

**M O D E R N E A R T H S C I E N C E**

## Chapter 24

# Water in the Atmosphere

Read each statement below. If the statement is true, write *T* in the space provided. If the statement is false, write *F* in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Most evaporation takes place in regions around the equator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Cold air can hold more water vapor than warm air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The dew point temperature depends on the amount of water in the air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Air must be saturated before clouds can form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The lowest clouds in the sky are cirrus clouds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Fog does not require condensation nuclei in order to form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Hail forms when rain falls through a layer of freezing air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In tropical regions, rain is commonly the result of the process of coalescence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Silver-iodide vapor and powdered dry ice have been used to cause or increase precipitation artificially.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Rain gauges measure the precipitation that falls over a large region.

Choose the one best response. Write the letter of that choice in the space provided.

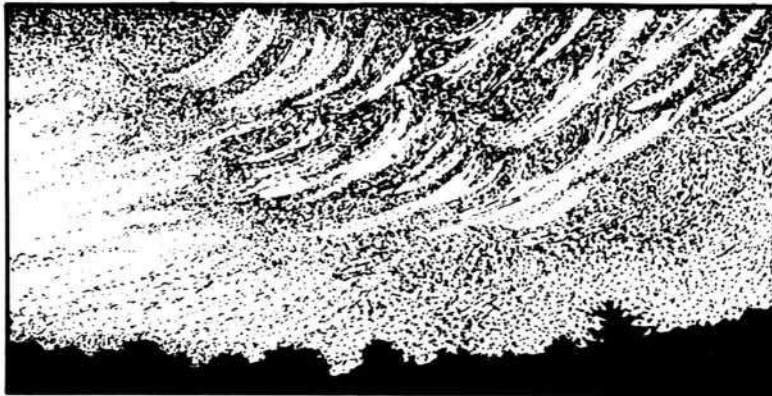
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Ice changes directly into water vapor by the process of:
  - a. evaporation.
  - b. sublimation.
  - c. condensation.
  - d. saturation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What is the relative humidity when there are 7 g/m<sup>3</sup> of water vapor in air with a saturation point of 14 g/m<sup>3</sup>?
  - a. 7%
  - b. 14%
  - c. 50%
  - d. 98%
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. What forms when the dew point is below 0°C?
  - a. dew
  - b. fog
  - c. frost
  - d. drizzle
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. As air rises and expands, it undergoes:
  - a. advective heating.
  - b. advective cooling.
  - c. convective heating.
  - d. convective cooling.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which type of fog usually forms over inland rivers and lakes?
- a. radiation      b. steam      c. upslope      d. advection
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The most common form of solid precipitation is:
- a. glaze ice.      b. hail.      c. sleet.      d. snow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Most of the water in supercooled clouds exists as:
- a. snowflakes.      b. water droplets.  
c. ice crystals.      d. water vapor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. A funnel and a cylindrical container could be used to measure the:
- a. amount of rainfall.      b. specific humidity.  
c. adiabatic temperature change.      d. dew point.

Use the diagram below to answer questions 19 and 20.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. What type of cloud is pictured in the diagram?
- a. cumulus      b. stratus      c. cirrus      d. nimbus
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. At what altitude would you expect to find this type of cloud?
- a. 1,000 m      b. 2,000 m      c. 4,000 m      d. 6,000 m

Complete each statement by writing the correct term or phrase in the space provided.

21. The heat released when water condenses and changes to liquid form is called

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22. The actual amount of water vapor per unit mass of air is expressed as specific

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23. When air contacts a cold surface, the air may cool to its dew point by the process of \_\_\_\_\_ .

24. Water vapor condenses on suspended particles called \_\_\_\_\_ .

25. Clouds produced by the rising and cooling of large bodies of air are called \_\_\_\_\_ .

26. Radiation fog is also called \_\_\_\_\_ .

27. Snowflakes vary in size depending on the air \_\_\_\_\_ .

28. The type of condensation nucleus that has a crystalline structure similar to ice is called \_\_\_\_\_ .

29. Droughts may eventually be ended using a rain-producing method called \_\_\_\_\_ .

30. Snow is measured by both the depth of accumulation and the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Read each statement and answer it in the space provided.**

31. Describe the differences in molecular motion found in ice, water, and water vapor.

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32. Describe how a psychrometer works.

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