

Review for ASTR/ATOC 3720 Quiz #2

The Quiz (similar to Quiz #1 in format and style):

- Covers material from class, readings, and homeworks (helps to know old stuff)
- Will consist of calculations, short answers and some T/F
- No notes or books will be allowed
- I will give you constants and equations, but you'll have to figure out which ones to use, which ones are which, and what to plug into them!
- Calculators are allowed, but if I see that you've got notes stored in a handheld, I'll take it away and make you use my RPN calculator
- Bring a pen or pencil and your brain

New Topics Covered This Section:

- **Venus in the present:**
 - Basic properties of the planet and its surface
 - Atmospheric composition, temperature, etc.
 - Cloud layer
 - Surface motion of atmosphere
 - Superrotation of atmosphere at cloudtops
 - Greenhouse effect
- **Venus in the past:**
 - Runaway greenhouse effect
 - Role of water on Earth and Venus
 - Generic sources of atmospheric gases: planetary nebula, release during accretion, outgassing, later arrival via icy bodies, sublimation from surface, sputtering/micrometeorite impacts
 - Generic sinks of atmospheric gases: Thermal (Jean's) escape, hydrodynamic escape, non-thermal heating, sputtering/impact erosion, solar wind pickup, transport to other reservoirs
 - Maxwellian distributions, most probable speed, escape speed
 - Limiting rates
 - Saturation vapor pressure vs temp curves
 - D/H ratios and what they mean for water on Venus
- **Some Earth topics:**
 - Everything you know about Earth from the first part of the course
 - Chinooks, lee-waves, upslopes
 - Role of water in the present Earth atmosphere
 - Role of water in the early days of Earth's atmosphere
- **Mars in the present:**
 - Basic properties of the planet and its surface
 - Atmospheric composition, temperature, etc.
 - Martian polar caps, composition and cycles
 - Water cycle on Mars
 - CO₂ cycle on Mars and surface pressure changes
 - Seasons and the orbit of Mars
 - Dust storms on Mars

- **Mars in the past:**
 - Evidence for ancient climate change
 - Evidence for recent climate change
 - Timeline of Mars history
 - Where's the water? Where's the CO₂?

Reading done this section:

- The New Solar System: Chapters 8, 9, 11, **13 (most important)**

Equations (mostly old with a couple of new ones):

- Stefan-Boltzmann Law: $Power = Area \cdot \sigma \cdot T^4$
- Equilibrium or Effective Temperature: $T_e = \left(\frac{S_0 \cdot (1 - \tau_p)}{D^2 \cdot 4 \cdot \sigma} \right)^{1/4}$
- Ideal Gas Law: $p = nkT$
- Hydrostatic Equilibrium: $dp = -g \cdot n \cdot m \cdot dz$
- Barometric Equation: $p = p_{ref} \cdot e^{-\frac{z - z_{ref}}{H}}$, or $n = n_{ref} \cdot e^{-\frac{z - z_{ref}}{H}}$
- Scale Height: $H = \frac{k \cdot T}{m \cdot g}$
- Adiabatic Lapse Rate: $\frac{dT}{dz} = -\frac{g}{c_p}$
- Lambert-Beer Law: $I = I_0 \cdot e^{-\tau}$
- Optical Depth: $\tau = \int_s \kappa \cdot n \cdot ds$
- Wien's Law: $\lambda_{max} = \frac{2.9 \cdot 10^6 \text{ nm} \cdot \text{K}}{T}$
- Slab or Two-Stream Approximation: $T_g^4 = (1 + \tau) \cdot T_e^4$
- Column Density: $N = \int_s n \cdot ds$
- Most Probable Speed (peak of Maxwellian): $v_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot k \cdot T}{m}}$
- Gravitational Escape Speed: $v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot G \cdot M}{r}}$