SMS-303: Integrative marine sciences, physics.

Quiz Lab 3.

1. Coriolis force:

- a. is always directed at 90 degrees to the direction of the velocity.
- b. is always directed at the opposite to the direction of the pressure gradient.
- c. is always directed at 90 degrees to the direction of the pressure gradient.
- d. is always directed at opposite direction of the velocity.

2. Corilois force on Earth:

- a. Deflects moving objects to the left in the northern hemisphere.
- b. Deflects moving object to the right in the southern hemisphere.
- c. Deflects moving objects to the right in both hemispheres.
- d. None of the above.
- 3. Dye (or any scalar) in a rotating fluid:
- a. Spread along sheets having constant angular momentum.
- b. Spread the same as in a non rotating fluid.
- c. Spread along sheets having constant temperature.
- d. Does not mix.

4. Foucault's Pendulum:

- a. Provide a proof that the Earth is inertial.
- b. Goes up and down with a period that matches the Earth rotation.
- c. Provide a proof that the Earth spins around its own axis.
- d. Provide a proof that the Earth spins around the sun.
- 5. When friction acts on geostrophic flows the resulting flow:
- a. spirals towards the pressure low.
- b. spirals towards the pressure high.
- c. It stops all motion instantaneously.
- d. None of the above.

6. A Geopotential:

- a. Is a surface on which a particle is at rest on a rotating planet.
- b. The surface of a fluid in solid body rotation is a geopotential.
- c. It's geometry depends on the rotation rate and gravity.
- d. All of the above.
- 7. If you shoot a missile from the Earth's Equator West it will:
- a. Curve to the right.
- b. Fly back.
- c. Curve to the left.
- d. Fly straight.
- 8. The surface of a rotating fluid in a tank:
- a. Is always curved with highest point in center.
- b. Is curved in a direction that changes with the direction of rotation.
- c. Is always curved with lowest point in the center.
- d. None of the above.
- 9. If you shoot a missile from the Earth's Equator south it will:
- a. Curve to the left.
- b. Curve to the right.
- c. Fly straight.
- d. None of the above.
- 10. Coriolis force:
- a. Is an invention of the imagination and has nothing to do with motion.
- b. Is the result of observing motion from within a rotating frame.
- c. Opposes gravity.
- d. None of the above.

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