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Entrance Exam

PHYSICS

Name: _____

Circle the correct answer.

1. A flowerpot falls off the ledge of a fifth-floor window. Just as it passes the third-floor window someone accidentally drops a glass of water from that window. Which of the following statements is true?
 - a) The flowerpot hits the ground first and with a higher speed than the glass.
 - b) The flowerpot hits the ground at the same time as the glass, but the speed of flowerpot is greater.
 - c) The flowerpot and the glass hit the ground at the same instant and with the same speed.
 - d) The glass hits the ground before the flowerpot.

2. A ball is thrown upward. After it has left the hand, its acceleration
 - a) is zero.
 - b) increases.
 - c) decreases.
 - d) remains constant.

3. Which of the following statements describing an object in equilibrium is NOT true?
 - a) The vector sum of all the forces acting on the body is zero.
 - b) The body is moving at constant speed.
 - c) The body must be at rest.
 - d) The body is moving at constant velocity.

4. The force required to keep an object in motion at constant velocity is

- a) zero.
- b) proportional to its mass.
- c) proportional to its weight.
- d) proportional to its speed.

5. A car of mass M traveling with velocity v strikes a car of mass M that is at rest. The two cars' bodies mesh in the collision. The loss of the kinetic energy the moving car undergo in the collision is

- a) a quarter of the initial kinetic energy.
- b) half of the initial kinetic energy.
- c) all the initial kinetic energy.
- d) zero.

6. An astronaut on a strange planet with no atmosphere measures the acceleration of gravity at its surface and finds that it is 6 m/s^2 . What explanation could account for this observation?

- a) The mass of the planet is the same as that of Earth, but its radius is smaller than that of Earth.
- b) The mass of the planet is smaller than that of Earth and its radius is the same as that of Earth.
- c) The astronaut's watch is running more slowly than it should.
- d) Either b) or c) could account for the observation.

7. A cube 10 cm on edge is immersed in water. The pressure is greatest against

- a) sides of the cube.
- b) the bottom of the cube.
- c) the top of the cube.
- d) None of the above; the pressure is the same on all six sides.

8. If the surface temperature of the sun were to drop by a factor of 2, the radiant energy impinging on Earth per second would be reduced by factor of

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 8
- d) 16

9. If both the temperature and the volume of an ideal gas are doubled, the pressure

- a) remains unchanged.
- b) is also doubled.
- c) increases by a factor of 4.
- d) increases by a factor of 1/4.

10. If a system is subjected to an isohoric process,

- a) the entropy of the system remains constant
- b) the internal energy of the system remains constant
- c) no mechanical work is done by the system
- d) the pressure of the system remains constant.

11. If the length of a pendulum is doubled, its frequency of oscillation is changed by a factor of

- a) 2;
- b) $\sqrt{2}$;
- c) $1/\sqrt{2}$;
- d) $1/4$

12. Which of the following statements is true?

- a) A positive charge experiences an attractive electrostatic force toward a nearby neutral insulator.
- b) A positive charge experiences no electrostatic force near a neutral insulator.
- c) A positive charge experiences a repulsive force, away from a nearby neutral insulator.
- d) Whatever the force on a positive charge near a neutral insulator, the force on a negative charge is then oppositely directed.

13. A ray of light passes from air into water, striking the surface of the water with an angle of incidence of 45° . Which of the following four quantities change as the light enters the water?

(I) Wavelength, (II) Frequency, (III) Speed of propagation, (IV) Direction of propagation.

- a) I and II only.
- b) II, III, and IV only.
- c) I, III, and IV only.
- d) III and IV only.
- e) I, II, III, and IV.

14. The wavelength region to which the human eye is sensitive falls in the range of

- a) 10 – 50 nm
- b) 400 – 800 nm
- c) 2000 – 4000 nm
- d) 20.000 – 50.000 nm
- e) None of the above.

15. An object is placed at a distance of $1.5f$ from a converging lens of focal length f m.

The image formed by this lens is

- a) virtual, erect, and larger than the object.
- b) virtual, erect, and smaller than the object.
- c) real, inverted, and larger than the object.
- d) real, inverted, and smaller than the object.
- e) Real, inverted, and of the same size as the object.

16. If a real object is placed just inside the focal point of a diverging lens, the image is

- a) virtual, erect, and diminished.
- b) real, inverted, and enlarged.
- c) real, inverted, and diminished.
- d) virtual, erect, and enlarged.
- e) virtual, inverted, and diminished.

17. A proton and an electron are traveling at the same velocity. The proton has a wavelength

- a) greater than that of the electron.
- b) less than that of the electron.
- c) the same of that of the electron.

18. The number of the electrons that can be accommodated in the $n = 4$ shell is

- a) 8 ;
- b) 18 ;
- c) 32 ;
- d) 36 ;
- e) infinite

19. A sample contains atoms of a radioactive isotope whose half-life is 30 s. The number of disintegrations from this sample

- a) depends on the total mass of the sample.
- b) depends on the number of disintegrations that have already taken place.
- c) depends on the number of radioactive nuclei present.
- d) depends on the energy of the emitted particles.
- e) depends on both c) and d).

20. The nucleus ${}_{53}\text{I}^{131}$ has

- a) 53 protons and 131 neutrons.
- b) 131 protons and 53 neutrons.
- c) 78 protons and 53 neutrons.
- d) 53 protons and 78 neutrons.
- e) 78 protons and 131 neutrons.