

**10th Science Ohio Graduation Test  
Scientific Ways of Knowing**

**Benchmark A**

Question 36	9 <sup>th</sup> Practice	<p><b>Sample Response for Question 36 (Short Answer):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Wind power benefits</u> – renewable, does not pollute the air or water, use less fossil fuels</li> <li>• <u>Wind power disadvantages</u> – localized, wind doesn't blow all the time, windmills (wind farms) take up lots of space, cost of building/maintaining equipment, doesn't produce enough energy to run the entire country, interferes with migratory birds.</li> <li>• <u>Nuclear power benefits</u> – does not pollute the air, fuel readily available, power plants can be located throughout the U.S. to ease reliance on natural resources, use less fossil fuels, useable by-products (medical), costs reduced.</li> <li>• <u>Nuclear power disadvantages</u> – disposal of radioactive wastes is a major environmental challenge, accidents at power plants can be catastrophic for the environment, public fear ("not in my backyard"), transportation of waste, thermal pollution</li> <li>• <u>Biomass benefits</u> – reduces landfill mass when garbage is burned, naturally occurring fuel from decomposing organic waste matter can be an energy source, is renewable, economic benefit to farmers, use of gasohol reduces dependency on fossil fuels</li> <li>• <u>Biomass disadvantages</u> – clearing of land if crops are grown specifically for biomass fuel generation, can cost more than fossil fuels, destruction of forests produces foul odors (air pollution), particulate matter from burning produces air pollution</li> <li>• <u>Geothermal energy benefits</u> – renewable, reasonably plentiful, use less fossil fuels</li> <li>• <u>Geothermal energy disadvantages</u> – localized, can bring up pollutants that get into ground or surface water, expensive startup costs, extensive underground landuse</li> </ul> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 15%;">Score point</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">2 points</td> <td>The student chooses an alternative energy source and explains one benefit and one disadvantage of increasing its use.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">1 point</td> <td>The student chooses an alternate energy source and explains one benefit OR one disadvantage of increasing its use.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">0 points</td> <td>The student response demonstrates no understanding of the task or concept. The response may provide an incorrect solution and supporting information may be totally irrelevant to the task. The student may repeat information from the passage or prompt or may have written "I don't know."</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Score point	Description	2 points	The student chooses an alternative energy source and explains one benefit and one disadvantage of increasing its use.	1 point	The student chooses an alternate energy source and explains one benefit OR one disadvantage of increasing its use.	0 points	The student response demonstrates no understanding of the task or concept. The response may provide an incorrect solution and supporting information may be totally irrelevant to the task. The student may repeat information from the passage or prompt or may have written "I don't know."
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## Benchmark C

Question 1	9 <sup>th</sup> Practice	D
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## Benchmark D

Question 10	Spring 2005	C												
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