

ROUND ROBIN – ROUND 4

TOSS-UP

1) Earth & Space – *Short Answer* What is the term for a rock fragment that originated from an asteroid or planetesimal, passed through Earth's atmosphere, and landed on the surface?

ANSWER: METEORITE (DO NOT ACCEPT: METEOR OR METEOROID)

BONUS

1) Earth & Space – *Multiple Choice* Which of the following values is closest to the mass, in solar masses, that a star must have in order to burn silicon?

- W) 0.1
- X) 1
- Y) 3
- Z) 10

ANSWER: Z) 10

TOSS-UP

2) Energy – *Multiple Choice* Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Lab are working to develop new reflective optics for use with X-ray imaging. Which of the following wavelengths would be considered X-ray?

- W) 4 micrometers
- X) 400 nanometers
- Y) 40 nanometers
- Z) 4 nanometers

ANSWER: Z) 4 NANOMETERS

BONUS

2) Energy – *Short Answer* Sandia National Lab researchers have developed a chip that models the junction at which two neurons communicate with one another. What is the name of this junction?

ANSWER: SYNAPSE

TOSS-UP

3) Math – *Short Answer* What is the multiplicative inverse of -7 ?

ANSWER: $-1/7$

BONUS

3) Math – *Short Answer* To the nearest whole number, what temperature in degrees Celsius is equivalent to 117 degrees Fahrenheit?

ANSWER: 47

TOSS-UP

4) Life Science – *Multiple Choice* The semicircular canals in the ears are responsible for which of the following functions?

- W) Hearing
- X) Balance
- Y) Olfaction
- Z) Pain sensation

ANSWER: X) BALANCE

BONUS

4) Life Science – *Short Answer* What element, while not strictly essential for humans, is needed to maintain healthy tooth structure?

ANSWER: FLUORINE (DO NOT ACCEPT: FLUORIDE)

TOSS-UP

5) Energy – *Multiple Choice* Scientists at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab are making biomimetics [**bio-mih-MEH-tiks**] that imitate glycoproteins. These biomimetics are peptoids covered with what?

- W) Nucleic [**new-CLAY-ik**] acids
- X) Sugars
- Y) Amino acids
- Z) Fats

ANSWER: X) SUGARS

BONUS

5) Energy – *Short Answer* Savannah River National Lab is investigating the effects of radiation on piezoelectric [**PEE-zoh-electric**] sensors. To do so, they are using radiation from the highest-energy part of the electromagnetic spectrum. What is the name of this type of radiation?

ANSWER: GAMMA (ACCEPT: GAMMA RAYS)

TOSS-UP

6) Earth & Space – *Short Answer* Relative to an observer, the point that a rainbow is centered around is always directly opposite to what?

ANSWER: THE SUN (ACCEPT: SOL)

BONUS

6) Earth & Space – *Multiple Choice* Why are feldspars less abundant in sedimentary rocks than quartz?

- W) Feldspars primarily collects in ocean sediments
- X) Feldspars metamorphose more easily
- Y) Feldspars weather more rapidly
- Z) Feldspars are less abundant in crustal rock

ANSWER: Y) FELDSPARS WEATHER MORE RAPIDLY

TOSS-UP

7) Physical Science – *Short Answer* What is the term for a molecule that is composed of a very large number of individual monomers bonded together?

ANSWER: POLYMER

BONUS

7) Physical Science – *Short Answer* You pull on a 10-kilogram cart that is initially at rest with a force of 40 newtons. In meters per second, what is the speed of the cart after 3 seconds of pulling?

ANSWER: 12

TOSS-UP

8) Life Science – *Short Answer* What is the type of cell division that diploid eukaryotic cells undergo to produce gametes **[GAM-eets]**?

ANSWER: MEIOSIS

BONUS

8) Life Science – *Multiple Choice* Which of the following groups of organisms is responsible for most of the photosynthetic activity in the oceans?

- W) Plants
- X) Protists
- Y) Cyanobacteria
- Z) Proteobacteria

ANSWER: X) PROTISTS

TOSS-UP

9) Math – *Short Answer* What is the diameter of a circle with area 16π ?

ANSWER: 8

BONUS

9) Math – *Short Answer* Rounding your answer to the nearest 10,000, what is 447 times 356?

ANSWER: 160,000

TOSS-UP

10) Earth & Space – *Multiple Choice* The Encke **[EN-kee]** Gap is found in which of the following?

- W) Asteroid belt
- X) Kuiper **[KYE-pur]** belt
- Y) Oort **[ort]** cloud
- Z) Saturn's rings

ANSWER: Z) SATURN'S RINGS

BONUS

10) Earth & Space – *Short Answer* Rank the following three stellar spectral classes in order of increasing star temperature: 1) A; 2) B; 3) O.

ANSWER: 1, 2, 3

TOSS-UP

11) Energy – *Short Answer* Scientists working on the DOE’s Energy Exascale Earth System Model, or E3SM, are modeling decades of plastic flow in the glaciers found on what continent?

ANSWER: ANTARCTICA

BONUS

11) Energy – *Short Answer* Researchers at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility recently measured the pressure felt by quarks inside of a proton. What fundamental force is responsible for this confining pressure to the constituent quarks?

ANSWER: STRONG FORCE (ACCEPT: STRONG NUCLEAR FORCE)

TOSS-UP

12) Life Science – *Short Answer* In sickle cell disease, red blood cells become distorted into abnormal shapes because of mutations in what oxygen-carrying protein?

ANSWER: HEMOGLOBIN (ACCEPT: HEMOGLOBIN-BETA, BETAGLOBIN)

BONUS

12) Life Science – *Short Answer* Conifers typically have two main types of cones, one that is the familiar-looking ovulate [*AW-yoo-late*] cone, and the other which produces what?

ANSWER: POLLEN

TOSS-UP

13) Physical Science – *Multiple Choice* Suppose your weight is A newtons. If M is the mass of the Earth, which of the following expressions equals the magnitude of the gravitational force that you exert on the Earth?

- W) A
- X) A times M
- Y) A divided by M
- Z) A divided by M squared

ANSWER: W) A

BONUS

13) Physical Science – *Short Answer* Rank the following three objects in increasing order of specific heat: 1) 5 milliliters of liquid water; 2) 30 grams of water ice; 3) A kilogram of copper.

ANSWER: 3, 2, 1

TOSS-UP

14) Math – *Short Answer* The line with equation $y = 4x - 5$ contains points in each quadrant except which one?

ANSWER: 2 (ACCEPT: SECOND)

BONUS

14) Math – *Short Answer* Evaluate $5 \log_2 16 + \frac{1}{2} \log_3 81 - 3 \log_4 1024$.

ANSWER: 7

TOSS-UP

15) Earth & Space – *Multiple Choice* The Himalayan Mountains are the result of ongoing uplift brought about by which of the following plate boundaries?

- W) Ocean-continent convergent
- X) Continent-continent convergent
- Y) Continent-continent divergent
- Z) Continent-continent transform

ANSWER: X) CONTINENT-CONTINENT CONVERGENT

BONUS

15) Earth & Space – *Multiple Choice* Which of the following locations on Earth will likely have the largest difference in average temperature between the months of July and January?

- W) Indonesia
- X) Congo basin
- Y) British Isles
- Z) Inland Siberia

ANSWER: Z) INLAND SIBERIA

TOSS-UP

16) Life Science – *Multiple Choice* Which of the following best describes the role of most white blood cells?

- W) Immune response
- X) Clotting
- Y) Gas transport
- Z) Osmotic buffering

ANSWER: W) IMMUNE RESPONSE

BONUS

16) Life Science – *Short Answer* Parathyroid hormone helps increase calcium levels in the blood in part by increasing the production of what vitamin?

ANSWER: D (ACCEPT: CALCITRIOL, CHOLECALCIFEROL)

TOSS-UP

17) Physical Science – *Short Answer* What is the general term for a substance that, if added to water, would lower the pH of the water?

ANSWER: ACID

BONUS

17) Physical Science – *Short Answer* You drop a 100-gram ball from a height of 50 centimeters, and then you drop a 1-kilogram brick from a height of 2 meters. Just before each hit the ground, the brick had how many times the momentum of the ball?

ANSWER: 20

TOSS-UP

18) Earth & Space – *Short Answer* What two planets in the solar system have rotational periods of approximately 24 hours?

ANSWER: EARTH AND MARS

BONUS

18) Earth & Space – *Short Answer* Identify all of the following three planets that exhibit a full set of phases when observed from Earth: 1) Mercury; 2) Mars; 3) Jupiter.

ANSWER: 1

TOSS-UP

19) Math – *Short Answer* What is the average of the 3 numbers 7, 9, and 17?

ANSWER: 11

BONUS

19) Math – *Short Answer* A fence is built along the perimeter of a 200-foot-by-400-foot rectangular field. Posts are placed at the four corners and every 8 feet thereafter. How many posts are required?

ANSWER: 150

TOSS-UP

20) Physical Science – *Short Answer* If a spring that obeys Hooke’s law is compressed by 10 centimeters, it produces 300 newtons of restoring force. In newtons, what is the magnitude of the force produced if the spring is now brought back to its initial equilibrium position?

ANSWER: 0

BONUS

20) Physical Science – *Multiple Choice* The frictional force acting on a moving object is most directly proportional to which of the following quantities?

- W) Weight
- X) Normal force
- Y) Applied force
- Z) Coefficient of static friction

ANSWER: X) NORMAL FORCE

TOSS-UP

21) Life Science – *Short Answer* At chemical synapses, neurons can communicate with each other using what general family of chemicals?

ANSWER: NEUROTRANSMITTERS

BONUS

21) Life Science – *Short Answer* In mammals, what is the first heart chamber into which newly oxygenated blood flows?

ANSWER: LEFT ATRIUM

TOSS-UP

22) Math – *Short Answer* Expressing your answer to the nearest hundred, find the sum of the three numbers 425, 279, and 633.

ANSWER: 1300

BONUS

22) Math – *Short Answer* Two triangles are similar with scale factor 3/4. If the area of the smaller triangle is 288, what is the area of the larger triangle?

ANSWER: 512

TOSS-UP

23) Physical Science – *Short Answer* In hertz to one significant figure, a sound wave in air with a wavelength of half a meter would have what frequency?

ANSWER: 700

BONUS

23) Physical Science – *Short Answer* What molecule is the solute in vinegar?

ANSWER: ACETIC ACID (ACCEPT: ACETATE, CH₃COOH, C₂H₄O₂)