Copyright @ Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.



Earth in Space

Directions: Circle the term in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

- 1. Earth's shape is (elliptical/spherical/oval).
- 2. Earth completely (circumnavigates/encircles/orbits) the Sun once each year.
- 3. Among Earth's physical properties is its rotation, which takes one (year/day/hour) to complete.
- **4.** Earth's diameter is measured by its distance (from pole to pole/around each pole/beside each pole.)
- 5. During a lunar eclipse, the shadow cast by Earth is (straight/curved/perpendicular).
- **6.** The attractive force between two objects that depends on the masses of the objects and the distance between them is called (gravity/planetary/axis).
- 7. Earth's magnetic field is concentrated at two ends of an imaginary magnetic (center/axis/magnet) running between Earth's north and south magnetic poles.
- **8.** Earth's magnetic poles move around the (north and south poles/rotational poles/gravity poles) in an irregular way described as polar wandering.
- 9. Harmful radiation from the Sun deflected by Earth's (magnetic fields/axis/cloud layers) generates large electrical currents that flow into Earth's atmosphere near the magnetic poles.
- 10. These electric currents create lights in the night sky that are known in the northern hemisphere as (terra borealis/polar borealis/aurora borealis).
- 11. Because the Sun is not located in the center of Earth's orbit, Earth's distance from the Sun (varies/never changes/might change).
- 12. Earth is one of (seven/eight/nine) planets in our solar system.
- 13. Oceans on Earth absorbed much of the (oxygen/carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide) in Earth's early atmosphere.
- 14. The high temperatures on (Mercury/Venus/Mars) exist because of the huge amount of carbon dioxide in the planet's atmosphere.
- 15. When large amounts of carbon dioxide trap and hold onto heat energy, the process is known as the (greenhouse effect/cause and effect/electron effect).



