



# TMSCA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEST #4 © NOVEMBER 11, 2017

## 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.

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1 H 1.01																	2 He 4.00																
3 Li 6.94	4 Be 9.01																	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 9 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 65.38	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 138.9	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 (281)	112 Cn (285)	113 Nh (286)	114 Fl (289)	115 Mc (289)	116 Lv (293)	117 Ts (293)	118 Og (294)																

58 Ce 140.1	59 Pr 140.9	60 Nd 144.2	61 Pm (145)	62 Sm 150.4	63 Eu 152.0	64 Gd 157.3	65 Tb 158.9	66 Dy 162.5	67 Ho 164.9	68 Er 167.3	69 Tm 168.9	70 Yb 173.0	71 Lu 175.0
90 Th 232.0	91 Pa 231.0	92 U 238.0	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°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 K = -273.15°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 ( $9.65 \times 10^4$  C)**

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

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

**Atomic mass unit,  $m_u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  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 Torr = 760 mmHg**

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

**Charge of on electron'''  $-1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  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. An enzyme aids in the chemical reaction by \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A)** increasing the activation energy                      **C)** lowering the activation energy  
**B)** producing more reactants                              **D)** producing less reactants
2. A virus is not considered to be living because of which of the following?  
**A)** lacks genetic material                                      **C)** does not have a scientific name  
**B)** is unable to evolve    **D)** is unable to reproduce outside of a host cell
3. The kind of animal life that a particular ecosystem can contain is primarily reliant on \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A)** the temperature    **C)** the plant life present  
**B)** the amount of precipitation                              **D)** the type of soil composition
4. Gametes are also known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A)** diploid cells                      **B)** sex cells                      **C)** 2n cells                      **D)** sporangia
5. The purpose of a \_\_\_\_\_ is to speed up a chemical reaction.  
**A)** catalyst                      **B)** solute                      **C)** base                      **D)** inhibitor
6. A paramecium is best described as a(n)  
**A)** archaebacteria                      **B)** eubacteria                      **C)** zooflagellate                      **D)** algae
7. Due to the Coriolis effect an object moving longitudinally in the Southern hemisphere will appear to  
**A)** stay straight on                      **B)** deflect to the                      **C)** deflect to the left.                      **D)** move backwards.  
track.                                      right.
8. The Earth currently has a tilt of approximately  
**A)** 23.5°.                      **B)** 74.5°.                      **C)** 13.5°.                      **D)** it is not tilted.
9. Which of the following represents an element?  
**A)** HCl                      **B)** Cu                      **C)** AgNO<sub>3</sub>                      **D)** NaOH
10. As water moves through the xylem of a plant shoot system to the leaves it will go through \_\_\_\_\_ and phase change to water vapor.  
**A)** decomposition                      **B)** translocation                      **C)** transpiration                      **D)** nondisjunction
11. When the chromosomes fail to separate from each other during anaphase leading to multiple copies of genetic material in a cell this is called?  
**A)** translocation                      **B)** crossing over                      **C)** nondisjunction                      **D)** parthenogenesis
12. A known characteristic of life would include:  
**A)** must contain genetic material.                      **C)** must be able to go through sexual reproduction.  
**B)** must contain a nucleus.                                      **D)** must contain a cell wall.

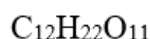
13. What is the maximum number of protons a neutral atom of neon can have?

- A) 20                      B) 10                      C) 15                      D) 30

14. Mass is a \_\_\_\_\_ property.

- A) natural                      B) chemical                      C) physical                      D) electrical

15. Given the following formula how many atoms comprise one molecule of maltose?



- A) 12                      B) 22                      C) 45                      D) 46

16. After a scientific experiment has completed the data collected as a final result would be best described as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) independent variable                      B) constant                      C) control group                      D) dependent variable

17. During a covalent bond the electrons are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) shared equally                      C) completely transferred  
B) divided up equally                      D) never in contact with another atom

18. Saturn has a satellite larger than Mercury called

- A) Titan                      B) Demos                      C) Phoebe                      D) Rhea

19. Pressure is measured by

- A) mass \* area.                      C) force \* acceleration.  
B) force/area.                      D) acceleration/ area.

20. Which of the following principles does not apply to how fluids act?

- A) Pascal                      B) Archimedes                      C) Bernoulli                      D) Symbiosis

21. Which of the following is not a type of friction?

- A) static                      B) electrical                      C) sliding                      D) fluid

22. How is weight measured?

- A) mass \* acceleration due to gravity                      C) gravitation force / mass  
B) mass / acceleration due to gravity                      D) volume \* mass

23. If a car continues on the street at a constant 20 mph and goes from traveling North to South what have they changed?

- A) acceleration                      B) displacement                      C) velocity                      D) all of the above

24. In the equation below what is the correct number of oxygen atoms in the reactants?



- A) 3                                      B) 6                                      C) 5                                      D) 2
25. Trade winds, westerlies, and easterlies are examples of  
A) Prevailing winds                      B) Jet streams                      C) Local winds                      D) Coriolis effect
26. During what stage of thunderstorm development would you see lightning?  
A) Cumulus stage                      B) Mature stage                      C) Dissipation stage                      D) Precipitation stage
27. As a population reaches its carrying capacity, what else has probably increased?  
A) niches                                      B) habitat                                      C) demographics                      D) density
28. Which of the following would not be found within a developing seed?  
A) endosperm                                      B) radicle                                      C) embryo                                      D) terminal meristem
29. If you are consuming a tomato, what part of the plant are you eating?  
A) the stem                                      B) the root                                      C) the fruit                                      D) the flower
30. Information in the form of hormones and electrical impulses travel through what organ system?  
A) circulatory                                      B) nervous                                      C) immune                                      D) excretory
31. The kidneys release a hormone called erythropoietin that signals the bone marrow to produce what?  
A) calcium                                      B) platelets                                      C) antibodies                                      D) red blood cells
32. *Panthera tigris* and *Panthera leo* do not belong to the same?  
A) genus                                      B) class                                      C) family                                      D) species
33. The largest organelle in a plant cell is the  
A) nucleus                                      B) vacuole                                      C) lysosome                                      D) chromosome
34. According to Mendelian inheritance, the phenotypic trait of an individual is inherited  
A) by the dominant parent.                      C) by the recessive parent.  
B) by both parents equally.                      D) codominantly.
35. Sexual reproduction can occur through all of the following processes except:  
A) mitosis.                                      B) conjugation.                                      C) fertilization.                                      D) none of the above.
36. Blood and epithelium are both examples of  
A) organs                                      B) systems                                      C) cells                                      D) tissue

37. The process by which amoebas ingest their food is known as  
A) adhesion.                      B) pinocytosis.                      C) phagocytosis.                      D) osmosis.
38. Glucose molecules that are produced by green plants are generated in the  
A) mitochondria.                      B) cytoplasm.                      C) chloroplast.                      D) lysosome.
39. The nucleotide of a DNA molecule is composed of  
A) carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, and hydrogen.                      C) carbon, oxygen, iron, phosphorus, and hydrogen.  
B) carbon, hydrogen, iron, nitrogen, potassium and oxygen.                      D) carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, iron, and nitrogen.
40. Bile is created by what organ?  
A) small intestine                      B) liver                      C) kidney                      D) pancreas
41. An individual with blood type A can receive a blood transfusion from which of the following blood groups?  
A) O                      B) B                      C) AB                      D) None of the above
42. The measurement of a light-year is approximately  
A) 9.5 trillion years                      C) 9.5 trillion kilometers/hour  
B) 9.5 trillion hours                      D) 9.5 trillion kilometers
43. Which of the following is not a physical property?  
A) color                      B) boiling point                      C) hardness                      D) flammability
44. Proton: nucleus :: Electron: \_\_\_\_\_  
A) nucleus                      B) positive                      C) neutral                      D) cloud area
45. The mass of a calcium atom is due primarily to the mass of its  
A) protons, only.                      B) neutrons, only.                      C) protons and electrons.                      D) protons and neutrons.
46. Given the structural formula for ethyne:



What is the total number of electrons shared between the carbon atoms?

- A) 6                      B) 2                      C) 4                      D) 3
47. The elements from which two groups of the Periodic Table are most similar in their chemical properties?  
A) 1 and 2                      B) 1 and 17                      C) 2 and 17                      D) 17 and 18

48. An isotope differs from a neutral atom in that it has a

- A) different number of protons.
- B) different number of electrons.
- C) different number of neutrons.
- D) different number of positrons.

49. Which group is known as the noble gases?

- A) Group 1
- B) Group 15
- C) Group 16
- D) Group 18

50. What happens to the particles of a gas as temperatures increase?

- A) they condense and move slower
- B) they condense and move faster
- C) they spread out and move faster
- D) they spread out and move slower

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