YUKON SCIENCE 10 · UNIT D · 25 QUESTIONS

The Universe and the Big Bang — Practice Test

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1 **The big bang theory states that the universe began as**

- A a cold empty space that filled with stars
- B a single star that exploded
- C a hot dense state that has expanded ever since
- D a black hole that released planets

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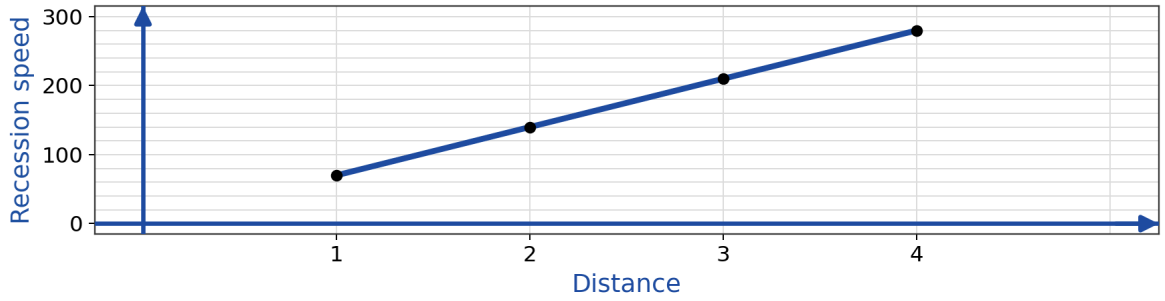
2 **The graph shows recession speed against distance for four galaxies. The recession speed of the galaxy at distance 3 in the graph units, is _____**



ANSWER

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3 **Cosmic microwave background radiation is**

A leftover heat from the early universe

B light from the nearest star

C radio signals sent by satellites

D heat from inside Earth

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4 **Light from a galaxy moving away from Earth shows**

- A a blueshift
- B a redshift
- C no shift
- D a brighter image only

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5 **Light from a galaxy moving toward Earth shows**

- A a redshift
- B a greenshift
- C no shift
- D a blueshift

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6 **Observations show that galaxies farther from Earth generally**

- A move away faster
- B move toward Earth faster
- C do not move at all
- D move away more slowly

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7 **A radio telescope is useful because it detects**

- A only visible light
- B radio waves from space, even through clouds
- C sound waves from planets
- D heat from inside Earth

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8 **SNOLAB is a laboratory built deep underground in Canada mainly to study**

- A ocean tides, the rise and fall of sea level caused by the pull of the Moon and the Sun
- B weather patterns
- C neutrinos and dark matter, shielded from cosmic rays
- D volcanoes

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9 **A Mars rover helps scientists learn about Mars by**

- A carrying astronauts to Mars
- B changing the Martian climate
- C melting the polar ice caps
- D studying rocks and signs of past water

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10 **The International Space Station is**

A an orbiting laboratory where crews run experiments

B a telescope on the Moon

C a rocket that visits Mars

D a satellite that only takes photos

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11 **The Canadarm on the space station is used to**

A launch rockets

B move cargo and help spacewalkers

C grow food for the crew

D make drinking water

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12 **Dextre is a two-armed robot on the space station used for**

- A launching rockets
- B housing the crew
- C fine repair and maintenance tasks
- D cooking meals

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13 **Which of the following is NOT a fundamental force**

- A gravity
- B electromagnetism
- C the strong force
- D friction

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14 **As the early universe expanded and cooled**

A energy formed matter such as protons and neutrons

B all matter turned back into pure energy

C stars formed at once

D planets formed before stars

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15 **Stars form when clouds of gas and dust in space**

A explode at once

B collapse under gravity and heat up

C freeze into solid rock

D are pushed apart by wind

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16 **Hydrogen and helium, the lightest elements, formed mainly**

A inside planets

B in supernova explosions only

C in the early universe

D inside black holes

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17 **A telescope with a larger mirror is better because it**

A magnifies more but collects less light

B works only at night

C sees through clouds

D collects more light and shows fainter objects

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18 **A space telescope has an advantage over a ground telescope because it is**

A above most of the atmosphere

B closer to the stars

C shielded from all light

D powered by starlight

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19 **The Doppler shift of sound is heard when an ambulance passes because**

A the siren gets louder

B the sound waves are stretched or squeezed by motion

C the driver changes the siren tone

D sound travels faster than light

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20 **Evidence supporting the big bang theory includes**

A expansion of the universe only

B background radiation only

C the abundance of light elements only

D expansion, background radiation, and light element abundance

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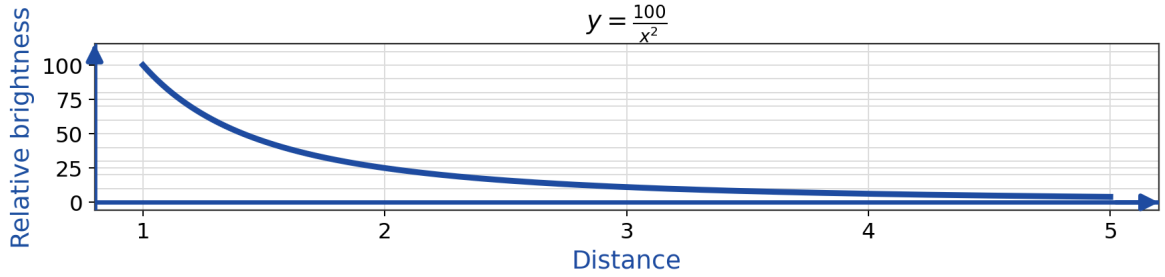
21 **The graph shows the relative brightness of a star against distance. The relative brightness at distance 2 is _____**



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22 **Most astronomers agree that the universe is still**

A expanding

B shrinking to a point

C unchanging

D collapsing into Earth

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23 **A Mars rover can help answer whether Mars once had liquid water because it can**

A change the Martian climate

B collect and examine rock samples

C fly to the Sun

D make oxygen for cities

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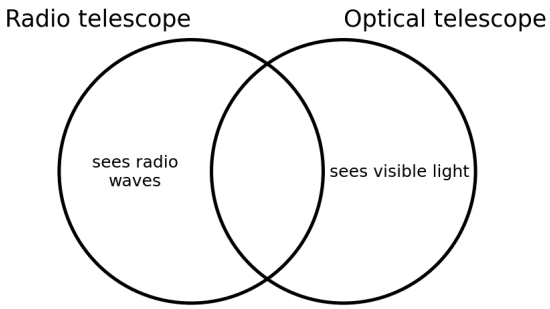
24 **The diagram compares radio telescopes and optical telescopes. The statement in the overlapping region is**



- **A** detects radio waves
- **B** detects visible light
- **C** collects light from space
- **D** orbits Earth

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25 **Light from a distant galaxy has a rest wavelength of 500 units and an observed wavelength of 550 units. The wavelength shift, in units, is _____**

ANSWER

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. 210
3. A
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. C
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10. A
11. B
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13. D
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16. C
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19. B
20. D
21. 25
22. A
23. B
24. C
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