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*On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this examination.***YOUR TEST NUMBER IS THE 5-DIGIT NUMBER AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE.**

- (1) **Code your test number on your answer sheet (use lines 76–80 on the answer sheet for the 5-digit number).** Code your name on your answer sheet. **DARKEN CIRCLES COMPLETELY.** Code your UFID number on your answer sheet.
- (2) Print your name on this sheet and sign it also.
- (3) Do all scratch work anywhere on this exam that you like. **Circle your answers on the test form.** At the end of the test, this exam printout is to be turned in. No credit will be given without both answer sheet and printout.
- (4) **Blacken the circle of your intended answer completely, using a #2 pencil or blue or black ink.** Do not make any stray marks or some answers may be counted as incorrect.
- (5) **The answers are rounded off. Choose the closest to exact. There is no penalty for guessing. If you believe that no listed answer is correct, leave the form blank.**
- (6) Hand in the answer sheet separately.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

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1. About what percentage of molecules in the air make up the atmosphere below a 6-kilometer altitude?  
(1) more than 50%.                      (2) 40%.                      (3) 20%.                      (4) 50%.                      (5) 30%.
2. When a suction cup sticks to a wall it is  
(1) pushed to the wall by the atmosphere.  
(2) pulled to the wall by the vacuum.  
(3) both of these.  
(4) none of these.  
(5) —
3. A column that extends from sea level to the top of the atmosphere contains a certain mass of air. If the column instead contained the same mass of water, its height would be about  
(1) 10.3 meters.                      (2) 5.6 kilometers.                      (3) 3/4 meter.                      (4) none of these                      (5) —
4. When a gas in a container is squeezed to half its volume with no change in temperature, the gas pressure  
(1) doubles.                      (2) halves.                      (3) remains the same.                      (4) quadruples.                      (5) —
5. A car with closed windows makes a left hand turn. A helium-filled balloon in the car moves to the  
(1) left.                      (2) back.                      (3) front.                      (4) right.                      (5) none of these.
6. Compared to a giant iceberg, a hot cup of coffee has  
(1) higher temperature, but less internal energy.  
(2) a greater specific heat and more internal energy.  
(3) more internal energy and higher temperature.  
(4) —  
(5) none of these

7. When an iron ring is heated, the hole becomes
- (1) larger.
  - (2) either smaller or larger, depending on the ring thickness.
  - (3) smaller.
  - (4) neither smaller nor larger.
  - (5) —
8. It is important that the two metals that compose a bimetallic strip have
- (1) different rates of expansion. (2) equal thicknesses. (3) different conductivities. (4) all of these. (5) none of these.
9. If you wish to expand the volume of a sample of water at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,
- (A) lower its temperature a bit.
  - (B) raise its temperature a bit.
- (1) either A or B                      (2) A only                      (3) B only                      (4) neither A nor B                      (5) —
10. Long ago a runaway greenhouse effect transformed the planet
- (1) Venus.                      (2) Mars.                      (3) Mercury.                      (4) —                      (5) all of these.
11. When coal dust is spread on snow on a sunny day
- (1) more melting occurs.                      (2) less melting occurs.                      (3) no change in melting rate occurs.                      (4) —                      (5) —
12. Compared to sea level, water in an open pot in the mountains boils at
- (1) a lower temperature.                      (2) a higher temperature.                      (3) the same temperature.                      (4) —                      (5) none of these
13. When a vapor condenses, energy is
- (A) absorbed by the vapor.
  - (B) released from the vapor.
- (1) B only                      (2) A only                      (3) both A and B                      (4) neither A nor B                      (5) —
14. A refrigerator
- (1) transfers internal energy from inside to outside.
  - (2) produces cold.
  - (3) transfers heat into cold.
  - (4) causes internal energy to disappear.
  - (5) none of these
15. To turn 50 grams of boiling water to steam requires
- (1) more than 540 calories.                      (2) 500 calories.                      (3) 50 calories.                      (4) none of these                      (5) 540 calories.

16. Which will melt more ice when placed on its surface, a kilogram of wood or a kilogram of iron of the same high temperature?
- (1) 1 kg of wood.      (2) 1 kg of iron.      (3) both the same      (4) neither of these      (5) —
17. The minimum amount of steam at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  needed to melt 1 gram of  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ice is
- (1) 0.125 gram.      (2) 8 grams.      (3) 6.75 grams.      (4) 0.148 gram.      (5) none of these.
18. The lowest temperature possible in nature is
- (1)  $-273$  degrees C.      (2) 4 K.      (3) 0 degrees C.      (4) —      (5) none of these
19. Water freezes at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of
- (1) all of these.      (2) none of these.      (3) about 273 kelvin.      (4) 0 degrees Celsius.      (5) 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
20. If a  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  piece of iron is heated until it has twice as much internal energy, its temperature will be
- (1)  $293^{\circ}\text{C}$ .      (2)  $566^{\circ}\text{C}$ .      (3)  $273^{\circ}\text{C}$ .      (4)  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .      (5) none of these.
21. As a parcel of air is swept upward, with no heat input or output, its temperature
- (1) decreases.      (2) remains the same.      (3) increases.      (4) —      (5) —
22. The greater the temperature difference between input and output reservoirs of a heat engine, the
- (1) greater the efficiency.      (2) smaller the efficiency.      (3) both of these.      (4) none of these.      (5) —
23. The ideal efficiency for a heat engine operating between the temperatures of  $227^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  is
- (1) 40%.      (2) 88%.      (3) 20%.      (4) 25%.      (5) none of these.
24. Systems alone tend to move toward a state of
- (1) more entropy.      (2) no entropy.      (3) less entropy.      (4) none of these      (5) —
25. Both a transverse wave and a longitudinal wave have
- (1) all of these.      (2) wavelength.      (3) amplitude.      (4) frequency.      (5) speed.
26. The frequency of a simple pendulum does NOT depend on
- (1) its mass.      (2) the acceleration due to gravity.      (3) its length.      (4) all of these.      (5) none of these.
27. The frequency of a certain wave is 10 hertz and its period is
- (1) 0.1 seconds.      (2) 100 seconds.      (3) 10 seconds.      (4) none of these.      (5) —

28. Sound waves cannot travel in

- (1) a vacuum.                      (2) water.                      (3) steel.                      (4) air.                      (5) —

29. One reason for the higher pitch of your voice after you've inhaled some helium is that sound travels

- (1) faster in helium than in air.  
(2) slower in helium than in air.  
(3) the same speed in helium but with a longer wavelength.  
(4) —  
(5) —

30. A piano tuner knows that a key on the piano is tuned to the frequency of a test tuning fork when the fork and key struck at same time produce beats of

- (1) 0 Hz.                      (2) 1 Hz.                      (3) 3 Hz.                      (4) 2 Hz.                      (5) 4 Hz.