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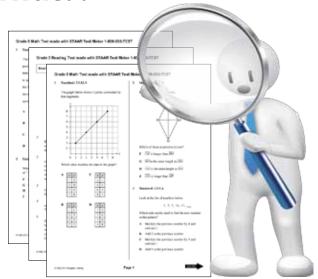
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1 Expectation: 8.5(B)

Chlorine (CI) is an extremely reactive element. This is because chlorine —

- **A** cannot lose any electrons.
- **B** can gain electrons in its outermost shell.
- **C** has fewer neutrons in its outermost shell than in its nucleus.
- **D** has as many electrons in its nucleus as in its outermost shell.

2 Expectation: 8.6(C)

In a series of controlled experiments, a student measures the force acting on a go-cart and the go-cart's acceleration. The student's data are shown below.

Force (N)	Acceleration (m/s²)
10	0.5
24	1.2
30	1.5

Based on the recorded observations, what is the mass of the go-cart in kilograms?

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2	0			
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3 Expectation: 8.5(E)

A food scientist placed a raw egg in a pan and cooked it. The white and yolk became a thick, solid mass. What evidence indicates that a chemical reaction occurred when the egg was cooked?

- A The egg changed from a liquid state to a solid state.
- **B** Water vapor was released as the egg was heated.
- **C** The cooked egg cannot return to its raw state.
- **D** Some of the raw egg was boiled and released as a gas.

4 Expectation: 8.7(C)

A tide with the largest difference between water levels at high and low tides is known as a spring tide. Two spring tides occur in each lunar cycle. This is because a spring tide occurs when —

- F the moon and the sun pull on Earth at a 90° angle.
- **G** the sun is closest to Earth.
- **H** the moon is closest to Earth.
- **J** the gravitational pulls of the moon and the sun are aligned.

5 Expectation: 8.8(B)

Look at the image of the Milky Way galaxy below.



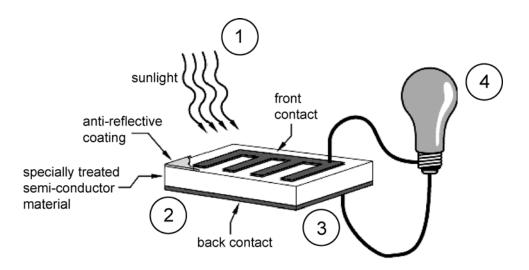
Courtesy of NASA/JPL-Caltech, 2011

The Milky Way was created when a cloud of gas and dust began to condense. Near the center of the Milky Way, material is just beginning to condense into new stars. This indicates that —

- **A** the sun is near the edge of the Milky Way galaxy, close to other stars that have already formed.
- **B** the sun is at the center of the Milky Way galaxy, close to dust and gas that has not yet condensed into new stars.
- **C** the sun is outside the Milky Way galaxy, close to other stars that are traveling through space.
- **D** the sun is near the center of the Milky Way galaxy, close to other stars that are just beginning to form.

6 Expectation: 6.9(C)

The diagram below shows a solar cell.



Courtesy of NASA, 2011.

At what point is light energy transformed into electrical energy?

- **F** 1
- **G** 2
- **H** 3
- **J** 4

Expectation: 8.11(B)

A desert ecosystem is depicted in the photograph below.

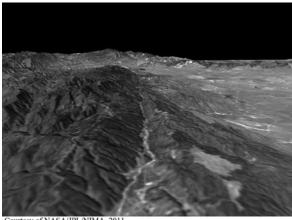


What must the grasses be able to do to survive?

- **A** The grasses must be able to outcompete cacti and yucca plants for shade.
- **B** The grasses must be able to outcompete cacti and yucca plants for water.
- The grasses must be able to outcompete cacti and yucca plants for shelter from storms.
- **D** The grasses must be able to outcompete cacti and yucca plants for minerals in mountain rocks.

8 Expectation: 8.9(B)

An image of the San Andreas Fault, which runs along the coast of California, is shown below.



Courtesy of NASA/JPL/NIMA, 2011

The San Andreas Fault represents an area where the Pacific Plate is drifting northwest. As the Pacific Plate moves, it grinds against the North American Plate, creating -

- a long trough of broken earth.
- **G** a flat, even surface.
- **H** a series of island volcanoes.
- a group of gently rolling hills.

I tem Number	Reporting Category	Readiness or Supporting	Content Student Expectation	Process Student Expectation	Correct Answer
1 Rep	orting Category	1 Readiness	8.5(B)		В
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4 Rep	oorting Category	3 Supporting	8.7(C)	8.3 (A)	J
5 Rep	oorting Category	3 Supporting	8.8(B)		А
6 Rep	oorting Category	2 Supporting	6.9(C)	8.3 (B)	G
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