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- 1. Very far from the sun, the heliosphere¹
 - A. becomes the magnetosphere
 - B. reverses direction
 - C. becomes weaker than the interstellar wind
 - D. spins in the opposite direction
 - E. never ends
- 2. According to Wikipedia, if all the mass of the asteroid belt were combined to one object, it's mass would ______ times less than Earth's mass.²
 - A. 1
 - B. 10
 - C. 100
 - D. 1,000
 - E. 10,000



3. Each call zodiacal light. It is due to sunlight reflecting off dust in the³

- A. magnetic sun's magnetic field
- B. Oort Cloude
- C. Kuiper belt
- D. Van Allen belt
- E. ecliptic plane

4. In planetary science, the frost line refers to a distance away from 4

A. the star in the middle

- B. the north pole of a planet
- C. the south pole of a planet
- D. either pole of a planet
- E. ecliptic plane
- 5. Oort's cloud was hypothesized to explain the source of 5
 - A. planets
 - B. asteroids
 - C. comets
 - D. water inside the frost line
 - E. water outside the frost line

6. According to Wikipedia _____ and ____ are referred to as volatiles. ⁶

A. electrons and protons

B. ices and gasses

- C. acids and bases
- D. planets and moons
- E. asteroids and terrestrial planets
- 7. Which of the following list is properly ranked, starting with objects closest to the Sun?⁷
 - A. Kuiper belt, Oort's cloud, Asteroid belt
 - B. Oort's cloud, Asteroid belt, Kuiper belt

C. Asteroid belt, Kuiper belt, Oort's cloud

- D. Asteroid belt, Oort's cloud, Kuiper belt
- E. Kuiper belt, Asteroid belt, Oort's cloud
- 8. When the sun turns into a red giant, 8

A. surface temperature decreases; energy output increases

- B. surface temperature increases; energy output increases
- C. surface temperature decreases; energy output decreases
- D. surface temperature increases; energy output decreases
- E. The sun will not turn into a red giant

9. A volatile is a substance that 9

- A. reacts violently with acids
- B. reacts violently with water
- C. reacts violently with oxygen
- D. melts or evaporates at high temperature

E. melts or evaporates at low temperature

10. All planets lie within a nearly flat disc called the $____$ plane¹⁰

- A. interstellar
- B. retrograde
- C. ecliptic
- D. angular
- E. fissile
- 11. The AU is^{11}
 - A. a measure of the brightness of a planet
 - B. the size of Oort's cloud
 - C. the most distant Kuiper object from the Sun
 - D. the distance from Earth to the Moon

E. the distance from the Sun to Earth

- 12. The Sun and Earth are about 12
 - A. 5 million years old
 - B. 50 million years old
 - C. 500 million years old
 - D. 5 billion years old

- E. 50 billion years old
- 13. The universe is about 13
 - A. 15 million years old
 - B. 150 million years old
 - C. 1.5 billion years old
 - D. 15 billion years old
 - E. 150 billion years old

14. Roughly how much bigger is a gas planet than a terrestrial planet?¹⁴

- A. 3
- **B.** 10
- C. 30
- D. 100
- E. 300

15. Roughly how much bigger is a the Sun than a gas planet?¹⁵

- A. 3
- **B.** 10
- C. 30
- D. 100
- E. 300

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