Earth Motions Practice Worksheet \#2

1. The extra day in leap year is an attempt to adjust the calendar to the period of time required for the
1 Earth's revolution
3 Sun's revolution
2 Moon's revolution
4 Sun's rotation
2. During which month is the Earth in the position shown in the diagram?
1 March
2 September
3 June
4 December

3. The diagram below shows the rotating Earth as it would appear from a satellite over the North Pole. The time at point $X$ is closest to
16 am .
212 noon
36 p.m
412 midnight

4. A Foucault pendulum is set in motion in New York State in a geographic north-south direction. Which observation will be made after a period of several hours?
1 The pendulum appears to swing in a wide circle.
2 The length of the pendulum's swing appears to increase gradually.
3 The direction of the pendulum's swing appears to change in a predictable manner.
4 The direction of the pendulum's swing appears to change in an unpredictable manner.
5. What is the total number of degrees that the Earth rotates on its axis during a 12 -hour period?
$11^{\circ}$
$3180^{\circ}$
$215^{\circ}$
$4360^{\circ}$
6. On March 21, two observers, one at 45 north latitude and the other at $45^{\circ}$ south latitude, watch the "rising" Sun. In which direction(s) must they look?
1 Both observers must look westward.
2 Both observers must look eastward.
3 The observer at $45^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$. must look westward while the other must look eastward.
4 The observer at $45^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. must look westward while the other must look eastward.
7. A photograph showing circular star trails is evidence that the Earth
1 rotates on its axis
3 revolves around the Sun
2 has a nearly circular orbit
4 has a nearly spherical shape
8. Which is the best evidence for the Earth's rotation?

1 the rising of the Sun
3 the changing of the seasons
2 the phases of the Moon
4 the Coriolis Effect

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9. The diagram below shows a view of the Earth in space with respect to the Sun's rays. Point $X$ is a location on the Earth's surface. Which event would occur at point X on the date represented in the diagram?
1 the beginning of the winter season
2 the formation of the longest noontime shadows for the year
3 the lowest noontime altitude of the Sun for the year
4 the greatest daylight hours for the year

10. For what reason did the heliocentric model of the Universe replace the geocentric model of the Universe?

1 The geocentric model no longer predicted the positions of the constellations.
2 The geocentric model did not predict the phases of the Moon.
3 The heliocentric model provided a simpler explanation of the motions of the planets.
4 The heliocentric model proved that the Earth rotates.

Questions 11-13
The diagram to the right shows the Earth's orbit around the Sun.
11. At which location is Earth at perihelion?

| 1 | $A$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | $B$ |
| 3 | $C$ |
| 4 | $D$ |


12. The rate at which the Earth would travel to get from point $A$ to point $B$ is

| 1 | 1 degree $/ h r$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 15 degrees/hr |$\quad$| 3 | 1 degree/day |
| :--- | :--- |
| 360 degrees $/ h r$ |  |

13. Which position would represent Earth on June $21^{\text {st? }}$ ?
1 A
3 C
2 B
4 D
14. Some constellations (star patterns) observed in the summer skies in New York State are different from those observed in the winter skies. The best explanation for this observation is that
1 the Earth revolves around the Sun
2 the Earth rotates on its axis
3 constellations are moving away from the Earth
4 constellations revolve around the Earth
15. Planet $X$ is similar in all respects to the Earth except that it does not rotate on its axis. A Foucault pendulum is allowed to swing freely on planet $X$. After 6 hours of swinging, the path of the pendulum's swing, as seen by an observer on planet $X$, will be 1 the same as the original path
$290^{\circ}$ to the right of the original path
$390^{\circ}$ to the left of the original path
$4180^{\circ}$ to the right of the original path

Use the diagram below for questions 16-18.
The diagram represents four positions of the Earth as it revolves around the Sun.

(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)
16. At which position is the Earth located on June 21?
1 A
3 C
2 B
4 D
17. Which statement is true of the Earth in the diagram?

1 At position B the Earth is at perihelion.
2 At position C the Earth is at aphelion.
3 At position A the Earth is at aphelion.
4 At position A the Earth is at perihelion.
18. Which two positions in the diagram represent the equinoxes?
1 A and B
3 B and C
2 A and C
$4 B$ and $D$
19. The total number of hours of daylight received by the South Pole on the date represented in the diagram is closest to

20. In New York State, the number of hours of daylight each day decreases continuously from
1 March 1 to May 1
3 June 1 to August 1
2 September 1 to November 1
4 December 1 to February 1

