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

#### **Circuits**

 Which of these best completes the circuit? (2008 test – question 38)
a. Rubber band

b. Metal nail



- c. Leather shoelaced. Wooden toothpick
- 2. Which of these materials is a good conductor of electricity?
  - (2005 test question 32)
  - a. Rubber
  - b. Glass
  - c. Metal
  - d. Newspaper
- 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
- A fifth-grade class constructed this circuit. Which of these objects most likely made the light

glow when connected to

(2010 test - question 27)





a. Plastic straw

points X and Y?

 A class prepared some electric circuits using battery, connecting wires, and three light bulbs. Which of these circuits can make the three bulbs light? (2007 test – question 25)





# **Conductors / Insulators**

- 6. Which of these substances conducts electricity the best?
  - (2007 test question 37)
  - a. Wood
  - b. Brick
  - c. Copper
  - d. Plastic
- 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
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- 9. 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
- 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**

- 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

### Electromagnetism

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
- 19. In this picture, the iron filings show the shape of the magnetic
  - (2003 test question )
  - a. axis
  - b. core
  - c. field
  - d. pole



- 20. 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
- 21. 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? (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.
  - Mechanical c. energy changes to heat energy.



- d. Mechanical energy changes to light energy.

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- 26. Which form of energy is being used by the toaster? (2007 test - question 5)
  - a. Chemical
  - b. Electrical
  - c. Solar d. Nuclear
- TOASTER
- 27. The energy used to move most bicycles is an example of what type of energy? (2004 test – question 3)
  - a. Electrical
  - b. Mechanical
  - Chemical C.
  - Nuclear d.

- 28. Which form of energy is best shown in this picture?
  - (2003 test question 1)
  - a. Mechanical
  - Electrical b.
  - Chemical C.



- 29. Which item is designed to change electrical energy into heat energy?
  - (2010 test question 31)
  - a. Alarm clock
  - b. Hand dryer
  - c. Fan
  - Telephone d.
- 30. An electric motor is designed to turn electrical energy into -
  - (2009 test question 36)
  - a. solar energy
  - potential energy b.
  - static electricity C.
  - mechanical energy d.
- 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

