

1. The sun produces energy in its core by:
- (A) burning hydrogen with oxygen.
 - (B) splitting hydrogen apart to make lighter elements.
 - (C) combining hydrogen together to make heavier elements.
 - (D) the radioactive decay of unstable elements.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
2. To maintain a stable size, the sun uses _____ to counteract gravity.
- (A) hydrogen fusion.
 - (B) degenerate matter.
 - (C) convection currents.
 - (D) strong winds.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
3. Fusion requires high temperatures such that nuclei can:
- (A) break heavy elements apart.
 - (B) undergo convection.
 - (C) capture electrons.
 - (D) overcome repulsion.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
4. A _____ main-sequence star has the
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| dimmiest luminosity |
| brightest luminosity |
| slowest fusion rate |
| fastest fusion rate |
| shortest lifetime |
| longest lifetime |
- (A) low-mass (red dwarf).
 - (B) medium-mass (sunlike).
 - (C) massive.
 - (D) (There is a tie.)
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
5. Massive main-sequence stars [are more luminous
have shorter lifetimes] than low-mass main-sequence stars
- because massive main-sequence stars:
- (A) lack hydrostatic equilibrium.
 - (B) have unstable heavy elements.
 - (C) have more convection.
 - (D) fuse hydrogen more rapidly.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

6. There are no main-sequence stars less than 0.08 solar masses because these stars would not:
- (A) be bright enough.
 - (B) have heavy elements.
 - (C) be hot enough.
 - (D) have convection.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

7. The main-sequence lifetime of a $\left[\begin{array}{c} 0.5 \\ 2.0 \end{array} \right]$ solar mass main-sequence star is _____ the main-sequence lifetime of the sun.
- (A) more than twice.
 - (B) twice.
 - (C) about the same as.
 - (D) one-half.
 - (E) less than one-half.
 - (F) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

Spectral type	Mass (the sun = 1)	Luminosity (the sun = 1)	Main-sequence lifetime
F0 (medium-mass)	1.7	6.4	3 billion years
G2 (the sun)	1.0	1.0	10 billion years
M0 (low-mass)	0.5	0.08	56 billion years

8. The rate of hydrogen fusion in the core of a $\left[\begin{array}{c} 0.5 \\ 2.0 \end{array} \right]$ solar mass main-sequence star is _____ the rate of hydrogen fusion in the core of the sun.
- (A) more than twice.
 - (B) twice.
 - (C) about the same as.
 - (D) one-half.
 - (E) less than one-half.
 - (F) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

9. The

pink color of an emission nebula
blue color of a reflection nebula
dark brown color of a dark nebula

 is caused by:
- (A) electrons moving to lower orbitals.
 - (B) scattered light from stars.
 - (C) light blocked by dense clouds of gas and dust.
 - (D) supernovae shockwaves.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
10. A reflection nebula appears to be blue because its dust particles:
- (A) emit blue photons.
 - (B) absorb red light.
 - (C) scatter blue light.
 - (D) have cool temperatures.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
11. A nebula is observed to have regions of pink, blue, and dark brown colors.
- The composition of the

pink
blue
dark brown

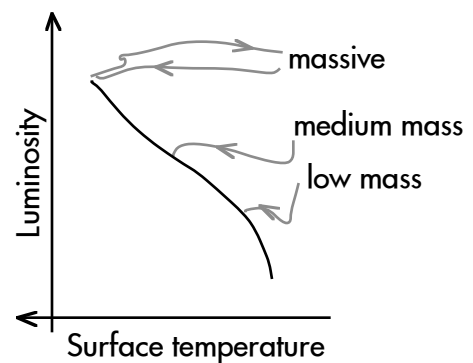
 color regions is:
- (A) hydrogen gas.
 - (B) very small dust particles.
 - (C) dense clumps of large dust particles.
 - (D) helium gas.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
12. _____ light can be seen from stars behind a dark nebula.
- (A) Infrared.
 - (B) Ultraviolet.
 - (C) Blue.
 - (D) Doppler shifted.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

13. _____ is evidence that supernova explosions trigger star formation.
- (A) Interstellar reddening.
 - (B) Very dense, giant molecular clouds.
 - (C) Observations at non-visible wavelengths.
 - (D) Young stars at shockwave edges.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
14. _____ provides the energy that heats up a protostar before it becomes a main-sequence star.
- (A) Hydrogen fusion.
 - (B) Supernovae shockwaves.
 - (C) Gravitational contraction.
 - (D) Convection currents.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
15. As a protostar becomes a main sequence star, its size will _____ and its surface temperature will _____.
- (A) decrease; decrease.
 - (B) decrease; increase.
 - (C) increase; decrease.
 - (D) increase; increase.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

16. At right is an H-R diagram of the evolutionary tracks of stars of different masses.

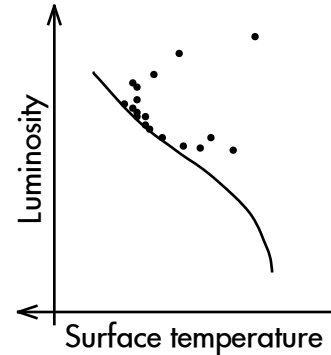
Which track takes the $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{shortest} \\ \text{longest} \end{array} \right]$ time?

- (A) The massive protostar as it becomes a main sequence star, and then becomes a supergiant.
- (B) The medium mass protostar as it becomes a main sequence star.
- (C) The low mass protostar as it becomes a main sequence star.
- (D) (There is a tie.)
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)



17. At right is an H-R diagram of a star cluster with stars that are:

- (A) all old.
- (B) all young.
- (C) a mixture of young and old stars.
- (D) (This H-R diagram is not possible for a star cluster.)
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)



18. _____ main-sequence stars will be found in an extremely $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{young} \\ \text{old} \end{array} \right]$ star cluster.

- (A) Massive.
- (B) Medium-mass.
- (C) Low mass.
- (D) (All of the above choices.)
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

19. _____ will be found in an extremely $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{young} \\ \text{old} \end{array} \right]$ star cluster.

- (A) Supergiants.
- (B) Medium-mass main-sequence stars.
- (C) Red dwarfs.
- (D) Giants.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

20. Low-mass stars in an old star cluster will be in their _____ stage.

- (A) protostar.
- (B) red dwarf.
- (C) white dwarf.
- (D) giant.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

21. The luminosity of a star will remain approximately the same as it becomes a giant (or supergiant) because its outer layers:

- (A) expand and heat up.
- (B) expand and cool off.
- (C) contract and heat up.
- (D) contract and cool off.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

22. A $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{massive} \\ \text{medium mass} \\ \text{low mass} \end{array} \right]$ star will (eventually) end its main-sequence lifetime when:

- (A) gravity is too strong.
- (B) convection currents stop.
- (C) no hydrogen is left.
- (D) core temperatures get too cold.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

23. The energy source of a(n) $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{protostar} \\ \text{main - sequence star} \\ \text{supergiant} \\ \text{giant} \\ \text{red dwarf} \\ \text{isolated white dwarf} \end{array} \right]$ is:

- (A) hydrogen fusion.
- (B) fusion of elements heavier than hydrogen.
- (C) gravitational contraction.
- (D) radioactive decay.
- (E) (Does not produce energy.)
- (F) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

24. A red dwarf will never become a giant because:

- (A) no red dwarfs have died yet.
- (B) it is made of degenerate matter.
- (C) its core will never get hot enough to fuse helium.
- (D) it will never run out of hydrogen to fuse.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

25. A giant will form a planetary nebula by:

- (A) expelling its outer layers.
- (B) imploding, then exploding.
- (C) forming an accretion disk.
- (D) breaking down degenerate matter.
- (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

26. An isolated white dwarf cannot fuse its carbon and oxygen because:
- (A) its core will never get hot enough.
 - (B) it has run out of helium to fuse.
 - (C) its planetary nebula phase expended its energy.
 - (D) it is made of degenerate matter.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
27. As an isolated white dwarf gets older and dimmer, its surface temperature _____, while its size _____.
- (A) cools off; decreases.
 - (B) cools off; remains the same.
 - (C) remains the same; decreases.
 - (D) remains the same; remains the same.
 - (E) heats up; decreases.
 - (F) heats up; remains the same.
 - (G) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
28. In the final stages of fusion energy production,

supergiants
giants
red dwarfs

 will fuse:
- (A) hydrogen.
 - (B) helium.
 - (C) carbon, and heavier elements up to iron.
 - (D) (None of the above choices.)
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
29. The energy source for a

nova
type Ia supernova
type II supernova

 is:
- (A) the fusion of an outer layer of hydrogen around a white dwarf.
 - (B) the fusion of an entire white dwarf.
 - (C) gravitational contraction.
 - (D) the fusion of elements heavier than iron.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

30. A $\begin{bmatrix} \text{nova} \\ \text{type Ia supernova} \\ \text{type II supernova} \end{bmatrix}$ begins when a star:
- (A) accumulates enough hydrogen from a companion star.
 - (B) generates strong stellar winds.
 - (C) has too much radioactivity.
 - (D) removes energy from its core using fusion.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
31. The iron core of a supergiant will collapse because fusion past iron:
- (A) removes energy.
 - (B) generates radioactive elements.
 - (C) creates too much gravity.
 - (D) is impossible.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
32. The sun will never explode as a $\begin{bmatrix} \text{nova} \\ \text{type Ia supernova} \\ \text{type II supernova} \end{bmatrix}$ because it:
- (A) will have nothing left after its planetary nebula phase.
 - (B) did not start with enough mass.
 - (C) has no companion star.
 - (D) has a main sequence lifetime that is too long.
 - (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
33. A _____ main-sequence star will become a $\begin{bmatrix} \text{black hole} \\ \text{giant} \\ \text{neutron star} \\ \text{planetary nebula} \\ \text{red dwarf} \\ \text{supergiant} \\ \text{white dwarf} \end{bmatrix}$.
- (A) massive.
 - (B) medium-mass.
 - (C) low-mass.
 - (D) (Two of the above choices.)
 - (E) (All of the above choices.)
 - (F) (None of the above choices.)
 - (G) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)

34. Which type of compact object

is the most massive
has the largest size
has the greatest density

 ?
- (A) White dwarf.
 (B) Neutron star.
 (C) Black hole.
 (D) (There is a tie.)
 (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
35. A white dwarf with a _____ companion can have a

nova
type Ia supernova
type II supernova

 explosion.
- (A) giant.
 (B) protostar.
 (C) neutron star.
 (D) black hole.
 (E) (This type of explosion is impossible.)
 (F) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
36. A _____ with a companion star can have

nova explosions
a type Ia supernova explosion
a glowing x - ray accretion disk
x - ray pulses
mass > 3.0 solar masses
ejected jets

 ?
- (A) white dwarf.
 (B) neutron star.
 (C) black hole.
 (D) (Two of the above choices.)
 (E) (All of the above choices.)
 (F) (None of the above choices.)
 (G) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)
37. Evidence of a

white dwarf
neutron star
black hole

 in a binary system would be:
- (A) a mass greater than $3.0 M_{Sun}$.
 (B) regularly timed x-ray pulses.
 (C) zero mass.
 (D) repeated nova bursts.
 (E) (Unsure/guessing/lost/help!)