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Some Questions for Fun – Question 1

From all we know now, what is the fastest possible speed in the Universe?

- A). 1 m/s
- B). speed of light (3.00x10⁸ m/s)
- C). There is no limit
- D). Approximately 10¹⁰⁰ m/s
- E). Scientists are not sure





What can we say about the force of gravity acting on an astronaut on the International Space Station?

A). It is about 10% weaker than the force of gravity on the surface of the Earth.

B). It is zero.

C). It is about 100 times weaker than the force of gravity on the Earth.

D). It is about 10 times stronger than on the surface of the Earth

E). Outside of the Earth's atmosphere it does not make sense to talk about gravity.





What is the best guess of the age of the Universe?

- A). 1000 years
- B). 3x10⁸ years
- C). 13.7 billion years
- D). 10⁵⁰⁰ years
- E). Scientists are not sure





What is the size of the smallest object we can "see" with an electron microscope? A). 1 m (approximate height of a 5th grader) B). 10⁻⁶ m (size of objects in a cell) C). 10⁻⁹ m (size of individual atoms) D). 10⁻¹⁴ m (size of atomic nuclei) E). 10⁻³⁵ m (theoretical size of fundamental strings)





What will happen to our Sun in about 5 billion years?

- A). Nothing, it will always be the same
- B). It will explode
- C). It will become a red giant
- D). It will become a red dwarf star
- E). It will turn into a black hole





What is acceleration?

- A). Rate of change of velocity
- B). Rate of change of position
- C). Rate of change of momentum
- D). Rate of change of force
- E). Rate of change of strings





How can you tell if something is accelerating (non zero acceleration)?

- A). Its position is changing
- B). Its mass is changing
- **C). Its velocity is changing**
- D). Its position is constant
- E). Its velocity is constant





What fraction of the Universe is made of stuff like us?

- A). 27%
- B). 54%
- C). Nearly 100%
- D). 1%
- E). 4%





How many forces are there in nature? A). 1 B). 2 C). 3 D). 4





How many quarks are in a proton? A). 0 B). 1 C). 2 D). 3 E). 4