Geology 12: Weathering Name:

How do Rocks Break Down into Smaller Particles p 204

- 1. Explain the difference between weathering and erosion.
- 2. Explain the difference between erosion and transportation.

How Weathering Alters Rocks p 204

- 3. Explain and give an example of mechanical weathering.
- 4. What is another name for mechanical weathering?
- 5. Explain chemical weathering.
- 6. Using granite as an example, explain the different effects of mechanical and chemical weathering.
- 7. What is the rate of weathering (slow or fast)?
- 8. What mineral causes limestone and marble to chemically weather? Effects of Weathering p 204
 - 9. Why do field geologists carry rock hammers?
 - 10. What are some benefits of weathering?
 - 11. Describe spheroidal weathering.
 - 12. Describe differential weathering.

Mechanical Weathering pp 204-206

- 13. Describe the two types of frost action; frost wedging and frost heaving.
- 14. Explain pressure release as it relates to sheet joints and exfoliation.

- 15. Draw a simple diagram Fig 8.8 p 208 of sheet joints and exfoliation.
- 16. Name the two types of biological (plants and animals) weathering.

How Do Rocks Decompose pp 207 - 209

- 17. Describe an example of the reaction of oxygen in the atmosphere causing weathering.
- 18. What color is soil that is commonly the result weathering of iron-containing minerals?

How Do Acids Affect Rocks? pp 209 - 211

- 19. What two substances form carbonic acid?
- 20. Why is carbonic acid the most effective agent of chemical weathering?
- 21. Describe (diagram fig 8.16) how rain and soil plays a role in chemical weathering?

How Do Clay Minerals Form? p 212

22. What is feldspar attacked by to become a clay mineral?

Chemical Weathering of Other Minerals p 212

- 23. What type of mineral is quite resistant to chemical weathering?
- 24. Where is this mineral found in Bowen's Reaction Series? (not in text)
- 25. What types of minerals are vulnerable to chemical weathering?
- 26. Where are these minerals found in Bowen's Reaction Series? (not in text)
- 27. Describe how diamonds can be concentrated by weathering.

Weathering and Climate p 214

- 28. What type of climate causes the most intense chemical weathering?
- 29. What type of climate slows down chemical weathering?