SOL 4.3 Electricity Released Test Questions 2002-2012 Compiled by SOLpass www.solpass.org

Circuits / Conductors / Insulators

- Which of these best completes the circuit? (2008 test – question 38)
 - a. Rubber band
 - b. Metal nail
 - c. Leather shoelace
 - d. Wooden toothpick
- Which of these materials is a good conductor of electricity?

(2005 test - question 32)

- a. Rubber
- b. Glass
- c. Metal
- d. Newspaper
- 3. Electric lights will not come on unless their electrical circuit is a —

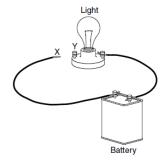
(2001 test - question 36)

- a. parallel circuit
- b. series circuit
- c. closed circuit
- d. short circuit
- 4. A fifth-grade class constructed this circuit. Which of these objects most likely made the light glow when connected to points X and Y?

(2010 test - question 27)

- a. Plastic straw
- b. Cotton string
- c. Aluminum foil
- d. Rubber eraser
- A class prepared some electric circuits using battery, connecting wires, and three light bulbs.
 Which of these circuits can make the three bulbs light?
 (b)

(2007 test - question 25)











6. Which of these substances conducts electricity the best?

(2007 test - question 37)

- a. Wood
- b. Brick
- c. Copper
- d. Plastic
- 7. The electrician in this picture is wearing rubber gloves

for protection. The purpose of the rubber gloves is to —

(2009 test - question 13)

- a. keep the electrician dry
- b. create an electrical circuit
- c. produce electricity
- d. insulate the electrician
- 8. What material would be safest to use as an insulator to cover electrical wires?

(2003 test – question 15)

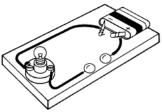
- a. Aluminum
- b. Tin
- c. Rubber
- d. Water
- Copper wire is often wrapped in plastic. Plastic material is a good —

(2008 test – question 14)

- a. electromagnet
- b. insulator
- c. circuit
- d. current
- Many electrical wires are wrapped with a plastic coating because plastic is — (2004 test – question 13)
 - a. less expensive than steel
 - b. more dense than copper
 - c. able to keep its shape
 - d. a good insulator
- 11. This instrument can be used to see if materials conduct electricity. Which of these groups contains items that could all conduct electricity to complete the circuit?

(2002 test – question 37)

- a. Rubber ball, plastic comb, nail
- b. Paper clip, penny, screw
- c. Cork, dollar bill, tweezers
- d. Pencil, eraser, spoon





Static Electricity

- 12. Early scientists most likely saw a discharge of electricity for the first time when observing a (2011 test question 4)
 - a. waterfall
 - b. rainbow
 - c. lightning storm
 - d. volcano erupting



13. Benjamin Franklin conducted this famous experiment that showed lightning was —

(2003 test – question 19)

- a. a movement of air molecules
- b. a magnetic field
- c. an electrical discharge
- d. a glowing chemical
- 14. Benjamin Franklin discovered the form of energy produced by lightning. Experiments with lightning killed many people before he discovered that lightning is a form of —

(2001 test - question 4)

- a. gravity
- b. water
- c. magnetism
- d. electricity
- 15. Bits of paper are attracted to the surface of this balloon. What attracts the paper pieces to the



balloon? (2010 test – question 34)

- a. Friction
- b. Magnetism
- c. Potential energy
- d. Static electricity
- 16. A comb is rubbed with a piece of wool fabric and placed next to some scraps of paper. The paper moves toward the comb. The movement of the paper is caused by —

(2005 test - question 38)

- a. chemical energy
- b. magnetic attraction
- c. mechanical energy
- d. static electricity
- 17. The picture shows a comb that was used on a cold, dry day. Which of these cause the bits of paper to be attracted to the comb?

(2003 test – question 32)

- a. Magnetic forces
- b. Chemical reactions
- c. Static electricity
- d. Heat differences



18. A bar magnet is placed on a table, and a sheet of blank paper is placed over the magnet. What could be sprinkled on the paper to show the magnetic field of the bar magnet?

(2002 test - question 30)

- a. Salt
- b. Iron filings
- c. Sand
- d. Soil
- In this picture, the iron filings show the shape of the magnetic —

(2003 test - question)

- a. axis
- b. core
- c. field
- d. pole
- To make an electromagnet, a conductor should be coiled around —

(2011 test - question 3)

- a. a glass tube
- b. an iron nail
- c. a roll of paper
- d. a wooden stick
- Michael Faraday showed how electric current in a wire produces —

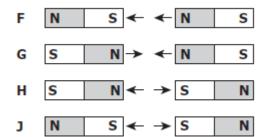
. (2008 test – question 33)

- a. molecules
- b. chemicals
- c. a vibration
- d. a magnetic field
- 22. The magnetic fields of any magnet are greatest (2004 test question 21)
 - a. around the middle
 - b. around the poles
 - c. around only the south pole
 - d. around only the north pole
- 23. Which of these can most easily produce magnetic fields?

(2001 test - question 27)

- a. Sunlight
- b. Wind
- c. Electricity
- d. Flowing water
- 24. Which of these correctly shows what happens when two magnets are placed side by side? (d)

(2009 test - question 6)



Energy Forms & Transformations

25. Which energy transformation most likely occurs in a steam iron?

(2011 test - question 22)

- a. Electrical energy changes to heat energy.
- b. Electrical energy changes to sound energy.
- c. Mechanical energy changes to heat energy.
- d. Mechanical energy changes to light energy.



26. Which form of energy is being used by the toaster?

(2007 test - question

- a. Chemical
- b. Electrical
- c. Solar
- d. Nuclear



27. The energy used to move most bicycles is an example of what type of energy?

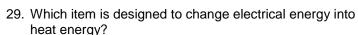
(2004 test - question 3)

- a. Electrical
- b. Mechanical
- c. Chemical
- d. Nuclear

28. Which form of energy is best shown in this picture?

(2003 test – question 1)

- a. Mechanical
- b. Electrical
- c. Chemical
- d. Nuclear



(2010 test – question 31)

- a. Alarm clock
- b. Hand dryer
- c. Fan
- d. Telephone
- 30. An electric motor is designed to turn electrical energy into —

(2009 test - question 36)

- a. solar energy
- b. potential energy
- c. static electricity
- d. mechanical energy
- 31. When in operation, this tool transforms electrical energy mostly into —

(2006 test - question 23)

- a. chemical energy
- b. solar energy
- c. sound energy
- d. mechanical energy

