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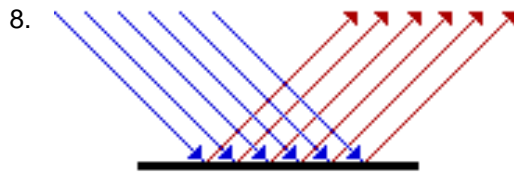
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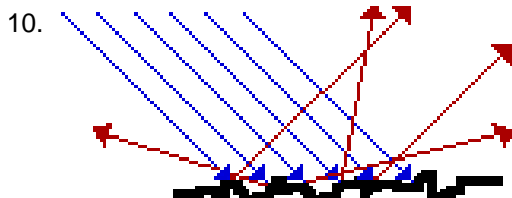


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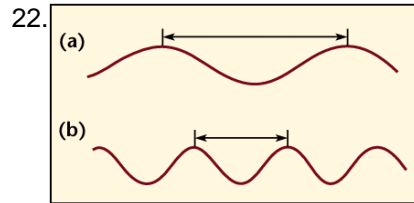
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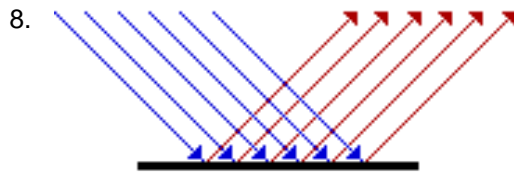
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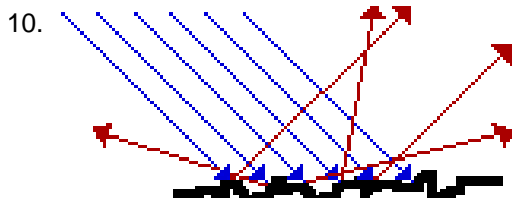


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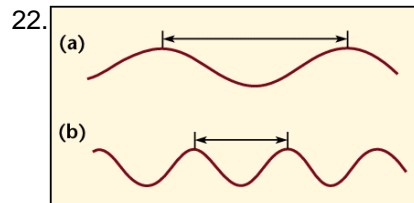
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 A. pictures  
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 D. symbols
38. CCD is a grid similar to a piece of graph paper. As light falls on a square of the grid, it creates a small amount of electricity in that square. This is then converted into digital information. **CCD** stands for ...  
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 B. Capture Charge Device  
 C. Compact Charge Design  
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39. The greatest advantage to **digital imaging** is that the pictures don't have to be ...  
 A. translated  
 B. recovered  
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40. The **Eye** and the **Camera** - Complete the table.

Comparison Chart  
of the  
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**Functioning Action**

<i>The opening for light.</i>		<b>aperture</b>
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