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# TEST GUIDE

## MULTIPLE SUBJECTS SUBTEST II

### Sample Questions and Responses and Scoring Information

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## Sample Test Questions for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

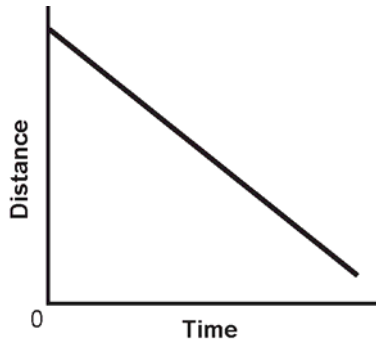
Below is a set of multiple-choice questions and constructed-response questions that are similar to the questions you will see on Subtest II of CSET: Multiple Subjects. You are encouraged to respond to the questions without looking at the responses provided in the next section. Record your responses on a sheet of paper and compare them with the provided responses.

A basic four-function on-screen calculator will be provided for examinees taking Multiple Subjects Subtest II: Science; Mathematics. An on-screen tutorial at the test center will not be provided for this feature. An on-screen calculator preview is provided on the "Computer-Based Testing Tutorials" page of the California Educator Credentialing Examinations website. You may not bring your own calculator for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II.

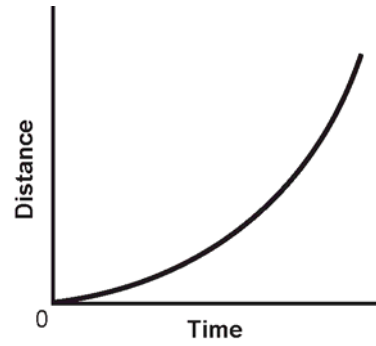
1. Which of the following steps in making a cup of coffee involves a chemical change in matter?
  - A. Whole-bean coffee is ground in a coffee grinder.
  - B. A burner on a propane stove is lighted to heat water.
  - C. Water in a kettle begins to boil.
  - D. Boiling water is poured through a filter containing ground coffee.

2. A large round boulder is pushed from the top of a smooth steep hill and rolls to the bottom. Which of the following graphs shows the distance the boulder travels with respect to time as it rolls down the hill?

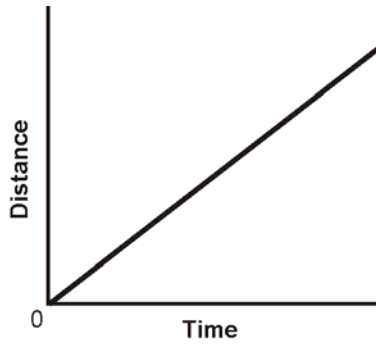
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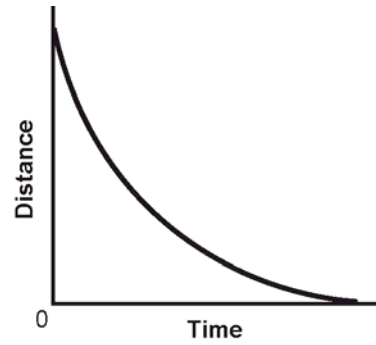
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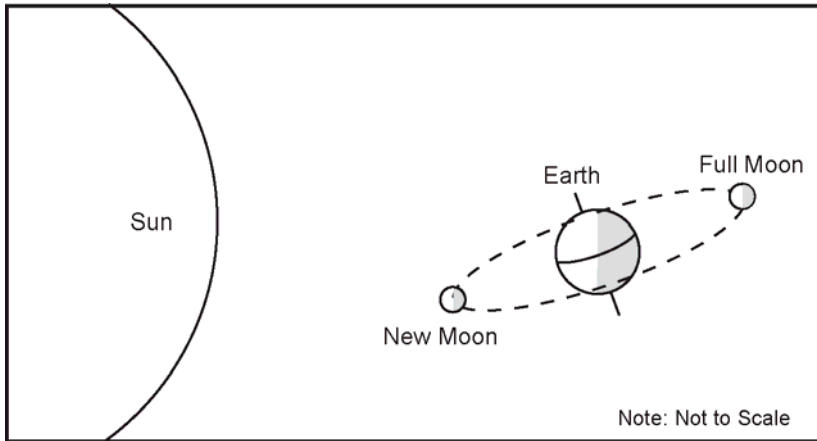


D.



3. The stems of a bunch of just-cut white flowers are immersed in a container of water to which blue dye has been added. After 24 hours, 2 tablespoons of salt are added to the water. Twenty-four hours later the flowers will most likely appear:
- A. wilted and light blue.
  - B. fresh and white.
  - C. wilted and white.
  - D. fresh and light blue.
4. Organisms maintain stability in a changing environment by changing themselves. These changes can be detected over time and may occur at different rates. Which of the following examples illustrates an organism accommodating or adjusting to a change in its environment, rather than adapting to environmental changes?
- A. Rose plants grow thorns on their stems to protect themselves from predators.
  - B. Whales migrate seasonally to warmer waters to mate and give birth.
  - C. Blood vessels in a human body constrict to conserve heat during cold weather.
  - D. Glands in honeysuckle flowers secrete nectar to attract insects and birds as pollinators.

5. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.



According to the diagram above, which of the following statements about the full moon is true?

- A. A lunar eclipse is visible somewhere on Earth whenever there is a full moon.
- B. The full moon is never in the sky at the same time as the sun.
- C. The moon always appears full somewhere on Earth.
- D. A full moon occurs whenever the moon is closest to Earth.

6. Which of the following best describes the structure of Earth?
- A. a thick oceanic and continental crust stretched over a solid mantle, with a liquid outer and a solid inner core
  - B. a thin oceanic and continental crust stretched over a solid mantle, with a solid outer and a liquid inner core
  - C. a thick oceanic and continental crust covering a liquid mantle that overlies a solid outer core and a liquid inner core
  - D. a thin oceanic and continental crust covering a liquid mantle that overlies a liquid outer core and a solid inner core

7. Use the passage below to answer the question that follows.

Weather satellites, which provide information about areas of Earth not easily accessed by other technologies, may be either geostationary or polar orbiting. Geostationary satellites orbit in a fixed position near Earth's equator and provide wide-ranging data on Earth's atmosphere. Polar-orbiting satellites orbit at a lower altitude than geostationary satellites. They transmit higher-resolution images than geostationary satellites and provide data about meteorological conditions at northern and southern latitudes.

Information provided by the satellites described in the passage is most likely to be used to monitor which of the following phenomena?

- A. wind shear
- B. hurricanes
- C. high levels of atmospheric ozone
- D. development of areas of dense coastal fog

8. If the number 360 is written as a product of its prime factors in the form  $a^3b^2c$ , what is the numerical value of  $a + b + c$ ?
- A. 10  
 B. 16  
 C. 17  
 D. 22
9. The problem below shows steps in finding the product of two two-digit numbers using this standard multiplication algorithm. The missing digits in the problem are represented by the symbol  $\square$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \square 9 \\
 \times \quad 36 \\
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 29\square \\
 + \square 4\square\square \\
 \hline
 \square\square\square\square
 \end{array}$$

What is the hundreds digit in the product of the two numbers?

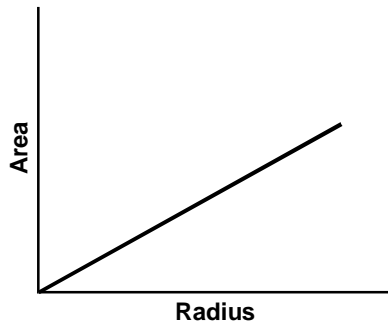
- A. 1  
 B. 4  
 C. 6  
 D. 7

10. Use the table below to answer the question that follows.

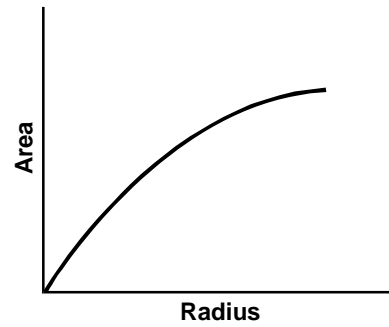
Radius	Area
0.0	0
1.0	3.14
2.0	12.57
3.0	28.31
4.0	50.29

The table gives the area of several circles of different radii. Which of the following graphs best represents the data in the table?

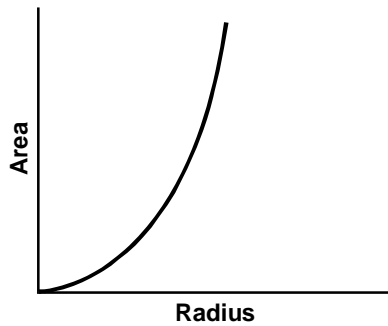
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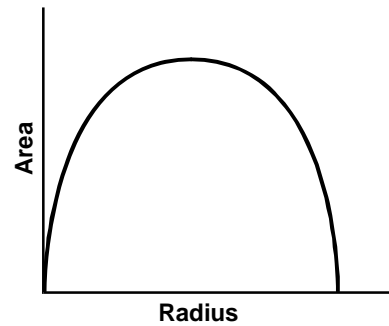
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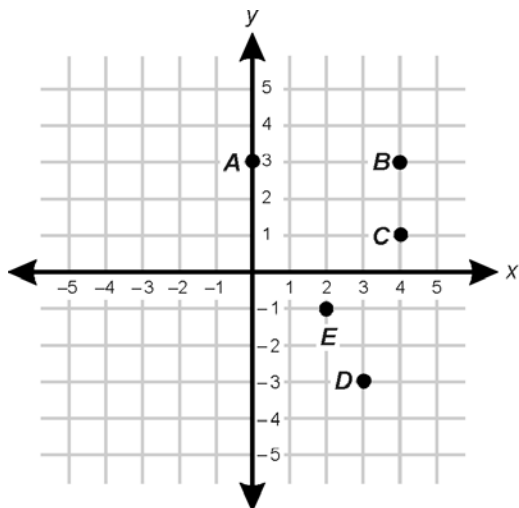


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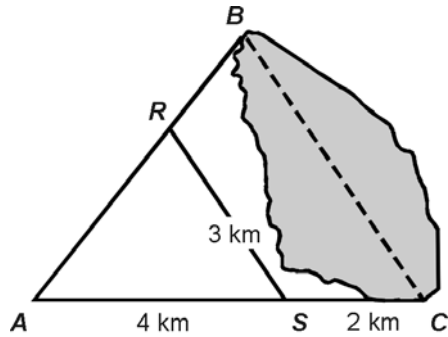
11. Use the graph below to answer the question that follows.



Point  $E$  is on a line with a slope of 2 in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. Which of the following points is also on the line?

- A.  $A$
- B.  $B$
- C.  $C$
- D.  $D$

12. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.

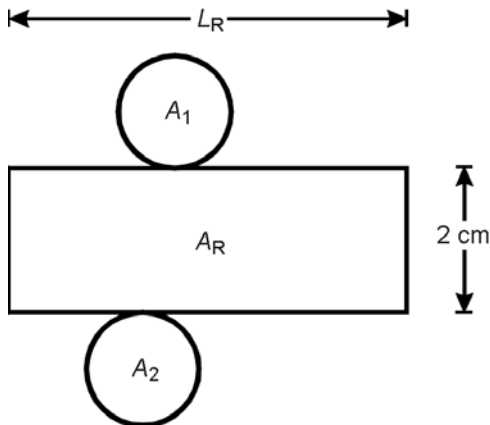


Note: not drawn to scale

To find the length of a lake, surveyors measure the distances shown such that  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ARS$  are similar. If  $RS = 3$  km,  $AS = 4$  km, and  $SC = 2$  km, what is  $BC$ , the length of the lake?

- A. 4.5 km
- B. 5 km
- C. 7.5 km
- D. 8 km

13. Use the diagram below to answer the question that follows.



The figure above is rolled up and folded to make a cylinder of volume  $10 \text{ cm}^3$ . Which of the following statements about the figure must be true?

- A. The area of the rectangular section,  $A_R$ , is  $10 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- B. The length of the rectangle,  $L_R$ , is  $5 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- C. The area of each circular section,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , is  $5 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- D. The sum of the areas of the circular sections,  $A_1 + A_2$ , equals  $5 \text{ cm}^2$ .

14. The range of hourly wages for 15 employees of a small company starts at \$7.50 and ends at \$21.40. If only one worker receives the median wage of \$8.90, how many workers receive a higher hourly wage?
- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8
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15. Each of the numbers from 4 to 24 inclusive is written on a separate piece of paper and placed in a bag. If one of these pieces of paper is randomly selected from the bag, what is the probability that the number on it will be a prime number?
- A.  $\frac{2}{7}$
- B.  $\frac{3}{10}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{3}$
- D.  $\frac{7}{20}$

## Constructed-Response Assignments

For each constructed-response assignment in this section, you are to prepare a written response.

Read each assignment carefully before you begin your response. Think about how you will organize your response. You may use the erasable notebooklet to make notes, write an outline, or otherwise prepare your response. *However, your final response must be either:*

- 1) typed into the on-screen response box,
- 2) written on a response sheet and scanned using the scanner provided at your workstation, or
- 3) provided using both the on-screen response box (for typed text) and a response sheet (for calculations or drawings) that you will scan using the scanner provided at your workstation.

**Instructions for scanning your response sheet(s) are available by clicking the “Scanning Help” button at the top of the screen.**

Your responses will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

**PURPOSE:** the extent to which the response addresses the constructed-response assignment's charge in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements

**SUBJECT MATTER KNOWLEDGE:** the application of accurate subject matter knowledge as described in the relevant CSET subject matter requirements

**SUPPORT:** the appropriateness and quality of the supporting evidence in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements

The assignments are intended to assess subject matter knowledge and skills, not writing ability. Your responses, however, must be communicated clearly enough to permit a valid judgment of your knowledge and skills. Your responses should be written for an audience of educators in the field.

Your responses should be your original work, written in your own words, and not copied or paraphrased from some other work. Please write legibly when using the response sheets. You may not use any reference materials during the testing session. Remember to review your work and make any changes you think will improve your responses.

Any time spent responding to an assignment, including scanning the response sheet(s), is part of your testing time. Monitor your time carefully. When your testing time expires, a pop-up message will appear on-screen indicating the conclusion of your test session. Only response sheets that are scanned before you end your test or before time has expired will be scored. Any response sheet that is not scanned before testing ends will NOT be scored.

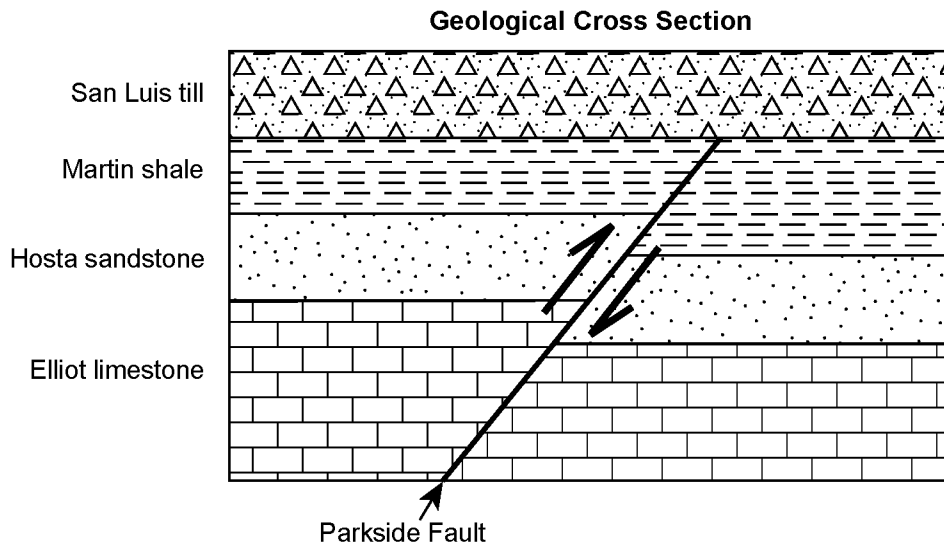
**16. Complete the exercise that follows.**

A butterfly collector is studying a species of butterfly that has expanded its range into a new area over the last 30 years. The butterflies in the new area feed on a species of flower that has a deeper throat than the flowers exploited by the butterfly species in its original range. The average length of the proboscis that is used to suck nectar from flowers is also greater in butterflies that inhabit the new area. The collector hypothesizes that individual butterflies that moved into the area and exploited the new flower grew longer proboscises during their lifetimes in order to reach the nectar. The gene for the longer proboscis was then inherited by the offspring of these original butterflies.

Using your knowledge of evolutionary theory and the underlying causes of evolution:

- describe the misconception underlying the collector's explanation for the increased proboscis length observed in butterflies inhabiting the new area;
- provide an alternative explanation that is consistent with accepted evolutionary theory for the change in proboscis length in butterflies inhabiting the new area; and
- provide one additional example of a type of environmental pressure that can lead to differences in physical characteristics within a species over time.

17. Use the diagram below to complete the exercise that follows.



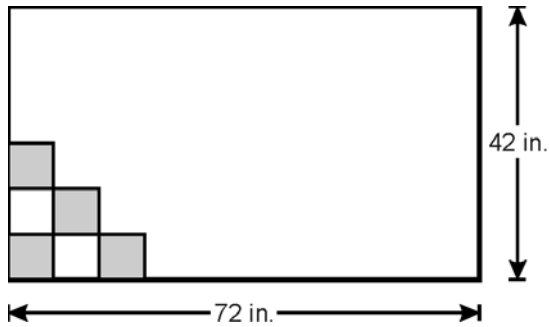
The diagram represents a geologic section through a sequence of layers of sedimentary rock. In this sequence, the following events, which are listed in random order, have occurred.

- deposition of the Elliot limestone
- Parkside fault
- deposition of the Martin shale
- deposition of the San Luis till
- erosion between the Martin shale and the San Luis till
- deposition of the Hosta sandstone

Using your knowledge of geology:

- list the correct order in which the events occurred, from longest ago to most recent;
- explain how you determined the order of the events; and
- identify one piece of evidence that supports the conclusion that erosion has occurred between the Martin shale and the San Luis till.

18. Use the diagram and the information below to complete the exercise that follows.



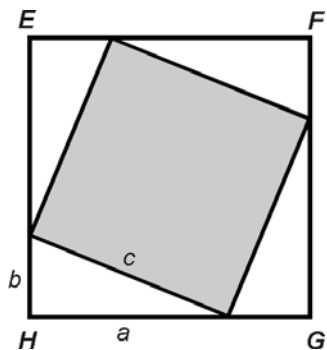
An artist is planning to construct a rectangular wall design from square tiles. The wall design is to be 72 inches long and 42 inches wide. All the square tiles must be the same size, and the length of the sides of the tiles must be a whole number.

Using your knowledge of number theory and geometry:

- find three different sizes of square tiles that could be used to completely fill the rectangular space, with no tiles overhanging the border; and
- determine the smallest number of square tiles that could be used to fill the rectangular space.



19. Complete the exercise that follows.



Four congruent triangles, each having legs of length  $a$  and  $b$  and hypotenuse of length  $c$ , are arranged as in the diagram above to produce square  $EFGH$ .

Using your knowledge of algebra and geometry:

- write an expression for the area of square  $EFGH$  in terms of the length of its sides;
- write an expression for the area of square  $EFGH$  in terms of the area of its component parts (i.e., four triangles and a square); and
- set these two expressions equal and show that this leads to a proof of the Pythagorean theorem.

# Annotated Responses to Sample Multiple-Choice Questions for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

## Science

1. **Correct Response: B.** (SMR Code: 1.1) A chemical change is a process in which a substance is changed into one or more different substances. Of the response choices given, only response choice B involves this type of change. When a propane stove is lighted, the propane gas combines chemically with oxygen from the atmosphere in a reaction that produces carbon dioxide and water.
2. **Correct Response: B.** (SMR Code: 1.2) The force of gravity causes a round object to accelerate as it rolls down an inclined surface. Therefore, in the scenario described, the boulder will travel increasingly faster as it rolls down the hill. The upward curving line on the graph reflects the fact that the distance the boulder travels per unit of time (e.g., per second) increases as it accelerates.
3. **Correct Response: A.** (SMR Code: 2.1) Plant stems contain tubelike structures called xylem, which normally carry water from the roots to the rest of the plant. If the stems are cut and quickly immersed, the xylem can still transport water upward. During the first 24 hours, the flowers will take up the dyed water, and the white flowers will turn light blue as the dye enters the cells. After the salt is added, the concentration of salt in the water in the container will be greater than in the plant cells. Water will then be drawn out of the plant cells during the next 24 hours, causing the flowers to wilt. At the end of 48 hours, the flowers will appear wilted and light blue.
4. **Correct Response: C.** (SMR Code: 2.2) An environmental accommodation is a physical response to a temporary change in an organism's habitat while an adaptation is a genetic change that occurs in a population in response to environmental changes. Accommodations, such as the constriction of blood vessels as a means to conserve heat during cold weather, are not permanent changes and do not affect the evolution of a species.
5. **Correct Response: B.** (SMR Code: 3.1) The moon appears full only when it is located in the part of its orbit that is directly opposite the sun relative to Earth's position. Since the sun and moon are in opposite sectors of the sky with respect to Earth, both cannot be viewed at the same time from a position on Earth. The full moon will rise on the eastern horizon after the sun sets on the western horizon.

6. **Correct Response: D.** (SMR Code: 3.2) The earth's structure is composed of three layers that differ in composition. The outermost layer is comprised of the relatively thin continental and oceanic crust. Below the crust lies the mantle, which contains melted rock. At the center of the earth lies the core, which consists of an outer liquid portion and a solid inner core.
  
7. **Correct Response: B.** (SMR Code: 3.3) Weather satellites have sensors that are able to provide visible images of clouds and monitor conditions such as precipitation, wind speed, cloud height, and lightning strikes. Use of this information makes it possible to analyze the development and paths of hurricanes.

## Mathematics

8. **Correct Response: A.** (SMR Code: 1.1) The number 360 is factored as:  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ , or  $2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$ . Since  $2 + 3 + 5 = 10$ , response choice A is correct.
9. **Correct Response: D.** (SMR Code: 1.2) Using deduction and the rules of multiplication yields the following solution to the mathematics problem:

$$\begin{array}{r} 49 \\ \times 36 \\ \hline 294 \\ + 1470 \\ \hline 1764 \end{array}$$

Since 1764 is the product, the hundreds digit is 7, and response choice D is correct.

10. **Correct Response: C.** (SMR Code: 2.1) As the radius increases in constant increments, the area (which is given by the formula  $\text{Area} = \pi r^2$  times the radius squared) grows by increasingly larger amounts. The graph in response choice C is the only one that depicts a steeper rate of increase for the area as the radius increases at a constant rate.
11. **Correct Response: B.** (SMR Code: 2.2) The coordinates of point  $E$  are  $(2, -1)$ . A line with a slope of 2 passing through point  $E$  will contain points in which the  $y$ -coordinate changes by 2 units for each change of 1 unit in the  $x$ -coordinate. Because the slope is positive, if the change in  $x$  is in a positive direction (i.e., to the right), the change in  $y$  will also be in a positive direction (i.e., up). Conversely, if the change in  $x$  is in a negative direction (i.e., to the left), the change in  $y$  will also be in a negative direction (i.e., down). The following table illustrates this, using  $x$ -coordinates of 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

$x$	$y$
0	-5
1	-3
2	-1
3	1
4	3

Thus, of the points shown on the graph, which have  $x$ -coordinates of 0, 3, and 4, only point  $B$ , with coordinates of  $(4, 3)$ , is on the line, and B is the correct response.

12. **Correct Response: A.** (SMR Code: 3.1) Since  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle ARS$ , the ratios of the lengths of the corresponding sides must be equal. That is, the ratio of the length of side  $BC$  to the length of side  $RS$  must be equal to the ratio of the length of side  $AC$  to the length of side  $AS$ . This can be written as the following formula:

$$\frac{BC}{RS} = \frac{AC}{AS}$$

Inserting values into the formula yields:

$$\frac{BC}{3} = \frac{6}{4}$$

Solving for  $BC$  (by multiplying both sides of the equation by 3) gives the result that  $BC = \frac{18}{4}$ , or 4.5 km.

Thus, A is the correct response.

13. **Correct Response: C.** (SMR Code: 3.2) The volume of a cylinder is found by multiplying the area of the base by the height:  $V = A_{\text{base}} \cdot h$ . Since the height of the cylinder is 2 cm, and its volume is  $10 \text{ cm}^3$ , dividing the volume by the height gives the area of the base, which is therefore  $5 \text{ cm}^2$ . Since  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are both bases, response choice C is correct.
14. **Correct Response: C.** (SMR Code: 4.1) If a range of numbers is arranged in increasing order, the median is the middle number. The wage of the only worker out of 15 who receives the median wage must be the eighth number in the range, with 7 of the 15 workers earning less and 7 earning more. Response choice C is therefore correct.
15. **Correct Response: C.** (SMR Code: 4.3) A prime number is a whole number with no divisors except itself and 1. Among the set of 21 numbers from 4 to 24 are seven prime numbers (5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 23). Since seven of the numbers that can possibly be selected from the bag are prime, the probability that a prime number will be selected is 7 out of 21, or  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Response choice C is therefore correct.

## Examples of Strong Responses to Sample Constructed-Response Questions for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

### Science

#### Question #16 (Score Point 3 Response)

The collector's explanation borrows on an evolutionary mechanism proposed by Lamarck, in which physical adaptations of one generation are passed on to the next generation. However, a physical adaptation to new physical environmental conditions during the lifetime of the individual does not change the makeup of the genome. Only genetic changes to sex cells are passed on to the next generation.

The collector's explanation for the increase in average proboscis length is not valid because the ability of the butterflies in the newly colonized area to reach the nectar in the flowers with deeper throats must have already existed as a genetic variant in the original population of butterflies. As the butterfly species moved into the new region those butterflies with longer proboscises were able to take advantage of the resource. The genetic variants in the population with shorter proboscises were not able to take advantage of this resource and therefore were not able to survive and reproduce as successfully as those with longer proboscises living within the newly colonized region. Eventually, the longer proboscises variant dominates the population of butterflies living in the newly colonized region. This process is referred to as adaptive radiation.

Natural selection, according to Darwin, states that only the fittest genetic variants will survive to dominate a particular habitat over time through increased survival of their offspring. Therefore, in the newly colonized area the number of butterflies with longer proboscises will increase over time while those with shorter proboscises will decrease.

One additional example of a type of environmental pressure that can lead to differences in physical characteristics within a species over time could be the movement of a new predator into the butterfly's habitat. Preexisting genetic variations would give rise to phenotypic variations in color or behavior of the butterfly population. Some of these phenotypic variants would provide for members of the population more able to hide from the new predator. As the variant more capable of surviving the new predator out-reproduced other members of the population, the genotypes responsible for the phenotypes would naturally increase in percentage of the population due to Darwinian Evolution.

**Question #17 (Score Point 3 Response)**

Longest ago — Elliot Limestone deposited – had to be there before layer on top of it.

Hosta Sandstone

Martin shale

Parkside Fault formation

Erosion of Martin Shale

Most recent – San Luis Till

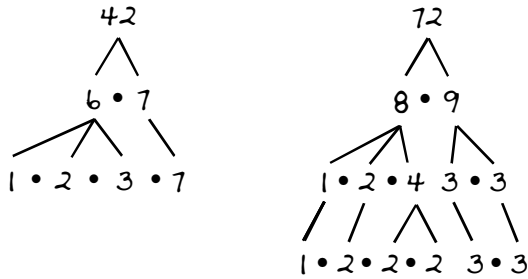
The order of these depositional events was determined by examining the depositional order and the cross cutting relationships. The Elliot Limestone, Hosta Sandstone, and Martin Shale had to be deposited before the Parkside Fault cut the deposit.

Erosion must have occurred to remove the topographic high that would have occurred on the left side of the fault from the upward motion, indicated by the arrows. Further, the Martin Shale is thinner on the left side of the Parkside Fault, compared to the right side, where it is thicker; the easiest way to remove thickness of a sedimentary deposit is to erode it away after deposition. Once the ground surface was even, the San Luis Till was deposited on top of all the other rock types.

## Mathematics

### Question #18 (Score Point 3 Response)

The length of the sides of a tile must divide both 72 and 42, so it is necessary to find the common factors of 72 and 42. This can be done as follows:



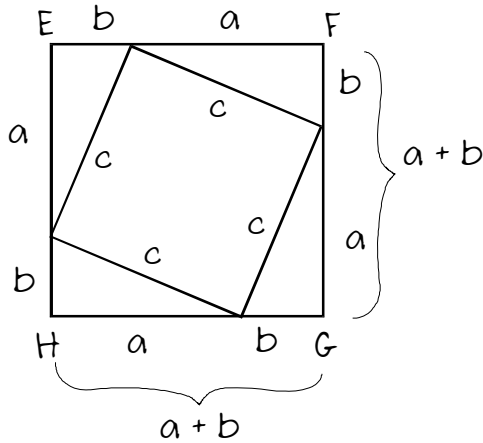
Since 1, 2, 3, and  $2 \cdot 3$  appear in both lists of factors, the common factors of 42 and 72 are  $\{1, 2, 3, 6\}$ .

Three different size tiles that could be used are 2" x 2", 3" x 3", and 6" x 6" tiles. These sizes will fill the space without overlapping.

To find the fewest number of tiles used, observe that the larger the square tile used, the fewer tiles will be needed. Therefore, the 6" x 6" tiles should be used. Since  $6 \times 7 = 42$  and  $6 \times 12 = 72$ , twelve 6" x 6" tiles will be needed along the base of the rectangle and seven 6" x 6" tiles will be needed along the height. Therefore a total of  $12 \times 7$  or 84 tiles will be needed to cover the rectangle.



Question #19 (Score Point 3 Response)



Notice that the length of a side of EFGH is equal to  $a + b$ , since the length of each side of the square is equal to the sum of the lengths of the legs of a triangle. Therefore the area of EFGH =  $(a + b)^2$ .

The area of EFGH can also be written as the area of 4 triangles plus the area of the shaded square, which is  $c^2$ .

$$(a + b)^2 = 4 \times \text{area of triangle} + c^2$$

$$(a + b)^2 = 4\left(\frac{1}{2}a \cdot b\right) + c^2$$

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = 2ab + c^2$$

$$\underline{- 2ab} \quad \underline{- 2ab}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2, \text{ which is the Pythagorean theorem}$$

## Scoring Information for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

Responses to the multiple-choice questions are scored electronically. Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. There is no penalty for guessing.

There are four constructed-response questions in Subtest II of CSET: Multiple Subjects. Each of these constructed-response questions is designed so that a response can be completed within a short amount of time—approximately 10–15 minutes. Responses to the constructed-response questions are scored by qualified California educators using focused holistic scoring. Scorers will judge the overall effectiveness of your responses while focusing on the performance characteristics that have been identified as important for this subtest (see below). Each response will be assigned a score based on an approved scoring scale (see page 26).

Your performance on the subtest will be evaluated against a standard determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing based on professional judgments and recommendations of California educators.

### Performance Characteristics for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

The following performance characteristics will guide the scoring of responses to the constructed-response questions on CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II.

<b>PURPOSE</b>	The extent to which the response addresses the constructed-response assignment's charge in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements.
<b>SUBJECT MATTER KNOWLEDGE</b>	The application of accurate subject matter knowledge as described in the relevant CSET subject matter requirements.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	The appropriateness and quality of the supporting evidence in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements.

## Scoring Scale for CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II

Scores will be assigned to each response to the constructed-response questions on CSET: Multiple Subjects Subtest II according to the following scoring scale.

SCORE POINT	SCORE POINT DESCRIPTION
<b>3</b>	<p><b>The "3" response reflects a command of the relevant knowledge and skills as defined in the CSET subject matter requirements.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the assignment is fully achieved.</li> <li>• There is an accurate application of relevant subject matter knowledge.</li> <li>• There is appropriate and specific relevant supporting evidence.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>The "2" response reflects a general command of the relevant knowledge and skills as defined in the CSET subject matter requirements.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the assignment is largely achieved.</li> <li>• There is a largely accurate application of relevant subject matter knowledge.</li> <li>• There is acceptable relevant supporting evidence.</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>The "1" response reflects a limited or no command of the relevant knowledge and skills as defined in the CSET subject matter requirements.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the assignment is only partially or not achieved.</li> <li>• There is limited or no application of relevant subject matter knowledge.</li> <li>• There is little or no relevant supporting evidence.</li> </ul>
<b>U</b>	<p><b>The "U" (Unscorable) is assigned to a response that is unrelated to the assignment, illegible, primarily in a language other than English, or does not contain a sufficient amount of original work to score.</b></p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>The "B" (Blank) is assigned to a response that is blank.</b></p>