

**Tossup**

- 1) *Math – Short Answer:* What is the derivative with respect to x of the integral from 0 to  $x^2$  of  $2t^2$  with respect to t?

ANSWER:  $4x^5$

**Bonus**

- 1) *Math – Short Answer:* Given quadrilateral ABCD with AB=7, BC=24, CD=15, DA=20, and AC=25, what is the area of ABCD?

ANSWER: 234

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- 2) *Earth and Space -Short Answer:* Order the following 3 minerals from lowest to highest boiling point:

- 1) Olivine
- 2) Muscovite
- 3) Biotite.

ANSWER: 2, 3, 1

**Bonus**

- 2) *Earth and Space – Short Answer:* What variety of limestone makes up speleothems [spee-leo-thems]?

ANSWER: Travertine

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3) *Chemistry – Short Answer:* Taking the logarithm of the equation that defines  $K_a$  or  $K_b$  yields what equation, commonly used to calculate the pH of a buffer solution?

ANSWER: Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

### **Bonus**

3) *Chemistry – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following 3 sets of compounds that can form a buffer solution when added to water:

- I)  $\text{CaF}_2$  and HF
- II) NaOH and NaCl
- III)  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4^-$  and  $\text{NH}_3$

ANSWER: I only

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4) *Physics – Multiple Choice:* A positively charged rod is brought near a gold leaf electroscope. Which of the following best describes the sign of the charge on the leaves and whether the leaves attract or repel each other?

- W) Negative and attract
- X) Negative and repel
- Y) Positive and attract
- Z) Positive and repel

ANSWER: Z) Positive and repel

### **Bonus**

4) *Physics – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following 4 temperature scales that are absolute temperature scales:

- I) Rømer [roo-mer]
- II) Rankine
- III) Kelvin
- IV) Centigrade

ANSWER: II and III

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- 5) *Earth and Space – Short Answer:* What process dominates precipitation formation in nimbostratus clouds?

ANSWER: Collision Coalescence Process

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### **Bonus**

- 5) *Earth and Space – Short Answer:* What type of moraine [**mor-ain**] is formed when two glaciers come together?

ANSWER: Medial Moraine

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- 6) *Energy – Short Answer:* Researchers at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory are using their Linear Accelerator to study collisions between subatomic particles. Their Linear Accelerator uses oscillating electric potentials to accelerate electrons to nearly the speed of light. What is the name of the force exerted on a moving charged particle in an electromagnetic field?

ANSWER: Lorentz Force

### **Bonus**

- 6) *Energy – Short Answer:* Researchers in the Idaho National Laboratory are studying Rishil's belly. They find a surge in the amount of lipoproteins in his intestine. What is the name of the ball-like structures made up of triglycerides and phospholipids that are processed through the digestive system?

ANSWER: Chylomicrons

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7) *Chemistry – Short Answer:* For the theoretical reaction  $A + 3B \rightarrow 4C$  [READ: A plus 3 B yields 4 C], what is the ratio of the rate of disappearance of A to the rate of appearance of C?

ANSWER: 1/4

### **Bonus**

7) *Chemistry – Short Answer:* Order the following four decay processes of Gold-198 from least to greatest final atomic mass:

- 1) Two alpha decays
- 2) Alpha decay followed by neutron capture
- 3) Beta plus decay followed by neutron capture
- 4) Beta minus decay followed by gamma decay

ANSWER: 1, 2, 4, 3

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### **Tossup**

8) *Math – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following values is a perfect square?

- W) 25 factorial times 26 factorial divided by 3  
X) 26 factorial times 27 factorial divided by 3  
Y) 27 factorial times 28 factorial divided by 3  
Z) 28 factorial times 29 factorial divided by 3

ANSWER: X) 26 factorial times 27 factorial divided by 3

### **Bonus**

8) *Math – Short Answer:* An arithmetic series has first term -4 and 7th term 8. What is the sum of the first 14 terms?

ANSWER: 126

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### **Tossup**

9) *Energy – Short Answer:* Researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory are studying ways to make hydrogenation catalysts that are stable in a variety of conditions. Identify all of the following 3 reactions that are hydrogenation reactions:

- I) Ethylene to Ethane
- II) Methane to Ethane
- III) Propyne to Propane

ANSWER: I and III

## Bonus

9) *Energy – Short Answer:* Researchers at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory are using bioinformatics methods to study evolutionary relationships between sequences of nucleotides and amino acids. What algorithm are they using to compare these sequences for local similarities?

ANSWER: BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool)

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10) *Biology – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following 4 types of blotting techniques that are incorrectly matched with the type of material they analyze:

- I) Northern Blot: RNA
- II) Western Blot: DNA
- III) Southern Blot: Protein
- IV) Eastern Blot: Post-translational modifications

ANSWER: II, III

## Bonus

10) *Biology – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following statements is NOT true regarding SDS-PAGE [S D S page]?

- W) Sodium dodecyl sulfate acts a charge buffer
- X) Polyacrylamide gel is used for electrophoresis
- Y) SDS PAGE preserves tertiary structure of proteins
- Z) Reducing thiols are often added during the preparation phase

ANSWER: Y) SDS PAGE preserves tertiary structure of proteins

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- 11) *Physics – Short Answer:* Rohit is researching a new car he wishes to buy. He sees that the car's engine has “300 ft-lb” [READ: **300 foot-pounds**] and “225 horsepower” listed as its maximum output. What physical quantities do these two numbers measure, respectively?

ANSWER: Torque and Power

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### **Bonus**

- 11) *Physics – Short Answer:* A 800 Watt motor is used to lift a 5 kilogram block directly upwards. What is the velocity that the block rises with?

ANSWER: 16 m/s

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### **Tossup**

- 12) *Math – Short Answer:* A normal distribution for the height in inches of aliens on Planet X shows a mean of 50 inches and a standard deviation of 6 inches. If an alien has a height of 41 inches, what is their z-score according to the normal distribution?

ANSWER: -1.5

### **Bonus**

- 12) *Math – Short Answer:* Rohit has 18 feet of fence to enclose an 18 square foot area of his backyard. Given that he must enclose 18 square feet, identify all of the following 4 shapes of areas in his backyard that he could create with the fence he has.

- I) Circle
- II) Hexagon
- III) Square
- IV) Equilateral Triangle

ANSWER: I, II and III

### **Tossup**

13) *Chemistry – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following compounds is a secondary alcohol?

- W) Methanol
- X) Isobutyl alcohol
- Y) Pen-3-ol
- Z) Propyl alcohol

ANSWER: Y) Pen-3-ol

### **Bonus**

13) *Chemistry – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following compounds cannot act as a base?

- W)  $\text{NH}_3$
- X)  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4^-$
- Y)  $\text{H}^-$
- Z)  $\text{BH}_3$

ANSWER: Z)  $\text{BH}_3$

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### **Tossup**

14) *Earth and Space – Multiple:* Which of the following stars has the largest declination?

- W) Betelgeuse
- X) Alpha Centauri
- Y) Polaris
- Z) Omicron Ceti

ANSWER: Y) Polaris

### **Bonus**

14) *Earth and Space – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following is not a coordinate system used in astronomy?

- W) Horizontal coordinate system
- X) Equatorial coordinate system
- Y) Solar coordinate system
- Z) Galactic coordinate system

ANSWER: Y) Solar coordinate system

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15) *Biology – Short Answer:* The F factor in bacteria encodes for what structure, which is required for horizontal gene transfer?

ANSWER: Pili (ACCEPT: sex pili/sex pilus/pilus)

### **Bonus**

15) *Biology – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following 4 structures that are formed by the mesoderm:

- I) Adrenal medulla
- II) Adrenal cortex
- III) Thyroid
- IV) Pituitary gland

ANSWER: II only

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16) *Physics – Multiple Choice:* Consider a mass oscillating along the x axis attached to a massless spring with spring constant k. If the massless spring is replaced with a massive one with the same spring constant, which of the following statements is true about the oscillation frequency of the new system compared to the original system?

- W) It is greater
- X) It is smaller
- Y) It is the same
- Z) It is impossible to tell without additional information

ANSWER: X) It is smaller

### **Bonus**

16) *Physics – Short Answer:* If a cube of mass 8 kilograms is experiencing a deceleration of 3.5 meters per second squared as it travels through a thick fluid at a certain velocity, what deceleration will a cube of mass 1kg and the same density experience as it travels through the fluid at the same velocity?

ANSWER: 7 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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17) *Energy – Short Answer:* Researchers at NASA have recently discovered in the Crab Nebula a supernova that fits into the very rare type III supernova. The difference between the more common types, a type I and a type II supernova, is characterized strongly by the presence or absence of what element in its emission spectrum.

ANSWER: Hydrogen

### **Bonus**

17) *Energy – Multiple Choice:* Scientists at Mayo clinic are studying double fertilization and its effects on plant development. What structure fertilizes a plant seed for the second time?

- W) Capsella
- X) Radicle
- Y) Polar Nuclei
- Z) Pollen

ANSWER: Y) Polar nuclei

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18) *Biology – Multiple Choice:* In songbirds, the ability to sing is learned at a young age by observing parents of the same species. If the songbirds are not exposed to their parents' songs at a young age, they will not be able to sing as an adult. Which of the following best describes this phenomena?

- W) Classical conditioning
- X) Operant conditioning
- Y) Habituation
- Z) Imprinting

ANSWER: Z) Imprinting

### **Bonus**

18) *Biology – Short Answer:* In a species of eagle, *Enloe aguila*, long beaks are dominant to short beaks, dark feathers are dominant to light feathers, and large eyes are dominant to small eyes. If two trihybrids for all 3 traits are crossed, what is the probability the offspring is a small-eyed, long beak eagle with dark feathers?

ANSWER: 9/64

**Tossup**

19) *Math – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following types of shapes is not correctly matched with the number of points on the shape required to uniquely define it?

- W) Circle, 3
- X) Ellipse, 4
- Y) Conic section, 5
- Z) Cubic, 4

ANSWER: X) Ellipse, 4

**Bonus**

19) *Math – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following ordered triples of integers that cannot form the sides of a triangle:

- I) (121, 242, 363)
- II) (177, 225, 390)
- III) (218, 225, 433)
- IV) (413, 532, 953)

ANSWER: I and IV

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20) *Earth and Space – Short Answer:* Identify all of the following 4 fusion processes that could occur in a brown dwarf:

- I) Proton Proton Chain
- II) Lithium burning
- III) CNO cycle
- IV) Triple Alpha Process

ANSWER: II Only

**Bonus**

20) *Earth and Space – Short Answer:* Which astronomer is credited with discovering Io?

ANSWER: Galileo

**Tossup**

21) *Chemistry – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following best describes the ratio of compounds in Aqua Regia?

- W) 3 Hydrochloric acid to 1 Sulfurous Acid
- X) 3 Hydrochloric acid to 1 Nitric acid
- Y) 3 Hydrochloric acid to 1 Sulfuric acid
- Z) 3 Hydrochloric acid to 1 Selenic acid

ANSWER: X) 3 Hydrochloric acid to 1 Nitric acid

**Bonus**

21) *Chemistry – Multiple Choice:* Which of the following electron configurations best represents the ground state of a silver atom?

- W) [Kr]5s<sup>1</sup>4d<sup>10</sup>
- X) [Kr]5s<sup>2</sup>4d<sup>5</sup>5p<sup>4</sup>
- Y) [Kr]5s<sup>2</sup>4d<sup>9</sup>
- Z) [Kr]5s<sup>1</sup>4d<sup>5</sup>5p<sup>5</sup>

ANSWER: W) [Kr]5s<sup>1</sup>4d<sup>10</sup>

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**Tossup**

22) *Biology – Short Answer:* What amino acid is not commonly found in alpha helices due to its lack of steric hindrance?

ANSWER: Glycine

**Bonus**

22) *Biology – Short Answer:* Order the following 4 events of the cell cycle of a germ cell in chronological order:

- 1) G2/M checkpoint
- 2) Cohesin degradation
- 3) Crossing over
- 4) Cytokinesis

ANSWER: 1, 3, 2, 4

### **Tossup**

23) *Physics – Short Answer:* An RLC circuit is constructed that has a time constant of 4 seconds. If the dielectric in the capacitor is replaced with a material with 4 times the dielectric constant, by what factor does the resonance frequency change?

ANSWER:  $\frac{1}{2}$

### **Bonus**

23) *Physics – Multiple Choice:* A satellite is in hyperbolic orbit around a planet. Assuming the gravitational potential energy of a point infinitely far away from the planet is 0, which of the following best describes the satellite's total energy?

- W) Less than 0
- X) Equal to 0
- Y) Greater than 0
- Z) Cannot be determined

ANSWER: W) Greater than 0