



# TMSCA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEST #8 © JANUARY 20, 2018

## GENERAL DIRECTIONS

1. About this test:
  - A. You will be given 40 minutes to take this test.
  - B. There are 50 problems on this test.
2. All answers must be written on the answer sheet/Scantron form/Chatsworth card provided. If you are using an answer sheet be sure to use **BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS**. Clean erasures are necessary for accurate grading.
3. If using a Scantron answer form, be sure to correctly denote the number of problems not attempted.
4. You may write anywhere on the test itself. You must write only answers on the answer sheet.
5. You may use additional scratch paper provided by the contest director.
6. All problems have **ONE** and **ONLY ONE** correct [BEST] answer. There is a penalty for all incorrect answers.
7. On the back of this page is a copy of the periodic table of the elements as well as a list of some potentially useful information in answering the questions.
8. A simple scientific calculator with the following formulas is sufficient for the science contest: +, -, %, ^, log x, e<sup>x</sup>, ln x, y<sup>x</sup>, sin x, sin<sup>-x</sup>, cos x, cos<sup>-x</sup>, tan x, tan<sup>-x</sup>, with scientific notation and degree/radian capability.  
The calculator must be silent, hand-held and battery operated. The calculator cannot be a computer or cannot have built-in or stored functionality that provides scientific information and cannot have communication capability. If the calculator has memory, it must be cleared. Each student may bring one spare calculator. **NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS ARE PERMITTED.**
9. All answers within  $\pm 5\%$  will be considered correct.
10. All problems answered correctly are worth **FIVE** points. **TWO** points will be deducted for all problems answered incorrectly. No points will be added or subtracted for problems not answered.
11. In case of ties, percent accuracy will be used as a tie breaker.

# Periodic Table of the Elements

1A 1																		8A 18						
1 H 1.008	2A 2																		2 He 4.003					
3 Li 6.941	4 Be 9.012																		5 B 10.81	6 C 12.01	7 N 14.01	8 O 16.00	9 F 19.00	10 Ne 20.18
11 Na 22.99	12 Mg 24.31	3B 3		4B 4	5B 5	6B 6	7B 7	8B 8	8B 9	8B 10	1B 11	2B 12	13 Al 26.98	14 Si 28.09	15 P 30.97	16 S 32.07	17 Cl 35.45	18 Ar 39.95						
19 K 39.10	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.87	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 52.00	25 Mn 54.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.69	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.41	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.64	33 As 74.92	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.90	36 Kr 83.80							
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc (98)	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29							
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.33	57 La 138.91	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.84	75 Re 186.21	76 Os 190.23	77 Ir 192.22	78 Pt 195.08	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.20	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po (209)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)							
87 Fr (223)	88 Ra (226)	89 Ac (227)	104 Rf (261)	105 Db (262)	106 Sg (266)	107 Bh (264)	108 Hs (277)	109 Mt (268)	110 Ds (281)	111 Rg (272)	112 Cn (285)													

58 Ce 140.12	59 Pr 140.91	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm (145)	62 Sm 150.36	63 Eu 151.96	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tb 158.93	66 Dy 162.50	67 Ho 164.93	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93	70 Yb 173.04	71 Lu 174.97
90 Th 232.04	91 Pa 231.04	92 U 238.03	93 Np (237)	94 Pu (244)	95 Am (243)	96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (251)	99 Es (252)	100 Fm (257)	101 Md (258)	102 No (259)	103 Lr (262)

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Acceleration of gravity at Earth's surface,  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Avogadro's Number,  $N = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$  molecules/mole

Planck's constant,  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

Planck's reduced constant,  $\hbar = h/2\pi = 1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

Standard temperature and pressure (STP) is  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and 1 atmosphere

Gram molecular volume at STP = 22.4 liters

Velocity of light,  $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$

Absolute zero=  $0 \text{ K} = -273.15^\circ\text{C}$

Gas constant,  $R = 1.986 \text{ cal/K}\cdot\text{mole} = 0.082 \text{ liter}\cdot\text{atm/K}\cdot\text{mole}$

One Faraday= 96,500 coulombs ( $9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C}$ )

Dulong and Pelil's constant=  $6.0 \text{ amu}\cdot\text{cal/gram}\cdot\text{K}$

Electron rest mass,  $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Atomic mass unit,  $m_u = 1.66 \times 10^{-21} \text{ kg}$

Boltzmann constant,  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Permittivity of free space  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2$

Permeability of free space  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A}$

1 Atmosphere=  $1.02 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 760 \text{ Torr} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$

1 Electron Volt -  $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joules}$

Charge of on electron''' - $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ coulombs (C)}$

1 horsepower (hp) = 746 W = 550 ft•lb/s

Neutron Moss= 1.008665 au

Proton Mass= 1.007277 au

1 au= 931.5 MeV

1 calorie= 4.184 Joules (J)

Specific heat of water=  $4.18 \text{ J/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$

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1. Which element is classified as a halogen?  
**A)** chlorine                      **B)** argon                      **C)** sodium                      **D)** zinc
2. Which of the following is not a characteristic of living things?  
**A)** reproduction                      **B)** movement                      **C)** adaptation                      **D)** DNA
3. The prefix *chromo-* used in science to form words such as chromatography means?  
**A)** leaf                      **B)** color                      **C)** climbing                      **D)** silver
4. A unit by which mass is measured would be?  
**A)** grams                      **B)** joules                      **C)** liters                      **D)** voltage
5. Which of the following scientists was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1911 for the discovery of radioactive elements such as radium and polonium?  
**A)** Marie Curie                      **C)** Dimitri Mendeleev  
**B)** John Dalton                      **D)** Antoine Lavoisier
6. A solution with a pH of 12 is:  
**A)** weakly acidic                      **B)** strongly acidic                      **C)** weakly basic                      **D)** strongly basic
7. How many sulfur atoms are found in sulfuric acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?  
**A)** 4                      **B)** 2                      **C)** 1                      **D)** 6
8. What would be the appropriate chemical name for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ?  
**A)** hydrogen monoxide                      **B)** hydrogen peroxide                      **C)** hydrogen oxide                      **D)** none of the above
9. What would sand and mud become when they form sedimentary rock?  
**A)** sandstone                      **B)** limestone                      **C)** shale                      **D)** all of the above
10. All of the following could increase the rate at which a solid will dissolve except:  
**A)** increase of temperature.                      **C)** increase of stirring.  
**B)** increase of surface temperature.                      **D)** decrease of surface area.
11. Electric current may be expressed in which one of the following units?  
**A)** coulombs/volt                      **C)** coulombs/second  
**B)** joules/coulomb                      **D)** ohms/second
12. An impulse of 10 kilogram-meter per second acting on an object whose mass is 5 kilogram will cause a change in the objects velocity of:  
**A)** 0.5 meters per second                      **C)** 10 meters per second  
**B)** 2 meters per second                      **D)** 50 meters per second

13. The first law of thermodynamics is concerned with the conservation of  
A) energy                      B) momentum                      C) charge                      D) matter
14. The change of a solid to a gas is called:  
A) vaporization                      B) sublimation                      C) condensation                      D) deposition
15. In any collision, which of the following is conserved:  
A) kinetic energy                      C) momentum  
B) velocity                      D) potential energy
16. An inorganic compound lacks what element?  
A) oxygen                      B) carbon                      C) hydrogen                      D) nitrogen
17. In an experiment, the reaction rate of photosynthesis was being investigating. 10 spinach discs were treated under same lights, but two different solutions of distilled water and sodium bicarbonate. What would be the independent variable in this lab?  
A) the spinach discs                      C) rate of photosynthesis  
B) the light                      D) the different solutions
18. What is the atomic number of an element that has six protons and eight neutrons?  
A) 8                      B) 14                      C) 6                      D) 2
19. At the bottom of a roller coaster the kinetic energy is \_\_\_\_\_ and the potential energy is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) High, low                      B) Low, low                      C) High, high                      D) Low, high
20. What lab equipment would be most helpful in measuring liquids?  
A) Test tube and graduated cylinder                      C) Beaker and test tube  
B) Graduate cylinder and beaker                      D) Erlenmeyer flask and test tube
21. John tries to move a box that weighs 250 N up a ramp and moves at a rate of 0.25 m/s<sup>2</sup>. If he wants to move the box at a rate of 0.35 m/s<sup>2</sup> how will the force he is applying change?  
A) It will decrease by 10 N                      C) It will increase by 10 N  
B) It will increase by 25 N                      D) It will decrease by 25 N
22. Which quantity identifies an element?  
A) atomic number                      C) total number of neutrons in an atom of the element  
B) total number of valence electrons in an atom of the element                      D) mass number
23. Friction comes as the following forms except  
A) Gravitational                      B) Static                      C) Sliding                      D) Air resistance

24. During the waxing phases of the moon what is occurring?
- A) Less of the near side is lit
  - B) More of the near side is lit
  - C) A new moon is occurring
  - D) The east side of the moon is lit
25. If a person is driving what would be the best way to determine how long it will take to reach your destination?
- A) Average velocity
  - B) Average momentum
  - C) Average speed
  - D) Displacement
26. How does an astronaut's weight and mass change when in orbit around the Earth in comparison to being on land?
- A) Mass never changes and weight decreases
  - B) Mass and weight both decrease the farther away
  - C) Mass decrease and weight never changes
  - D) Neither mass or weight change because the distance from the Earth is not significant enough
27. As air pressure decreases what else occurs?
- A) More molecules are present
  - B) A higher density of molecules occurs
  - C) An increase in nitrogen gases
  - D) An increase of altitude
28. During what stage of thunderstorm development would you see lightning?
- A) Cumulus stage
  - B) Mature stage
  - C) Dissipation stage
  - D) Precipitation stage
29. Approximately what fraction of the Earth's surface is covered in oceans
- A) 1/10
  - B) 3/10
  - C) 9/10
  - D) 7/10
30. Mary tried to lift her couch by exerting 500 Newton's of force but it doesn't budge. If the couch weighed 2,000 Newton's, how much work did she do:
- A) 0
  - B) 50 watts
  - C) 500 joules
  - D) 2000 joules
31. What is the SI base unit for length?
- A) liter
  - B) meter
  - C) feet
  - D) inches
32. How many protons would you find in an ion of hydrogen?
- A) 1
  - B) 0
  - C) 2
  - D) 3
33. Which of the following fossils is the oldest:
- A) trilobite
  - B) snake
  - C) petrified wood
  - D) megalodon tooth

34. What is the most common term for the ratio of the output force to the input force of a simple machine?  
A) mechanical advantage      B) tension      C) gravity      D) potential energy
35. Which of the following is the hottest region of planet Earth:  
A) the mantle      B) the inner core      C) the outer core      D) the crust
36. Which of the following best describes a smaller stream that merges with a larger stream:  
A) delta      B) rip-rap      C) streamer      D) tributary
37. Which of the following is a structural adaptation of ducks that is most helpful in keeping them dry:  
A) an oil-producing gland      C) darkly colored plumage  
B) hollow fur      D) ability to float
38. Which of the following best describes how a sedimentary rock can form:  
A) compaction and cementation      C) fast cooling and hardening of magma  
B) slow cooling and hardening of magma      D) high temperature and pressure causing recrystallization
39. Place the following measurements in order from smallest to the largest?  
A) microgram, kilogram, decigram, gram      C) decigram, kilogram, gram, microgram  
B) gram, microgram, kilogram, decigram      D) microgram, decigram, gram, kilogram
40. The greatest geophysical impacts from the movement of Earth's lithospheric plates are most often seen and felt in which of the following areas:  
A) at the center of the plates      C) evenly distributed throughout the entire plate  
B) at plate boundaries      D) along riverbeds within the plates
41. What structure is responsible for the motility of a bacterium?  
A) flagella      B) pili      C) pods      D) pseudopods
42. A mangrove coast is likely to be found in which of the following locations:  
A) Alaskan Peninsula      C) Florida  
B) Hawaiian Islands      D) Maine
43. Which of the following is most important for climate because it transports large amounts of heat and moisture from the ocean to land:  
A) tides      B) monsoons      C) longshore drift      D) erosion
44. A doorknob are considered variations of what simple machine?  
A) pulley      B) wheel and axle      C) lever      D) ramp
45. How many valence electrons are in an oxygen atom, which resides in group 16 or 6A of the Periodic Table?  
A) 5      B) 4      C) 2      D) 6

46. How many pairs of walking legs do arachnids have?

**A)** 4

**B)** 2

**C)** 6

**D)** 3

47. Which organism is considered a bivalve?

**A)** mussel

**B)** squid

**C)** octopus

**D)** nautilus

48. Jerry has a mass of 100 kilograms. He runs with a velocity of 0.5 meters per second. What is his momentum?

**A)** 50 kg·m/s

**B)** 150 kg·m/s

**C)** 5 kg·m/s

**D)** 500 kg·m/s

49. The most useful unit of concentration in the chemistry lab is:

**A)** mole fraction

**B)** mass percent

**C)** normality

**D)** molarity

50. Which of the following is the location of the human thymus gland:

**A)** upper chest

**B)** inguinal canal

**C)** abdomen

**D)** brain

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1. A	18. C	35. B
2. B	19. A	36. D
3. B	20. B	37. A
4. A	21. B	38. A
5. D	22. A	39. D
6. D	23. A	40. B
7. C	24. B	41. A
8. B	25. C	42. C
9. D	26. A	43. B
10. D	27. D	44. B
11. C	28. B	45. D
12. B	29. D	46. A
13. A	30. A	47. A
14. B	31. B	48. A
15. C	32. A	49. D
16. B	33. A	50. A
17. D	34. A	