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Test Bank, Chapter 02

1. Silicon has an atomic number of 14, meaning that all atoms of silicon have
 - A) 14 nuclei.
 - B) 14 neutrons.
 - C) 14 protons.
 - D) 14 electrons.Ans: C

2. The radioactive isotope of carbon is
 - A) carbon 15.
 - B) carbon 14.
 - C) carbon 13.
 - D) carbon 12.Ans: B

3. _____ consist of a unique kind of atom.
 - A) Chemical elements
 - B) Atomic masses
 - C) Molecules
 - D) Chemical compoundsAns: A

4. Ionic bonding occurs in
 - A) seawater.
 - B) halite.
 - C) diamond.
 - D) graphite.Ans: B

5. _____ precipitates directly from seawater as tiny needle-like crystals, which accumulate on the shallow sea floor as _____.
 - A) Calcite; calcite crystals
 - B) Halite; evaporite minerals
 - C) Aragonite; carbonate mud
 - D) Calcite; coral skeletonsAns: C

6. In some places, the strontium ion substitutes for the _____ ion within the calcium carbonate crystal structure.

- A) sodium
- B) calcium
- C) chlorine
- D) carbon

Ans: B

7. In the atomic structure of diamond, each carbon atom is covalently bonded with _____ other carbon atom(s) in the diamond structure shown.

- A) four
- B) three
- C) two
- D) one

Ans: A

8. The outermost shell of the chlorine atom, prior to bonding with sodium to form a common mineral (NaCl), contains how many electrons?

- A) 8
- B) 7
- C) 6
- D) 5

Ans: B

9. Minerals containing the complex ion SO_4^{2-} are called

- A) sulfides.
- B) sulfates.
- C) oxides.
- D) silicates.

Ans: B

10. Of the major mineral groups, the one that is dominant in all igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks is called

- A) sulfates.
- B) carbonates.
- C) silicates.
- D) sulfides.

Ans: C

11. Dolomite resembles calcite in many ways, but in approximately half of the sites where there could be calcium ions in dolomite's crystal structure, there is instead a(n) _____ ion.

- A) magnesium
- B) iron
- C) strontium
- D) carbon

Ans: A

12. Hematite is an example of the major mineral group called

- A) sulfates.
- B) carbonates.
- C) silicates.
- D) oxides.

Ans: D

13. _____ is a kind of igneous rock that is high in silica and contains two types of feldspars.

- A) Granite
- B) Gabbro
- C) Felsic
- D) Basalt

Ans: A

14. Coarse grain size (or crystal size) is usually found in

- A) flood basalts.
- B) pillow lavas.
- C) plutons.
- D) tuffs.

Ans: C

15. Mud is a mixture of

- A) sand and silt.
- B) silt and clay.
- C) pebbles and sand.
- D) pebbles and cobbles.

Ans: B

16. A sedimentary particle that is 1/128 millimeter in diameter is classified as
- A) clay.
 - B) silt.
 - C) sand.
 - D) pebble.
- Ans: C
17. Of the siliciclastic rocks that have mainly sand-sized grains, the one with at least 25% percent feldspar sand grains is called
- A) arkose.
 - B) breccia.
 - C) graywacke.
 - D) lithic sandstone.
- Ans: A
18. The main chemical process that occurs during lithification is called
- A) compaction.
 - B) cementation.
 - C) weathering.
 - D) evaporation.
- Ans: B
19. Chert can form by biogenic processes (for example, as deposits from silica-rich solutions moving through rock) or by the process of
- A) evaporation of seawater.
 - B) direct precipitation from seawater.
 - C) compaction and cementation.
 - D) Native Americans making arrowheads.
- Ans: B
20. _____ are sediments consisting of nearly spherical grains, which grow in modern seas by rolling around and accumulating aragonite needles on their surfaces.
- A) Oolites
 - B) Ooids
 - C) Cherts
 - D) Coals
- Ans: A

21. What sedimentary structure formed on a beach and is (are) produced by wave motion in water that oscillates back and forth?

- A) Cross-bedding
- B) Ripples
- C) Mudcracks
- D) Graded beds

Ans: B

22. The average direction of the slope of _____ indicates the general direction of prevailing winds when ancient sands were deposited, thus forming a sand dune.

- A) mudcracks
- B) cross-bedding
- C) graded beds
- D) ripples

Ans: B

23. This sedimentary structure formed when sediments were exposed to air.

- A) Graded bed
- B) Mudcracks
- C) Cross-bedding
- D) Ripples

Ans: B

24. _____ is the word used to indicate the levels of temperature and pressure of metamorphism.

- A) Thermometer
- B) Barometer
- C) Assemblage
- D) Grade

Ans: D

25. The mica-like, green mineral chlorite occurs primarily in

- A) schist.
- B) marble.
- C) gneiss.
- D) slate.

Ans: A

26. The form of metamorphism that is most closely associated with the heat or “baking” resulting from an igneous intrusions is
- A) a fault-zone.
 - B) regional.
 - C) hydrothermal.
 - D) contact.
- Ans: D
27. When an asteroid strikes the Earth, rocks that border the impact crater are affected by _____ metamorphism.
- A) contact
 - B) shock
 - C) regional
 - D) fault-zone
- Ans: B
28. The type of metamorphism associated with the percolation of hot watery fluids through rock is called
- A) contact.
 - B) hydrothermal.
 - C) burial.
 - D) shock.
- Ans: D
29. Banded iron formations are complex rocks that consist of
- A) oxides, sulfides, or carbonates of iron interlayered with thin beds of chert.
 - B) interlayered thin beds of calcite and aragonite, and beds of chert.
 - C) interlayered beds of limestone and dolostone, and beds of chert.
 - D) thin beds of chemical and biogenic sediments, which are interlayered with chert.
- Ans: A
30. An igneous rock that forms under water is called
- A) pumice.
 - B) flood basalt.
 - C) pillow basalt.
 - D) tuff.
- Ans: C