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EARTH SCIENCE

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This is a test of your knowledge of Earth science. Use that knowledge to answer all questions in this examination. Some questions may require the use of the Earth Science Reference Tables. The Earth Science Reference Tables are supplied separately. Be certain you have a copy of the 2001 edition of these reference tables before you begin the examination.

Your answer sheet for Part A and Part B–1 is the last page of this examination booklet. Turn to the last page and fold it along the perforations. Then, slowly and carefully, tear off your answer sheet and fill in the heading.

The answers to the questions in Part B–2 and Part C are to be written in your separate answer booklet. Be sure to fill in the heading on the front of your answer booklet.

You are to answer all questions in all parts of this examination according to the directions provided in the examination booklet. Record your answers to the Part A and Part B–1 multiple-choice questions on your separate answer sheet. Write your answers to the Part B–2 and Part C questions in your answer booklet. All work should be written in pen, except for graphs and drawings, which should be done in pencil. You may use scrap paper to work out the answers to the questions, but be sure to record all your answers on your separate answer sheet and in your answer booklet.

When you have completed the examination, you must sign the statement printed at the end of your separate answer sheet, indicating that you had no unlawful knowledge of the questions or answers prior to the examination and that you have neither given nor received assistance in answering any of the questions during the examination. Your answer sheet and answer booklet cannot be accepted if you fail to sign this declaration.

Notice. . .
A four-function or scientific calculator and a copy of the 2001 Earth Science Reference Tables must be available for you to use while taking this examination.

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Part A

Answer all questions in this part.

Directions (1–35): For each statement or question, write on your separate answer sheet the number of the word or expression that, of those given, best completes the statement or answers the question. Some questions may require the use of the Earth Science Reference Tables.

1 Which object in our solar system has the greatest density?
   (1) Jupiter  (3) the Moon
   (2) Earth    (4) the Sun

2 Which sequence of Moon phases could be observed from Earth during a 2-week period?

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   (1) [Diagram of Moon phases]
   (2) [Diagram of Moon phases]
   (3) [Diagram of Moon phases]
   (4) [Diagram of Moon phases]

3 What is the main reason that the gravitational attraction between Earth and the Moon changes each day?
   (1) Earth’s axis is tilted at 23.5°.
   (2) Earth’s rotational speed varies with the seasons.
   (3) The Moon has an elliptical orbit.
   (4) The Moon has a spherical shape.

4 The diagram below shows the equipment used to demonstrate a Foucault pendulum.

   In the demonstration, a student swings the weight hanging in the pail and then spins the stool. The stool represents
   (1) the revolving Earth
   (2) the rotating Earth
   (3) the Coriolis effect
   (4) convection currents

5 If Earth’s axis were tilted less than 23.5°, which seasonal average temperature change would occur in New York State?
   (1) Spring and fall would be cooler.
   (2) Spring and fall would be warmer.
   (3) Winter would be cooler.
   (4) Summer would be cooler.
6 Which list shows stars in order of increasing temperature?

(1) Barnard's Star, Polaris, Sirius, Rigel
(2) Aldebaran, the Sun, Rigel, Procyon B
(3) Rigel, Polaris, Aldebaran, Barnard's Star
(4) Procyon B, Alpha Centauri, Polaris, Betelgeuse

7 Which group of organisms is inferred to have existed for the least amount of time in geologic history?

(1) trilobites (3) eurypterids
(2) dinosaurs (4) placoderm fish

8 Which weather variable can be determined by using a psychrometer?

(1) barometric pressure (2) cloud cover
(3) relative humidity (4) wind speed

9 The cross section below shows sedimentary bedrock layers A, B, C, and D exposed at Earth's surface. Which layer appears to be the least resistant to weathering?

(1) A (3) C
(2) B (4) D

10 Which rock was organically formed and sometimes contains fossilized plant impressions?

(1) rock gypsum (3) breccia
(2) phyllite (4) coal

11 The geologic cross section below shows an unconformity in New York State bedrock layers that have not been overturned. Index fossils found throughout some rock layers are shown. Which New York State index fossil may have been present in a rock layer that is missing due to the unconformity?

Maclurites
Bothriolepis
Lichenaria
Condor

12 Most scientists believe the Milky Way Galaxy is

(1) spherical in shape (2) 4.6 billion years old
(3) composed of stars revolving around Earth (4) one of billions of galaxies in the universe
13 The diagram below shows the apparent daily path of the Sun, as viewed by an observer at a certain latitude on three different days of the year.

At which latitude were these apparent Sun paths most likely observed?
(1) 0°  
(2) 23.5° N  
(3) 43° N  
(4) 66.5° N

14 Which map best represents the surface wind pattern associated with high-pressure and low-pressure systems in the Northern Hemisphere?

(1)  
(2)  
(3)  
(4)
15 The models below represent the decay of radioactive atoms to stable atoms after their first and second half-lives.

Original sample of undecayed atoms

Atoms after one half-life

Atoms after two half-lives

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Which model best represents the number of undecayed and decayed atoms after three half-lives?

(1) (2) (3) (4)

16 Which sediment size would allow water to flow through at the fastest rate?

(1) clay (3) sand
(2) silt (4) pebbles

17 Large oceans moderate the climatic temperatures of surrounding coastal land areas because the temperature of ocean water changes

(1) rapidly, due to water’s low specific heat
(2) rapidly, due to water’s high specific heat
(3) slowly, due to water’s low specific heat
(4) slowly, due to water’s high specific heat

18 The mineral graphite is often used as

(1) a lubricant
(2) an abrasive
(3) a source of iron
(4) a cementing material

19 In which Earth layer are most convection currents that cause seafloor spreading thought to be located?

(1) crust (3) outer core
(2) asthenosphere (4) inner core
20 Which weather map symbol represents air masses that normally form just south of the United States over the Caribbean Sea?
(1) cP   (3) mP
(2) cT   (4) mT

21 An earthquake’s magnitude can be determined by
(1) analyzing the seismic waves recorded by a seismograph
(2) calculating the depth of the earthquake faulting
(3) calculating the time the earthquake occurred
(4) comparing the speed of P-waves and S-waves

22 A seismic station is recording the seismic waves produced by an earthquake that occurred 4200 kilometers away. Approximately how long after the arrival of the first P-wave will the first S-wave arrive?
(1) 1 min 05 sec   (3) 7 min 20 sec
(2) 5 min 50 sec   (4) 13 min 10 sec

23 The diagram below shows a section of a meander in a stream. The arrows show the direction of stream flow.

The streambank on the outside of this meander is steeper than the streambank on the inside of this meander because the water on the outside of this meander is moving
(1) slower, causing deposition
(2) faster, causing deposition
(3) slower, causing erosion
(4) faster, causing erosion

24 Which agent of erosion is mainly responsible for the formation of the depressions occupied by both the kettle lakes and finger lakes found in New York State?
(1) wind   (3) streams
(2) waves  (4) glaciers

25 The map below shows the boundary between two air masses. The arrows show the direction in which the boundary is moving.

Which weather map uses the correct weather front symbol to illustrate this information?

26 If a low-pressure system follows a typical storm track across New York State, it will move toward the
(1) southeast   (3) northeast
(2) southwest  (4) northwest
27 The map below shows the average number of thunderstorms during the year in the continental United States.

![Average Number of Thunderstorms Each Year](image)

Which New York State landscape region normally experiences the most thunderstorms?

(1) Allegheny Plateau  (2) Taconic Mountains  (3) Adirondack Mountains  (4) Champlain Lowlands

28 The arrows in the cross section below show the prevailing winds moving across northern New York State into Vermont during the summer.

![Cross Section](image)

Compared to the climate of location A, the climate of location B is

(1) warmer and wetter  (2) warmer and drier  (3) cooler and wetter  (4) cooler and drier

29 The cross section below shows a profile of a sediment deposit.

![Sediment Deposit](image)

The pattern of sediment size shown indicates that these sediments were most likely deposited within a

(1) landslide  (2) drumlin  (3) moraine  (4) delta
30 Which graph best shows the inferred density of Earth’s interior as depth increases from the upper mantle to the lower mantle?

![Graphs showing density changes](image)

31 The Catskills landscape region is classified as a plateau primarily because the region has
(1) V-shaped valleys
(2) jagged hilltops
(3) horizontal bedrock structure
(4) folded metamorphic rock

32 London, England, is located at approximately 51° 30' north latitude and 0° longitude. Elmira, New York, is located at approximately 42° 10' north latitude and 76° 54' west longitude. What is one reason why London has a warmer average winter temperature than Elmira?
(1) London is located closer to the equator.
(2) London is located at a higher elevation.
(3) London’s climate is modified by the North Atlantic Ocean Current.
(4) London’s climate is modified by its longer duration of insolation.

33 In which diagram is the observer experiencing the greatest intensity of insolation?
The block diagram below shows a tectonic plate boundary. Points A and B represent locations on Earth’s surface.

Which graph best shows the depths of most major earthquakes whose epicenters lie between A and B?

1. ![Graph 1](image1)
2. ![Graph 2](image2)
3. ![Graph 3](image3)
4. ![Graph 4](image4)
35 The map below shows a stream drainage pattern. Arrows show the direction of stream flow.

On which landscape region did this drainage pattern most likely develop?

(1)  (2)  (3)  (4)
36 Which sequence of events most likely caused the unconformity shown at the bottom of rock layer B?

(1) folding → uplift → erosion → deposition
(2) intrusion → erosion → folding → uplift
(3) erosion → folding → deposition → intrusion
(4) deposition → uplift → erosion → folding

37 The folding of rock layers G through C was most likely caused by

(1) erosion of overlying sediments
(2) contact metamorphism
(3) the collision of lithospheric plates
(4) the extrusion of igneous rock

38 Which two letters represent bedrock of the same age?

(1) A and E
(2) B and D
(3) F and G
(4) D and H
Base your answers to questions 39 and 40 on the two graphs below, which show the relationship between the amount of rainfall during a storm and the amount of discharge into a nearby stream. Letter A represents the time when approximately 50% of the precipitation from the storm has fallen. Letter B represents the time when peak runoff from the storm is flowing into the stream. The delay is the difference in time between letters A and B on the graph. Graph I shows data before urbanization in an area. Graph II shows data after urbanization in the same area.

39 The delay time between points A and B on both graphs is due mainly to the time needed for
   (1) groundwater to evaporate
   (2) precipitation water to move into the streams
   (3) green plants to absorb precipitation
   (4) rainfall rate to decrease

40 How did urbanization affect delay time between points A and B and the maximum stream discharge?
   (1) The delay time decreased, and the maximum discharge decreased.
   (2) The delay time decreased, and the maximum discharge increased.
   (3) The delay time increased, and the maximum discharge decreased.
   (4) The delay time increased, and the maximum discharge increased.
Base your answers to questions 41 through 43 on the map below. The map shows some regions where metamorphic bedrock of the Grenville Province in northeastern North America is exposed at Earth’s surface.

41 The bedrock of the Grenville Province is generally thought to have formed approximately:
   (1) 250 million years ago
   (2) 400 million years ago
   (3) 560 million years ago
   (4) 1100 million years ago

42 Which New York State location has surface bedrock that consists mainly of anorthositic rock?
   (1) Old Forge
   (2) Massena
   (3) Mt. Marcy
   (4) Utica

43 Which location has surface bedrock that consists mostly of gneiss, schist, or marble?
   (1) 43° N 81° W
   (2) 46° N 78° W
   (3) 47° N 69° W
   (4) 49° N 71° W
Base your answers to questions 44 through 46 on the map below. The ▲ represents Mt. Hekla, a volcano in Iceland. The isolines represent the thickness of ash, in centimeters, that settled on Earth’s surface after a volcanic eruption of Mt. Hekla on March 29, 1947. Point X is a location on the surface of the ash.

44 At the time of the eruption, the wind direction was primarily from the
   (1) east               (3) north
   (2) west              (4) south

45 How many centimeters thick was the ash beneath point X?
   (1) 0                 (3) 20
   (2) 15                (4) 25

46 In addition to the ash, solid rock formed on Mt. Hekla from the lava extruded during this eruption. This rock is most likely
   (1) light-colored metamorphic       (3) fine-grained igneous
   (2) dark-colored metamorphic        (4) coarse-grained igneous
Base your answers to questions 47 and 48 on the topographic maps and block diagrams of two landscape regions shown below. The block diagrams show a three-dimensional view of the topographic maps directly above them. Elevations are measured in feet. Points A, B, C, and D are locations on Earth’s surface.

47 Which contour interval is used on both topographic maps?

(1) 10 ft  (2) 20 ft  (3) 30 ft  (4) 40 ft

48 A stream begins to flow downhill from point D toward the depression. After a period of time, the depression fills with water. Overflowing water from the depression moves downhill toward point C. Which topographic map shows the most likely resulting change in the contour lines?

(1)  (2)  (3)  (4)
49 Which two letters represent processes in the water cycle that usually cause a lowering of the water table?

(1) A and B  
(2) A and C  
(3) B and D  
(4) C and D

50 What are two water cycle processes not represented by arrows in this cross section?

(1) transpiration and condensation  
(2) evaporation and melting  
(3) precipitation and freezing  
(4) runoff and infiltration
Part B–2

Answer all questions in this part.

Directions (51–63): Record your answers in the spaces provided in your answer booklet. Some questions may require the use of the Earth Science Reference Tables.

51 The diagram below shows conditions that commonly cause fog to form over land in coastal areas.

A weather station at the lighthouse records a temperature of 36°F and an air pressure of 1016.4 mb. Using the proper weather map symbols, place the following information in the correct positions on the weather station model in your answer booklet. [2]

- Present weather
- Dewpoint
- Air pressure
- Wind direction
- Wind speed
Base your answers to questions 52 and 53 on the cross section below, which represents part of the Atlantic Ocean seafloor. An earthquake occurred on November 18, 1929, triggering an underwater sediment flow. The location of the epicenter is labeled. Letters A through D indicate locations on the seafloor. Time, in hours, at each lettered location represents the arrival of the sediment flow after the earthquake.

52 Calculate the gradient of the ocean floor between locations A and D and label your answer with the correct units. [2]

53 Explain why the velocity of the sediment flow created by the earthquake decreased as the sediment moved from location B to location C. [1]
Base your answers to questions 54 through 56 on the data table below, which shows some characteristics of four rock samples, numbered 1 through 4. Some information has been left blank. All answers must be recorded in your answer booklet.

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<th>Composition</th>
<th>Grain Size</th>
<th>Texture</th>
<th>Rock Name</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>mostly clay minerals</td>
<td></td>
<td>clastic</td>
<td>shale</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>all mica</td>
<td>microscopic, fine</td>
<td>foliated with mineral alignment</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>mica, quartz, feldspar, amphibole, garnet, pyroxene</td>
<td>medium to coarse</td>
<td>foliated with banding</td>
<td>gneiss</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>potassium feldspar, quartz, biotite, plagioclase feldspar, amphibole</td>
<td>5 mm</td>
<td></td>
<td>granite</td>
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54 State a possible grain size, in centimeters, for most of the particles found in sample 1. [1]

55 Write the rock name of sample 2. [1]

56 Write a term or phrase that correctly describes the texture of sample 4. [1]

Base your answers to questions 57 through 60 on the diagram in your answer booklet, which shows Earth as seen from above the North Pole. The curved arrows show the direction of Earth’s motion. The shaded portion represents the nighttime side of Earth. Some of the latitude and longitude lines have been labeled. Points A and B represent locations on Earth’s surface.

57 On the diagram in your answer booklet, draw a curved arrow, starting at point B, showing the general direction that planetary surface winds flow between 30° N and 60° N latitude. [1]

58 If it is 4:00 p.m. at point B, what is the time at point A? [1]

59 Identify one possible date that is represented by the diagram. [1]

60 Explain why the angle of insolation at solar noon is greater at point B than at point A. [1]
Base your answers to questions 61 through 63 on the cross section in your answer booklet. The cross section shows a portion of Earth’s crust. Letters A, B, C, and D represent rock units that have not been overturned.

61 On the cross section in your answer booklet, place an X where the metamorphic rock quartzite may be found. [1]

62 Identify by name the most abundant mineral in rock unit A. [1]

63 State one piece of evidence shown in the cross section that indicates that rock unit D is older than igneous intrusion C. [1]
Part C

Answer all questions in this part.

Directions (64–82): Record your answers in the spaces provided in your answer booklet. Some questions may require the use of the Earth Science Reference Tables.

Base your answers to questions 64 and 65 on the data table below, which shows the azimuths of sunrise and sunset on August 2 observed at four different latitudes. Azimuth is the compass direction measured, in degrees, along the horizon, starting from north.

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<th>Azimuths of Sunrise and Sunset</th>
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<td>sunrise 69°</td>
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<td>sunset 291°</td>
<td>B</td>
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<td>40° N</td>
<td>sunrise 66°</td>
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<td>sunset 294°</td>
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<td>sunset 309°</td>
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64 On the outer edge of the azimuth circle in your answer booklet, mark with an X the positions of sunrise and sunset for each latitude shown in the data table. Write the correct letter code beside each X. The positions of sunrise and sunset for 30° N have been plotted and labeled with letters A and B. [2]

65 State the relationship at sunrise between the latitude and the azimuth. [1]
Base your answers to questions 66 through 69 on the graph below, which shows two conditions responsible for the formation and composition of some planets in our solar system. The distances of Earth and Neptune from the Sun, in astronomical units (AU), are shown beneath the horizontal axis. (1 AU = 149.6 million kilometers). The plotted line on this graph shows the relationship between a planet’s distance from the Sun and the inferred temperature at its formation. The regions within the graph indicate the composition of planets formed within these zones.

66 According to the graph, Neptune was mainly composed of which material at the time of its formation? [1]

67 Saturn is located 9.5 AU from the Sun. State the approximate temperature at which Saturn formed. [1]

68 State the relationship between a planet’s distance from the Sun and the temperature at which that planet formed. [1]

69 What is Jupiter’s distance from the Sun, in astronomical units? Express your answer to the nearest tenth. [1]
Base your answers to questions 70 through 72 on the diagram below, which shows the temperature change when a parcel of air warms, rises, and expands to form a cloud. Location A is at the base of the cloud.

70 Explain why the warmer air rises. [1]

71 Assume the cooling rate of the rising parcel of air is constant. Determine the temperature of the air parcel at the 3350-foot altitude. Express your answer to the nearest tenth of a degree. [1]

72 State the relative humidity of the air at location A. [1]
Base your answers to questions 73 through 76 on the map and block diagram below. The map shows the location of North Island in New Zealand. The block diagram shows a portion of North Island. The Hikurangi Trench is shown forming at the edge of the Pacific Plate. Point X is at the boundary between the lithosphere and the asthenosphere.

73 State the approximate temperature at point X. [1]

74 On what tectonic plate are both North Island and White Island located? [1]

75 Describe the type of tectonic plate motion that formed the Hikurangi Trench. [1]

76 Describe one action that people on North Island should take if a tsunami warning is issued. [1]
Base your answers to questions 77 through 79 on the data table below and on your knowledge of Earth science. The data table shows the average monthly discharge, in cubic feet per second, for a stream in New York State.

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77 On the grid in your answer booklet, plot with an X the average stream discharge for each month shown in the data table. Connect the Xs with a line. [1]

78 State the relationship between this stream’s discharge and the amount of suspended sediment that can be carried by this stream. [1]

79 Explain one possible reason why this stream’s discharge in April is usually greater than this stream’s discharge in January. [1]

Base your answers to questions 80 through 82 on the passage below and on your knowledge of Earth science.

**Ozone in Earth’s Atmosphere**

Ozone is a special form of oxygen. Unlike the oxygen we breathe, which is composed of two atoms of oxygen, ozone is composed of three atoms of oxygen. A concentrated ozone layer between 10 and 30 miles above Earth's surface absorbs some of the harmful ultraviolet radiation coming from the Sun. The amount of ultraviolet light reaching Earth's surface is directly related to the angle of incoming solar radiation. The greater the Sun’s angle of insolation, the greater the amount of ultraviolet light that reaches Earth’s surface. If the ozone layer were completely destroyed, the ultraviolet light reaching Earth's surface would most likely increase human health problems, such as skin cancer and eye damage.

80 State the name of the temperature zone of Earth’s atmosphere where the concentrated layer of ozone gas exists. [1]

81 Explain how the concentrated ozone layer above Earth’s surface is beneficial to humans. [1]

82 Assuming clear atmospheric conditions, on what day of the year do people in New York State most likely receive the most ultraviolet radiation from the Sun? [1]
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Teacher: 

School: Grade: 

Answer all questions in Part B–2 and Part C. Record your answers in this booklet.

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**Part B–2**

51

52 Gradient = _________________

53 ________________________________

54 ____________________________ cm

55 ______________________________

56 ______________________________
For Raters Only

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Average Monthly Stream Discharge

Discharge (ft³/sec)

Month

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

Total Score for Part C
### FOR TEACHERS ONLY

The University of the State of New York
REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

PS-ES PHYSICAL SETTING/EARTH SCIENCE

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 — 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., only

### SCORING KEY AND RATING GUIDE

**Directions to the Teacher:**

Refer to the directions on page 3 before rating student papers.

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Check this web site [http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/) and select the link “Examination Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents examination period.

**Part A and Part B–1**

Allow 1 credit for each correct response.

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Directions to the Teacher

Follow the procedures below for scoring student answer papers for the Physical Setting/Earth Science examination. Additional information about scoring is provided in the publication Information Booklet for Scoring Regents Examinations in the Sciences.

Use only red ink or red pencil in rating Regents papers. Do not correct the student’s work by making insertions or changes of any kind.

On the detachable answer sheet for Part A and Part B–1, indicate by means of a check mark each incorrect or omitted answer. In the box provided at the end of each part, record the number of questions the student answered correctly for that part.

At least two science teachers must participate in the scoring of each student’s responses to the Part B–2 and Part C open-ended questions. Each of these teachers should be responsible for scoring a selected number of the open-ended questions on each answer paper. No one teacher is to score all the open-ended questions on a student’s answer paper.

Students’ responses must be scored strictly according to the Scoring Key and Rating Guide. For open-ended questions, credit may be allowed for responses other than those given in the rating guide if the response is a scientifically accurate answer to the question and demonstrates adequate knowledge as indicated by the examples in the rating guide. In the student’s answer booklet, record the number of credits earned for each answer in the box printed to the right of the answer lines or spaces for that question.

Fractional credit is not allowed. Only whole-number credit may be given to a response. Units need not be given when the wording of the questions allows such omissions.

Raters should enter the scores earned for Part A, Part B–1, Part B–2, and Part C on the appropriate lines in the box printed on the answer booklet and then should add these four scores and enter the total in the box labeled “Total Written Test Score.” The student’s score for the Earth Science Performance Test should be entered in the space provided. Then, the student’s raw scores on the performance test and written test should be converted to a scaled score by using the conversion chart that will be posted on the Department’s web site http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/ on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The student’s scaled score should be entered in the labeled box on the student’s answer booklet. The scaled score is the student’s final examination score.

All student answer papers that receive a scaled score of 60 through 64 must be scored a second time. For the second scoring, a different committee of teachers may score the student’s paper or the original committee may score the paper, except that no teacher may score the same open-ended questions that he/she scored in the first rating of the paper. The school principal is responsible for assuring that the student’s final examination score is based on a fair, accurate, and reliable scoring of the student’s answer paper.

Because scaled scores corresponding to raw scores in the conversion chart may change from one examination to another, it is crucial that for each administration, the conversion chart provided for that administration be used to determine the student’s final score.
Part B–2

Allow a total of 15 credits for this part. The student must answer all questions in this part.

51 [2] Allow a maximum of 2 credits, allocated as follows:

- Allow 2 credits if four or five of the weather map symbols are shown in the correct positions and in the proper format.

- Allow 1 credit if only two or three of the weather map symbols are shown in the correct positions and in the proper format.

Note: The feathers for wind speed may be placed on either side of the staff.

Example of a 2-credit response:

![Weather Map Example]

52 [2] Allow a maximum of 2 credits, allocated as follows:

- Allow 1 credit for any value from 9.75 to 10.25.

- Allow 1 credit for the correct units. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
  - ft/mi
  - feet/mile
  - ft per mile

53 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- The slope decreased.
- The gradient decreased from location B to location C.
- The surface was steeper near B and flatter near C.

54 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- less than 0.0004 cm
- any number given that is less than 0.0004 cm
55  [1] Allow 1 credit for slate.

56  [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — nonvesicular
   — coarse
   — large crystal

57  [1] Allow 1 credit for an arrow beginning at point B and curving to the northeast or curving to the right. Allow credit even if the arrow is not curved or if it does not start at point B, but is drawn from southwest to northeast.

   **Note:** Do not allow credit if the arrow extends past the 60° north latitude line.

   **Example of a 1-credit response:**
58 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — 12 noon
   — noon
   — 12 p.m.

59 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — March 20, 21, or 22
   — September 21, 22, 23, or 24
   — equinox

60 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — B is located at a lower latitude.
   — B is located closer to the equator.
   — A is farther north.
   — A is located at a greater distance from the latitude receiving direct Sun rays on this day.

61 [1] Allow 1 credit for placing an X whose center falls within the shaded zone of contact metamorphism shown in the diagram below.
Allow 1 credit for calcite.

Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:

- Intrusions are younger than any rock they metamorphose.
- Contact metamorphism can be seen between rock layer $D$ and the igneous intrusion.
Part C

Allow a total of 20 credits for this part. The student must answer all questions in this part.

64 [2] Allow a maximum of 2 credits, allocated as follows:

• Allow 2 credits if five or six Xs are correctly plotted and labeled. The center of each X must fall within the circles shown in the diagram below.

• Allow 1 credit if only three or four Xs are correctly plotted and labeled. The center of each X must fall within the circles shown in the diagram below.

or

Allow 1 credit if five or six Xs are correctly plotted but are not correctly labeled. The center of each X must fall within the circles shown in the diagram below.

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Azimuth Circle

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65 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — As the latitude of the observer increases, the azimuth decreases.
   — As the latitude increases, the sunrise is farther north of east.


67 [1] Allow 1 credit for any value from 150 K to 200 K.

68 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — As distance from the Sun increases, temperature decreases.
   — There is an inverse relationship between distance and temperature.

69 [1] Allow 1 credit for 5.2 AU.

70 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — Warmer air rises because it is less dense.
   — As temperature increases, density decreases.

71 [1] Allow 1 credit for 43.5°F.

72 [1] Allow 1 credit for 100%.

73 [1] Allow 1 credit for any value from 500°C to 1200°C.

74 [1] Allow 1 credit for Indian-Australian Plate.

75 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — subduction
   — convergence
   — plate collision
76 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — move to higher ground
   — evacuate
   — move inland

77 [1] Allow 1 credit if the center of 10, 11, or 12 Xs are plotted within the circles shown on the graph below and are correctly connected with a line that passes within the circles.

78 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — As stream discharge increases, suspended sediment increases.
   — There is a direct relationship between stream discharge and suspended sediment.

79 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — Snowmelt in April results in a greater discharge.
   — greater rainfall in April
   — Saturated ground would cause more runoff in April.

80 [1] Allow 1 credit for stratosphere.
81 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — The ozone layer absorbs some of the harmful ultraviolet radiation from the Sun.
   — The layer decreases the amount of ultraviolet radiation reaching Earth.
   — The ozone protects humans from skin cancer and eye damage.

82 [1] Allow 1 credit. Acceptable responses include, but are not limited to:
   — June 20, 21, or 22
   — the first day of summer
   — summer solstice
The Chart for Determining the Final Examination Score for the January 2007 Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science will be posted on the Department’s web site http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/ on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. Conversion charts provided for previous administrations of the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science must NOT be used to determine students’ final scores for this administration.

Submitting Teacher Evaluations of the Test to the Department

Suggestions and feedback from teachers provide an important contribution to the test development process. The Department provides an online evaluation form for State assessments. It contains spaces for teachers to respond to several specific questions and to make suggestions. Instructions for completing the evaluation form are as follows:

2. Select the test title.
3. Complete the required demographic fields.
4. Complete each evaluation question and provide comments in the space provided.
5. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to submit the completed form.
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