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Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE

When the Earth is seen from outer space, it looks mainly blue. This is because most of the Earth is covered with —

- A** ice
- B** mountains
- C** oceans
- D** deserts

1 Which picture shows an animal that is *most* likely found in Virginia forests?

A



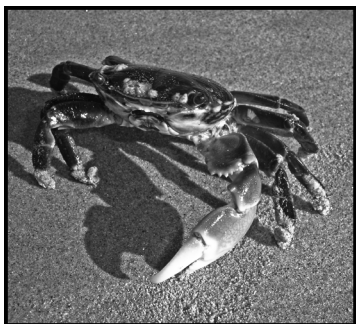
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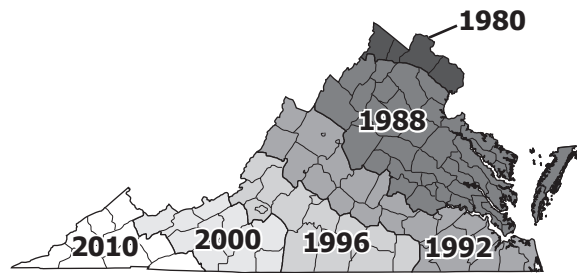
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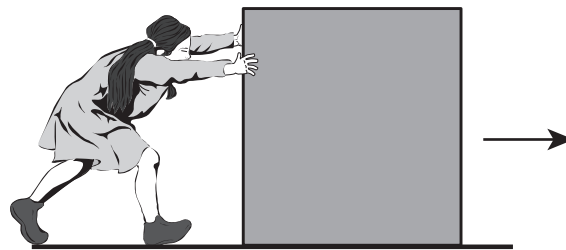
Spread of Gypsy Moths Across Virginia



The map shows how gypsy moths have spread across Virginia over the years. Based on the map, gypsy moths —

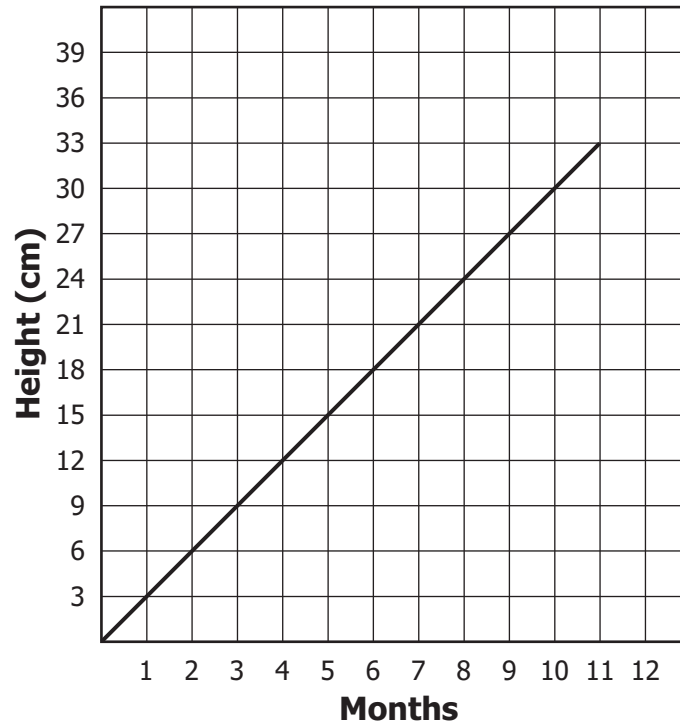
- F** live in every state in the United States
- G** will be in all of Virginia by 2010
- H** first came to Virginia in 1960
- J** stopped spreading in 1996

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A person pushes a box as shown. What is the push *most* likely to change?

- A** The size of the box
- B** The mass of the box
- C** The color of the box
- D** The position of the box

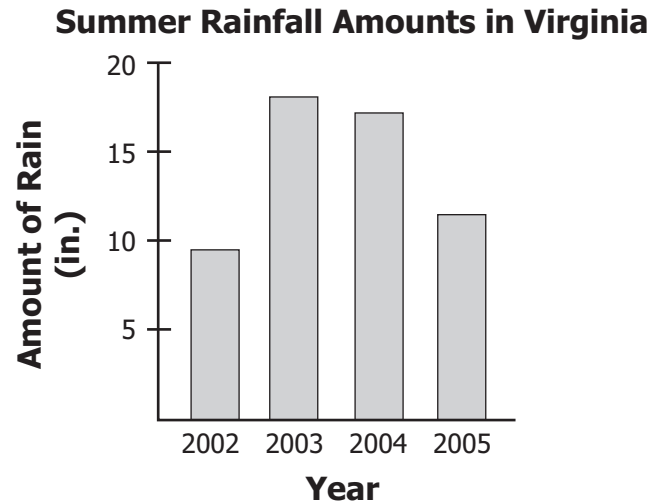


The graph shows the height change of a plant over a period of 11 months. How tall should the plant be at month 12 if all conditions remain the same and the plant continues to grow at the same rate?

- F** 36 cm
- G** 39 cm
- H** 42 cm
- J** 45 cm

5 Which is the *best* action to help protect water resources in Virginia?

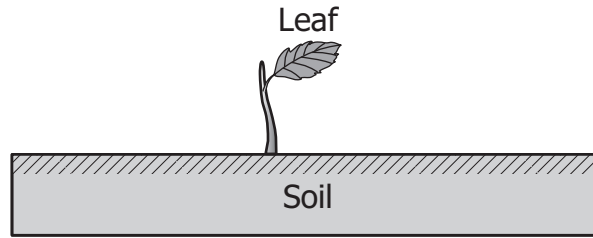
- A** Dispose of pet waste in a stream.
- B** Rinse spilled gasoline with a hose.
- C** Organize a river cleanup program.
- D** Put hazardous waste in with house trash.



The graph shows the amount of rain that fell during the summer for each of four years. Weather data show that the average rainfall during the summer is about 12 inches. Based on the graph, rainfall was closest to the average during —

- F** 2002
- G** 2003
- H** 2004
- J** 2005

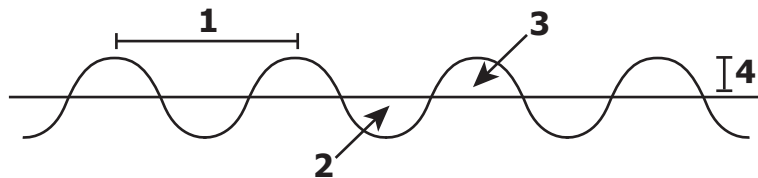
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The picture shows a sprouting bean plant. The leaf produced will help the plant by —

- A** absorbing water from the air for nourishment
- B** using sunlight for energy in food production
- C** reproducing more bean plants for survival of the species
- D** adding support for the plant as it grows taller

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Which number on the diagram shows the wavelength?

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

9 Earth makes a complete revolution around the Sun about once every —

- A** day
- B** year
- C** season
- D** minute

10 Which of these objects is opaque?

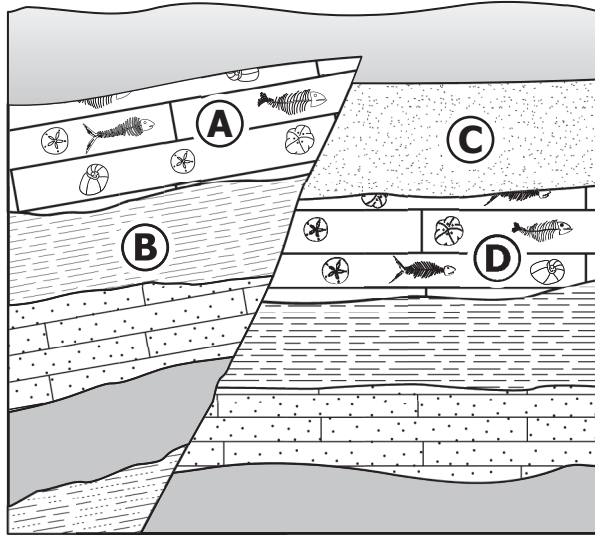
- F** A brick wall
- G** Eyeglass lenses
- H** Liquid water
- J** Stained glass windows

11 Students collect pond water in their beakers. Which is the *best* unit of measurement for the volume of water they collect?

- A** Grams
- B** Meters
- C** Milliliters
- D** Centimeters

12 Seeds that remain inactive until the right conditions of light, water, and soil are present are called —

- F** pollen
- G** dormant
- H** flowers
- J** recycled

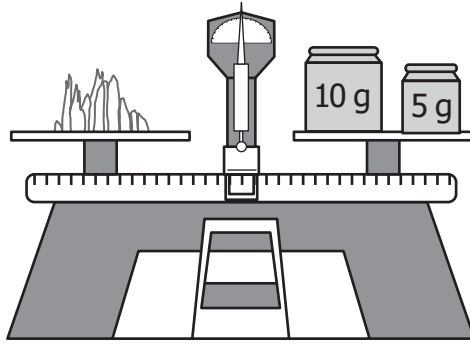


Layer A probably formed in an ocean. Which of these is the *best* clue that layer A formed in an ocean?

- A** The thickness of the layer
- B** The type of fossils in the layer
- C** The position of the layer
- D** The density of the layer

14 Copper wire is often wrapped in plastic. Plastic material is a good —

- F** electromagnet
- G** insulator
- H** circuit
- J** current

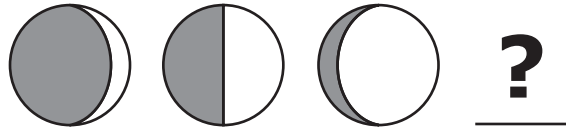


What is the mass of this mineral?

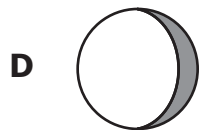
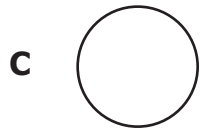
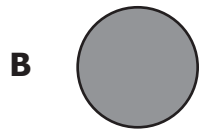
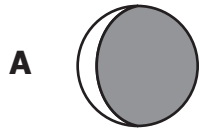
- A** 5 grams
- B** 10 grams
- C** 15 grams
- D** 20 grams

16 Which of these *best* describes a tornado?

- F** A winter storm that produces frozen precipitation
- G** A rotating funnel-shaped cloud with strong winds and thunderstorms
- H** A severe weather condition with low temperatures and blowing snow
- J** A storm that forms over warm ocean water and has extremely strong winds

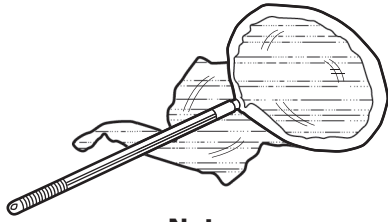


The phases of the Moon occur in a certain order. Three phases are shown here. Which is the next phase in the sequence?



- 18 Which of these is the *best* tool to use when measuring the water depth at the edge of a pond?

F



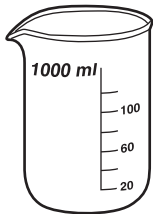
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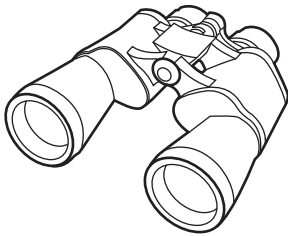
Meter stick

H



Beaker

J



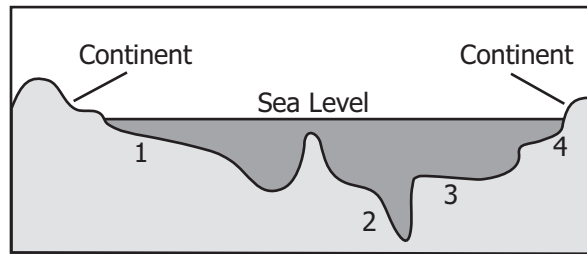
Binoculars

19 Three baseball players investigate to see who can throw a baseball the farthest. They mark off an area on the playground for their investigation. Which should they keep constant?

- A** Height of players
- B** Color of the baseballs thrown
- C** Order in which the players throw
- D** Spot from which players throw

20 A student throws a ball. Which of these *best* describes the moving ball?

- F** The ball has light energy.
- G** The ball has kinetic energy.
- H** The ball is transferring sound energy to the air.
- J** The ball is transferring light energy to the air.

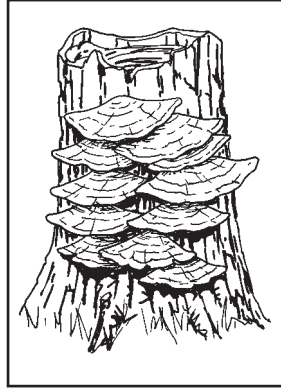


Which location is likely to have the greatest water pressure, the coldest temperatures, and the smallest number of living organisms?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

22 Which of these can be mined from Earth and used as an energy source?

- F Coal
- G Gravel
- H Granite
- J Limestone

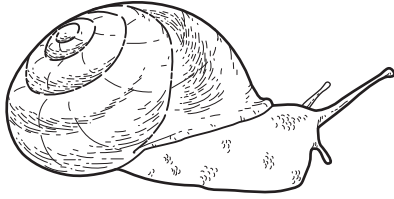


Although the mushroom looks like a plant, it is in a different kingdom. The main difference between the fungi kingdom and the plant kingdom is that fungi —

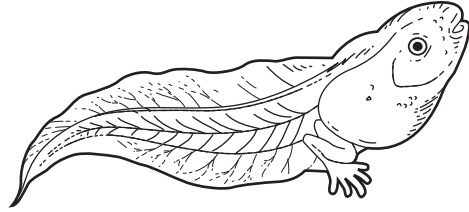
- A** use chlorophyll to make sugar
- B** have special tissues
- C** absorb nutrients from other organisms
- D** depend on the Sun for energy

24 Which of these animals is an invertebrate?

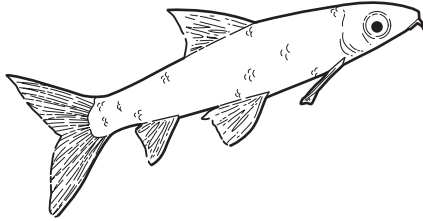
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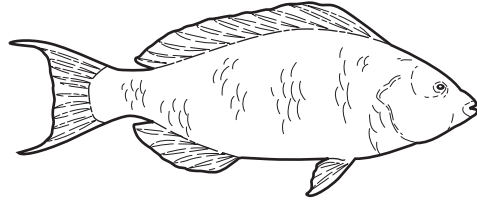
H



G



J



25 A bicyclist rides on a flat road and then stops pedaling but does *not* apply the brakes. The bicycle stops because of —

- A** balance
- B** friction
- C** attraction
- D** magnetism

26 Which of these are the deepest parts of the ocean?

- F** Continental shelves
- G** Continental slopes
- H** Ocean trenches
- J** Abyssal plains

Puppy Growth Chart

Age (weeks)	Weight (kg)
8	8.0
9	8.5
10	9.0
11	9.5
12	11.0
13	11.5

Based on the chart, between which two weeks did the growth pattern of the puppy change?

- A** 8–9 weeks
- B** 9–10 weeks
- C** 10–11 weeks
- D** 11–12 weeks

28 Submarines have explored many parts of the ocean. As submarines descend, scientists observe that there is an increase in the —

- F** amount of light
- G** water temperature
- H** water pressure
- J** types of ocean organisms



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Based on the bird of prey key, which bird is shown in the picture?

Adult Bird of Prey Key

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1a | Bill straight | Not a bird of prey |
| 1b | Bill curved and sharp | Go to 2 |
| 2a | Both eyes on front of head | Owl |
| 2b | Eyes on sides of head | Go to 3 |
| 3a | Feathers on head | Go to 4 |
| 3b | No feathers on head | Vulture |
| 4a | Feathers on head are all dark | Golden Eagle |
| 4b | Feathers on head are all white | Bald Eagle |

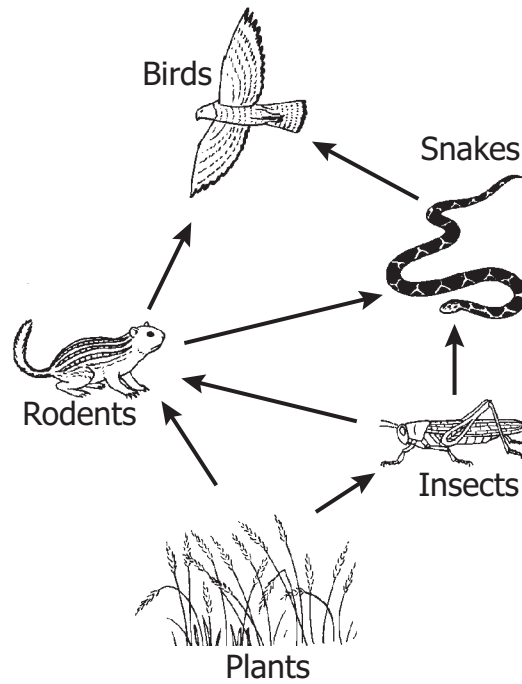
- A** Owl
- B** Vulture
- C** Golden eagle
- D** Bald eagle

30 Which part of a plant cell is responsible for controlling the activities of the other parts of the cell?

- F** Vacuole
- G** Nucleus
- H** Cell wall
- J** Chloroplast

31 Which of these is the main function of a cell wall?

- A** To make food
- B** To store water
- C** To provide support
- D** To make the plant green



Which shows one way that energy flows to birds in this food web?

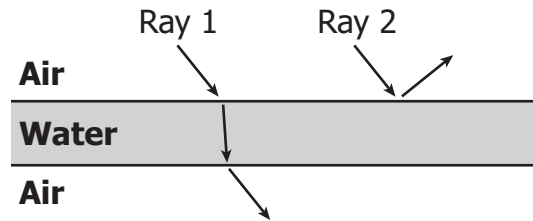
- F** Rodents → insects → birds
- G** Insects → plants → birds
- H** Snakes → rodents → birds
- J** Plants → rodents → birds

33 Michael Faraday showed how electric current in a wire produces —

- A** molecules
- B** chemicals
- C** a vibration
- D** a magnetic field

34 Students notice that in the fall leaves of sugar maple trees turn red, but the leaves of black oak trees turn brown. The students are making —

- F** an observation
- G** a conclusion
- H** a prediction
- J** an inference



Two flashlights are turned on. The light rays they create are shown in the diagram. These light rays *best* illustrate that —

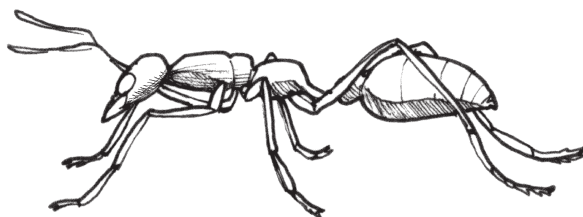
- A** both rays are reflected
- B** both rays are refracted
- C** Ray 1 is reflected and Ray 2 is refracted
- D** Ray 1 is refracted and Ray 2 is reflected

36 Which of these activities is most likely to have a positive impact on the environment of Earth?

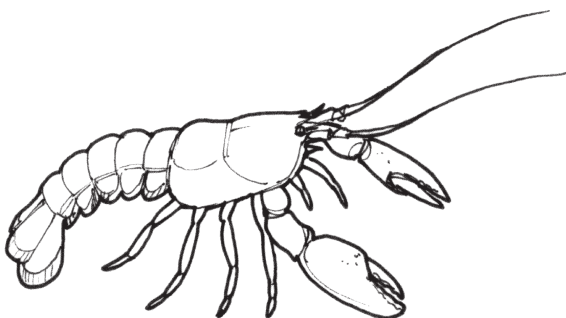
- F** Expanding neighborhoods
- G** Building factories
- H** Constructing highways
- J** Creating nature preserves

37 Which of these animals has a different body support system than the others?

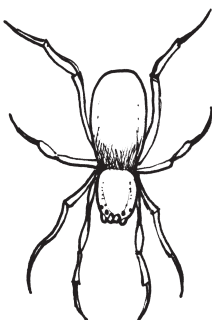
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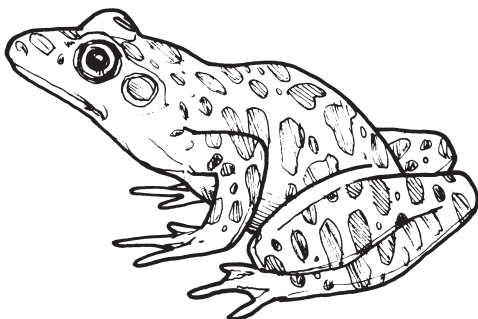
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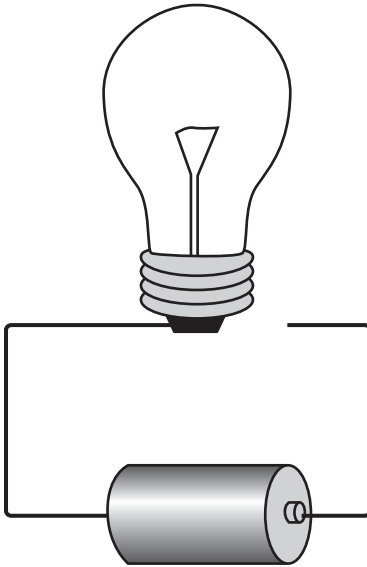


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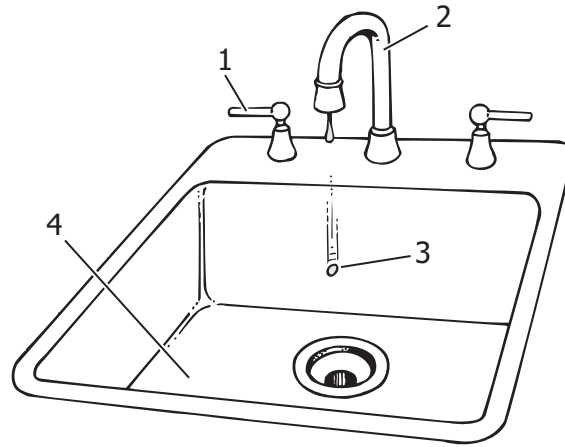
D





Which of these *best* completes the circuit?

- F** Rubber band
- G** Metal nail
- H** Leather shoelace
- J** Wooden toothpick



Which labeled part in this picture has evidence of kinetic energy?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

40 A wild turkey's forest community includes —

- F** insects
- G** rainfall
- H** soil
- J** wind