



1 A student is looking at a current model of the solar system.

Which of these BEST describes the model she sees?

- A a geocentric model, which means Earth is the center of the solar system
- B a heliocentric model, which means Earth is the center of the solar system
- C a geocentric model, which means the Sun is the center of the solar system
- D a heliocentric model, which means the Sun is the center of the solar system

2 In Georgia, summer occurs in July and winter occurs in January.

Which of these BEST describe the difference between January and July?

- A Earth is closer to the Sun in July than in January.
- B Earth is closer to the Sun in January than in July.
- C The Northern Hemisphere is tilted toward the Sun in July.
- D The Northern Hemisphere is tilted toward the Sun in January.

3 Which of these is the MOST LIKELY cause of tides?

- A gravitational pull of Jupiter
- B gravitational pull of the Moon
- C movement of water in the ocean
- D wind near the surface of the ocean

4 Which of these BEST describes how the air temperature of the ocean compares to the air temperature of land next to the ocean?

- A The land will be cooler than the ocean at noon and at midnight.
- B The land will be warmer than the ocean at noon and at midnight.
- C The land will be warmer than the ocean at noon and cooler than the ocean at midnight.
- D The land will be cooler than the ocean at noon and warmer than the ocean at midnight.

5 A student is studying the layers of Earth.

Which of these layers is the MOST dense?

- A crust
- B mantle
- C outer core
- D inner core



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6 Which of these BEST describes how an igneous rock forms?

- A cooling of magma
- B weathering of other rocks
- C colliding of tectonic plates
- D pressing together of smaller rocks

7 A student is making a poster about conserving nonrenewable resources.

Which of these resources should she put on her poster?

- A wind
- B sunlight
- C oak trees
- D natural gas

8 Which of these will be the Moon phase during a solar eclipse?

- A full Moon
- B new Moon
- C first quarter Moon
- D third quarter Moon

A new shopping mall is being built. Many plants are removed from the area while construction is completed.

Which of these describes the MOST LIKELY effect of removing the plants from the area?

- A The population of animals nearby will increase.
- B More soil will be washed away during heavy rains.
- C Animals in the area that used to feed on plants will now eat other animals.
- D The soil will have more nutrients to grow new plants after the mall is finished.

10 Which of these features is MOST LIKELY to affect a planet's ability to support life?

- A the presence of water on the planet
- B the distance of the planet from the Sun
- C the number of moons that orbit the planet
- D the gases that make up the planet's atmosphere