Arch 463 ECS Fall 2018

Name

Midterm I

30 Multiple Choice Questions



- 1. Since 1901 the warming climate has most affected
 - A. northern polar regions
 - B. northern temperate regions
 - C. equatorial regions
 - D. all of the above equally
- 2. The Paris Agreement on mitigating climate change
 - A. was signed on to by 195 nations
 - B. excluded the US
 - C. requires reductions by 2020
 - D. all of the above
- 3. During a single site visit you can
 - A. determine prevailing wind direction
 - B. discover micro-climates
 - C. plot potential sun path obstructions
 - D. all of the above except A
- 4. The Climate Consultant is especially helpful in site analysis because
 - A. you can discover seasonal differences in wind flow and direction
 - B. it prioritizes effective passive strategies
 - C. you can determine which months are winter/heating months
 - D. all of the above

- 5. Stonehenge is an evocative example of
 - A. the only place you get "straight lines of light"
 - B. a discovery by Galileo in the 17th century
 - C. ancient understanding of the sun's path
 - D. an early sun dial

6. On a sunny day in the Moscow, ID, the north facade of buildings experience direct sun

- A. on the summer solstice
- B. all summer
- C. from spring equinox until fall equinox
- D. none of the above
- 7. A mechanically heated office that maintains a steady 72°F all winter
 - A. will make everybody comfortable all the time
 - B. acts as a stimulating thermal oasis
 - C. is more comfortable for men than for women
 - D. none of the above
- 8. To remain comfortable at cool temperatures a person must
 - A. gain heat from the environment
 - B. slowly lose heat to the environment
 - C. shiver
 - D. none of the above
- 9. Prevailing winds are caused by
 - A. air convection and the earth's rotation
 - B. nearby bodies of water
 - C. seasonal heat lag
 - D. all of the above
- 10. Which of the following can act as an environmental barrier?
 - A. a door
 - B. a window
 - C. a roof
 - D. all of the above
- 11. After a calm period at sunset a residence on the shore of Lake Michigan in Illinois can count on
 - A. a prevailing southwest wind
 - B. nighttime on-shore breezes
 - C. nighttime off-shore breezes
 - D. none of the above



- 12. An effective wind break in a valley could consist of
 - A. a row of coniferous trees
 - B. a swath of trees and shrubs
 - C. a low stone wall
 - D. all of the above
- 13. Sequim, WA, is a climatic anomaly because
 - A. it's in the wind shadow of the Olympic Mountains
 - B. it gets more rain than Seattle
 - C. it benefits from the "leak" in the Cascade Range
 - D. none of the above
- 14. The most vegetated quadrant of Steptoe Butte is
 - A. northwest
 - B. northeast
 - C. southeast
 - D. southwest

15. For performance modeling of a complex building project that is currently in the schematic design phase it would be wise to use

- A. TMY 2 weather data
- B. TMY 3 weather data
- C. morphed 2020 weather data
- D. morphed 2080 weather data



16.The energy use intensity (EUI) of a future building

- A. can be estimated by using SBEED or Sefaira
- B. indicates its compliance with Architecture 2030's guidelines
- C. determines if on-site PVs can meet its energy requirements
- D. all of the above

- 17. Seasonal balance point temperature calculations
 - A. give accurate EUI predictions
 - B. help understand the thermal needs of a building
 - C. indicate which passive strategies are most effective
 - D. all of the above
- 18. The value of energy modeling during the design process is that
 - A. accurate energy use will be predicted
 - B. design alternatives can be examined for impact
 - C. it assures code-compliance will be attained
 - D. all of the above
- 19. Local vernacular architecture is a viable precedence study because
 - A. vernacular architecture usually responds to local climate passively
 - B. the forms and materials of the vernacular can be applied directly
 - C. both of the above
 - D. none of the above



- 20. In temperate zones buildings may have to respond to elements of
 - A. hot arid climates
 - B. hot humid climates
 - C. cold climates
 - D. all of the above
- 21. South-facing windows are effective for passive heating in the northern hemisphere because
 - A. they gain more heat in winter than in summer
 - B. they are easily shaded in summer
 - C. other cardinal orientations gain more heat in summer than in winter
 - D. all of the above
- 22. The solar heating strategy that operates completely passively is
 - A. direct gain via glass and mass
 - B. indirect gain using aThrombe wall with thermo-circulation vents
 - C. isolated gain using a collector downhill from the building
 - D. all of the above

- 23. For effective passive cooling windows must be shaded because
 - A. they have low R-values
 - B. their solar gains per square foot are much higher than other building components
 - C. they are susceptible to infiltration gains
 - D. all of the above

24. An egg-crate external shading device can be designed to be effective on

- A. a western façade
- B. a southern façade
- C. an eastern façade
- D. all of the above

25. Silica aerogel improves the performance of double pane glazing

- A. by increasing daylight penetration
- B. by greatly increasing R-value
- C. by improving the color rendering of views
- D. all of the above
- 26. Low-E films can be found in
 - A. heat mirror glazing
 - B. ETFE glazing
 - C. super windows
 - D. all of the above

27. A composite wall with three materials with U-values of 1, 0.5, and 0.05 has an overall R-value of

- A. 1.55
- B. 0.645
- C. 23
- D. none of the above
- 28. Super insulation
 - A. is only effective in arctic climates
 - B. can be attained by straw bale construction
 - C. is now the standard code requirement
 - D. none of the above

29. Natural ventilation can be effective

- A. in both humid and arid climates
- B. at higher indoor temperatures than spaces with air-conditioning
- C. when coupled with air-to-air heat exchangers
- D. all of the above
- 30. Stack ventilation can be intensified by using
 - A. solar heated stacks
 - B. wind cowls
 - C. operable leeward clerestory windows
 - D. all of the above