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## ASTRONOMY 4

DeAnza College  
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Third Midterm Exam

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### Instructions:

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  - a. Write and fill in the bubbles for your 8-digit ID number. Leave the right-most two columns blank.
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  - c. Leave blank: areas for phone number, exam number, and code.
2. Please print your name and sign your name in the appropriate spaces at the top of this page.
3. **This is a closed-book, closed-notes exam. No reference materials of any kind are to be used during the exam.**
4. Your exam should have five pages (including this one).  
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5. Mark your answers on this booklet as well as filling in the bubbles on your Parscore sheet.
6. Turn in your Parscore sheet inside your exam booklet.

Good luck!

- A. What was the "Magellan" spacecraft?
- T F 1) It was a probe sent to Mercury to photograph its night side.
  - T F 2) It was a probe sent to Mars that dropped the first lander on the planet's surface.
  - T F 3) It was a probe sent to Venus mapped the planet's surface with radar.
  - T F 4) It was a probe sent to Venus that landed on the surface to measure pressure and temperature.
- B. What is the *Messenger* spacecraft?
- T F 5) A satellite orbiting Mercury.
  - T F 6) A probe to map Venus using radar.
  - T F 7) A "rover" in the southern hemisphere of Mars.
- C. Water on Mars
- T F 8) was detected as ice near one of the poles of Mars by the *Phoenix* lander.
  - T F 9) cannot exist as liquid at present due to the very low atmospheric pressure.
  - T F 10) cannot exist as liquid at present because the temperature never gets above freezing anywhere on the planet.
- D. Which of the following is/are found on Mars?
- T F 11) Shield volcanoes larger than any on Earth.
  - T F 12) Dry river beds and flood channels.
  - T F 13) A system of canyons several thousand miles long and up to several miles deep.
  - T F 14) Heavily cratered areas.
- E. Why are some volcanoes on Mars much larger than any on Earth?
- T F 15) Mars is a bigger planet, so its volcanoes are bigger.
  - T F 16) Mars has no plate tectonic motions of its crust.
  - T F 17) Mars has much more active plate tectonics than the Earth does.
- F. According to the program Is There Life on Mars, which of the following was/were necessary in order for life to begin?
- T F 18) organic molecules
  - T F 19) phosphoric acid
  - T F 20) liquid water
- G. Which of the following statements about the surface temperature on Venus is/are true?
- T F 21) The temperature is about 900° F
  - T F 22) The high temperature is because of the "runaway greenhouse effect" due to carbon dioxide.
  - T F 23) The temperature is hotter than the surface temperature on Mercury.
- H. Which of the following is/are stages in the development of Terrestrial bodies?
- T F 24) uniformitarianism
  - T F 25) differentiation
  - T F 26) exfoliation
  - T F 27) flooding

- I. What is the importance of the sulfate salts found in some rocks on Mars?
- T F 28) They show that Mars's volcanoes produced the same sulfur-rich lava as Earth's volcanoes do.
  - T F 29) They show that liquid water had to be present or they wouldn't have formed.
  - T F 30) They might have been produced as waste products of microscopic organisms.
  - T F 31) They destroy organic molecules.
- J. Which of the following is/are true about Venus?
- T F 32) Its surface temperature is much hotter than Earth's.
  - T F 33) It rotates very slowly and "backward" (i.e. clockwise as seen from above its north pole.)
  - T F 34) It has "oceans" of liquid methane.
  - T F 35) Winds on its surface are only about four miles per hour, but are very powerful in terms of momentum.
- K. Which of the following is/are among the top two components of the atmosphere of Mars?
- T F 36) Oxygen.
  - T F 37) Carbon dioxide.
  - T F 38) Nitrogen.
  - T F 39) Methane
- L. Comparing the atmospheres of Venus and Earth,
- T F 40) The atmosphere of Venus is more massive than Earth's.
  - T F 41) While the percentages are very different, Venus and the Earth have similar amounts (within a factor of three) of nitrogen in their atmospheres.
  - T F 42) Each has nitrogen as the second-most abundant gas in the atmosphere.
  - T F 43) Venus has significantly more oxygen in its atmosphere than Earth does.
- M. If we see a star about ten light years away from us, then
- T F 44) we are seeing it as it was about ten years ago, not as it is right now.
  - T F 45) it is one of the most distant stars from us in the Milky Way.
  - T F 46) it is closer to us than most stars are.
  - T F 47) No star can be ten light years from us, since that would be inside our Solar System.
- N. Which of the following is/are true about the orbital motion of the planets?
- T F 48) They all orbit in the same direction.
  - T F 49) They all orbit in about the same plane.
  - T F 50) Their orbits are all elliptical.
  - T F 51) Their orbits are all perfectly circular.
- O. According to your textbook, astrology today is
- T F 52) the same thing as astronomy.
  - T F 53) reasonably useful as a tool to guide your daily activities.
  - T F 54) based on the belief that the positions of celestial bodies influence human destiny.
  - T F 55) a pseudoscience.

P. Which of the following is/are true about the Kepler Space Telescope?

- T F 56) It was designed to search for evidence of exoplanets.
- T F 57) It was designed to search for evidence of planets orbiting around other stars.
- T F 58) It was designed to replace the Hubble Space Telescope.
- T F 59) It searched for planets around all stars within a hundred light years of us.

Q. Which of the following is/are used in the Kepler project to discover exoplanets?

- T F 60) The “wobble” method..
- T F 61) The “transit” method.
- T F 62) Measuring very small changes in a star’s speed.
- T F 63) Measuring very small changes in a star’s brightness.

R. Which of the following is/are true about the Earth’s shadow?

- T F 64) It is responsible for lunar eclipses.
- T F 65) The darkest part is called the umbra.
- T F 66) The darkest part is called the penumbra.

S. Which one of the following is/are among the top two components of the Earth's atmosphere?

- T F 67) oxygen
- T F 68) carbon dioxide
- T F 69) nitrogen
- T F 70) methane

T. Where are the Caloris Basin and the “Spider”?

- T F 71) Mercury
- T F 72) Venus
- T F 73) Mars

U. What are the clouds of Venus made of?

- T F 74) Water droplets
- T F 75) Carbon dioxide ice crystals
- T F 76) Sulfuric acid droplets

V. Which of the following Terrestrial bodies show evidence of plate tectonics?

- T F 77) Mercury
- T F 78) Venus
- T F 79) Earth
- T F 80) Earth's Moon

W. We can study the structure of Earth’s interior by

- T F 81) drilling into the lower mantle and core and studying samples in laboratory experiments.
- T F 82) using seismometer records of earthquakes to see how seismic waves are transmitted through the Earth.
- T F 83) using powerful x-ray and sonogram equipment.

- X. In Earth's atmosphere, most oxygen is the product of
- T F 84) outgassing
  - T F 85) erosion
  - T F 86) interaction of solar ultraviolet with the ozone layer
  - T F 87) photosynthesis
- Y. What evidence shows that Venus has been resurfaced within the last billion years?
- T F 88) Its volcanoes are active enough to cover the entire surface with lava in less time than that.
  - T F 89) There are not as many craters on its surface as we would expect if the entire surface was older than that.
  - T F 90) There is no such evidence because it didn't happen.
- Z. How does the large-impact hypothesis explain the moon's lack of iron?
- T F 91) The moon's iron core would have vaporized in the impact and escaped to space.
  - T F 92) The ejected material which became the moon would have been mostly iron-poor mantle material.
  - T F 93) Calculations show that the iron core of the impacting body would have fallen into the Earth and not have been available for subsequent incorporation into the moon.
- AA. What kind of feature dominates the surface of Mercury?
- T F 94) Impact craters
  - T F 95) Tectonic plates
  - T F 96) Chaotic terrain of unknown origin
- BB. Which of the following is/are among the top two components of the atmosphere of Venus?
- T F 97) Argon.
  - T F 98) Carbon dioxide.
  - T F 99) Nitrogen.
  - T F 100) Methane.

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