

Astronomy 110 Review – Spring 2015

The exam will have approximately 60 multiple-choice questions and 5 short answer questions. **You need the same Apperson DataLink form as on the last test, #28040.** It has 100 multiple choice spaces on one side and room to write on the back.

The new material includes the following topics from class and Ch. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, and a small part of 18. Ch 4: all (but we had the Doppler effect on the last test). The four fundamental forces and elementary particles are discussed in Ch. 4 and 18-6, but we covered more in class. How to write the symbols for different isotopes, as we discussed in class. Ch. 5: all. Ch. 6-5 through 6-7. Ch. 9: all except 9-4 and the *details* of classification of meteorites. Ch. 10: through section 10-8 except for the *details* of magnetic fields and surface features (found in 10-4 through 10-6). Note: the material on the details of nuclear reactions in 10-8 and how to make a solar model will be postponed to the next test along with section 10-9.

As always, questions can be taken from the Starry Night exercises.

Do not consider this a list of definitions to memorize. Understand the meaning, use, and importance of all these topics and ideas as well as memorizing any necessary definitions. The list is fairly complete, but it is not guaranteed to be 100% inclusive.

The Four Forces.

Gravity, the electromagnetic force, the strong nuclear force, the weak nuclear force.

What do they do? How strong are they (relative to each other)? Over what range do they act?

Elementary Particles: protons, neutrons, and electrons. What are their properties?

Why is the electromagnetic force usually observed only over short distances?

Black Body Radiation.

What kind of objects can be black bodies?

What kind of spectrum is produced by a black body?

In the formulae below, you need to know the general relationships, not the details. For example, you need to know that power per area depends on temperature, not that it is related to the fourth power of temperature (but it wouldn't hurt!).

The Stefan-Boltzmann Law:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} \propto T^4 \right)$$

(\propto means “proportional to”).

Wien's Law ($\lambda_{peak} \propto \frac{1}{T}$) - an inverse proportionality. How does this relate to color?

Surface area = $4\pi r^2$

Luminosity = (power per area) \times (total surface area) = (total energy/second from a star).

Kirchoff's Laws

What are the conditions for continuous, emission, & absorption spectra?

Protons, electrons, and neutrons in atoms

Atoms, ions, and isotopes – (their structure and how to name them and write their symbols)

Energy levels or electron orbits.

Absorption and emission of photons from atoms (caused by electrons moving between orbits).

How does this relate to energy? Hint: what determines the energy of an emitted or absorbed photon?

How does this relate to wavelength and color?

How is an ion formed?

Pressure, temperature, and density (what do they have to do with each other?)

Formation of the solar system from a rotating cloud and disk

When did the planets form compared to the Sun?

What is the solar system primarily made of? The Earth? The other planets?

How do the planets form? What happens after the planets form?

What happens to all the H and He in the inner solar system?

9 planets (or former planets!) and their names (My Very Excellent Mother Just Showed Us Nine Planets)

Why is there a division into 3 distinct parts of the solar system?

Inner planets: rocky & small (What elements and substances didn't they form with?)

Outer planets: gaseous & big. Why do they attract H and He?

Pluto, comets, & KBOs (Kuiper belt objects)

What is the importance of rotation in the collapsing cloud?

Counterclockwise orbital motion in one plane (more or less). Why?

Counterclockwise rotation of planets. Why? (same reason as above)

How big are the moons?

Small objects – where do they fit in? Comets (Oort cloud and Kuiper belt), meteors & asteroids; meteor showers

Finding planets around other stars. What do you find? How do you find them?

Moon

Its formation. How? When?

Features on the surface. Formation of craters and maria. – When?

Radioactive age dating.

Earth

Age of the Earth and Moon (determined how?)

What are the chances and effects of collisions with asteroids?

Heat transfer mechanisms; what are they & which occur in the Sun? Where?

Convection

Conduction

Radiation

Sun and nuclear reactions

Layers of the sun and their relative temperatures (Interior: core, radiative zone, convective zone. Atmosphere: photosphere, chromosphere, transition region and corona).

Hydrostatic equilibrium: the reason the Sun is stable.

Temperature of the core and the photosphere.

What makes the Sun shine - and what doesn't?

Basic types of nuclear reactions (how do we write the names of the elements?)

Fission – Why not in the Sun?

Fusion – Which reaction powers the Sun?

$E=mc^2$ (mass to energy - what's that mean?)

Note: the following topics from chapter 10 will be postponed until the next test.

The *details* of the proton-proton cycle (hydrogen \longrightarrow helium)

How do you overcome the repulsion of two positive nuclei?

Where do the neutrons in Helium-4 come from?

Antimatter. What happens when it comes in contact with matter?

How (roughly) to model the solar interior

Solar Oscillations

Neutrinos and their importance for understanding the Sun

The solar neutrino problem and its solution

Possibly useful review questions (I did not include any computational questions) (also, understand the “Key Ideas” and “Key Words”). Numbers in [] will be postponed until the next test.

8th edition.

What did you think? Ch. 4: all. Ch. 5: 1,2. Ch. 9: all. Ch. 10: all. Ch. 18:4

Ch 4: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,22,23,24,27.

Ch. 5: 1,2,4,5,9.

Ch. 6: 4,15,16,17,20,23.

Ch. 9: 1,2,4,7, 11,13,15,17,19,20.

Ch. 10: 2,4,8,9,10,[11,12],13,14,[15].

Ch. 18:10.

9th edition.

What did you think? Ch. 4: 1,2,3. Ch. 5: 1,2,3. Ch. 9: all. Ch. 10: all. Ch. 18:4

Ch 4: 1,2, 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,22,23,24,27.

Ch. 5: 1,2,3,5,8,9,11,13,16.

Ch. 6: 4,15,16,17,20,23.

Ch. 9: 1,2,4,7, 11,13,15,17,19,20.

Ch. 10: 2,4,8,9,10,[11,12],13,14,[15].

Ch. 18:10.

10th edition.

What did you think? Ch. 4: 1,2,3. Ch. 5: 1,2,3,5. Ch. 9: all. Ch. 10: all. Ch. 18:4

Ch 4: 1,2, 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,22,23,24,27.

Ch. 5: 1,2,3,5,8,9,11,13,16.

Ch. 6: 4,15,16,17,20,23.

Ch. 9: 1,2,4,7, 11,13,15,17,19,20.

Ch. 10: 2,4,8,9,10,[11,12],13,14,[15].

Ch. 18:10.

Here are most of the questions I gave for homework in previous classes. You will not have to do numerical calculations on the test.

- 1) You can consider stars to be blackbodies. A star with temperature $T=10000\text{K}$ emits the greatest intensity of light at a wavelength of approximately 300 nm (290 nm, actually), in the ultraviolet. Is a star with $T=5000\text{K}$ bluer or redder? At what wavelength does it emit the greatest intensity? You will need Wien's law for this problem. It is given on page 107 or 109 in the 8th and 9th editions, respectively. You need to show some sort of reasoning; don't just write down a number for an answer. You don't need to use the constants that appear in the equations. Just think about ratios and proportions. You can read about the Kelvin temperature scale in Appendix D. [calculations not required for test]
- 2) Consider two stars of the same size. One is twice as hot as the other is. Which one is brighter? By how many times? You need the Stefan-Boltzmann law. [numbers not required for the test]
- 3) The formula which tells you the surface area of a sphere of radius r , is $\text{surface area}=4\pi r^2$. Stars are spheres (close enough, anyway). If you have two stars of the same surface temperature, but one has 100 times the radius of the other, which is brighter? [numbers not required for the test]
- 4) What kind of spectrum does a hot solid, liquid or dense gas produce? Describe what this spectrum looks like. What would you see if you looked at the spectrum of such an object through a much less dense, cooler gas?
- 5) Explain (briefly) how an emission or absorption line spectrum is related to the structure of the atom. Why are the spectra of different elements different from each other?
- 8) How different would the solar system be if it had formed from a cloud of gas that was not rotating as it collapsed?

For next test.

- 9) Why are very high temperatures necessary for nuclear fusion to occur?
- 10) The temperature of the solar corona can reach several million K. Why does nuclear fusion not occur there?
- 11) Why do neutrinos tell us what is happening near the center of the Sun now, while the photons that we see tell us what was happening a long time ago?