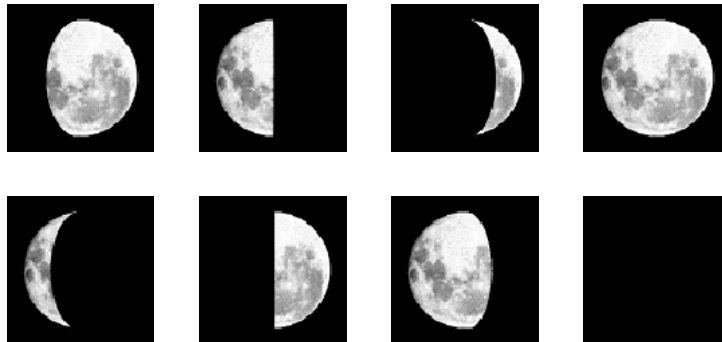


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1. [4.0 points.] In December, an observer in San Luis Obispo, CA will watch the sun rising on the horizon at a point:
- (A) between northeast and east.
 - (B) due east.
 - (C) between east and southeast.
 - (D) between southwest and west.
 - (E) due west.
 - (F) between west and northwest.

2. [4.0 points.] What time is it when the waning crescent moon is setting?
- (A) 12:00 PM (noon).
 - (B) 3:00 PM (afternoon).
 - (C) 6:00 PM (sunset).
 - (D) 9:00 PM (evening).
 - (E) 12:00 AM (midnight).
 - (F) 3:00 AM (wee hours).
 - (G) 6:00 AM (sunrise).
 - (H) 9:00 AM (morning).

3. [4.0 points.] Which phase will the moon have when it is overhead at 9:00 AM? Clearly circle your answer below.



4. [4.0 points.] A total lunar eclipse will be visible for observers in San Luis Obispo, CA on May 26, 2021.¹ During this total lunar eclipse, the moon will be located in:
- (A) Earth's umbra.
 - (B) Earth's penumbra.
 - (C) Earth's negative shadow.
 - (D) (none of Earth's shadow zones.)

5. [4.0 points.] _____ explained the prograde and retrograde motion of a planet by having it move on a circle that itself moves around Earth.
- (A) Aristotle.
 - (B) Ptolemy.
 - (C) Copernicus.
 - (D) Tycho.
 - (E) Kepler.
 - (F) Galileo.
 - (G) Newton.

Questions (6)-(10) are continued on the back of this page.

¹ timeanddate.com/eclipse/lunar/2021-may-26.
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This quiz continues from questions (1)-(5) on the other side of this page.

For questions (6)-(8), the two far-infrared reflector telescopes of the Balloon Experimental Twin Telescope for Infrared Interferometry (BETTII)² have the same 0.50 m (1.6 ft) diameter, and are separated by a distance of 8.0 m (26 ft) between them. This telescope system is attached to a balloon that ascends to an altitude of 40 km (25 miles) in the upper atmosphere.³

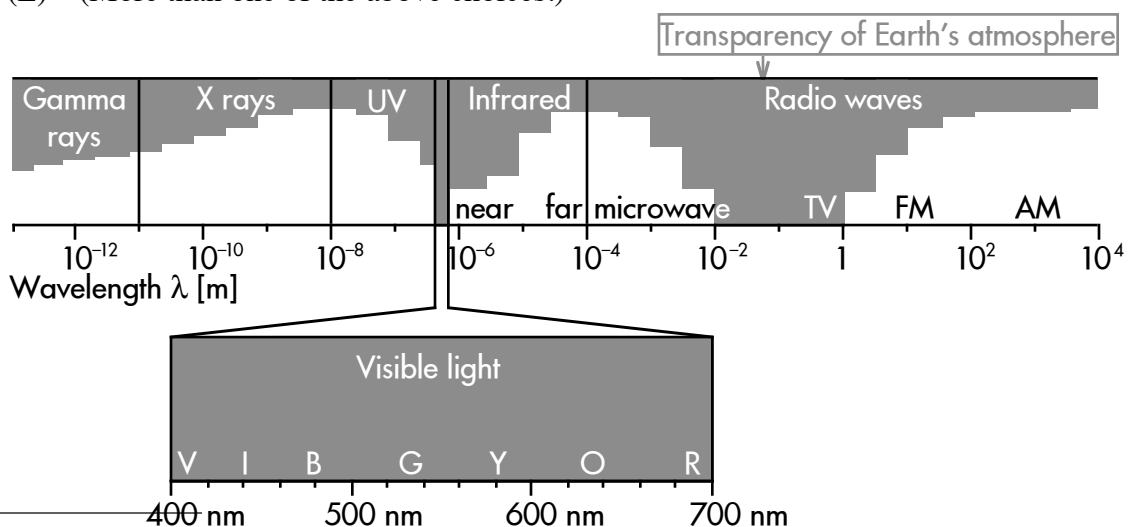
6. [4.0 points.] Taking this far-infrared telescope system into the upper atmosphere improves the light-gathering power due to less _____ at high altitudes.
 - (A) absorption.
 - (B) turbulence.
 - (C) light pollution.
 - (D) temperature fluctuations.

7. [4.0 points.] If each of these far-infrared telescopes had been constructed with larger diameters, this would have increased the telescope system's overall:
 - (A) light-gathering power.
 - (B) resolving power.
 - (C) magnifying power.
 - (D) (Two of the above choices.)
 - (E) (All of the above choices.)
 - (F) (None of the above choices.)

8. [4.0 points.] If the two mirrors of this far-infrared telescope system were instead combined into a single mirror with the same total surface area, the resolving power would:
 - (A) decrease.
 - (B) remain the same.
 - (C) increase.
 - (D) (The telescope would no longer be able to function.)

9. [4.0 points.] Adaptive optics is used in modern optical telescopes to improve:
 - (A) light-gathering power.
 - (B) resolving power.
 - (C) magnifying power.
 - (D) the amount of radiation transmitted through the atmosphere.

10. [4.0 points.] The magnifying power of an optical telescope depends on the:
 - (A) focal length of the primary lens/mirror.
 - (B) focal length of the eyepiece.
 - (C) diameter of the primary lens/mirror.
 - (D) diameter of the eyepiece.
 - (E) (More than one of the above choices.)



² [dx.doi.org/10.1117/12.926376](https://doi.org/10.1117/12.926376).

³ asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/bettii/.