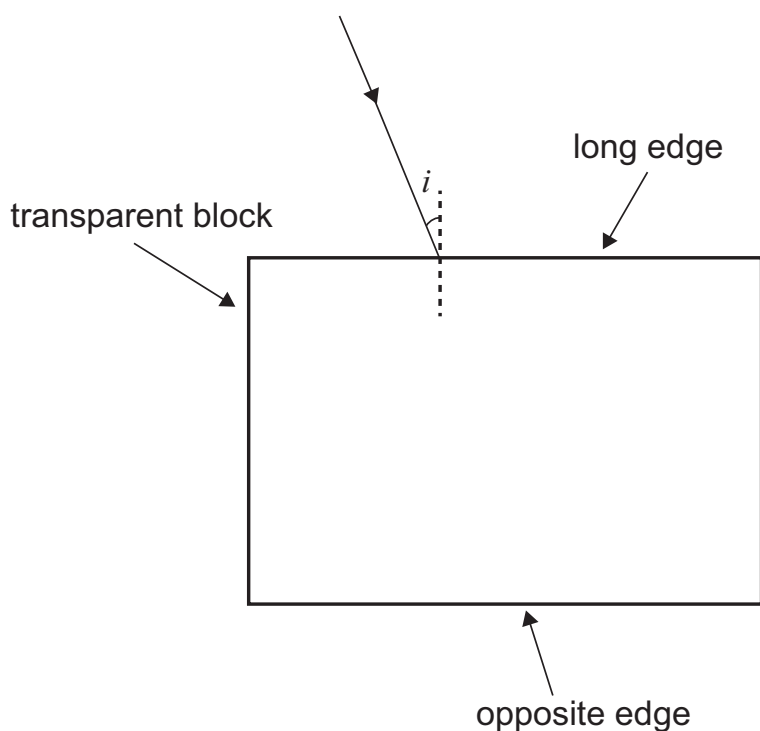
Apparatus list GDW71 Physics 2025

- Ray box and single slit
- Power supply suitable for a ray box
- Transparent perspex/glass rectangular block (approx. 115 mm × 65 mm × 20 mm)
- Protractor (accurate to 1 degree)
- Ruler (30 cm)
- A4 photocopies of pages 4, 5 and 6
(1 set of diagrams A, B and C per group of candidates)

Teacher Instructions

Prepare apparatus as below:

- Connect the ray box to power supply.
- Insert the single slit into the ray box.
- Adjust the power supply so a bright ray of light is observed from the ray box.
- Set the rectangular perspex/glass block on a sheet of white paper and check that a ray incident on the long edge can be seen emerging from the opposite edge.



- Tape over the power supply so that it cannot be adjusted during the investigation by candidates.

Set up for candidates:

- Place the ray box with single slit inserted, and the connected power supply on the bench.
- Place the perspex/glass block, the copies of the diagrams A, B and C, the 30cm ruler and the protractor close to the ray box.
- Best working conditions may require the lab to be slightly darkened while candidates complete the practical part of the investigation.

Upon completion of the assessment:

To ensure confidentiality, centres are responsible for the prompt and secure disposal of all copies of diagrams A, B and C.

Diagram A

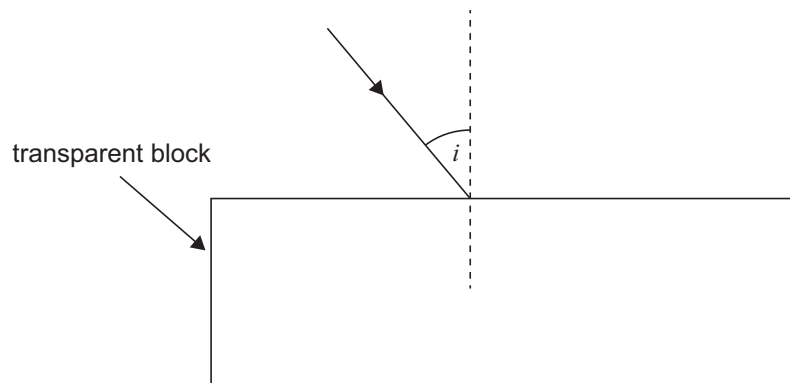


Diagram B

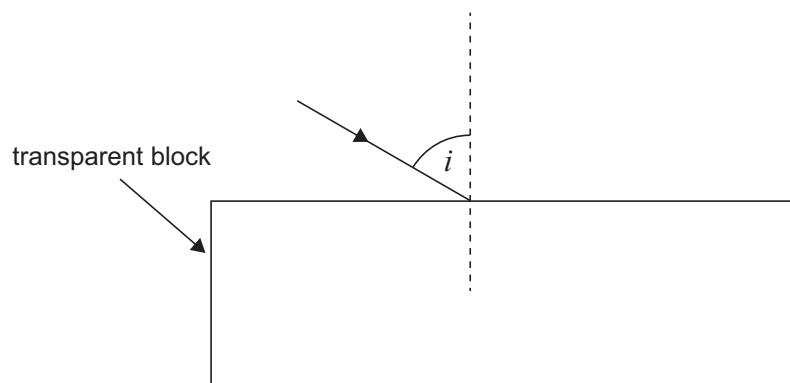


Diagram C

