Physical Science

Physical Science Study Guide

Semester 2

On a separate sheet of paper, define the following words.

- 1. Conduction
- 2. Convection
- 3. Fluid
- 4. Radiation
- 5. Insulator
- 6. Convection currents
- 7. Radiation energy
- 8. Radiator
- 9. Solar energy
- 10. Passive solar heat
- 11. Active solar heat
- 12. Solar collectors
- 13. Heat engines
- 14. Internal combustion engines
- 15. External combustion engines
- 16. Combustion
- 17. Stroke
- 18. Turbine
- 19. Heat mover
- 20. Heat pump
- 21. Evaporation
- 22. Machine
- 23. Simple machine
- 24. Effort force
- 25. Resistance force
- 26. Ideal machine
- 27. Mechanical advantage
- 28. Lever
- 29. Fulcrum
- 30. Effort arm
- 31. Resistance arm
- 32. Pulley

- 33. Wheel and axle
- 34. Inclined plane
- 35. Screw
- 36. Wedge
- 37. Compound machine
- 38. Efficiency
- 39. Power
- 40. Solid
- 41. Kinetic theory of matter
- 42. Crystals
- 43. Liquids
- 44. Plasma
- 45. Thermal expansion
- 46. Condensation
- 47. Pressure
- 48. Buoyancy

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions using complete sentences.

- 1. Where does conduction take place?
- 2. What conducts better?
- 3. What are some good heat conductors? What are some poor ones?
- 4. Where do convection fluid particles move? What do they carry with them?
- 5. When is radiant energy changed into thermal energy?
- 6. What reflects radiant energy and what absorbs it?
- 7. If you hold your hand near a light bulb what happens?
- 8. What methods are used to reduce the flow of heat?
- 9. What do good insulators do? What is a good insulator?
- 10. What is a commonly used type of insulator? Name two things it is used in.
- 11. What gas is frequently used in windows? Why?
- 12. Name and describe three methods of thermal energy transfer.
- 13. Why are poor conductors of heat good insulators of heat?
- 14. Why do many pots and pans have plastic or wooden handles?
- 15. What must all heating systems have? Give examples.
- 16. What is energy from the sun also known as?
- 17. What are the main differences between electrical, radiator and forced air heating systems?
- 18. Compare and contrast active and passive heating systems.
- 19. How many openings does a cylinder have?
- 20. What is an automobile engine called? Why is it called this?
- 21. Why is evaporation important to a person's internal body temperature?
- 22. Hoe do diesel and gasoline engines differ?
- 23. What are methods of heat transfer?

- 24. In what type of engine is fuel burned inside chambers called cylinders?
- 25. When are waste gases removed in a four stroke engine?
- 26. What material is a poor insulator of heat?
- 27. Name some examples of heat movers.
- 28. When is water not a fluid?
- 29. Heat can easily move through a good what?
- 30. In order for radiant energy to change to thermal energy, what must happen?
- 31. What changes thermal energy into mechanical energy?
- 32. What is a machine?
- 33. How many different simple machines are there?
- 34. How many different types of levers are there?
- 35. What is a wheel and axle? Give some example of it.
- 36. What is typical of an inclined plane, or wedge? Give examples of a wedge.
- 37. How can the IMA of an inclined plane be increased?
- 38. If the efficiency of a machine increases what else increases?
- 39. What is the IMA of a plane that is 8m long and 2m high?
- 40. In a wheel and axle, what is the resistance force usually exerted by?
- 41. What is the ideal mechanical advantage (IMA) of a pulley system in which 5 ropes support an object?
- 42. What is the mechanical advantage of a machine?
- 43. In an ideal machine, the work input is what to the work output?
- 44. How much does a single fixed pulley have to move in order to raise a resistance 4m?
- 45. How many types of simple machines are there?
- 46. What are the four states of matter?
- 47. Compare the characteristics of solids and liquids.
- 48. What does the amount of buoyant force determine?
- 49. What does the material's heat of fusion give the amount of energy needed to do?
- 50. What happens to a solid as it is heated?
- 51. What is the primary state of matter in the sun and other stars?
- 52. In what state do particles completely separate from each other?
- 53. What is Pascal's principle the basis of?
- 54. How is pressure mostly measured in?
- 55. What is the most common state of matter?
- 56. What state of matter has a definite volume and a definite shape?
- 57. At what temperature would all particle motion of matter stop?