

Cosmology.

1. When we study astronomical objects, we are studying events that happened in the past because
 - a) It takes time to analyse the data
 - b) The speed of light is finite
 - c) The universe is very old
 - d) Our telescopes are not yet large enough

2. Which of the following observations about the nature of the universe could you make with a pair of binoculars?
 - a) The universe is expanding
 - b) Most of the matter in the universe does not emit light
 - c) Luminous matter in the universe occurs in clumps rather than being evenly distributed
 - d) There is background radiation in all directions from the Big Bang

3. The cosmological principle that the universe is homogeneous and isotropic means that wherever we look in space we expect to see that
 - a) The universe does not change with time
 - b) Galaxies are all moving away from the same point
 - c) Space looks approximately the same in all directions
 - d) Every region of space is unique

4. The cosmic microwave background is strong evidence that
 - a) Star formation has been taking place for billions of years
 - b) The universe evolved from a hot dense state
 - c) Colliding galaxies release lots of synchrotron radiation
 - d) At 3K, the early universe was very cool

5. If the universe only contains matter and its density is greater than the critical density
 - a) The universe is open and will expand forever
 - b) The universe is closed and will expand forever
 - c) The universe is closed and will eventually collapse again
 - d) The Big Bang can not be correct