The Science of Physics

## **HOLT PHYSICS**

## **Concept Review**

## What Is Physics?

**1.** Which areas of physics deal with the following? **a.** how fast things move \_\_\_\_\_ **b.** how the shape of a cave affects an echo **c.** which sunglasses are best for cutting the glare on a ski slope **d.** how the cooling system in a refrigerator works e. what lightning is **f.** how energy is produced by the sun **2.** Laws governing speed limits on highways are determined by a majority vote by citizens of a state or their representatives. Compare this democratic procedure to the way scientific laws are established with regard to the following questions. Explain your reasoning. **a.** Can scientific laws be changed by a vote? **b.** Can the speed of light be legislated? **c.** Can scientists from other countries change what physicists in the United States think?