The Properties of Stars.

- 1. Atoms of different elements have a unique spectral signature of emission lines because each element
 - a) has a unique number of neutrons
 - b) has a unique set of photons
 - c) has a different temperature
 - d) has a unique set of electron orbits
- 2. A star emits light like a blackbody. If a star doubles its temperature, what happens to the wavelength at which it emits most of its energy?
 - a) it doubles
 - b) it halves
 - c) it stays the same
 - d) it quadruples
- 3. A star is moving away from the Earth at 200 km/s. The H α Balmer line (which occurs at rest at 656.3 nm) would be observed at
 - a) less than 656.3 nm
 - b) more than 656.3 nm
 - c) 656.3 nm (i.e. its rest wavelength)
 - d) there is insufficient information to know

- 4. A star's absolute magnitude depends on only
 - a) distance and diameter
 - b) temperature and distance
 - c) distance
 - d) temperature and diameter
- 5. The most important feature of binary systems is that they enable us to determine stellar
 - a) temperatures
 - b) masses
 - c) chemical compositions
 - d) pressures
- 6. If 2 stars are at the same distance and have the same radius, but one is twice as hot as the other, the hotter star is
 - a) 4 times brighter than the cooler star
 - b) 4 times fainter than the cooler star
 - c) 16 times brighter than the cooler star
 - d) 16 times fainter than the cooler star