

Igneous Rock Study Guide

Modified True/False

Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false. If false, change the identified word or phrase to make the sentence or statement true.

- _____ 1. Magma is a slushy mix of molten rock, gases, and mineral crystals. _____
- _____ 2. Porphyritic textures indicate that magma has cooled very slowly throughout crystallization.

- _____ 3. Sandstone, with abundant quartz and orthoclase feldspar, is among the most durable of igneous rocks. _____
- _____ 4. Valuable ore deposits are often associated with igneous extrusions. _____
- _____ 5. Different minerals melt and crystallize at different temperatures. _____
- _____ 6. Igneous rocks can be identified by their physical properties of crystal size and texture.

- _____ 7. Igneous rocks are rarely used as building materials because of their strength, durability, and beauty.

- _____ 8. Diamonds are sometimes found in igneous intrusions known as kimberlites.

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 9. As the water content of rock increases, the melting point _____.
a. first increases, then decreases c. decreases
b. remains the same d. increases
- _____ 10. A model that illustrates the predictable patterns of mineral formation from cooling magma is _____.
a. Bowen's reaction series c. layered intrusion formation
b. crystal separation d. mineral composition
- _____ 11. Intrusive igneous rocks form _____.
a. fine-grained rocks
b. when a molten mass of rocks cools quickly
c. on Earth's surface
d. coarse-grained rocks
- _____ 12. Rocks are formed when magma _____.
a. erodes c. crystallizes
b. undergoes radioactive decay d. weathers
- _____ 13. Igneous rocks that cool slowly beneath Earth's crust are _____.
a. extrusive c. sedimentary
b. intrusive d. always magnetic

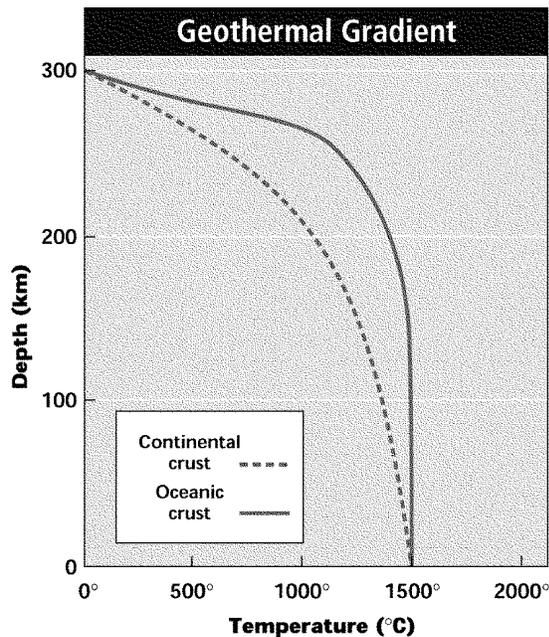
Match each item with the correct statement below.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a. Extrusive rock | g. Porphyritic texture |
| b. Intrusive rock | h. Layered intrusion |
| c. Felsic rock | i. Pegmatite |
| d. Intermediate rock | j. Kimberlite |
| e. Mafic rock | k. Zoned crystal |
| f. Ultramafic rock | |

- ___ 31. Dark color with low silica content; high iron/magnesium content
- ___ 32. Vein of extremely large-grained minerals
- ___ 33. Sodium-rich outer layers, calcium-rich core
- ___ 34. Coarse-grained
- ___ 35. Composed of distinct bands of minerals
- ___ 36. Fine-grained, glassy
- ___ 37. Long pipelike intrusion; may contain diamonds
- ___ 38. Light color with high silica content
- ___ 39. Large and small crystals in same rock
- ___ 40. Very dark color with very high levels of iron/magnesium
- ___ 41. Medium color with moderate silica content

Short Answer

- 42. How does the geothermal gradient of continental crust differ from that of oceanic crust?



- 43. What causes the difference in grain size between intrusive igneous rocks and extrusive igneous rocks?

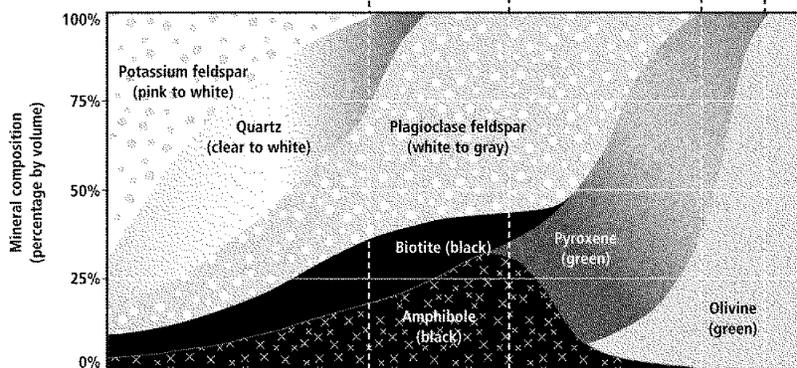
44. How is partial melting related to fractional crystallization?
45. A group of igneous rocks are found. The rocks all have very low silica contents. Based on this characteristic alone, to what group of igneous rocks do these rocks likely belong?

Compare and contrast each pair of related terms or phrases.

46. intrusive igneous rock, extrusive igneous rock
47. magma, lava
48. felsic, mafic
49. Which rock type or feature forms when rapid cooling of magma does not allow its calcium-rich core to react completely with the magma?
50. Which rock type or feature forms when crystallization begins slowly and then becomes rapid?
51. Which rock type or feature may be formed when magma is forced rapidly upward, creating pipelike intrusions?
52. In general, do intrusive rocks crystallize more rapidly or less rapidly than do extrusive rocks?
53. What is partial melting? Explain how partial melting affects igneous rock formation.
54. What is fractional crystallization? Does it add or remove elements from magma? Explain your answer.
55. What relationship does Bowen's reaction series illustrate? What crystallization patterns did Bowen discover in feldspars and iron-rich minerals?
56. What are the three main groups of igneous rocks? What are the characteristics of each group?
57. Why would crystals formed early in magma crystallization have larger, better-shaped crystals than those that formed later?
58. What is porphyritic texture? What sequence of events produces porphyritic texture in rocks?

The diagram shows the proportions of minerals in common igneous rocks. Use the diagram to answer the following questions.

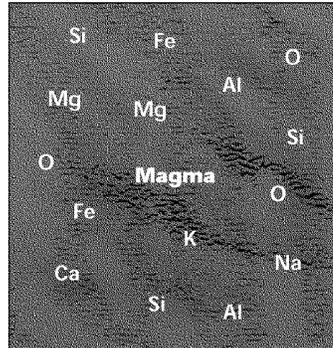
| | Felsic | Intermediate | Mafic | Ultramafic | Texture |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Extrusive | Obsidian | | Basaltic glass | | Glassy (non-crystalline) |
| | Rhyolite | Andesite | Basalt | | Fine-grained |
| | Granite | Diorite | Gabbro | Peridotite | Coarse-grained |
| Intrusive | Pegmatite | | | Dunite | Very coarse-grained |



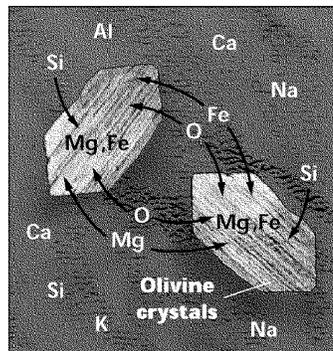
59. What four groups of igneous rocks are shown in the diagram?
60. Which rocks are lighter in color—those on the left side of the diagram or those on the right?
61. What categories of rock grain are shown on the diagram?
62. How are silica content and color related in this diagram?
63. Do the groups of igneous rocks shown in the diagram exhibit an abrupt change from one group to another or a continuous change from one rock type to the next? Explain your answer.
64. Rock Sample A is coarse-grained, 90 percent olivine, and 10 percent pyroxene. What is the name of the rock? What group is it in?
65. Is rock Sample A dark or light in color?
66. Rock Sample B is coarse-grained, 25 percent quartz, 65 percent feldspar, and 10 percent unidentified minerals. What is the name of the rock? What group is it in?
67. If a rock sample with the same mineral content as Sample B was fine-grained instead of coarse-grained, what would its name be?
68. Do calcium-rich feldspars occur in felsic rocks or in mafic rocks?
69. What is the primary mineral component of felsic rocks? Ultramafic rocks?

Problem

70. According to the diagram below, what elements are removed from this particular magma during fractional crystallization? What effect does this have on the overall proportions of the remaining elements—Al, Ca, Si, O, Na, and K—in the magma?



Molten Magma



Fractional Crystallization

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MODIFIED TRUE/FALSE

1. T
2. F, slowly, then quickly
3. F, Granite
4. F, intrusions
5. T
6. T
7. F, often
8. T

MULTIPLE CHOICE

9. C
10. A
11. D
12. C
13. B
14. A
15. B
16. A
17. D

COMPLETION

18. igneous rock
19. Bowen's reaction series
20. ultramafic
21. porphyritic
22. pegmatite
23. kimberlite

MATCHING

24. C
25. A
26. D
27. G
28. F
29. E

30. B
31. F
32. D
33. H
34. K
35. A
36. J
37. I
38. E
39. B
40. G
41. C

SHORT ANSWER

42. At depths up to about 300 km, the geothermal gradient is hotter in the oceanic crust than in the continental crust.
43. When rocks cool slowly, as do intrusive igneous rocks, they have time to form large crystals, unlike rocks that cool quickly, which tend to form small crystals.
44. Partial melting and fractional crystallization are similar processes in that the composition of magma may change with either. During fractional crystallization, however, the changes occur because as each group of minerals crystallizes, it removes elements from the remaining magma instead of adding new elements as occurs in partial melting.
45. The rocks are either mafic or ultramafic igneous rocks, depending on how high the levels of iron and magnesium are.
46. Both describe the formation of igneous rock. Fine-grained rocks that cool quickly on Earth's surface are extrusive igneous rocks. Coarse-grained igneous rocks that cool slowly beneath Earth's surface are intrusive igneous rocks.
47. Both are molten rock. Magma is molten rock below Earth's surface, while lava is magma that flows out onto Earth's surface.
48. Both are groups of igneous rocks. Felsic rocks are light-colored, have high silica content, and contain quartz and feldspars. Mafic rocks are darker-colored, have low silica content, and high iron and magnesium content.
49. a zoned crystal
50. porphyritic texture
51. kimberlite
52. less rapidly
53. Partial melting describes how different minerals melt at different temperatures. The resulting magma and the rocks that form when the magma cools have a different chemical composition than that of the original rock.
54. Fractional crystallization describes how different minerals form at different temperatures. It removes elements because as the minerals crystallize, they are no longer part of the magma.

55. The relationship shown is between cooling magma and mineral formation. Minerals crystallize from magma in a sequential pattern, with feldspar minerals undergoing a continuous, gradual change of mineral composition, and iron-rich minerals undergoing an abrupt change.
56. Igneous rocks are classified as felsic, mafic, and intermediate. Felsic rocks are light-colored, have high silica content, and contain quartz and feldspars. Mafic rocks are dark-colored, have low silica content, and are rich in iron and magnesium. Intermediate rocks lie between felsic and mafic rocks in silica and iron content.
57. Early-forming, slower-cooling minerals may have time to form larger, well-shaped crystals because crystallization occurs in an unconfined space, while later-forming, quick-cooling crystals have irregular shapes because they form in a confined space and lack time to form.
58. A rock with porphyritic texture contains both large and small crystals. A porphyritic texture indicates a complex cooling history in which a slowly cooling magma begins to cool rapidly, forming smaller crystals.
59. felsic, intermediate, mafic, ultramafic
60. The rocks on the left side are lighter in color.
61. coarse-grained, fine-grained, and very coarse-grained
62. Rocks with high silica content are light, while rocks with low silica content are dark.
63. There is a continuous change as proportions of the minerals that make up the rock groups change gradually from one to the next.
64. It is peridotite. It is categorized as ultramafic.
65. It is dark.
66. It is granite. It is categorized as felsic.
67. rhyolite
68. in mafic rocks
69. feldspar; olivine

PROBLEM

70. Mg and Fe are removed and crystallized. This increases the overall proportion of all other elements in the magma.