



TMSCA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEST #2 © OCTOBER 28, 2017

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

1. About this test:
 - A. You will be given 40 minutes to take this test.
 - B. There are 50 problems on this test.
2. All answers must be written on the answer sheet/Scantron form/Chatsworth card provided. If you are using an answer sheet be sure to use **BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS**. Clean erasures are necessary for accurate grading.
3. If using a Scantron answer form, be sure to correctly denote the number of problems not attempted.
4. You may write anywhere on the test itself. You must write only answers on the answer sheet.
5. You may use additional scratch paper provided by the contest director.
6. All problems have **ONE** and **ONLY ONE** correct [BEST] answer. There is a penalty for all incorrect answers.
7. On the back of this page is a copy of the periodic table of the elements as well as a list of some potentially useful information in answering the questions.
8. A simple scientific calculator with the following formulas is sufficient for the science contest: +, -, %, ^, log x, e^x, ln x, y^x, sin x, sin^{-x}, cos x, cos^{-x}, tan x, tan^{-x}, with scientific notation and degree/radian capability.
The calculator must be silent, hand-held and battery operated. The calculator cannot be a computer or cannot have built-in or stored functionality that provides scientific information and cannot have communication capability. If the calculator has memory, it must be cleared. Each student may bring one spare calculator. **NO GRAPHING CALCULATORS ARE PERMITTED.**
9. All answers within $\pm 5\%$ will be considered correct.
10. All problems answered correctly are worth **FIVE** points. **TWO** points will be deducted for all problems answered incorrectly. No points will be added or subtracted for problems not answered.
11. In case of ties, percent accuracy will be used as a tie breaker.

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Specific heat of water = $4.18 \text{ J/g} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$

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1. What is the maximum number of protons a neutral atom of potassium can have?
A) 47 B) 107 C) 57 D) 67
2. In regards to moon phases, when it is waxing it may appear as if it is _____.
A) getting smaller B) getting larger C) moving farther away D) getting closer
3. What is true about force?
A) the SI unit is a Newton/m² C) net force is described as inertia
B) it describes magnitude and direction D) it is qualitative data
4. The direction and magnitude of a displacement describes
A) speed. B) a vector. C) inertia. D) force.
5. The gelatinous material within a cell that holds the organelles is called the
A) cell membrane. B) glyoxysomes. C) cytoplasm. D) chromoplast.
6. If you are consuming spinach, what part of the plant are you eating?
A) the root B) the stem C) the leaf D) the flower
7. Which of the following is true of RNA?
A) single-stranded C) found only in the cytoplasm
B) deoxyribose sugar D) does not carry genetic information
8. Which of the following would you find in the brain?
A) hypothalamus B) thyroid C) nephron D) Cowper's gland
9. Blood traveling to the body from the heart leaves through what structure?
A) right atrium B) left ventricle C) left atrium D) right ventricle
10. Which of the following is not part of the carbon cycle?
A) decomposition B) photosynthesis C) combustion D) condensation
11. What would not be considered a characteristic of life?
A) genetic material B) ability to move C) reproduction D) respond to stimuli
12. If a scientist wanted to examine a yeast cell, what would he use?
A) a stereoscope B) a microscope C) a hand lens D) the naked eye
13. The tree-like extensions of the neuron are called
A) axons. B) myelin sheath. C) cell body. D) dendrites.
14. When will you see the nuclear membrane breakdown in the cell cycle?
A) Interphase B) Prophase C) Metaphase D) Anaphase

15. Meiosis is cell division that specifically occurs in
A) sex cells B) somatic cells C) epithelial cells D) muscle tissue
16. What is the maximum number of electrons a neutral atom of lithium can have?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4
17. Which of the following represents a salt?
A) B B) N_2O C) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ D) CaCl_2
18. The chromosomes are moved into place at the metaphase plate by microtubules called _____.
A) flagella B) centrioles C) spindle fibers D) kinetochores
19. Which of the following is a legume?
A) peanut B) leek C) cabbage D) strawberry
20. Within a water molecule what type of bond is between the hydrogen and oxygen atoms?
A) ionic B) metallic C) hydrogen D) covalent
21. How does pressure change as water depth increases?
A) it increases C) it will remain the same up to 1,000 feet
B) it decreases D) it only changes every 100 feet
22. Air resistance is what type of friction?
A) static B) fluid C) sliding D) rolling
23. The distance between the starting and end points and the direction describes
A) speed. B) velocity. C) displacement. D) direction.
24. Weather is a region's
A) long-term, prevailing atmospheric conditions C) number of seasonal daylight hours
B) atmospheric conditions on a given day D) lack of ocean currents
25. If you are consuming a carrot, what part of the plant are you eating?
A) the root B) the stem C) the leaf D) the fruit
26. As part of the carbon cycle this process serves to place carbon based molecules back into the soil for plants to assimilate.
A) decomposition B) evaporation C) combustion D) photosynthesis
27. An example of an individual's phenotype is
A) AA B) hair color gene C) blue eyes D) dominant allele
28. What nitrogenous base is utilized during the synthesis of RNA, but not in the synthesis of DNA?
A) cytosine B) guanine C) uracil D) thymine

29. If a nitrogenous base is deleted from the nucleotide sequence of a DNA molecule, what is the result?
A) non-disjunction B) mutation C) clone D) hybridization
30. When human skeletal muscles are lacking oxygen they will produce
A) lactic acid. B) glucose. C) oxygen. D) ethanol.
31. Which organelle is correctly paired with its function?
A) nucleus- provides carbohydrates for fermentation C) centriole- synthesizes digestive enzymes
B) chloroplast- serves as a site for photosynthesis D) lysosome- packages cellular products
32. In humans, excess glucose is stored as a polysaccharide known as
A) glycerol. B) cellulose. C) chitin. D) glycogen.
33. Which of the following is considered an exception to the cell theory because of its lack of a cellular component?
A) bacteria B) algae C) moss D) virus
34. What structure is primarily responsible for maintaining a cell's homeostasis?
A) cell membrane B) cell wall C) centriole D) chromosomes
35. What would be considered a chemical change?
A) icebergs melting C) yeast cells create carbon dioxide and ethanol from sugar
B) molten metal is formed into a statue D) olive oil and vinegar are mixed to create dressing
36. What organism is responsible for the breakdown of rock material during a primary succession?
A) algae B) moss C) bacteria D) lichens
37. Amoebas move with the use of
A) cilia. B) flagella. C) pili. D) pseudopods.
38. Pollen is created in the
A) pistil. B) filament. C) ovary. D) anther.
39. Of the following what would be a good example of stored potential energy?
A) a ball rolling down a hill C) the spring in a pinball machine
B) a rollercoaster moving through a loop D) a burning candle
40. While you are traveling down the highway and look at your speedometer and see you are traveling 23 km/h, you are seeing your _____ speed.
A) constant B) instantaneous C) average D) decreased

41. Which of the following has a shorter wavelength than x-rays?
A) gamma rays B) microwaves C) visible light D) ultraviolet
42. The arrival of seismic waves in order from first to last would be?
A) P, Surface, S waves B) Surface, P, S waves C) P, S, Surface waves D) S, P, Surface waves
43. In what state of matter will you find particles that vibrate in place?
A) solid B) liquid C) gas D) plasm
44. Which of the following planets is considered an ice giant?
A) Uranus B) Saturn C) Venus D) Mars
45. The Earth is approximately _____ miles away from the Sun.
A) 9 million B) 930 million C) 93 million D) 93 billion
46. The function of the _____ is to remove water from the digested food matter.
A) stomach B) small intestine C) large intestine D) liver
47. Fossil formation would best be found in
A) igneous rock. B) magma. C) sedimentary rock. D) S horizons.
48. A type of wave that carries energy through Earth's rock layers is called _____ waves.
A) seismic B) transverse C) electrical D) electromagnetic
49. In an experiment, three test tubes containing the same amount of cow liver, in grams, each receive a varying amount of hydrogen peroxide. Test tube one receives 1 ml, test tube 2 receives 2 ml and test tube 3 receives 3 ml. The result is a varying amount of temperature increase and bubbling. What would be the dependent variable in this lab?
A) the 2 ml of hydrogen peroxide C) the cow liver
B) the change in temperature and bubbling D) the three test tubes
50. Two water molecules will bond together by what type of bond?
A) covalent B) ionic C) hydrogen D) metallic

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1. A	18. C	35. C
2. B	19. A	36. D
3. C	20. D	37. D
4. B	21. A	38. D
5. C	22. B	39. C
6. C	23. C	40. B
7. A	24. B	41. A
8. A	25. A	42. C
9. B	26. A	43. A
10. D	27. C	44. A
11. B	28. C	45. C
12. B	29. B	46. C
13. D	30. A	47. C
14. B	31. B	48. A
15. A	32. D	49. B
16. C	33. D	50. C
17. D	34. A	