## Reflection in Curved Mirrors: <u>Ray Diagrams</u>

## **Converging Mirrors: 3 Golden Rules**

- 1. Any ray travelling parallel to the principal axis is reflected through the focus (F).
- 2. Any ray travelling through the focus (F) is reflected parallel to the principal axis.
- 3. Any ray travelling through the centre of curvature (C) is reflected back through the centre of curvature.

## Case 1: Object beyond C







## **Diverging Mirrors :- 3 Golden Rules**

- 1. Any ray travelling parallel to the principal axis is reflected such that it **appears to** pass through the virtual focus (F').
- 2. Any ray **appearing to** travel through the **virtual** focus (F') is reflected parallel to the principal axis.
- 3. Any ray **appearing** to travel through the centre of curvature (C) is reflected back along itself.

