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MIDTERM EXAM

Mark your answers to these questions on an appropriate Scantron form. Do <u>NOT</u> return your test questions, retain them for future reference and for completing your Midterm Revisions. The Revisions are due back on Monday May  $10^{th}$  at the beginning of class; completed on a new Scantron.

Questions 01 through 05: Fill in the blank: Use the word or phrase that <u>BEST</u> completes each sentence in the following paragraph.

Meghan and her friends are at a party, taking a "well-deserved" break from their study of geology. One of
their other friends Daljeet asks them what they have been studying so hard this week and they exclaim
"geology." Meghan goes on to add that Geology is the "scientific study of the (01) (a. structure;
b. nature; c. materials; d. history; e. economics), origin, and evolution of the Earth and other terrestrial
bodies. As they discuss what a great guy their professor is one of them notices a number of partygoers
drinking scotch and soda, rum and soda, and yet others drinking gin and soda. He notices, that all of the
people drinking these drinks have become intoxicated. Meghan's friend insists that soda being the only
common ingredient it is responsible for the intoxication. This (02) (a. observation; b.
hypothesis; c. theory) seems ludicrous to Meghan so she asks her friend to test it "scientifically." He
agrees and prepares a drink made of yet a third mixture, vodka and soda. This proposed test would be an
example of a (an) (03) (a. hypothesis; b. theory; c. experiment). Of course the test is successful,
as another partygoer succumbs, this time in the name of science. Meghan correctly asserts that this
procedure (04) (a. does; b. does not) represent an application of scientific method. Because
science (05) (a. does; b. does not) guarantee a correct answer to a question.

For questions 06 through 15 please refer to the seismograms, map and travel time curves for an earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Region.

Questions 06 through 15: Multiple Choice

- 06. Which seismogram(s) has (have) the greatest S-P interval?
  - a. Lick Observatory
  - b. Palo Alto
  - c. San Francisco
  - d. Lick Observatory and Palo Alto
  - e. San Francisco and Palo Alto
- 07. Which seismogram(s) has (have) the shortest S-P interval?
  - a. Lick Observatory
  - b. Palo Alto
  - c. San Francisco
  - d. Lick Observatory and Palo Alto
  - e. San Francisco and Palo Alto
- 08. Which seismic recording station(s) is (are) the farthest to the epicenter?
  - a. Lick Observatory
  - b. Palo Alto
  - c. San Francisco
  - d. Lick Observatory and Palo Alto
  - e. San Francisco and Palo Alto

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	c. 38 km	d. 10.5 km				
15.	Of the choices given which one most closely recorded at the Lick Observatory station?  a. 3.8 km	approximates the Focal Distance for the seismogram b. 4.7 km				
	c. 7.4 sec	d. 47 sec				
	recorded at the Lick Observatory station? a. 74 sec	b. 4.7 sec				
14.	b. NO  Of the choices given which one most closely	approximates the S-P interval for the seismogram				
	Note: The minute marks do not have a spec a. YES	ific time register marked on them.				
13.	Are these three seismograms "lined-up" with					
	d. Oakland e. San Jose					
	c. San Francisco					
	a. Berkeley b. Lick Observatory	T				
12.	Which <u>LOCATION</u> on the map was closest to	o the earthquake epicenter?				
	<ul><li>c. Calaveras Fault</li><li>d. None of the above</li></ul>					
	b. Hayward Fault					
11.	Which fault ruptured to generate the earthquake recorded by these seismic recording stations?  a. San Andreas Fault					
	d. none of the above					
	b. rigidity c. both a. and b.					
	a. density					
10.	What geologic factors of the crust between th speed of the seismic waves?	e epicenter and your recording stations might effect the				
	e. San Francisco and Palo Alto					
	<ul><li>c. San Francisco</li><li>d. Lick Observatory and Palo Alto</li></ul>					
	b. Palo Alto					
09.	Which seismic recording station(s) is (are) the a. Lick Observatory	e closest to the epicenter?				
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## For questions 16 through 25 please refer to the Seismicity map of the Central American and Caribbean Regions.

Questions 16 through 25: Multiple Choice

- 16. Given the pattern of seismicity what type of plate boundary exists between the Coccos and Caribbean plates?
  - a. Divergent
  - b. Convergent- subduction zone setting
  - c. Convergent- continental collision setting
  - d. Transform
- 17. The Coccos Plate is west of the plate boundary, considering your answer to question 16, what is the direction of relative plate motion for the Coccos Plate?
  - a. Northeast
  - b. Southwest
  - c. Northwest
  - d. Southeast
- 18. The Caribean Plate is east of the plate boundary, considering your answer to question 16, what is the direction of its relative plate motion?
  - a. Northeast
  - b. Southwest
  - c. Northwest
  - d. Southeast
- 19. Is it possible for earthquakes for the boundary mentioned in question 16 to be as strong as the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake in Anchorage Alaska?
  - a. YES
  - b. NO
  - c. Only on the third Friday of every month.
- 20. Given your above answers which of the following statements is <u>TRUE</u> for the plate boundary between the Coccos and Caribbean Plate?
  - a. For this type of plate boundary, volcanism would be expected to be formed from mostly intermediate magmas forming a volcanic arc.
  - b. This type of plate boundary would be characterized by basaltic (mafic) volcanism creating a mid-ocean ridge.
  - c. This area would be dominated by "hot-spot" volcanism yielding either mafic or silicic volcanism.
  - d. There would be no volcanism at this type of plate boundary.
- 21. Given your above answers which of the following statements is <u>TRUE</u> for the plate boundary between the Coccos and Caribbean Plate?
  - a. This type of plate boundary is characterized by the strongest earthquakes.
  - b. This type of plate boundary is characterized by only moderate earthquakes..
  - c. This is the same type of plate boundary that we see in the San Francisco Bay region.
  - d. Both b and c are correct.
  - e. None of the above statements are true.

22.	Which	of the	following	statements	is	TRUE?

- a. The Cocos Plate is subducting to the Northeast under the Caribbean Plate.
- b. The Caribbean Plate is subducting to the Southwest under the Cocos Plate..
- c. The Cocos Plate is moving to the Northwest relative to the Caribbean Plate.
- d. The Caribbean Plate is moving to the Northwest relative to the Cocos Plate.
- e. None of the above statements are true.
- 23. Given your previous answers, and seismicity patterns from the map, what type of boundary exists between the Coccos and Pacific plates?
  - a. Divergent
  - b. Convergent- subduction zone setting
  - c. Convergent- continental collision setting
  - d. Transform
- 24. Which of the following statements is (are) <u>TRUE</u> for the plate boundary mentioned in question 23?
  - a. Volcanism in this region may be explosive.
  - b. The most powerful kinds of earthquakes may occur at this type of plate boundary.
  - c. Only nonexplosive volcanism can occur in this region.
  - d. Both a. and b. are true.
  - e. None of the above statements are true.
- 25. Given your answer to question 24, which of the following statements is <u>TRUE</u>?
  - a. Oceanic crust is consumed at this type of plate boundary.
  - b. Oceanic crust is formed at this type of plate boundary.
  - c. Oceanic crust is neither formed or consumed at this type of boundary.

For questions 26 through 30 please refer to the magnetic lineations of the seafloor on the page entitled "Plate Motion."

Questions 26 through 30: Matching: For each of the following statements indicate the lineation pattern that best matches.

26. Ridge with fastest rate of seafloor spreading.

A. South Atlantic

27. Ridge with slowest rate of seafloor spreading.

B. North Pacific

28. Ridge with moderate rate of seafloor spreading.

C. Pacific Antarctic

- 29. Magnetic record showing largest amount of seafloor.
- 30. Magnetic record showing least amount of seafloor.

For questions 31 through 35 please refer to the Hawaiian Hot Spot Track map on the page entitled "Plate Motion."

Questions 31 through 35: Multiple Choice

31. What is the current direction of motion for the Pacific Plate over the Hawaiian Hot Spot?

a. NW

b. SE

c. NE

d. SW

32. The Hot Spot Track indicates that more than 43 Ma (Million Years), the direction of the Pacific Plate motion was more to the

a. W

b. E

c. N

d. S

33. Was the rate of plate motion faster or slower than today, more than 40 Ma? a SLOWER

b. FASTER

34. Has the rate of plate motion been constant over the last 40 Ma?

a. YES

b. NO

35. Are the rocks of the Hawaiian ridge formed over the hot spot older than surrounding seafloor? a. YES

## For questions 36 through 45 please refer to maps of volcanic constructs

Questions 36 through 45: Matching: Match each statement to the volcanic construct that best fits.

36. Cinder cone. A. Kamakaia Hills

37. Composite cone. B. Mount St. Helens

38. Shield Volcano. C. Mauna Loa Volcano

39. Lava Plateau. D. None of the constructs matches the statement.

- 40. Dome volcano.
- 41. Subduction Zone.
- 42. Hot Spot.
- 43. Flood Basalt.
- 44. Explosive eruptions.
- 45 Flood Basalt.

## For questions 46 through 50 please refer to the topographic map of Logan Pass, Montana.

Questions 46 through 59: True/False

For each of the following statements indicate whether it is true or false. Note: True is T(a) on your Scantron form and False is F(b).

- 46. Siyeh Creek in the lower canyon generally flows to the North in this area.
- 47. The lower canyon through which Siyeh Creek flows (see location C8 on the map) was cut by stream erosion.
- An alluvial fan is forming below the upper canyon of Siyeh Creek (see location D6 on the map). 48.
- 49. The upper canyon through which Siyeh Creek flows through Preston Park (see location G4 on the map) was cut by stream erosion.
- 50. The higher elevations of this region were sculpted by glaciation.