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## Intro Astro Lab Prep Quiz: Lab 9: Double Stars

**Instructions:** There are 10 multiple-choice problems each worth 10 marks for a total of 100 marks altogether. Choose the **BEST** answer, completion, etc., and **DARKEN** fully the appropriate circle on the table provided below. Read all responses carefully. **NOTE** long detailed responses won't depend on hidden keywords: keywords in such responses are bold-faced capitalized.

This is a 10 minute quiz.

### Answer Table for the Multiple-Choice Questions

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1. "Let's play *Jeopardy!* For \$100, the answer is: Two stars that appear very close on the sky to an observer. Usually the observer is using a telescope."

What is a \_\_\_\_\_, Alex?

- a) double star    b) visual binary    c) spectroscopic binary    d) close binary  
e) double star

2. A double star that is gravitationally bound is a:

- a) single star.    b) bound pair.    c) gravitational pair.    d) binary.    e) triple.

3. Visual binaries, spectroscopic binaries, wide binaries, close binaries are, respectively:

- a) detected by eye only, spectrumless, transferring light, affectionate.  
b) detected by spectroscopy, detected by imaging, always transferring mass, gravitationally interacting only.  
c) detected by imaging, detected by spectroscopy, always transferring mass, gravitationally interacting only.  
d) detected by spectroscopy, detected by imaging, gravitationally interacting only, sometimes transferring mass.  
e) detected by imaging, detected by spectroscopy, gravitationally interacting only, sometimes transferring mass.

4. In one meaning the term angular resolution is the ability to tell two objects apart in a optical imaging device. However, a precise meaning for the angular resolution for optical imaging device with a circular

aperture is the angle

$$\theta_R \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = 1.219669891 \dots \text{ radians} \times \frac{\lambda}{D} \\ \approx 1.220 \text{ radians} \times \frac{\lambda}{D} \\ \approx 25.16'' \times \frac{\lambda_{\mu\text{m}}}{D_{\text{cm}}} \\ \approx 9.905'' \times \frac{\lambda_{\mu\text{m}}}{D_{\text{in}}} \\ \approx 4.952'' \times \frac{(\lambda_{\mu\text{m}}/0.5 \mu\text{m})}{D_{\text{in}}} , \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\lambda$  is wavelength,  $D$  is the diameter of the aperture,  $\lambda_{\mu\text{m}}$  is wavelength in microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ),  $D_{\text{cm}}$  is the diameter of the aperture in centimeters, and  $D_{\text{in}}$  is the diameter of the aperture in inches. If two point sources at optical infinity are farther apart in angle than about  $\theta_R$ , they can usually be resolved. If they are closer than about  $\theta_R$ , then in practice they often cannot be resolved. If you have very high quality observations, you might be able to resolve them if they are somewhat closer than  $\theta_R$ . The angle  $\theta_R$  is set by the diffraction of light. The angle  $\theta_R$  is called the \_\_\_\_\_ criterion.

a) Kelvin.    b) Raleigh    c) Rayleigh    d) Born    e) Newton-John

5. The word formulation of \_\_\_\_\_ is period squared is proportional semi-major axis cubed.

a) Newton's 2nd law    b) Rayleigh's 3rd law    c) Rayleigh's criterion    d) Kepler's 3rd law  
e) Newton's 3rd law

6. Kepler's 3rd law (which applies to gravitationally bound two-body systems) in modern equation formulation is

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2}{G(M+m)}} \times a^{3/2} ,$$

where  $P$  is orbital period,  $G$  is the gravitational constant,  $M$  is the mass of the more massive body,  $m$  is the mass of the less massive body, and  $a$  is the semi-major axis of the relative elliptical orbit. If  $m \ll M$ , the formula can be approximated to good accuracy by replacing  $(M+m)$  by

a)  $M$ .    b)  $m$ .    c)  $M/m$ .    d)  $m/M$ .    e)  $\sqrt{Mm}$ .