Video 20 on Asteroids by Crash Course

- 1. In the diagram of the solar system, where is the big gap that bugged astronomers?
 - a. between Mars and Jupiter
 - b. between Jupiter and Saturn
 - c. between Saturn and Uranus
 - d. between Uranus and Neptune
- 2. Giuseppe Piazzi's discovery, the first known asteroid, was named _____
 - a. Ceres
 - b. Vesta
 - c. Lutetia
 - d. Gaspra
- 3. The word 'asteroid' literally means _____
 - a. little dot
 - b. star-like
 - c. tiny point
 - d. brilliant one
- 4. How many asteroids have been discovered to date?
 - a. 450
 - b. thousands
 - c. tens of thousands
 - d. hundreds of thousands
- 5. In our solar system, there are probably over a million asteroids larger than _____
 - a. 1 km in size
 - b. 10 km in size
 - c. 100 km in size
 - d. 500 km in size
- 6. What percentage of asteroids are carbonaceous, which means they have lots of carbon in them?
 - a. 35%
 - b. 55%
 - c. 75%
 - d. 95%

- 7. One sixth of the asteroids are silicon-based rock, and are called _____.
 - a. silicaceous
 - b. stoney
 - c. metalloids
 - d. SA Type
- 8. So many asteroids orbit the sun between Mars and Jupiter that this region is now called _____
 - a. the central region
 - b. the M-J divide
 - c. the Kirkwood Gap
 - d. the main belt
- 9. Asteroid deserts, or gaps in the main belt, are a result of _____
 - a. tugs from Jupiter's gravity
 - b. collisions with other asteroids
 - c. defects during formation
 - d. interactions with inner planets
- 10. On average, how far apart are decent-sized asteroids?
 - a. dozens of kilometers apart
 - b. hundreds of kilometers apart
 - c. thousands of kilometers apart
 - d. millions of kilometers apart
- 11. Ceres, the largest object in the main belt, is about _____ across
 - a. 9 km
 - b. 90 km
 - c. 900 km
 - d. 9000 km
- 12. Ceres has a water-ice mantle which probably contains _____
 - a. more than all the water on Earth
 - b. almost as much water as on Earth
 - c. more than all the freshwater on Earth
 - d. almost as much as the freshwater on Earth

- 13. What is the term for a solid, such as the ice on Ceres, turning directly into a gas?
 - a. sublimation
 - b. condensation
 - c. deposition
 - d. evaporation
- 14. What is the name of the third largest, but second most massive, known asteroid?
 - a. Ceres
 - b. Vesta
 - c. Lutetia
 - d. Gaspra
- 15. What's the specific name for a roundish object that's like a ball, but squished from above?
 - a. paraboloid
 - b. prolate spheroid
 - c. oblate spheroid
 - d. ellipsoid

16. Cleopatra, a weird dog-bone shaped rock, has _____

- a. no moons
- b. one moon
- c. two moons
- d. three moons

17. In astronomy, individual rocks held together by their own gravity are called _____

- a. a rubble pile
- b. a gravel heap
- c. a cracked rock
- d. a coalesced monolith
- 18. Asteroids that have orbits that cross the orbit of Mars are called _____
 - a. inner belt asteroids
 - b. red path asteroids
 - c. martian transits
 - d. Mars-crossing asteroids

- 19. Asteroids that cross Earth's orbit, but still reside mostly outside it, are called _____
 - a. inner belt asteroids
 - b. Apollo asteroids
 - c. Aten asteroids
 - d. Earth-crossing asteroids
- 20. Asteroids that have orbits that are almost entirely inside Earth's orbit are called _
 - a. inner belt asteroids
 - b. Apollo asteroids
 - c. Aten asteroids
 - d. Earth-crossing asteroids
- 21. The points along a planet's orbit where the gravitational forces are in balance are called ____
 - a. Lagrange points
 - b. Trojan points
 - c. Newton points
 - d. Etan points
- 22. Asteroids that sit at Lagrange points of planets are called _____
 - a. Greek asteroids
 - b. Trojan asteroids
 - c. Achilles asteroids
 - d. Etan asteroids