

1. (4 points) According to the standard model, which of the following is *not* an elementary particle?

- (a) **antineutron**
- (b) neutrino
- (c) antiquark
- (d) photon
- (e) electron

2. (4 points) Give the fundamental force each one of the following particles mediates:

- γ (photon): electromagnetism
- g (gluon) : strong nuclear force
- W^\pm and Z^0 : weak nuclear force

3. (4 points) According to string theory,

- (a) Gravity is a non-quantum force
- (b) Time travel into the past is possible
- (c) Wormholes cannot exist
- (d) The quantum aether is coagulated with multiple entanglements
- (e) **Fundamental particles are not mathematical points**

4. (4 points) Approximately how many exoplanets have we discovered so far?

(a) 3×10^{-6}

(b) 3×10^{-3}

(c) 3

(d) 3×10^3

(e) 3×10^6

5. (4 points) Neil DeGrasse Tyson closes his book with reflections on a “cosmic perspective.” How does learning more about how the universe works change your perspective? (I’m not looking for a correct answer, but some intelligent reflection.)

Answer: Answers will differ. You might be convinced by Tyson, or not—but you should have an argument backing up your position in either case.