

Q3. A professor reads a greeting card received on his 50th birthday with + 2.5 D glasses keeping the card 25cm away. Ten years later, he reads his farewell letter with the same glasses but he has to keep the letter 50 cm away. What power of lens should he now use?

Solution:

After 10 years,

$$f = \frac{1}{P} = -\frac{1}{2.5}$$

$$f = -40\text{cm} \quad u = -50$$

and by lens formula

$$\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v}$$

$$\frac{1}{40} + \frac{1}{-50} = \frac{1}{v}$$

$$v = 200\text{cm}$$

Now to read letter at $u = -25\text{cm}$ and $v = 200$ focal length is:

$$\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{200} - \frac{1}{-25} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$f = 2/9\text{m}$$

$$\text{Power } P = 1/f = 9/2 = 4.5 \text{ D}$$