

## Answer Key

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- 1) D
- 2) A
- 3) E
- 4) A
- 5) B
- 6) D
- 7) C
- 8) D
- 9) B
- 10) C
- 11) A
- 12) A
- 13) D
- 14) E
- 15) A
- 16) E
- 17) C
- 18) D
- 19) B
- 20) A
- 21) Metals and rocks
- 22) Mostly solid.
- 23) Earth and Mars
- 24) Dried-up riverbeds, networks of channels, stream-lined islands, chemical evidence from rovers, gullies on crater walls, layered sedimentary rocks
- 25) Himalaya, any ocean trench or subduction zone, such as Japan, Aleutians, Andes, northwestern USA
- 26) Axial tilt, eccentricity of orbit
- 27) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- 28) Life, specifically photosynthetic life, on Earth produces O<sub>2</sub>.
- 29) Earth and Io
- 30) Neptune
- 31) Four -Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune
- 32) Pluto
- 33) Large crater in 65 million year old rock in Mexico, global layer of iridium (common in meteorities, rare on Earth's surface), plus other possible answers.
- 34) Impact cratering
- 35) Astrometry, transits, eclipses, gravitational lensing
- 36) They are much closer to their parent stars than Jupiter is.
- 37) No. Current detection techniques are better at detecting heavy planets than light planets.
- 38) Helium

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39) Temperatures.

40) Sunspots. They emit lots of radiation because they are hot (4000K). They look dark because they are next to hotter, brighter regions. The full Moon is much colder and emits less thermal radiation.

41) Crust created in 1 year = 1 cm x 2000 km  
= 1 cm x (1 km / 1000 m) x (1 m / 100 cm) x 2000 km  
=  $10^{-5}$  km x  $2 \times 10^3$  km =  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  km<sup>2</sup>

Crust created in 300 million years =  $3 \times 10^8$  x  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  km<sup>2</sup>  
=  $6 \times 10^6$  km<sup>2</sup>

Area of Earth =  $4 \pi R^2$

R = 6400 km

Area =  $4 \pi \times 6400$  km x 6400 km =  $5 \times 10^8$  km<sup>2</sup>

Fraction of surface =  $6 \times 10^6$  km<sup>2</sup> /  $5 \times 10^8$  km<sup>2</sup> =  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  = 1.2%

42) Volume = Mass / density =  $10^{28}$  kg / ( $10^3$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>) =  $10^{25}$  m<sup>3</sup>

Volume =  $(4 \pi R^3)/3$  so radius = cube root of  $(3V/(4\pi))$  =  $(3V / (4\pi))^{0.33}$

Radius =  $(3 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}^3 / (4\pi))^{0.33}$

Radius =  $(2.4 \times 10^{24} \text{ m}^3)^{0.33}$  =  $1.1 \times 10^8$  m

Diameter = 2 x radius =  $2.2 \times 10^8$  m

Angular size / 360 degrees = Diameter of Cherry / (2pi x distance from Earth)

Angular size = 360 degrees x  $2.2 \times 10^8$  m / (2pi x  $10^{17}$  m)

Angular size =  $1.3 \times 10^{-7}$  degrees

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- 43) Seafloor crust is younger, less thick, denser, different chemical composition, basalt rather than granite, narrow range of ages, formed at mid-ocean ridges rather than volcanoes above subduction zones

Seafloor crust is produced when material in the mantle melts and erupts onto the surface at mid-ocean ridges, forming basalt rock. Seafloor crust is destroyed when it is pulled back down into the mantle at subduction zones or ocean trenches, sliding beneath the less dense continental crust.

Continental crust is produced when descending seafloor crust becomes partially molten. This magma rises upwards, erupting out of stratovolcanoes. Since only part of the basalt rock has been melted, the new continental crust has a different chemical composition and is called granite rock. Continental crust is not usually destroyed by plate tectonics.

Most Mars volcanism took place in one area, Tharsis Bulge, rather than being distributed over the planet like Earth's volcanoes. Many other possible answers.