

## Round 5

### 1. EARTH and SPACE

Writer: William Chan

Toss Up: Multiple Choice

A star like Earth's Sun will eventually

- W) explode in a supernova
- X) become a black hole
- Y) change into a white dwarf
- Z) become a neutron star

Toss Up Answer: Y

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Bonus: Multiple Choice

Two nebulae, A and B, of equal volume are beginning to contract and form stars A and B. Nebula A has 10,000 times the mass of nebula B. Which of the following predictions is most accurate?

- W) Star A will use up its fuel faster than star B.
- X) Star A will probably be much redder than star B.
- Y) Star B will be much hotter than star A.
- Z) Stars A and B will be identical in volume.

Bonus Answer: W

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### 2. PHYSICS

Writer: Charles Zhang

Toss Up: Multiple Choice

A closed hemispherical shell of radius R is filled with fluid at uniform pressure p. The net force of the fluid on the curved portion of the shell is given by:

- W)  $2\pi R^2 p$  (read as 2 pi times R squared times p)
- X)  $4\pi R^2 p$  (read as 4 pi times R squared times p)
- Y)  $\pi R^2 p$  (read as pi times R squared times p)
- Z)  $(4/3)\pi R^2 p$  (read as 4 over 3 times pi times R squared times p)

Toss Up Answer: Y

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Bonus: Short Answer

A boat floating in fresh water displaces 16, 000N of water. How many newtons of saltwater would it displace if it floats in saltwater of specific gravity 1.17?

Bonus Answer: 16, 000

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### 3. EARTH and SPACE

Writer: William Chan

Toss Up: Multiple Choice

Which of the following statements best describes the difference between a galaxy and a nebula?

- W) A galaxy consists of stars; a nebula consists of dust and gas.
- X) There are two types of nebula, but only one type of galaxy.
- Y) A galaxy always emits light; a nebula never emits light.
- Z) A galaxy consists of matter; a nebular consists of energy.

Toss Up Answer: W

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Bonus: Short Answer

What is the plot of luminosity versus surface temperature for stars, discovered independently by two astronomers,

called?

**Bonus Answer:** Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram (H-R diagram)

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## 4. MATHEMATICS

**Writer:** Ahmad Alnasser

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

Give the range for the following six values 2, 7, 11, 19, 25, 33:

W) 2

X) 31

Y) 33

Z) 15

**Toss Up Answer:** X

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

Convert  $6/5$  pi radians to degrees

**Bonus Answer:** 216

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## 5. EARTH and SPACE

**Writer:** William Chan

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

Which instrument is used to study the composition of stars?

W) sextant

X) spectroscope

Y) seismograph

Z) chronometer

**Toss Up Answer:** X

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

An observer viewing the sky through a telescope sees a fuzzy, glowing region in the constellation Orion. The region has an irregular shape, and some stars seem to be shining through it. The observer is most likely viewing a

W) planet

X) comet

Y) meteor

Z) nebula

**Bonus Answer:** Z

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## 6. ENERGY

**Writer:** Nicholas Parker Ng

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

Oil, coal, and natural gas supply what percent of energy used in the US?

W) 10

X) 35

Y) 55

Z) 90

**Toss Up Answer:** Z

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

A permeable rock that contains hydrocarbon fluids and gasses is called:

- W) An oil trap
- X) A source bed
- Y) An oil reservoir
- Z) An oil pocket

**Bonus Answer: Y**

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## 7. PHYSICS

**Writer: Charles Zhang**

**Toss Up: Short Answer**

Given G as the gravitational constant and there exists an equilateral triangle with side length "a" and identical objects with mass of "x" what is the total gravitational potential energy of an object with mass "y" that is located at the center?

**Bonus Answer:  $-G(xy) \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{a}$**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

Given G as the gravitational constant and there exists an equilateral triangle with side length "a" and identical objects with mass of "x" what is the total gravitational potential energy of this system?

- W)  $-9\sqrt{3}G(xy)/a$  (read as negative nine times square root of 3 times G times the second power of x divided by a)
- X)  $-3\sqrt{3}G(x^2)/a$  (read as negative three times square root of 3 times G times the second power of x divided by a)
- Y)  $-3G(x^2)/a$  (read as negative three times G times the second power of x divided by a)
- Z)  $-\sqrt{3}G(x^2)/a$  (read as negative square root of 3 times G times the second power of x divided by a)

**Bonus Answer: Y**

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## 8. BIOLOGY

**Writer: Shamaul Dilmohamed**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

What hormone is an antioxidant, forms cadmium with other metals, and is produced to help regulate the circadian cycle for animals?

- W) Epinephrine
- X) Thyroxine
- Y) Calcitonin
- Z) Melatonin

**Toss Up Answer: Z**

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

Myasthenia gravis is a disease characterized by muscle weakness and fatigue, and is caused when antibodies inhibit a chemical in the human body. What is this chemical?

**Bonus Answer: Acetylcholine**

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## 9. MATHEMATICS

**Writer: Ahmad Alnasser**

**Toss Up: Short Answer**

In a normal distribution, approximately what percentage of the sample, to the nearest whole number, falls within 4 standard deviations of the mean:

**Bonus Answer: 100%**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

Which of the following properties would you use to compute the chances of rolling either a 7 or an 11 with a pair of dice:

- W) multiplicative
- X) conditional
- Y) independent
- Z) additive

**Bonus Answer: Z**

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**10. BIOLOGY**

**Writer: William Chan**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

Oogenesis in humans begins

- W) during embryonic development
- X) at birth
- Y) at puberty
- Z) monthly during the menstrual cycle

**Toss Up Answer: W**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

In birds and mammals, gastrulation begins at the

- W) trophoblast
- X) blastodisc
- Y) blastocyst
- Z) primitive streak

**Bonus Answer: Z**

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**11. CHEMISTRY**

**Writer: Raafiul Hossain**

**Toss Up: Short Answer**

What relation does Charles's law describe?

**Bonus Answer:  $V_1 / T_1 = V_2 / T_2$  (Accept V over T or Volume and temperature)**

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

According to VSEPR bonding theory, what type of geometry does a molecule have when the central atom is surrounded by 4 bonded groups, such as in methane?

**Bonus Answer: TETRAHEDRAL**

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**12. BIOLOGY**

**Writer: William Chan**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

All of the following are found in both roots and stems EXCEPT:

- W) Casparian strip
- X) primary phloem
- Y) primary xylem

Z) secondary xylem

**Toss Up Answer: W**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

All of the following occur in a phototropic response EXCEPT:

- W) Shoots bend toward light
- X) Auxin is produced at the shoot tip and diffuses down the stem
- Y) Auxin accumulates on the shady side of the shoot
- Z) Auxin transport is unidirectional

**Bonus Answer: X**

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## 13. PHYSICS

**Writer: Charles Zhang**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

What's the critical angle in radians when a ray passes from a medium with index of refraction of 1.4 to a medium with index of refraction of 0.7?

- W)  $\pi/2$
- X)  $\pi/3$
- Y)  $\pi/6$
- Z)  $\pi$

**Toss Up Answer: Y**

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

A concave spherical mirror has a focal length of 12 cm. If an object is placed 6 cm in front of it the image position is:

**Bonus Answer: 12cm behind the mirror (accept -12cm)**

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## 14. EARTH and SPACE

**Writer: William Chan**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

Which observation provides the best evidence that Earth revolves around the Sun?

- W) Stars seen from Earth appear to circle Polaris
- X) Earth's planetary winds are deflected by the Coriolis effect
- Y) The change from high ocean tide to low ocean tide is a repeating pattern
- Z) Different star constellations are seen from Earth at different times of the year.

**Toss Up Answer: Z**

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

What is the name of the paradox that asks why the night sky is dark if the universe is infinite and should contain an infinite amount of stars?

**Bonus Answer: Olbers paradox**

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## 15. PHYSICS

**Writer: Charles Zhang**

**Toss Up: Short Answer**

The Kondo effect describes this quantity's divergence at low temperatures. Strain gauges operate by detecting changes in this quantity, because it is proportional to length and inversely proportional to cross-sectional area. Its AC-circuit extension is the complex quantity impedance, and its inverse, measured in siemens, is the conductance. Equal to voltage divided by current, according to Ohm's law, it is high for insulators and low for conductors. Name this

measure of how much an object opposes electric current.

**Bonus Answer: Resistance**

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

What's the emf in volts produced by an inductor with an inductance of 0.3 henry and a current with equation  $I(t) = 2t^2 + 2$  after 3 seconds of operation?

**Bonus Answer: 3.6 volts**

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## 16. BIOLOGY

**Writer: William Chan**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

In plants, male gametes are produced by the

- W) ovary
- X) pistil
- Y) antheridium
- Z) archegonium

**Toss Up Answer: Y**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

The deuterostomes differ from protostomes in all of the following respects EXCEPT:

- W) early cleavage of the zygote
- X) ultimate function of the opening to the archenteron
- Y) number of germ layers in the developing embryo
- Z) embryonic origin of the mouth

**Bonus Answer: Y**

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## 17. PHYSICS

**Writer: Ahmad Alnasser**

**Toss Up: Multiple Choice**

A constant force acting on a body experiencing no change in its environment will give the body:

- W) constant acceleration
- X) constant speed
- Y) constant velocity
- Z) zero acceleration

**Toss Up Answer: W**

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**Bonus: Multiple Choice**

What is the MOST common term for the inwardly directed force exerted on an object to keep the object moving in a circle?

- W) Centripetal Acceleration
- X) Friction
- Y) Normal Force
- Z) Centripetal Force

**Bonus Answer: Z**

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## 18. CHEMISTRY

Writer: Raafiul Hossain

Toss Up: Short Answer

What is the general name for a hypothetical gas that obeys Boyles's law at all temperatures and pressures?

Bonus Answer: Ideal

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Bonus: Short Answer

Knowing that the chemical name for gypsum is calcium sulfate dihydrate, gypsum is what percent water by weight?

Assume the atomic masses of calcium = 40; sulfur = 32 and oxygen = 16.

Bonus Answer: 21

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## 19. MATHEMATICS

Writer: Ahmad Alnasser

Toss Up: Short Answer

What is the volume of a sphere of radius "R"?

Bonus Answer:  $(4/3)\pi R^3$

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Bonus: Short Answer

What is the degree of a vertex in a complete graph  $K_n$  ( $K$  sub  $n$ )?

Bonus Answer: (0,0) ; the origin

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## 20. CHEMISTRY

Writer: Raafiul Hossain

Toss Up: Short Answer

You need to prepare 500 milliliters of a 0.100 molar NaOH solution from a 0.250 molar solution. What volume, in milliliters, of the 0.250 molar solution must be diluted to 500 milliliters?

Bonus Answer: 200

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Bonus: Short Answer

Can MASS SPECTROMETRY be used to calculate endpoint ph?

Bonus Answer: No

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## 21. MATHEMATICS

Writer: Raafiul Hossain

Toss Up: Short Answer

What shape is the graph of  $y=x^2+1$

Bonus Answer: parabola

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Bonus: Short Answer

What is the name of the curve that is one possible inverse of a parabola, its shape resembling a heart, and that also appears in the Mandelbrot set?

Bonus Answer: cardioid

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## 22. CHEMISTRY

Writer: Raafiul Hossain

Toss Up: Short Answer

[note: read as O two [pause] one minus] Name all of the following 4 species that contain an odd number of electrons:

O<sub>2</sub><sup>-1</sup>; O<sub>2</sub><sup>-2</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub>; CO

**Bonus Answer:** O<sub>2</sub><sup>-1</sup>-

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

What are the 2 alkenes (read as: al-KEENS) with the shortest carbon chains and lowest molecular weights?

**Bonus Answer:** ethene, propene (accept ethylene, propylene)

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## 23. CHEMISTRY

**Writer:** Ahmad Alnasser

**Toss Up:** Multiple Choice

Which of the following is a nonpolar molecule with polar bonds?

W) F<sub>2</sub>

X) CHF<sub>3</sub>

Y) HCl

Z) CO<sub>2</sub>

**Toss Up Answer:** Z

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

M represents some unknown element. When M<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> is heated in air, it is converted to MO<sub>2</sub>. A 4.000g sample of M<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> shows a decrease in mass of .277 g when it is heated in air. To the nearest whole number, what is the average atomic mass of M?

**Bonus Answer:** 184 g/mol

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## 24. CHEMISTRY

**Writer:** Raafiul Hossain

**Toss Up:** Short Answer

What is the theoretical end of a titration?

**Bonus Answer:** equivalence point

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

In the electrolysis of a copper chloride solution, what forms at the cathode and anode, respectively?

**Bonus Answer:** CATHODE = COPPER (ACCEPT: Cu); ANODE = CHLORINE (ACCEPT: CHLORINE GAS or Cl<sub>2</sub>)

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## 25. CHEMISTRY

**Writer:** Raafiul Hossain

**Toss Up:** Short Answer

A Buchner funnel is a piece of laboratory glassware to carry out what process?

**Bonus Answer:** Filtration

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**Bonus: Short Answer**

Why are oxygenates used as gasoline additives?

**Bonus Answer:** they allow for more complete combustion

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