

Convection and heat transfer in the atmosphere

Questions

1 In paragraph 1 the writer *implies* that:

- A – a dry atmosphere is stable against convection.
- B – a dry atmosphere is uninteresting.
- C – the dry-air lapse rate is 9.8oC per 1000 m.
- D – upward movement of air is due to buoyancy forces.

2 According to the writer what effects can be seen in figure 1.

- A – The dew point level.
- B – Upward convection.
- C – Evaporation at high levels.
- D – The release of latent heat.

3 What property of low level cumulus clouds does the writer say is due to convection cells.

- A – the clouds look like sheep.
- B – many clouds form at the same height.
- C – the clouds are white and fluffy.
- D – the clouds are not randomly spaced.

4 What effect does the writer say is illustrated by the stereo pair (figure 3).

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5 From what the writer says about pyro-cumulus clouds and from the illustrations (figures 4 and 5) we can conclude that pyro-cumulus clouds:

- A – only appear one at a time (never in groups).
- B – never lead to thunderstorms.
- C – are always associated with smoke.
- D – never become anvil clouds.

6 According to the writer anvil clouds form:

- A – always in the afternoon.
- B – only in tropical countries.
- C – when upward convection ceases.
- D – spread in only one layer.

7 The writer explains the high number of images of mammatus clouds on the web by saying:

- A – they are often photographed.
- B – they occur at sunset.
- C – they are common in the tropics.
- D – they are spectacular.

8 The writer identifies the clouds in figure 11 as being cirrocumulus because:

- A – they are mammatus clouds.
- B – they are above the ice trail.
- C – they formed the late afternoon.
- D – they are at high altitude.

9 The writer identifies the cloud formation in figure 12 as being rare because:

A – it looks like ink falling in warm water.

B – it is a cirrus cloud formation.

C – it is a very unusual formation.

D – it involves downward convection.

10 The writer recommends the linked article for further reading because:

A – it describes the different lapse rates.

B – it describes the changes in lapse rates with altitude.

C – it describes adiabatic cooling.

D – it is written in simple terms.