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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 revolution4 Sun's rotation

- 2 Moon's revolution
- 2. During which month is the Earth in the position shown in the diagram? 1 March 2 September 3 June 4 December (NOT TO SCALE) 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 1 6 am. lorth SUN'S RAYS 2 12 noon 3 6 p.m 4 12 midnight Direction of Rotation
- 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?

1	1°		3	180°
2	15°		4	360°

- 6. On March 21, two observers, one at 45 north latitude and the other at 45° 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° N. must look westward while the other must look eastward.
 - 4 The observer at 45° 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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South Pole

> O Sun

SUN'S RAYS

C

- 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

B (not to scale)

D

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

- 1 1 degree/hr
- 2 15 degrees/hr

- 3 1 degree/day 3 360 degrees/hr
- 13. Which position would represent Earth on June 21st?
 - 1 A 3 C 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
 - 2 90° to the right of the original path
 - 3 90° to the left of the original path
 - 4 180° to the right of the original path

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Use the diagram below for questions 16-18.

The diagram represents four positions of the Earth as it revolves around the Sun.



20. In New York State, the number of hours of daylight each day decreases continuously from

- 1 March 1 to May 1
- 2 September 1 to November 1
- 3 June 1 to August 1 4 December 1 to February 1