
AIR AND ATMOSPHERE

TEACHING TASK

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS (CUQ's)**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. How does air exert pressure?

- A) By being invisible
B) Through the movement of air molecules
C) By occupying space
D) By being a mixture

Answer: B

Solution: Air exerts pressure due to the continuous movement and collisions of its molecules on surfaces.

2. What phenomenon demonstrates that air can hold water vapor?

- A) Sound travel
B) Balloon inflation
C) Humidity on a hot day
D) Weight of air

Answer: C

Solution: Humidity on a hot day shows that air contains and holds water vapour.

3. What happens to air when it is compressed?

- A) It becomes heavier
B) It expands indefinitely
C) It takes up a smaller volume
D) It becomes visible

Answer: C

Solution: When air is compressed, the space between its particles reduces, so it occupies a smaller volume.

4. Which property of air helps explain why insulated bottles keep drinks at temperature?

- A) Air is a good conductor
B) Air is a good insulator
C) Air is compressible
D) Air exerts pressure

Answer: B

Solution: Air is a poor conductor of heat, so trapped air acts as an insulator in insulated bottles.

5. What can be heard across a room due to the property of air?

- A) Light
B) Heat
C) Sound
D) Water vapor

Answer: C

Solution: Sound travels through air as vibrations of air particles.

ADVANCED LEVEL**More than One Answer Type**

6. What roles do the following gases play in air?

- A) Nitrogen B) Argon C) Carbon Dioxide D) Helium

Answers: A, B, C, D

Solution:

Nitrogen: Dilutes oxygen and reduces rapid burning

Argon: Used in bulbs to protect the filament

Carbon dioxide: Used by plants for photosynthesis

Helium: Used in balloons and airships because it is light and non-flammable

7. What are some examples of how air behaves in everyday situations?

- A) A balloon filled with air weighs more than an empty one
 B) A straw works by creating a vacuum
 C) Sound travels through water faster than air
 D) Insulated bottles keep drinks hot or cold

Answers: A, B, D

Solution:

A balloon weighs more when filled with air because air has mass

A straw works due to air pressure difference

Insulated bottles work because air is a good insulator

Option C is incorrect because sound travels faster in water than in air

Fill In the Blanks

8. Sound travels through air as waves created by _____ particles.

Answer: vibrating

Solution: Sound waves are produced by vibrating particles of air.

9. Oxygen is essential for _____ in animals and humans, and it is also required for combustion.

Answer: respiration

Solution: Oxygen is needed for respiration and also supports combustion.

Matching Type

10. Match each property of air with its description.

Column A

Column B

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| 1. Air Exerts Pressure | A. Cannot be seen, but effects can be observed |
| 2. Air is Compressible | B. Takes up space and has weight |
| 3. Air is Invisible | C. Allows sound to travel through it |
| 4. Air Can Hold Water Vapor | D. Changes volume under pressure |

Answers: 1 – B, 2 – D, 3 – A, 4 – C

Solution:

Air exerts pressure because it has weight

Air is compressible as its volume changes under pressure

Air is invisible but its effects can be seen

Air holding water vapour helps in sound transmission and weather processes

Answer the Following Questions

11. How does air exert pressure?

Solution:

Air exerts pressure due to the continuous motion of its particles. These particles collide with surfaces from all directions, creating pressure.

12. What role does water vapor play in the atmosphere?

Solution:

Water vapor helps in cloud formation and rainfall and plays an important role in regulating weather and temperature through the water cycle.

LEARNERS TASK

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS (CUQ's)**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. What is air primarily composed of?

A) Water vapor and dust

B) A mixture of gases

C) Only oxygen

D) Only nitrogen

Answer: B

Solution: Air is a mixture of gases, primarily nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and small amounts of other gases.

2. What percentage of air is made up of nitrogen?

A) About 21%

B) About 78%

C) About 0.04%

D) About 0.93%

Answer: B

Solution: Nitrogen makes up about 78% of the air by volume.

3. Which gas is essential for respiration in animals and humans?

A) Argon

B) Carbon Dioxide

C) Oxygen

D) Methane

Answer: C

Solution: Oxygen is essential for respiration in animals and humans, allowing cells to release energy.

4. What role does carbon dioxide play in the environment?

A) It is primarily used in welding

B) It is essential for photosynthesis in plants

C) It is a major component of air

D) It has no significant role

Answer: B

Solution: Carbon dioxide is crucial for photosynthesis in plants, enabling them to produce food.

5. What property of air explains why a balloon filled with air weighs more than an empty one?
- A) Air is invisible
B) Air has mass
C) Air is compressible
D) Air exerts pressure

Answer: B

Solution: A balloon filled with air weighs more than an empty one because air has mass.

ADVANCED LEVEL

More than One Answer Type

6. Which of the following are effects of air being able to hold water vapor?
- A) It influences weather patterns
B) It can make air feel heavy on humid days
C) It creates a vacuum
D) It affects temperature regulation

Answers: A, B, D

Solution:

Air holding water vapor influences weather patterns.

Humid air feels heavy due to water vapor content.

Water vapor affects temperature regulation through heat retention.

7. Which of the following statements about air are true?
- A) Air is a mixture of gases
B) Air can be seen under certain conditions
C) Air conducts sound
D) Air has a fixed volume

Answers: A, B, C

Solution:

Air is a mixture of gases.

Air can sometimes be seen (e.g., dust-laden air, fog).

Air conducts sound.

Option D is incorrect because air does not have a fixed volume; it expands to fill a container.

Fill In the Blanks

8. Air is primarily composed of several gases, with nitrogen making up about _____% of its composition.

Answer: 78

Solution: Nitrogen makes up about 78% of the air's composition.

9. The amount of _____ vapor in the air can vary widely and is important for weather patterns.

Answer: water

Solution: The amount of water vapor in the air affects humidity and weather patterns.

Matching Type

10. Match each component of air with its role.

Column A

Column B

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Nitrogen (N_2) | A. Essential for respiration and combustion |
| 2. Oxygen (O_2) | B. Used in light bulbs and welding |
| 3. Argon (Ar) | C. Crucial for plant protein synthesis |
| 4. Carbon Dioxide (CO_2) | D. Produced by respiration and necessary for photosynthesis |

Answers: 1 – C, 2 – A, 3 – B, 4 – D

Solution:

Nitrogen: crucial for plant protein synthesis

Oxygen: essential for respiration and combustion

Argon: used in light bulbs and welding

Carbon dioxide: produced by respiration and necessary for photosynthesis

Answer the Following Questions

11. What is the primary component of air, and what percentage does it make up?

Solution: The primary component of air is nitrogen, which makes up about 78% of the air by volume. Nitrogen is inert and helps stabilize the atmosphere.

12. Why is oxygen essential for living organisms?

Solution: Oxygen is essential for respiration in living organisms. During respiration, cells use oxygen to break down food molecules to release energy, which is necessary for growth, movement, and other life processes.

ATMOSPHERE

TEACHING TASK

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS (CUQ's)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What phenomenon occurs in the thermosphere?
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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| A) Clouds forming | B) The burning of meteoroids |
| C) Auroras | D) Weather systems |

Answer: B

Solution: Meteoroids burn up in the thermosphere due to friction with the sparse air, creating shooting stars.

2. Which layer of the atmosphere is where satellites orbit?

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|----------------|-----------------|
| A) Troposphere | B) Stratosphere |
|----------------|-----------------|

C) Mesosphere

D) Exosphere

Answer: D**Solution:** Satellites orbit in the exosphere, where air resistance is minimal.

3. What happens to temperature as altitude increases in the troposphere?

A) It increases

B) It decreases

C) It remains constant

D) It fluctuates

Answer: B**Solution:** In the troposphere, temperature decreases with increasing altitude at an average rate of 6.5°C per km.

4. What is a key characteristic of the exosphere?

A) It has high air pressure.

B) It contains dense clouds.

C) It has very thin air with sparse particles.

D) It supports weather phenomena.

Answer: C**Solution:** The exosphere has very thin air and sparse particles, gradually merging with outer space.

5. What is the coldest layer of the atmosphere?

A) Troposphere

B) Stratosphere

C) Mesosphere

D) Thermosphere

Answer: C**Solution:** The mesosphere is the coldest layer of the atmosphere, with temperatures dropping to around -90°C .

ADVANCED LEVEL

More than One Answer Type

6. Which statements about the thermosphere are accurate?

A) It contains the ionosphere.

B) Temperature decreases significantly with altitude.

C) Auroras occur in this layer.

D) It extends to about 600 kilometers.

Answers: A, C, D**Solution:**

The thermosphere contains the ionosphere.

Auroras occur in the thermosphere due to charged particles colliding with gases.

It extends up to about 600 km above the Earth.

Option B is incorrect because temperature increases in the thermosphere with altitude.

7. Which of the following are true regarding the exosphere?

A) It is where satellites orbit the Earth.

B) It has very dense air.

C) It gradually fades into outer space.

D) It is the highest layer of the atmosphere.

Answers: A, C, D

Solution:

Satellites orbit in the exosphere.

The exosphere gradually fades into outer space.

It is the highest layer of the atmosphere.

Option B is incorrect because the exosphere has extremely thin air.

Fill In the Blanks

8. The _____ layer contains the ozone layer, which absorbs and scatters ultra-violet (UV) solar radiation.

Answer: Stratosphere

Solution: The stratosphere contains the **ozone layer**, which absorbs harmful UV radiation.

9. The _____ is the coldest layer of the atmosphere, where meteoroids burn up before reaching the Earth's surface.

Answer: Mesosphere

Solution: The mesosphere is the coldest layer where meteoroids burn up due to friction with the air.

Matching Type

10. Match each atmospheric layer with its importance.

Column A

Column B

1. Troposphere

A. Supports stable flying conditions for aircraft

2. Stratosphere

B. Contains satellites and the International Space Station

3. Thermosphere

C. Provides oxygen for breathing and weather formation

4. Exosphere

D. Essential for radio communications and GPS signals

Answers: 1 – C, 2 – A, 3 – D, 4 – B

Solution:

Troposphere: provides oxygen and weather formation

Stratosphere: supports stable flying conditions for aircraft

Thermosphere: essential for radio communication and GPS signals

Exosphere: contains satellites and the International Space Station

Answer the Following Questions

11. What significant process happens in the stratosphere that protects living organisms from solar radiation, and how does this process affect temperature in that layer?

Answer:

The ozone layer in the stratosphere absorbs and scatters harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation, protecting living organisms. This absorption of UV radiation warms the stratosphere, causing temperature to increase with altitude.

12. Why might commercial airplanes prefer to fly in the lower stratosphere rather than the troposphere?

Answer:

Commercial airplanes prefer to fly in the lower stratosphere because it offers stable air with minimal turbulence, improving fuel efficiency and passenger comfort.

LEARNERS TASK

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS (CUQ's)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary role of the atmosphere?

- A) To provide food for life
- B) To protect the Earth from solar radiation
- C) To create water bodies
- D) To generate energy

Answer: B

Solution: The atmosphere protects the Earth from harmful solar radiation, including UV rays, and also helps regulate temperature.

2. Which layer of the atmosphere contains the majority of the atmosphere's mass?

- A) Stratosphere
- B) Mesosphere
- C) Troposphere
- D) Thermosphere

Answer: C

Solution: The troposphere contains about 75% of the atmosphere's mass and is closest to the Earth's surface.

3. What significant feature is found in the stratosphere?

- A) Weather phenomena
- B) Ozone layer
- C) Auroras
- D) Satellites

Answer: B

Solution: The stratosphere contains the ozone layer, which absorbs and scatters ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

4. At which altitude does the mesosphere extend?

- A) Up to 50 kilometers
- B) Up to 85 kilometers
- C) Up to 600 kilometers
- D) Up to 10,000 kilometers

Answer: B

Solution: The mesosphere extends from about 50 km to 85 km above the Earth's surface.

5. Why is the thermosphere important for communication?

- A) It is where most weather occurs.
- B) It contains the ionosphere, which aids radio signals.
- C) It has the highest density of air particles.
- D) It absorbs UV radiation.

Answer: B

Solution: The thermosphere contains the ionosphere, which reflects and aids the transmission of radio signals.

ADVANCED LEVEL

More than One Answer Type

6. Which layers of the atmosphere are involved in protecting the Earth from harmful solar radiation?

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| A) Troposphere | B) Stratosphere |
| C) Mesosphere | D) Thermosphere |

Answers: B, D

Solution:

Stratosphere: contains the ozone layer, protecting from UV radiation.

Thermosphere: absorbs X-rays and high-energy radiation from the Sun.

7. What roles does the mesosphere play in the atmosphere?

- A) It burns up meteoroids.
- B) It is the warmest layer of the atmosphere.
- C) It is where bright trails of meteors occur.
- D) It supports weather phenomena.

Answers: A, C

Solution:

The mesosphere burns up meteoroids due to friction, preventing them from reaching Earth.

Meteors create bright trails as they burn in this layer.

Option B is incorrect; the mesosphere is actually the coldest layer.

Option D is incorrect; weather occurs mainly in the troposphere.

Fill In the Blanks

8. The atmosphere is the layer of gases surrounding the Earth, held in place by _____.

Answer: gravity

Solution: The atmosphere is held in place by Earth's gravitational pull.

9. The _____ is the layer where most weather occurs and contains about 75% of the atmosphere's mass.

Answer: troposphere

Solution: Most weather occurs in the troposphere, which contains the majority of the atmosphere's mass.

Matching Type

10. Match each atmospheric layer with its main characteristic.

Column A

- 1. Troposphere
- 2. Stratosphere
- 3. Mesosphere
- 4. Thermosphere

Column B

- A. Contains the ozone layer
- B. Burns up meteoroids
- C. Where most weather occurs
- D. Home to the auroras

Answers:

- 1 – C
- 2 – A
- 3 – B
- 4 – D

Solution:

Troposphere: where most weather occurs

Stratosphere: contains the ozone layer

Mesosphere: burns up meteoroids

Thermosphere: home to auroras

Answer the Following Questions

11. In which atmospheric layer does most weather occur, and why is this layer crucial for life on Earth?

Answer:

Most weather occurs in the troposphere. This layer is crucial for life because it contains air for breathing, water vapor for rain, and supports weather systems that maintain Earth's climate.

12. What happens to meteoroids as they enter the mesosphere, and why is this phenomenon important?

Answer:

As meteoroids enter the mesosphere, they burn up due to friction with air particles, creating bright meteor trails.