ASTRONOMY 150 – MIDTERM	Name:
Oct 25, 2012 – Autumn 2012	TA's Name & Section (2 pts):
	ce provided. If you have any questions, raise your hand. ULATORS OR ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
(4 pts) One of the main themes of what this means.	this course has been "Geological activity scales with size." Explain
(10 pts) Explain why geological acti	vity scales with size.

3 (8 pts) Explain why a world that is currently geologically active is much more likely to have an atmosphethan a world that is not currently geologically active.	ere
4 (8 pts) Explain why counting the number of 10-meter-diameter craters would tell you nothing about tage of a surface on the Earth.	he
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5 (8 pts) Explain how two worlds with the exact same mass can have very different surface gravities.
6 (8 pts) Explain why it is possible for liquid water to exist on the surface of one world but not on the surface of another world that has the exact same size and gravity.

7 (8 pts) Why do we believe that the outer 100 km of the Moon was once completely molten?
8 (8 pts) The Mars rovers have no mechanism to dig deeply into the surface of Mars. How do they obtain samples that were once deeply buried?

Assume you have collected 1,000 samples, uniformly, over the entire surface of the Moon .
${f 9}$ (4 pts) List the types of the samples you would have in your collection.
10 (6 pts) What would be the most common type of sample in your collection? Explain your reasoning for
your answer.
11 (2 pts) What would be the age of the oldest sample in your collection?
12 (2 pts) What would be the age of the youngest sample in your collection?
13 (4 pts) What would be the most common age of the samples in your collection?

Assume you have collected 1,000 samples, uniformly, over the entire surface of Venus .
14 (4 pts) List the types of the samples you would have in your collection.
15 (6 pts) What would be the most common type of sample in your collection? Explain your reasoning for your answer.
16 (2 pts) What would be the age of the oldest sample in your collection?
17 (2 pts) What would be the age of the youngest sample in your collection?
18 (4 pts) What would be the most common age of the samples in your collection?