2014-15 MVHS Dynamic Planet Try-Out Test

Be aware that actual tests in this event will likely be much different than this try-out test. Point values are given in parentheses after each question. Tiebreak points added for especially in-depth answers, deducted for spelling errors, etc.



Matching (1 point each, all answers only used once):

- 4. _d_ Coriolis Effect
- 5. _l_ Pycnocline
- 6. i Spring tide
- 7. _a_ Neap tide
- **8.** _e_ Gulf Stream
- 9. _o_ Humboldt Current
- 10. b Atoll
- 11. _f_ Abyssal plain
- **12.** k Aphotic zone
- 13. h Halocline
- 14. m Marianas Trench
- 15. _c_ Sediment
- 16. _j_ Guyot
- 17. _n_ Tombolo
- 18. g Doldrums

The following problems are based on the graph to the left:

- 1. Which one of the following reasons best explains the trend in this graph? (2)
 - **a.** Deeper water is closer to the core.
 - **b.** Less sunlight reaches the deeper water.
 - c. The weather changed and it takes longer for the deeper water to warm.
 - **d.** The data is not reliable.
- 2. Where could the data have been taken with highest probability? (3)
 - **a.** In the Humboldt Current
 - **b.** In the Baltic Sea
 - c. Near the Cape Verde Islands
 - **d.** Near the Bering Strait
- 3. The "sharp decrease" shown on the graph to the left is known as the thermocline. (5)
- Caused when sun and moon make right angle with a. earth
- **b.** Ring-shaped coral reef
- c. Three types: Terrigenous, Biogenous, Hydrogenous
- d. Deflection caused by rotation of earth
- e. A warm current responsible for cyclone formation
- **f.** Most level place on earth
- g. Where two Hadley cells converge
- **h.** Vertical salinity gradient
- i. Caused when the sun, moon, and earth align
- j. Flat-topped, submerged seamount
- **k.** Part of a body of water where no light reaches
- l. Layer where density gradient is greatest in a body of water
- m. Pressure here is over 1000 atmospheres
- **n.** A bridge of sediment that connects an island to the mainland
- o. Causes a different climate than would otherwise expected in Peru

Multiple Choice (2 points each):

- 19. The "SO" in ENSO stands for...
 - **a.** Saline Oasis
 - **b.** Storm Ocean
 - **c.** Surface Oceanography
 - d. Southern Oscillation
- **20.** What does the El Niño cause?
 - a. Warmer Pacific, fewer Atlantic hurricanes
 - **b.** Warmer Pacific, more Atlantic hurricanes
 - **c.** Cooler Pacific, fewer Atlantic hurricanes
 - d. Cooler Pacific, more Atlantic hurricanes
- **21.** As a wave approaches shore, its wavelength normally...
 - **a.** Increases
 - **b.** Stays the same
 - c. Decreases
 - **d.** Changes depending on the specific wave
- **22.** What are turbidity currents are named for?
 - **a.** Their high turbulence
 - **b.** Their slow speed
 - **c.** The large randomness of their flow
 - d. Their high sediment content
- **23.** Diurnal tides include every day.
 - **a.** Two high tides and two low tides
 - **b.** One high tide and one low tide
 - **c.** A varying number of tides
 - **d.** More high tides than low tides

Short Response:

- **29.** What are the five Oceans? (1 point each, any order)
 - (a) Atlantic Ocean
 - (b) Pacific Ocean
 - (c) Indian Ocean
 - (d) Arctic Ocean
 - (e) Southern Ocean
- 30. (a) What rock makes up most of the crust formed at a mid-ocean ridge? (3) Basalt (b) What type of rock (i.e. sedimentary) is this? (2) Igneous
- **31.** Identify the sections of the continental margin. (2 points each)
 - (a) Flooded extension of continent that slopes gently towards ocean basin: Continental Shelf
 - (b) Seaward edge of previous part, steep gradient into deep water: Continental Slope
 - (c) Accumulation of sediment at base of the previous part, occurs when there is no trench: Continental Rise
- **32.** How does life on the ocean basin get nutrients and energy? (3 points per unique, correct answer)
 - (a) Thermal vents
 - (b) Marine snow
- 33. The Galapagos are largely diverse due to what in the ocean nearby? (2) Currents which bring nutrients and influence climate
- 34. What is the topic of this year's Dynamic Planet test? (1) Oceanography

- 24. The primary long term effect of wave refraction is... **a.** Straightening of the coastline
 - **b.** Occurrences of freak waves
 - **c.** Bending of waves

 - d. Creation of new ocean currents
- **25.** Surface currents create circular swirls called...
 - a. Gyres
 - **b.** Dynamos
 - c. Whirlpools
 - d. Maelstroms
- 26. Divergent plate boundaries are associated with...
 - **a.** Trenches
 - **b.** Mid-ocean ridges
 - **c.** Subduction zones
 - d. Old oceanic or continental crust
- 27. What are the smallest wind-generated waves called?
 - **a.** Ripples
 - **b.** Hundred-year waves
 - c. Capillary waves
 - **d.** Micro-waves
- 28. Water in small basins sloshing at resonant frequencies...
 - **a.** Is a cuspate spit
 - **b.** Is a sea arch
 - **c.** Is a seismic sea wave
 - d. Is a seiche