

GRADE 1–2 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers**1** **B** Root**3** **C** Platypus**5** **B** Ears**7** **A** Milk**9** **B** Before eating and after using the toilet**11** **A** It evaporates into water vapour**13** **B** Moving air**15** **C** Thermometer**17** **D** Soil with a suitable mixture of particles and organic matter**19** **A** Earth rotates on its axis**21** **D** Clear glass**23** **C** A light source and an object that blocks light**25** **A** It may start moving**27** **C** A pond with suitable water conditions**29** **D** Use similar plants, give them equal water and change only the light conditions**2** **A** Sunlight, water and air**4** **D** To help them eat food**6** **C** Heart**8** **D** Water**10** **D** Use a safe crossing and check for traffic with an adult**12** **C** Precipitation**14** **D** Blowing up a balloon**16** **D** Go indoors and stay away from windows**18** **B** Planting grass and other vegetation**20** **C** Earth's natural satellite**22** **D** It melts into liquid water**24** **B** Plucking a guitar string**26** **D** Iron nail**28** **B** Reusing materials and recycling suitable waste**30** **C** The cube in the warm room melts faster

GRADE 3–4 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers

- 1 **A** It will stop receiving enough water and minerals from the soil.
- 2 **B** Sugar and oxygen
- 3 **C** Seed → seedling → adult plant → flowers and seeds
- 4 **D** Insects
- 5 **B** It keeps the bear warm in cold conditions.
- 6 **C** Mouth
- 7 **A** Your muscles need more oxygen and nutrients.
- 8 **D** It may increase because fewer frogs eat it.
- 9 **B** Pond A
- 10 **C** Reuse supplies, avoid unnecessary packaging, and recycle suitable materials.
- 11 **A** 15 units in the direction of the pushes
- 12 **D** Greater friction on the carpet slows the car down more.
- 13 **B** Inclined plane
- 14 **C** Light energy is converted into electrical energy.
- 15 **A** Refraction
- 16 **D** The sound becomes louder because the drum vibrates more strongly.
- 17 **B** Metal transfers heat to your hand more readily than wood.
- 18 **C** The magnetic attraction generally becomes weaker.
- 19 **A** Connect the gap to make a complete circuit.
- 20 **D** It spreads out to fill the available space.
- 21 **B** Water vapour in the air cools and condenses into liquid.
- 22 **C** It should be a poor conductor of heat.
- 23 **A** Use a magnet to attract the iron filings.
- 24 **D** Weather describes short-term conditions, while climate describes patterns over many years.
- 25 **B** Use equal amounts of different soils, add equal amounts of water, and measure how much drains through.
- 26 **C** The thick stem stores water, and the spines help reduce water loss.
- 27 **A** It may increase because fewer snakes eat mice.
- 28 **D** Ensure the blades can rotate freely around their axle.
- 29 **B** It helps investigate the effect of light while keeping other conditions similar.
- 30 **C** As the Moon orbits Earth, we see different portions of its sunlit half.

GRADE 5–6 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers

- 1 C It is a plant cell that can carry out photosynthesis.
- 2 A The supply of water to the stem and leaves
- 3 D Amphibians
- 4 B The muscles need more oxygen and glucose for respiration.
- 5 C The grasshopper population increases.
- 6 C 48 cm³
- 7 B 3 m/s
- 8 D 20 N
- 9 C The carpet exerts greater opposing friction on the moving car.
- 10 A Less force over a longer distance
- 11 D Their temperature rises should be equal.
- 12 B 35°
- 13 C String Y has a higher pitch.
- 14 A They both go out.
- 15 D Increasing the number of wire turns around the nail
- 16 C 15
- 17 B It decreases.
- 18 C Filter to collect sand, then evaporate the water
- 19 D Iron reacts with oxygen and forms rust.
- 20 A The solution is acidic.
- 21 C Q is denser than P.
- 22 B Deposition
- 23 D Less coal needs to be burned, reducing carbon dioxide emissions from electricity generation.
- 24 A Its axis is tilted as it orbits, changing sunlight angle and day length.
- 25 C Use similar plants, change only fertiliser treatment, and keep other conditions the same.
- 26 B 3 m/s²
- 27 D 125 kcal
- 28 A Metal conducts heat away from your hand faster than wood.
- 29 C 4
- 30 D Some dependent organisms may lose a food source, disrupting several food-web relationships.

GRADE 7–8 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers

1 B 4.0 g/cm³3 C 4 m/s²

5 A 60 W

7 D 200 m/s

9 B 2 A

11 A Atomic number 17; mass number 35

13 B X is more acidic than Y.

15 D Iron displaces copper from the solution.

17 C Photosynthesis and glucose production

19 B 25%

21 B 200 kJ

23 A Water vapour condenses into tiny droplets, potentially forming clouds.

25 B Use similar plants, vary light intensity, control other variables, and measure growth repeatedly.

27 D 44 g

29 B 50%

2 B 3 m/s²

4 D 3,000 Pa

6 C Copper, because less energy is needed per degree of temperature rise

8 B The light slows down as it enters glass.

10 C Increasing the number of turns in the coil

12 D 36

14 C 40 g/dm³

16 B 400×

18 A Small intestine

20 C Influenza is caused by a virus, and antibiotics target bacteria.

22 D Mountain building or subduction, depending on the plates

24 D 1/16

26 C 5 m/s and 0 m/s

28 A The lower hole, because liquid pressure increases with depth

30 C Check for a possible error, repeat the measurement and report the data transparently.

GRADE 9–10 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers

1 A 24 m

3 C 4 m/s

5 A 20 m/s

7 D Move the magnet more quickly through the coil.

9 A Strong electrostatic attractions between oppositely charged ions require substantial energy to overcome.

11 B 4

13 D C_2H_4

15 B Water enters by osmosis, making the cell turgid.

17 C 25%

19 B To increase delivery of oxygen and nutrients to active tissues.

21 B 500 kJ

23 C It reflects sunlight towards Earth.

25 C Investigate the unusual measurement and repeat the trial if possible.

27 D 600 J

29 C High electrical conductivity and ductility.

2 B 200 W

4 D $400 \text{ J}/(\text{kg } ^\circ\text{C})$ is not possible because the temperature change is too small.

6 B 3 A

8 C 23

10 D 4 mol

12 C Copper oxide

14 A The powder has a greater total surface area exposed to the acid.

16 D 23

18 A Resistant insects survive and reproduce more successfully.

20 D stimulates immune memory and a faster response to a later exposure.

22 A Carbon dioxide

24 B Temperature

26 A $3.0 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$

28 B Filtration followed by distillation.

30 A 1

GRADE 11–12 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Answers

1 A 70N

3 C 2.0kg m^2 5 A $\omega^2 A$

7 C 4.0mm

9 A It becomes four times its original value.

11 C 2.40dm^3 13 A It has seven valence electrons and commonly forms a 1^- ion.

15 C 5

17 A Carboxylic acid

19 C Ammonia molecules donate lone pairs to the copper ion to form coordinate bonds.

21 A Water leaves the cells by osmosis, causing the protoplasts to shrink.

23 D Increased ventilation and cardiac output help increase oxygen uptake and delivery to tissues.

25 A The agent is a virus.

27 C Memory B and T cells help generate a faster, more effective secondary immune response.

29 D The amino acid sequence remains unchanged, although other effects on gene expression are possible.

2 B 24J

4 D It becomes half as great.

6 B 1.50

8 D 15cm from the lens on the opposite side

10 B* 2.0A

12 D It lowers the activation energy without changing the overall enthalpy change.

14 B +1.10V

16 D Increasing the pressure at constant temperature

18 B 0.120mol dm^{-3}

20 D The student has changed more than one independent variable, so the effect of temperature cannot be isolated.

22 C 41

24 D Resistant insects are more likely to survive and reproduce, increasing the frequency of resistance alleles.

26 B The genetic code is nearly universal, allowing bacteria to interpret many human gene codons in the same way.

28 D Another factor, such as carbon dioxide concentration or temperature, has become limiting.

30 D Keep temperature, enzyme concentration, substrate concentration and reaction time consistent while changing pH.