

Do the following problems and be prepared to discuss them in class.

1. Explain briefly (1 sentence each) why:

- a) small objects are less likely to have atmospheres than large objects;
- b) objects near the Sun are less likely to have atmospheres than more distant objects;
- c) Saturn receives  $\sim 1\%$  as much sunlight per square meter as does Earth;
- d) smooth surfaces are likely to be younger than heavily cratered surfaces;
- e) the water in oceans under the icy crusts of our Solar System moons is likely to contain salts and other impurities.

2. Find the best match between object and description:

Table 1. Solar System matching

Object		Description
01	Pluto	_____ boring blue weather
02	Io	_____ approximate plane of the Solar System
03	Enceladus	_____ rotates retrograde
04	Ceres	_____ planet discovered using math and physics
05	Eris	_____ lakes of liquid methane
06	Uranus	_____ binary system with center of mass outside the larger object
07	Rosetta	_____ Saturnian moon with tiger stripes and water geysers
08	Titan	_____ asteroid belt dwarf planet
09	Venus	_____ icy Trans-Neptunian object about the size of Pluto
10	Ecliptic	_____ rover that's been on Mars $\sim 14$ years
11	Opportunity	_____ orbits Neptune retrograde
12	Triton	_____ many volcanoes
13	Olympus Mons	_____ Jovian moon with a larger diameter than Mercury
14	Neptune	_____ spacecraft that orbited 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
15	Ganymede	_____ largest volcano in the Solar System

- 3.** The albedo of Iapetus is  $\sim 60\%$ ; about 60% of the incident light is reflected back into space. What would you expect to be the temperature of the sunlit side of Iapetus?
- 4.** The Galileo spacecraft orbited Jupiter over 1995–2003. It required about 500 W of power to operate the instruments and on-board systems.
- a)** How large a solar panel would be needed (in  $\text{m}^2$ ) to generate this amount of power at Jupiter, assuming 100% of the solar flux could be converted into electricity?
- b)** Calculate the panel's temperature (in K) if the panel acted as a blackbody and was in thermal equilibrium with the solar radiation.