

THE INVESTIGATION AND EXPERIMENTATION REPORTING CLUSTER

The following 14 California content standards are included in the Investigation and Experimentation reporting cluster and are represented in this booklet by seven test questions. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the California Earth Science Standards Test.

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS IN THIS REPORTING CLUSTER

Investigation and Experimentation

- ESIE1.** Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. As a basis for understanding this concept and addressing the content in the other three reporting clusters, students should develop their own questions and perform investigations. Students will:
- ESIE1. a.** Select and use appropriate tools and technology (such as computer-linked probes, spreadsheets, and graphing calculators) to perform tests, collect data, analyze relationships, and display data.
- ESIE1. b.** Identify and communicate sources of unavoidable experimental error.
- ESIE1. c.** Identify possible reasons for inconsistent results, such as sources of error or uncontrolled conditions.
- ESIE1. d.** Formulate explanations by using logic and evidence.
- ESIE1. e.** Solve scientific problems by using quadratic equations and simple trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
- ESIE1. f.** Distinguish between hypothesis and theory as scientific terms.
- ESIE1. g.** Recognize the usefulness and limitations of models and theories as scientific representations of reality.
- ESIE1. h.** Read and interpret topographic and geologic maps.
- ESIE1. i.** Analyze the locations, sequences, or time intervals that are characteristic of natural phenomena (e.g., relative ages of rocks, locations of planets over time, and succession of species in an ecosystem).
- ESIE1. j.** Recognize the issues of statistical variability and the need for controlled tests.
- ESIE1. k.** Recognize the cumulative nature of scientific evidence.
- ESIE1. l.** Analyze situations and solve problems that require combining and applying concepts from more than one area of science.
- ESIE1. m.** Investigate a science-based societal issue by researching the literature, analyzing data, and communicating the findings. Examples of issues include irradiation of food, cloning of animals by somatic cell nuclear transfer, choice of energy sources, and land and water use decisions in California.
- ESIE1. n.** Know that when an observation does not agree with an accepted scientific theory, the observation is sometimes mistaken or fraudulent (e.g., the Piltdown Man fossil or unidentified flying objects) and that the theory is sometimes wrong (e.g., the Ptolemaic model of the movement of the Sun, Moon, and planets).

THE ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY REPORTING CLUSTER

The following 10 California content standards are included in the Astronomy and Cosmology reporting cluster and are represented in this booklet by 20 test questions. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the California Earth Science Standards Test.

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS IN THIS REPORTING CLUSTER

Earth's Place in the Universe

ES1.	Astronomy and planetary exploration reveal the solar system's structure, scale, and change over time. As a basis for understanding this concept:
ES1. a.	<i>Students know</i> how the differences and similarities among the sun, the terrestrial planets, and the gas planets may have been established during the formation of the solar system.
ES1. b.	<i>Students know</i> the evidence from Earth and moon rocks indicates that the solar system was formed from a nebular cloud of dust and gas approximately 4.6 billion years ago.
ES1. c.	<i>Students know</i> the evidence from geological studies of Earth and other planets suggests that the early Earth was very different from Earth today.
ES1. d.	<i>Students know</i> the evidence indicating that the planets are much closer to Earth than the stars are.
ES1. e.	<i>Students know</i> the Sun is a typical star and is powered by nuclear reactions, primarily the fusion of hydrogen to form helium.
ES1. f.	<i>Students know</i> the evidence for the dramatic effects that asteroid impacts have had in shaping the surface of planets and their moons and in mass extinctions of life on Earth.
ES2.	Earth-based and space-based astronomy reveal the structure, scale, and changes in stars, galaxies, and the universe over time. As a basis for understanding this concept:
ES2. a.	<i>Students know</i> the solar system is located in an outer edge of the disc-shaped Milky Way galaxy, which spans 100,000 light years.
ES2. b.	<i>Students know</i> galaxies are made of billions of stars and comprise most of the visible mass of the universe.
ES2. c.	<i>Students know</i> the evidence indicating that all elements with an atomic number greater than that of lithium have been formed by nuclear fusion in stars.
ES2. d.	<i>Students know</i> that stars differ in their life cycles and that visual, radio, and X-ray telescopes may be used to collect data that reveal those differences.

THE SOLID EARTH REPORTING CLUSTER

The following eight California content standards are included in the Solid Earth reporting cluster and are represented in this booklet by 21 test questions. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the California Earth Science Standards Test.

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS IN THIS REPORTING CLUSTER

Dynamic Earth Processes

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| ES3. | Plate tectonics operating over geologic time has changed the patterns of land, sea, and mountains on Earth's surface. As the basis for understanding this concept: |
| ES3. a. | <i>Students know</i> features of the ocean floor (magnetic patterns, age, and sea-floor topography) provide evidence of plate tectonics. |
| ES3. b. | <i>Students know</i> the principal structures that form at the three different kinds of plate boundaries. |
| ES3. c. | <i>Students know</i> how to explain the properties of rocks based on the physical and chemical conditions in which they formed, including plate tectonic processes. |
| ES3. d. | <i>Students know</i> why and how earthquakes occur and the scales used to measure their intensity and magnitude. |
| ES3. e. | <i>Students know</i> there are two kinds of volcanoes: one kind with violent eruptions producing steep slopes and the other kind with voluminous lava flows producing gentle slopes. |

California Geology

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| ES9. | The geology of California underlies the state's wealth of natural resources as well as its natural hazards. As a basis for understanding this concept: |
| ES9. a. | <i>Students know</i> the resources of major economic importance in California and their relation to California's geology. |
| ES9. b. | <i>Students know</i> the principal natural hazards in different California regions and the geologic basis of those hazards. |
| ES9. c. | <i>Students know</i> the importance of water to society, the origins of California's fresh water, and the relationship between supply and need. |
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THE EARTH'S ENERGY REPORTING CLUSTER

The following 17 California content standards are included in The Earth's Energy reporting cluster and are represented in this booklet by 42 test questions. These questions represent only some ways in which these standards may be assessed on the California Earth Science Standards Test.

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS IN THIS REPORTING CLUSTER

Energy in the Earth System	
ES4.	Energy enters the Earth system primarily as solar radiation and eventually escapes as heat. As a basis for understanding this concept:
ES4. a.	<i>Students know</i> the relative amount of incoming solar energy compared with Earth's internal energy and the energy used by society.
ES4. b.	<i>Students know</i> the fate of incoming solar radiation in terms of reflection, absorption, and photosynthesis.
ES4. c.	<i>Students know</i> the different atmospheric gases that absorb the Earth's thermal radiation and the mechanism and significance of the greenhouse effect.
ES5.	Heating of Earth's surface and atmosphere by the sun drives convection within the atmosphere and oceans, producing winds and ocean currents. As a basis for understanding this concept:
ES5. a.	<i>Students know</i> how differential heating of Earth results in circulation patterns in the atmosphere and oceans that globally distribute the heat.
ES5. b.	<i>Students know</i> the relationship between the rotation of Earth and the circular motions of ocean currents and air in pressure centers.
ES5. c.	<i>Students know</i> the origin and effects of temperature inversions.
ES5. d.	<i>Students know</i> properties of ocean water, such as temperature and salinity, can be used to explain the layered structure of the oceans, the generation of horizontal and vertical ocean currents, and the geographic distribution of marine organisms.
ES5. e.	<i>Students know</i> rain forests and deserts on Earth are distributed in bands at specific latitudes.
ES6.	Climate is the long-term average of a region's weather and depends on many factors. As a basis for understanding this concept:
ES6. a.	<i>Students know</i> weather (in the short run) and climate (in the long run) involve the transfer of energy into and out of the atmosphere.
ES6. b.	<i>Students know</i> the effects on climate of latitude, elevation, topography, and proximity to large bodies of water and cold or warm ocean currents.
ES6. c.	<i>Students know</i> how Earth's climate has changed over time, corresponding to changes in Earth's geography, atmospheric composition, and other factors, such as solar radiation and plate movement.

Biogeochemical Cycles

ES7. Each element on Earth moves among reservoirs, which exist in the solid earth, in oceans, in the atmosphere, and within and among organisms as part of biogeochemical cycles. As a basis for understanding this concept:

ES7. a. *Students know* the carbon cycle of photosynthesis and respiration and the nitrogen cycle.

ES7. b. *Students know* the global carbon cycle: the different physical and chemical forms of carbon in the atmosphere, oceans, biomass, fossil fuels, and the movement of carbon among these reservoirs.

ES7. c. *Students know* the movement of matter among reservoirs is driven by Earth's internal and external sources of energy.

Structure and Composition of the Atmosphere

ES8. Life has changed Earth's atmosphere, and changes in the atmosphere affect conditions for life. As a basis for understanding this concept:

ES8. a. *Students know* the thermal structure and chemical composition of the atmosphere.

ES8. b. *Students know* how the composition of Earth's atmosphere has evolved over geologic time and know the effect of outgassing, the variations of carbon dioxide concentration, and the origin of atmospheric oxygen.

ES8. c. *Students know* the location of the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere, its role in absorbing ultraviolet radiation, and the way in which this layer varies both naturally and in response to human activities.

1 A teacher demonstrated the possible effects of acid rain by placing several types of rocks in separate beakers containing a vinegar solution with a pH of 3. As time passed, some of the solutions retained a pH of 3 while other solutions gradually reached a pH of 7. Which of the following *best* explains this variation of pH in this demonstration?

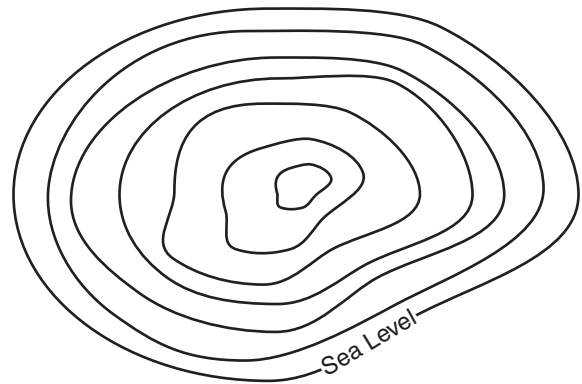
- A All solutions eventually reach a pH of 7, so the experiment is not complete.
- B Vinegar is an organic compound that reacts unpredictably with inorganic rocks.
- C The rocks have varying chemical composition, so some but not all of them react with acid.
- D The students should have measured the pH immediately after mixing since acid rain reacts quickly in nature.

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2 A day on Saturn takes about 10 Earth hours. Which fact would *best* explain this short day?

- A Saturn is less dense than Earth.
- B Saturn is much farther from the Sun than Earth.
- C Saturn rotates more rapidly than Earth.
- D Saturn's orbit has greater eccentricity than Earth's.

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The highest elevation on this topographic map can be no more than about

- A 25 meters.
- B 34 meters.
- C 45 meters.
- D 49 meters.

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4 In an area where a river has cut deep into Earth, there are several layers of very different rock exposed. The oldest rock layer is *most* likely to be the layer that is

- A below the other layers.
- B the thickest layer.
- C the most rich in fossils.
- D igneous intrusive rock.

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