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92046 Demonstrate understanding of the effect on the Earth of interactions between the Sun and the Earth-Moon system

Credits: Five

RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for Physics, Earth and Space Science 92046.

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PART ONE: CHANGES IN SHADOW LENGTH IN A DAY

Figure 1: Daily path of the Sun

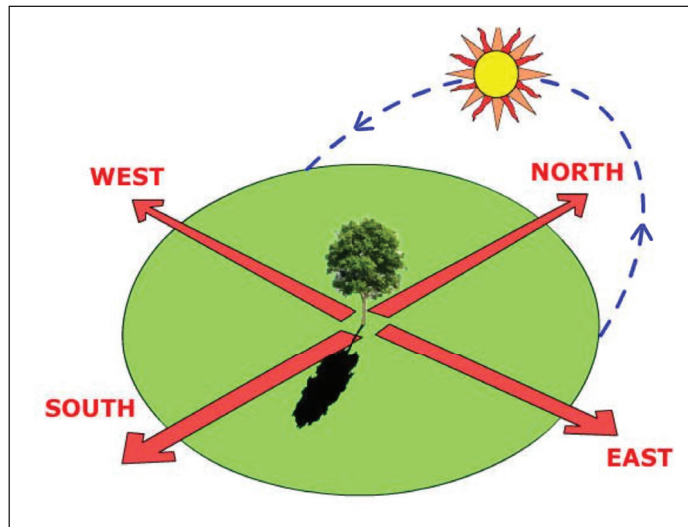


Figure 2: Changing direction of a shadow during a winter day

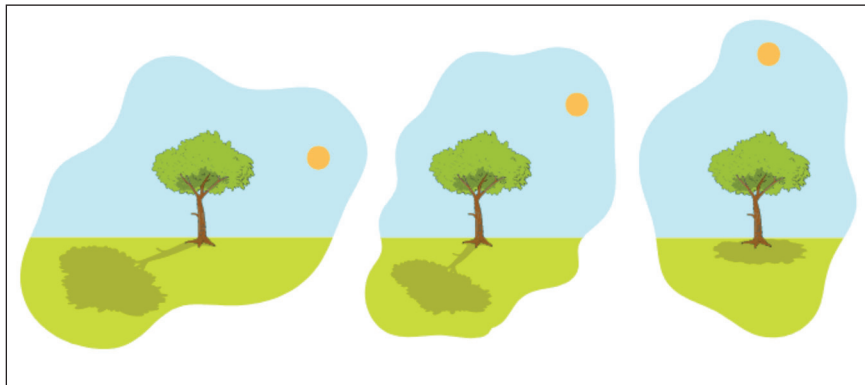


Table 1: Length of shadow for a 20 m tōtara tree during a winter day

| Time | Length of shadow (m) |
|--------|----------------------|
| 6 a.m. | no shadow |
| 9 a.m. | 80 |
| Midday | 36 |
| 3 p.m. | 80 |
| 6 p.m. | no shadow |

Table 2: Length of shadow for a 20 m tōtara tree on the same winter day in two different locations

| Location | Length of shadow (m) |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Auckland | 36 |
| Invercargill | 55 |

PART TWO: SEASONAL CHANGES BETWEEN CHRISTCHURCH AND SCOTT BASE

Figure 1: Earth's orbit around the Sun

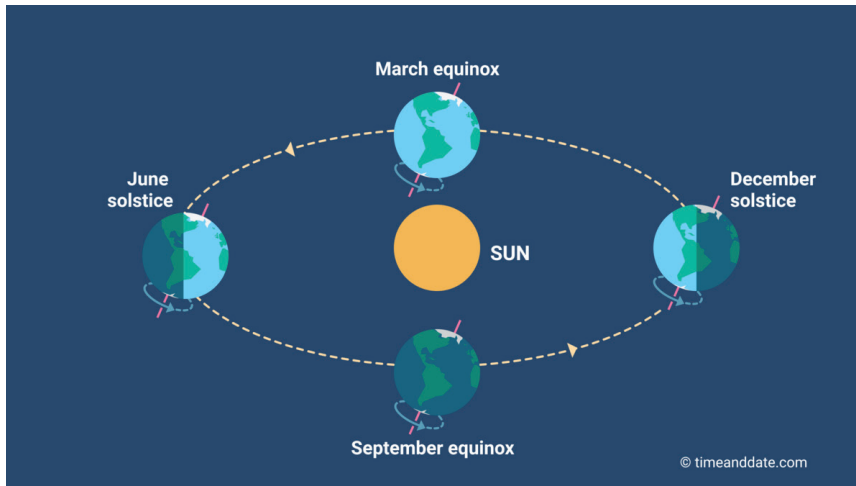


Figure 2: Changing height of the Sun's path during different times of the year

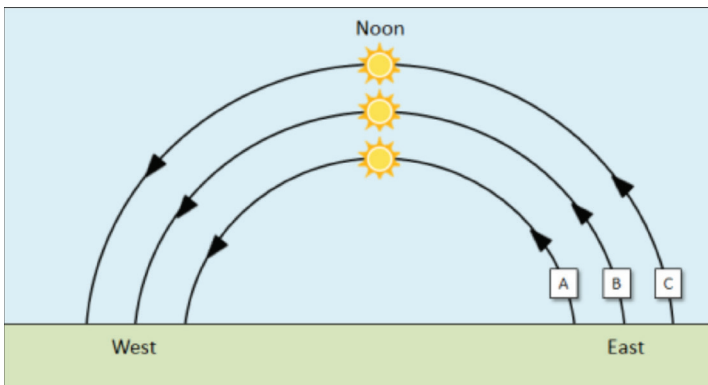


Figure 3: Map showing Christchurch and Scott Base

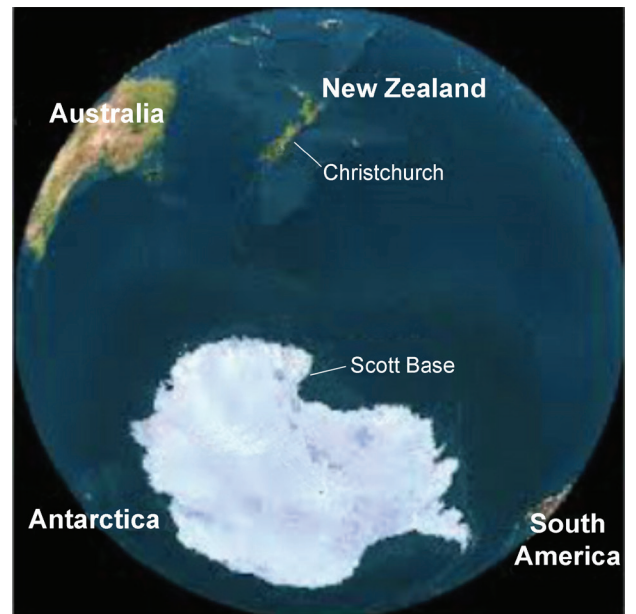


Table 1: Day length times for Christchurch and Scott Base at different times of the year

| | Christchurch, New Zealand | Scott Base |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Equinox | 12 hours | 12 hours |
| Summer Solstice | 15 hours 25 mins | 24 hours |
| Winter Solstice | 8 hours 56 mins | 0 hours |

PART THREE: ECLIPSES

Figure 1: Solar and lunar eclipses

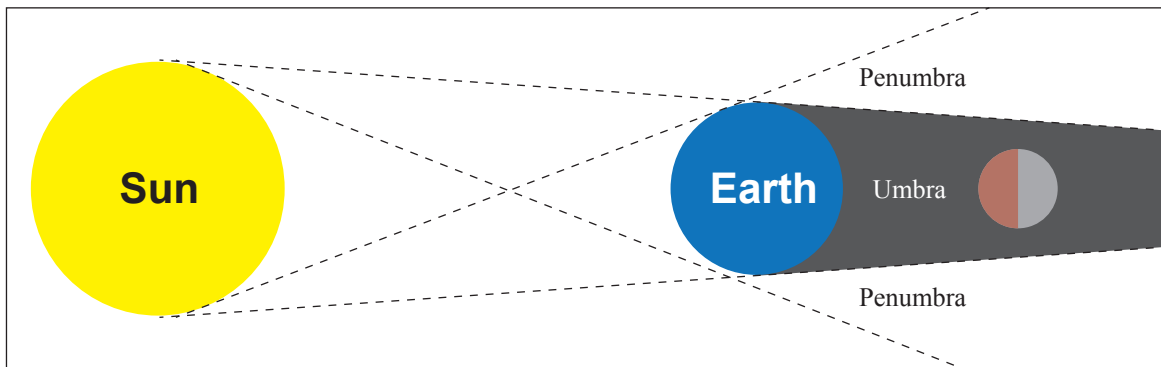
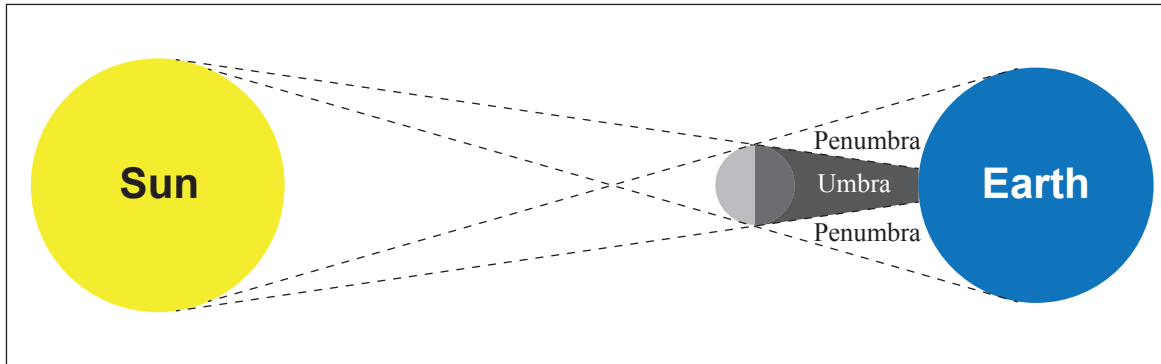
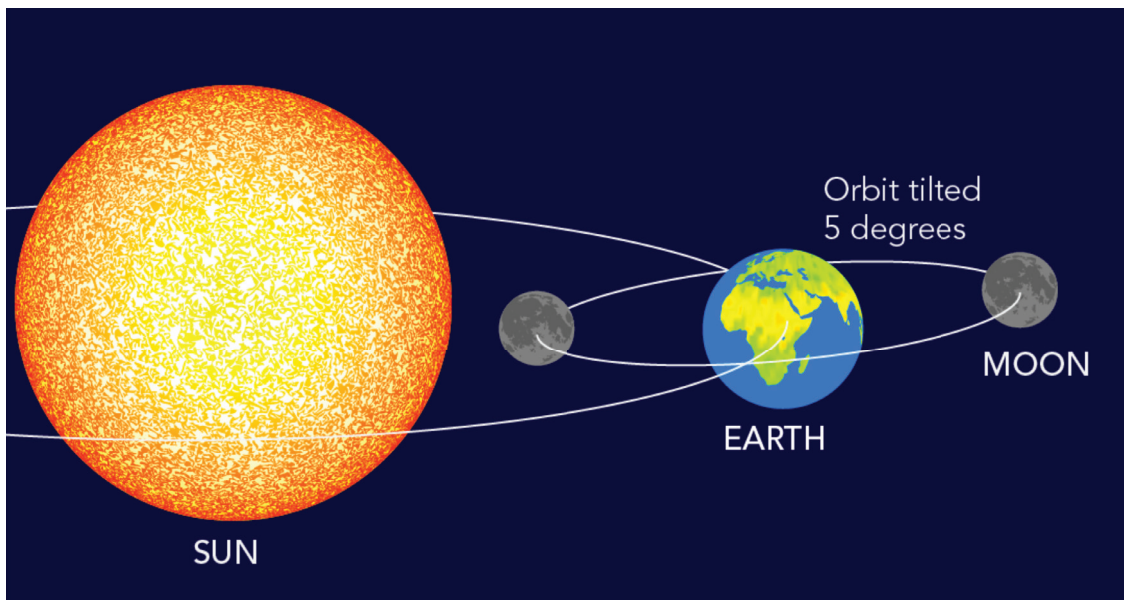


Table 1: Duration of solar and lunar eclipses

| Type of eclipse | Total duration |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Total solar eclipse | 4 minutes |
| Total lunar eclipse | 3 hours |

Figure 2: Orbit of the Moon around the Earth, and the Earth around the Sun



REFERENCES

Part One

Figure 1: Adapted from: www.researchgate.net/publication/332878349_Design_of_Knowledge_Base_for_Efficient_Solar_Tracking/figures?lo=1

Figure 2: Adapted from: www.quora.com/What-s-the-science-behind-shadow-color-For-example-why-does-the-back-of-my-shadow-have-a-blue-glow-and-the-front-a-yellow-glow-when-I-go-on-a-walk-outside

Part Two

Figure 1: Source: www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/seasons-causes.html

Figure 2: Source: <https://blog.metservice.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Sun-path2.png>

Figure 3: Adapted from: <https://huey.colorado.edu/77DegreesSouth/maps.html>

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Figure 2: Source: <https://letstalkscience.ca/educational-resources/backgrounders/earth-moon-system/>

