



## SCIENCE TEST

35 Minutes—40 Questions

**DIRECTIONS:** There are seven passages in this test. Each passage is followed by several questions. After reading a passage, choose the best answer to each question and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. You may refer to the passages as often as necessary.

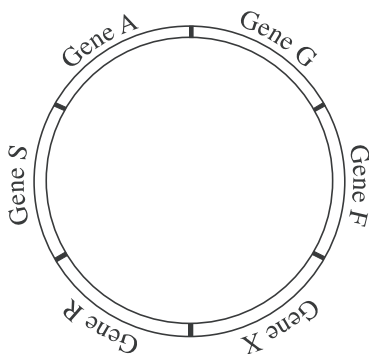
You are NOT permitted to use a calculator on this test.

## Passage I

Many bacteria contain *plasmids* (small, circular DNA molecules). Plasmids can be transferred from 1 bacterium to another. For this to occur, the plasmid *replicates* (produces a linear copy of itself). The relative position of the genes is the same on the original plasmid and on the linear copy, except that the 2 ends of the linear copy do not immediately connect.

While replication is occurring, 1 end of the linear copy leaves the donor bacterium and enters the recipient bacterium. Thus, the order in which the genes are replicated is the same as the order in which they are transferred. Unless this process is interrupted, the entire plasmid is transferred, and its 2 ends connect in the recipient bacterium.

Four students studied the way in which 6 genes (F, X, R, S, A, and G) on a specific plasmid were donated by a type of bacterium (see the figure). The students determined that the entire plasmid is transferred in 90 min and that the rate of transfer is constant. They also determined that the genes are evenly spaced around the plasmid, so 1 gene is transferred every 15 min. They disagreed, however, about the order in which the genes are replicated and thus transferred. Four models are presented.



## Student 1

Replication always begins between Gene F and Gene X. Gene X is replicated first and Gene F is replicated last.

## Student 2

Replication always begins between Gene F and Gene X. However, the direction of replication varies. If Gene F is replicated first, Gene X is replicated last. Conversely, if Gene X is replicated first, Gene F is replicated last.

## Student 3

Replication can begin between any 2 genes. Replication then proceeds around the plasmid in a clockwise direction (with respect to the figure). Thus, if Gene S is replicated first, Gene A is replicated second, and Gene R is replicated last.

## Student 4

Replication can begin between any 2 genes. Likewise, replication can proceed in either direction. So the order of replication varies.

- Based on the information presented, if the transfer of the linear copy was interrupted 50 min after transfer began, how many complete genes would have been transferred to the recipient bacterium?

A. 2  
B. 3  
C. 4  
D. 5

- Based on the model presented by Student 3, if all 6 genes are replicated and the first gene replicated is Gene G, the third gene replicated would be:

F. Gene F.  
G. Gene A.  
H. Gene S.  
J. Gene X.



3. Which students believe that any of the 6 genes on the plasmid can be the first gene transferred to a recipient bacterium?
- A. Students 2 and 3
  - B. Students 2 and 4
  - C. Students 3 and 4
  - D. Students 2, 3, and 4
4. Suppose that the model presented by Student 1 is correct and that the transfer of genes between 2 bacteria was interrupted after 45 min. Based on the information provided, which of the following genes would NOT have been transferred from the donor bacterium to the recipient bacterium?
- F. Gene G
  - G. Gene X
  - H. Gene R
  - J. Gene S
5. Suppose that Student 2's model is correct and that the transfer of genes between 2 bacteria was interrupted after 30 min. Under these conditions, which of the following genes would definitely NOT be transferred from the donor bacterium to the recipient bacterium?
- A. Gene A
  - B. Gene R
  - C. Gene G
  - D. Gene X
6. Suppose that all 6 genes are transferred from a donor bacterium to a recipient bacterium. Under this condition, which student(s) would argue that Gene A could be the last gene transferred?
- F. Student 2 only
  - G. Student 4 only
  - H. Students 2 and 4 only
  - J. Students 3 and 4 only
7. Suppose that the transfer of genes between 2 bacteria was interrupted, that the last gene transferred was Gene A, and that no incomplete copies of a gene were transferred. Based on this information, Student 1 would say that transfer was most likely interrupted how many minutes after the transfer began?
- A. 15
  - B. 30
  - C. 45
  - D. 60

**Passage II**

Color images of the surface of Io, one of Jupiter's moons, show plumes of gas that resemble Earth's geysers and active volcanoes that emit flows of molten material. The materials ejected from Io's volcanoes and plumes rapidly solidify at Io's cold surface temperatures. Scientists believe that these materials may be one of several *allotropes* (forms) of sulfur (S), or a sulfur compound. The following studies were performed to determine the composition of these materials.

*Study 1*

In a laboratory, scientists measured the *reflectances* (the fraction of light striking a surface that is reflected by that surface) of 4 allotropes of S (red, white, orange, and brown) and of a sulfur compound (sulfur dioxide [ $\text{SO}_2$ ]). Reflectances were measured at visible-light wavelengths between  $0.35 \mu\text{m}$  (micrometers) and  $0.60 \mu\text{m}$ . Figure 1 shows the data for the various S allotropes and for  $\text{SO}_2$ .

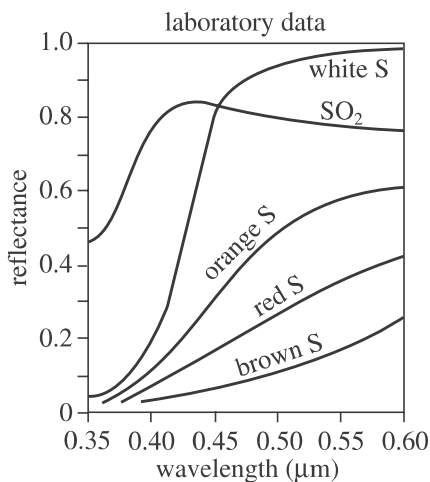


Figure 1

Io's *whole-disk reflectance* (the reflectance of Io's entire visible surface measured all at once) was measured at 2 different times. Figure 2 shows these data along with reflectance data calculated using a computer model. This model shows what combination of materials from Figure 1 would produce the closest match to the measured reflectance data. According to the model, the overall composition of Io's surface is 15%  $\text{SO}_2$ , 50% orange S, 20% red S, and 15% white S.

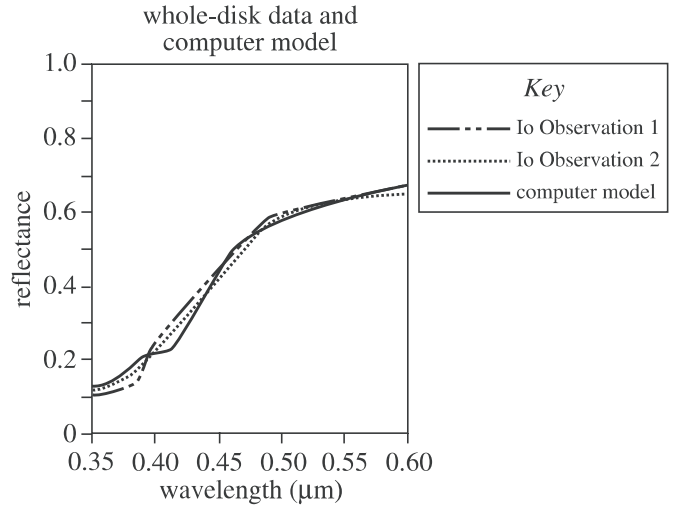


Figure 2

*Study 2*

At 2 different times, reflectances were measured of the crater floors of 2 volcanoes on Io: Pele and Surt. Figure 3 shows the reflectance data.

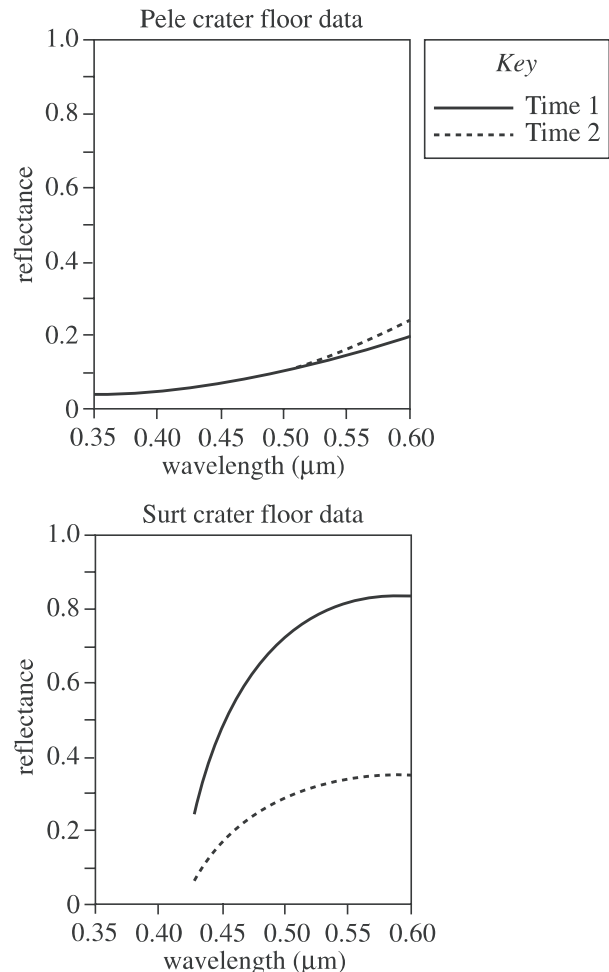


Figure 3



## Study 3

Reflectance data were taken from several large plumes and several small plumes on Io. The averaged data are in Figure 4.

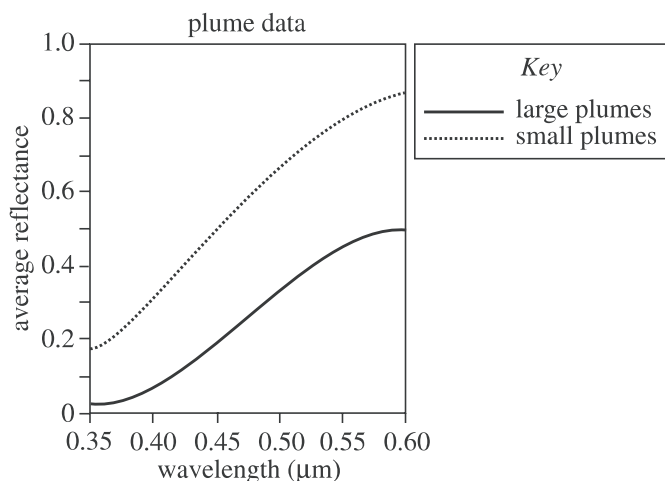


Figure 4

Figures 1, 3, and 4 adapted from Alfred McEwen and Laurence Soderblom, "Two Classes of Volcanic Plumes on Io." ©1983 by Academic Press, Inc.

Figure 2 adapted from Julianne Moses and Douglas Nash, "Phase Transformations and the Spectral Reflectance of Solid Sulfur: Can Metastable Sulfur Allotropes Exist on Io?" ©1991 by Academic Press, Inc.

8. At the wavelengths used in Study 1, as the wavelength of the light increases, the reflectances of the S allotropes and of SO<sub>2</sub> do which of the following?

	S allotropes	SO <sub>2</sub>
F.	Increase only	Increase only
G.	Increase only	Increase, then decrease
H.	Decrease only	Decrease only
J.	Decrease only	Increase, then decrease

9. According to Study 3, compared with the corresponding average reflectance for small plumes, large plumes on Io have an average reflectance at a given wavelength that is:

A. always higher.  
 B. always the same.  
 C. always lower.  
 D. sometimes higher and sometimes lower.

10. According to Study 1, the reflectance of white S at a wavelength of 0.40 μm is closest to which of the following?

F. 0.0  
 G. 0.1  
 H. 0.2  
 J. 0.3

11. According to Study 1 and Study 2, the crater floor of the volcano Pele has reflectances most similar to which of the following S allotropes?

A. White S  
 B. Orange S  
 C. Red S  
 D. Brown S

12. If the averaged reflectances for large plumes and for small plumes had been measured at a wavelength of 0.61 μm in Study 3, those reflectances would have been closest to which of the following?

	Large plumes	Small plumes
F.	0.2	0.5
G.	0.5	0.2
H.	0.5	0.9
J.	0.9	0.5

13. According to Study 1, white S has a reflectance of 0.98 at a wavelength of 0.60 μm. This means that white S reflects:

A. 2% of the 0.60 μm wavelength light that strikes its surface.  
 B. 98% of the 0.60 μm wavelength light that strikes its surface.  
 C. 2% of all the visible light that strikes its surface.  
 D. 98% of all the visible light that strikes its surface.

**Passage III**

An electrical circuit contained a 12-volt (V) battery, a *resistor* (a device that resists the flow of electricity), a *capacitor* (a device that stores electrical charge and electrical energy), a *voltmeter* (an instrument for measuring voltage), and a switch, as shown in Figure 1.

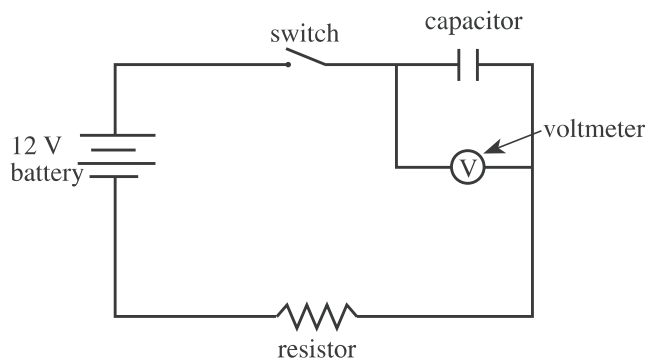


Figure 1

Some students studied the behavior of the circuit.

**Experiment 1**

The students used a  $1 \times 10^7$  ohm ( $\Omega$ ) resistor and a capacitor with a *capacitance* of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  farad (F). (Capacitance is a measure of the maximum amount of electrical charge and electrical energy a capacitor can store.) The capacitor was initially uncharged. At time zero, the students simultaneously closed the switch and started a stopwatch. At time zero and at 12 sec intervals thereafter, they recorded the voltage across the capacitor. Their results are shown in Table 1.

Time (sec)	Voltage across capacitor (V)
0	0.0
12	8.4
24	10.9
36	11.7
48	11.9
60	12.0

**Experiment 2**

Using the  $1 \times 10^7 \Omega$  resistor and several different capacitors, the students determined the length of time from when the switch was closed until the voltage across the capacitor reached 6 V. Their results are shown in Table 2.

Capacitance ( $\times 10^{-6}$ F)	Time to reach 6 V across capacitor (sec)
1.2	8.3
0.6	4.2
0.3	2.1
0.1	0.7

**Experiment 3**

The students conducted the same procedure described in Experiment 2, except that they used a constant capacitance of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  F and several different resistors. Their results are shown in Table 3.

Resistance ( $\times 10^7 \Omega$ )	Time to reach 6 V across capacitor (sec)
0.75	5.2
0.50	3.5
0.25	1.7

14. In Experiment 1, the *time constant* of the circuit was the time required for the voltage across the capacitor to reach approximately 7.6 V. The time constant of the circuit used in Experiment 1 was:
- F. less than 12 sec.  
 G. between 12 sec and 24 sec.  
 H. between 24 sec and 36 sec.  
 J. greater than 36 sec.
15. If, in Experiment 2, a  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  F capacitor had been used, the time required for the voltage across the capacitor to reach 6 V would have been closest to:
- A. 4.2 sec.  
 B. 7.0 sec.  
 C. 10.5 sec.  
 D. 15.0 sec.

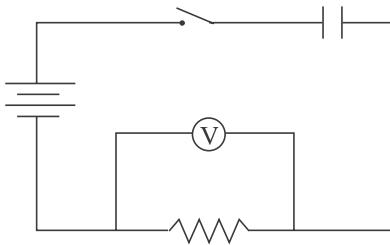


16. The main purpose of Experiment 3 was to determine how varying the:

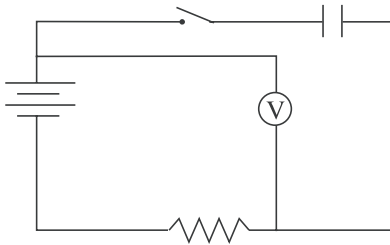
- F. battery's voltage affected the resistor's resistance at a given time.
- G. capacitor's capacitance affected the time required for the voltage across the capacitor to reach a set value.
- H. capacitor's capacitance affected the voltage across the battery at a given time.
- J. resistor's resistance affected the time required for the voltage across the capacitor to reach a set value.

17. Based on Figure 1, to measure the voltage across the resistor only, which of the following circuits should one use?

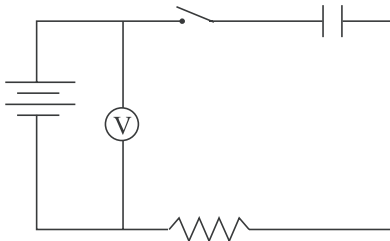
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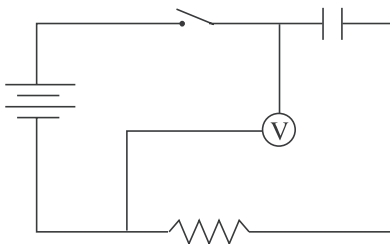
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C.



D.



18. Consider a circuit like that shown in Figure 1. Based on Experiments 2 and 3, the voltage across the capacitor will reach a given value in the shortest amount of time if the circuit contains which of the following capacitances and resistances, respectively?

- F.  $0.1 \times 10^{-6}$  F,  $0.3 \times 10^7 \Omega$
- G.  $0.1 \times 10^{-6}$  F,  $1.0 \times 10^7 \Omega$
- H.  $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$  F,  $0.3 \times 10^7 \Omega$
- J.  $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$  F,  $1.0 \times 10^7 \Omega$

19. Consider the following hypothesis: In a circuit arranged as in Figure 1 containing a battery, a capacitor, and a constant resistance, as capacitance increases, the time required to reach a given voltage across the capacitor increases. Do the experiments support this hypothesis?

- A. Yes; in Experiment 1, as capacitance increased, the time required to reach a given voltage increased.
- B. Yes; in Experiment 2, as capacitance increased, the time required to reach a given voltage increased.
- C. No; in Experiment 1, as capacitance increased, the time required to reach a given voltage decreased.
- D. No; in Experiment 2, as capacitance increased, the time required to reach a given voltage decreased.

## Passage IV

A *bomb calorimeter* is used to determine the amount of heat released when a substance is burned in oxygen (Figure 1). The heat, measured in kilojoules (kJ), is calculated from the change in temperature of the water in the bomb calorimeter. Table 1 shows the amounts of heat released when different foods were burned in a bomb calorimeter. Table 2 shows the amounts of heat released when different amounts of sucrose (table sugar) were burned. Table 3 shows the amounts of heat released when various chemical compounds were burned.

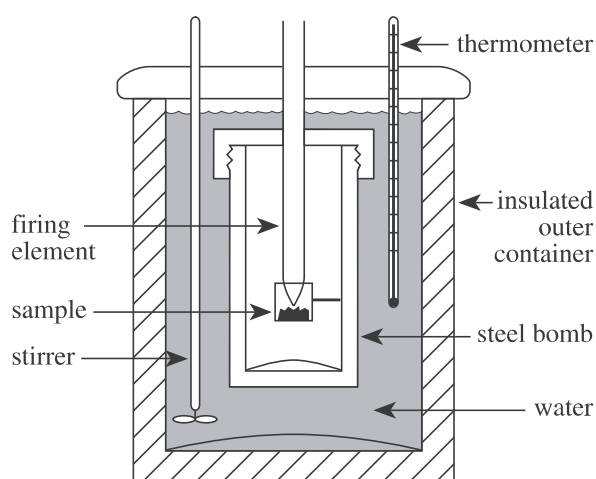


Figure 1

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Food	Mass (g)	Change in water temperature (°C)	Heat released (kJ)
Bread	1.0	8.3	10.0
Cheese	1.0	14.1	17.0
Egg	1.0	5.6	6.7
Potato	1.0	2.7	3.2

Table 1 adapted from American Chemical Society, *ChemCom: Chemistry in the Community*. ©1993 by American Chemical Society.

Amount of sucrose (g)	Heat released (kJ)
0.1	1.6
0.5	8.0
1.0	16.0
2.0	32.1
4.0	64.0

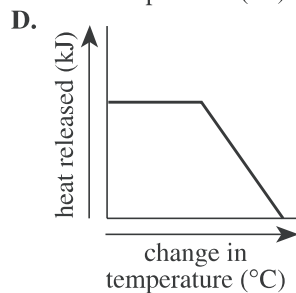
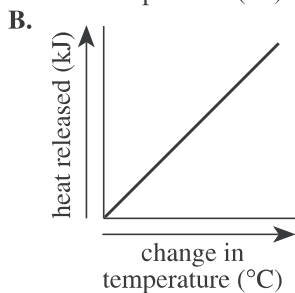
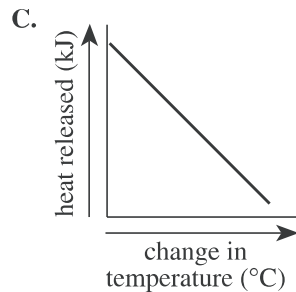
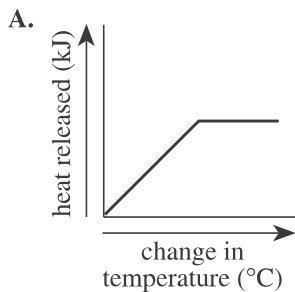
Chemical compound	Molecular formula	Mass (g)	Heat released (kJ)
Methanol	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	0.5	11.4
Ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	0.5	14.9
Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.5	21.0
Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	0.5	23.9

20. According to Tables 1 and 2, as the mass of successive sucrose samples increased, the change in the water temperature produced when the sample was burned most likely:

F. increased only.  
 G. decreased only.  
 H. increased, then decreased.  
 J. remained the same.



21. Which of the following graphs best illustrates the relationship between the heat released by the foods listed in Table 1 and the change in water temperature?



22. Based on the data in Table 2, one can conclude that when the mass of sucrose is decreased by one-half, the amount of heat released when it is burned in a bomb calorimeter will:

- F. increase by one-half.
- G. decrease by one-half.
- H. increase by one-fourth.
- J. decrease by one-fourth.

23. Which of the following lists the foods from Tables 1 and 2 in increasing order of the amount of heat released per gram of food?

- A. Potato, egg, bread, sucrose, cheese
- B. Sucrose, cheese, bread, egg, potato
- C. Bread, cheese, egg, potato, sucrose
- D. Sucrose, potato, egg, bread, cheese

24. Based on the information in Tables 1 and 2, the heat released from the burning of 5.0 g of potato in a bomb calorimeter would be closest to which of the following?

- F. 5 kJ
- G. 10 kJ
- H. 15 kJ
- J. 20 kJ



**Passage V**

*Density* is defined as the mass of a substance divided by its volume:

$$\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

Table 1 lists the phases and the densities, in grams per cubic centimeter ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ ), of various pure substances at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and 1 atmosphere (atm) of pressure.

Table 1		
Substance	Phase	Density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )
Arsenic	solid	5.73
Glucose	solid	1.56
Iron	solid	7.86
Lead	solid	11.34
Zinc	solid	7.14
Ethanol	liquid	0.79
Ethyl ether	liquid	0.71
Glycerol	liquid	1.26
Mercury	liquid	13.59
Freon-12	gas	0.00495
Krypton	gas	0.00343
Methane	gas	0.00065

Figure 1 shows how the density of liquid water changes with temperature.

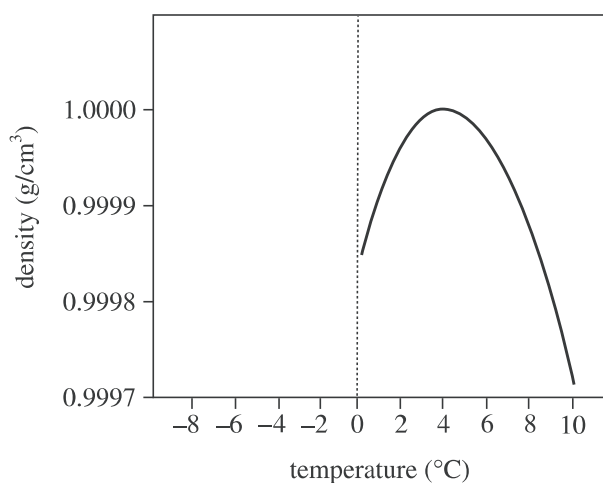


Figure 1

Figure 2 shows how the density of solid water changes with temperature.

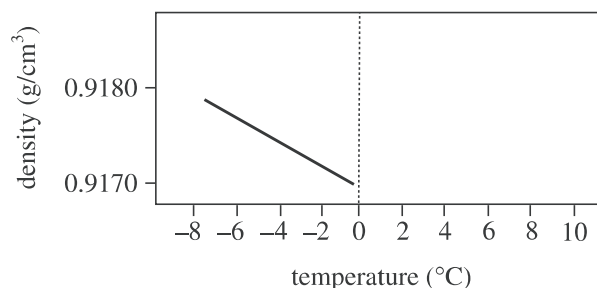


Figure 2

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25. According to Figure 1, as the temperature of liquid water decreases from  $10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the density:
- increases only.
  - decreases only.
  - decreases, then increases.
  - increases, then decreases.
26. A student claimed that "If the masses of  $1\text{ cm}^3$  of any solid and  $1\text{ cm}^3$  of any liquid are compared, the mass of the solid will be greater." Do the data in Table 1 support his claim?
- No; lead has a higher density than any of the liquids listed.
  - No; mercury has a higher density than any of the solids listed.
  - Yes; lead has a higher density than any of the liquids listed.
  - Yes; mercury has a higher density than any of the solids listed.
27. Which of the following hypotheses about the relationship between the temperature and the density of a solid is best supported by the data in Figure 2? As the temperature of a solid increases, the density of the solid:
- increases only.
  - decreases only.
  - increases, then decreases.
  - decreases, then increases.



28. Equal amounts of ethyl ether, mercury, and water (density =  $0.9971 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  are poured into a single beaker. Three distinct layers of liquid form in the beaker. Based on the data in Table 1, which of the following diagrams represents the order, from top to bottom, of the liquids in the beaker?

F.

Ethyl ether
Water
Mercury

G.

Ethyl ether
Mercury
Water

H.

Mercury
Water
Ethyl ether

J.

Water
Ethyl ether
Mercury

29. According to Figure 1, 100 g of water at  $4^\circ\text{C}$  would exactly fill a container having which of the following volumes?

- A.  $1 \text{ cm}^3$   
 B.  $10 \text{ cm}^3$   
 C.  $100 \text{ cm}^3$   
 D.  $1,000 \text{ cm}^3$

**Passage VI**

The clearing of rain forests results in *forest fragmentation* (the breakup of large forest tracts into small patches). Researchers predicted that fragmentation would result in a decrease in animal populations and *aboveground tree biomass* (AGTB) in the resulting fragments. They did 4 studies to test this prediction.

**Study 1**

The researchers monitored the AGTB of twenty-five 100 m  $\times$  100 m forest plots near areas that had recently been cleared of vegetation. The distance from the center of each plot to the nearest clearing was measured. Figure 1 shows the average change per plot in AGTB in metric tons per year (t/yr) over 17 yr.

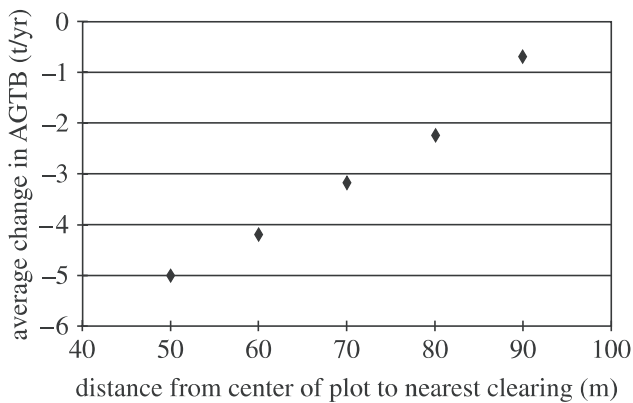


Figure 1

**Study 2**

Twenty-five 100 m  $\times$  100 m forest plots were monitored as in Study 1. The center of each of these plots was at least 500 m from the nearest clearing. The average change in AGTB over 17 yr for these 25 plots was 0 t/yr.

**Study 3**

Researchers monitored sixteen 100 m  $\times$  100 m forest plots near areas that had recently been cleared of vegetation. Each plot was bordered on 1 side by a clearing. Figure 2 shows the average cumulative percent change in AGTB at these plots following fragmentation. (Note: Year 0 represents results prior to fragmentation.)

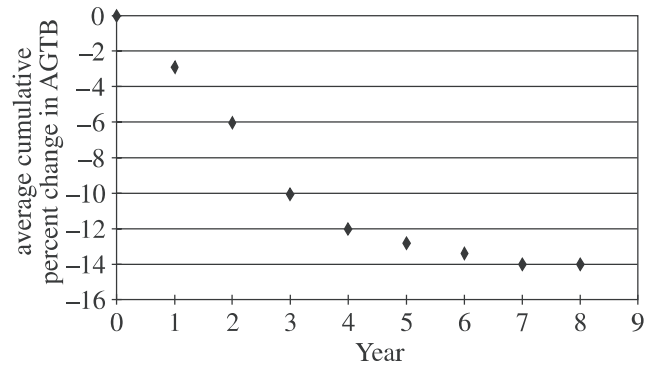


Figure 2

**Study 4**

Researchers trapped and released birds in 10 forest fragments adjacent to areas that had recently been cleared of vegetation. Three types of birds were monitored: insectivores, frugivores (fruit eaters), and hummingbirds. Figure 3 shows the number of captures per 1,000 hours (hr) of trapping. (Note: Year 0 represents results prior to fragmentation.)

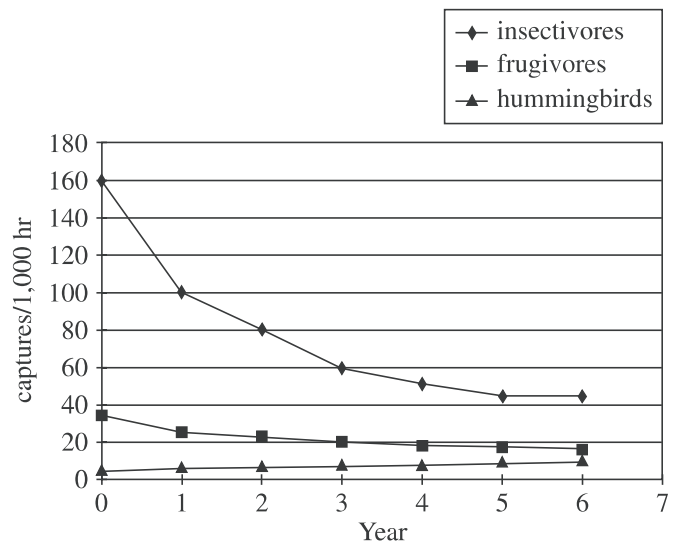


Figure 3

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30. In Study 4, as time increased from Year 0 to Year 6, the captures/1,000 hr of frugivores:
- F. decreased only.
  - G. increased only.
  - H. decreased, then increased.
  - J. increased, then decreased.
31. Based on the results of Study 4, how did fragmentation most likely affect the population sizes of insectivores and hummingbirds in the fragments studied?
- A. Fragmentation increased the population sizes of both insectivores and hummingbirds.
  - B. Fragmentation decreased the population sizes of both insectivores and hummingbirds.
  - C. Fragmentation increased the population size of insectivores and decreased the population size of hummingbirds.
  - D. Fragmentation decreased the population size of insectivores and increased the population size of hummingbirds.
32. Based on the results of Study 1, if the distance from the center of a  $100\text{ m} \times 100\text{ m}$  plot were 75 m from the nearest clearing, the expected average change in AGTB at the plot over 17 yr would be closest to which of the following values?
- F.  $-1.1\text{ t/yr}$
  - G.  $-2.6\text{ t/yr}$
  - H.  $+1.1\text{ t/yr}$
  - J.  $+2.6\text{ t/yr}$
33. After examining the results of Study 2, a student concluded that the AGTB at each of the 25 plots remained constant. Which of the following alternative explanations is also consistent with the results?
- A. The AGTB at all 25 plots increased.
  - B. The AGTB at all 25 plots decreased.
  - C. The AGTB at some of the plots increased and the AGTB at some of the plots decreased.
  - D. The AGTB at plots bounded by forest increased and the AGTB at plots bounded by clearings remained constant.
34. Which of the following sets of results from the studies is *least* consistent with the prediction proposed by the researchers?
- F. The results of Study 1 for AGTB
  - G. The results of Study 3 for AGTB
  - H. The results of Study 4 for frugivores
  - J. The results of Study 4 for hummingbirds
35. In Study 4, the researchers trapped birds for 10,000 hr per year. Thus, how many insectivores were trapped in Year 2 ?
- A. 80
  - B. 100
  - C. 800
  - D. 1,000

Passage VII

Glaciers deposit *till* (a poorly sorted sediment). If glaciers repeatedly advance over an area and then melt back, thick till deposits may form. Figure 1 shows a vertical core taken through layers of till, non-glacial sediments, and bedrock at a site in Canada. The *resistivity* (an electrical property of a material) and CO<sub>2</sub> measurements taken along the core are also shown. Resistivity is related to a sediment's particle sizes, compaction, and mineral composition. Table 1 shows the average percent sand, silt, and clay contents and descriptions of the various till layers.

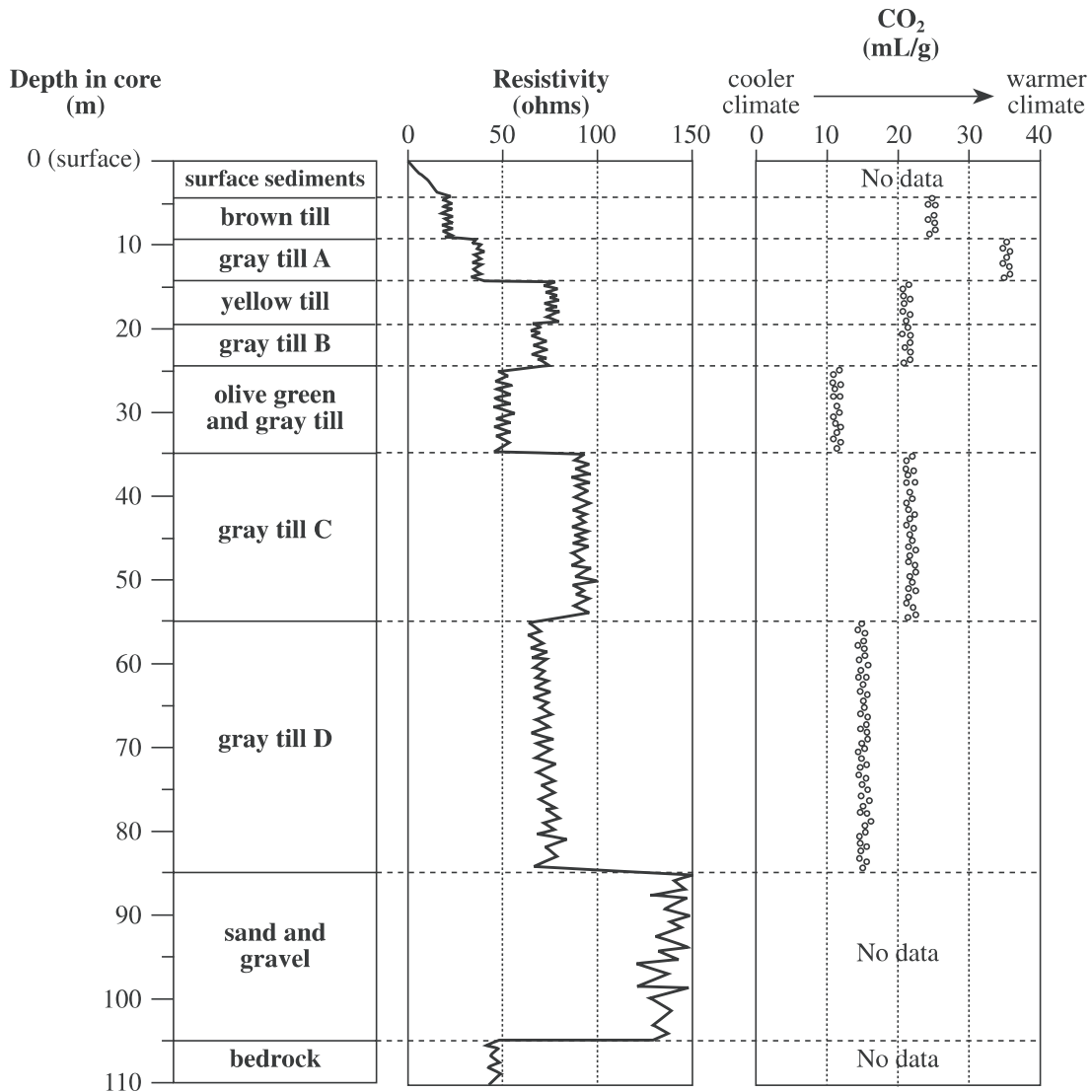


Figure 1



Depth of till layer (m)	Description of till	Average percent by volume of:		
		larger particle → smaller particle		
		sand	silt	clay
4–9	brown (oxidized*)	54.1	31.7	14.2
9–14	gray A	44.8	36.6	18.6
14–19	yellow (oxidized)	43.5	31.7	24.8
19–24	gray B	37.4	34.3	28.3
24–35	olive green and gray	25.5	34.3	40.2
35–55	gray C	31.7	33.6	34.7
55–85	gray D	37.5	31.7	30.8

\*Oxidized sediments have at some time been exposed to the air. Sediments that have been *deprived* of oxygen will be gray or green.

Figure 1 and Table 1 adapted from E. A. Christiansen, "Pleistocene Stratigraphy of the Saskatoon Area, Saskatchewan, Canada: An Update." ©1992 by the Geological Association of Canada.

36. A sample of gray till was recovered from another core taken from a nearby area. The table below shows the results of an analysis of the sample.

Percent by volume of:			Resistivity (ohms)	CO <sub>2</sub> content (mL/g)
sand	silt	clay		
31.5	33.7	34.8	85	22

Based on these data and the data provided in Figure 1 and Table 1, the sample of gray till corresponds most closely with which till from Figure 1 ?

- F. Gray till A  
 G. Gray till B  
 H. Gray till C  
 J. Gray till D
37. According to Figure 1, the *oldest* glacial advance in this area deposited which of the following till layers?  
 A. Gray till A  
 B. Yellow till  
 C. Olive green and gray till  
 D. Gray till D
38. According to Figure 1, which of the following statements best describes how the resistivity of the sand and gravel layer compares to the resistivity of the till layers? The resistivity measured in the sand and gravel layer is:  
 F. lower than the resistivities measured in any of the till layers.  
 G. higher than the resistivities measured in any of the till layers.  
 H. the same as the resistivities measured in the surface sediments.  
 J. lower than the resistivities measured in the bedrock.
39. The average resistivity of the bedrock in the core is most similar to the average resistivity of which of the following till layers?  
 A. Yellow till  
 B. Gray till B  
 C. Olive green and gray till  
 D. Gray till C
40. The sediments being deposited at the present time at the site where the core was taken have a much higher CO<sub>2</sub> content than any of the tills. Given this information and the information in Figure 1, the CO<sub>2</sub> content of sediments recently deposited at the site would most likely be in which of the following ranges?  
 F. Less than 10 mL/g  
 G. Between 10 mL/g and 25 mL/g  
 H. Between 25 mL/g and 35 mL/g  
 J. Greater than 35 mL/g

END OF TEST 4

STOP! DO NOT RETURN TO ANY OTHER TEST.

[See Note on page 56.]