

Answer on Question #38953, Physics, Optics

A small object is placed 20 cm in front of a block of glass 10 cm thick and its farther side silvered. The image is formed 22 cm behind the silvered face. Find refractive index of glass.

options are :

- (1) 1.15
- (2) 1.25
- (3) 1.67
- (4) 1.1

Solution:

Refractive index $n = \text{Real depth}/\text{Apparent depth}$.

Thus,

$$n = \frac{20}{x}$$

Silvered surface act as mirror.

Thus, to get the image 22 cm behind, the object should be 22 cm in front.

$x + \text{thickness of glass} = 22$

$$\begin{aligned}x + 10 &= 22 \\x &= 22 - 10 = 12\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$n = \frac{20}{12} = 1.67$$

Answer. (3) 1.67.