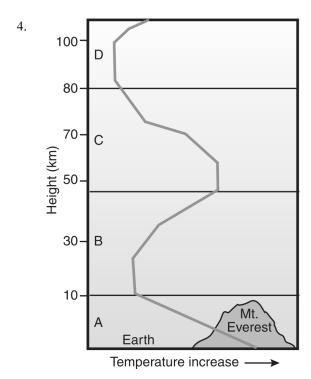
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- 1. Which statement *best* describes the ozone layer of Earth?
 - A. It helps reduce the amount of ultraviolet radiation reaching the surface of Earth.
 - B. It prevents the formation of severe storms in the stratosphere of Earth.
 - C. It increases the amount of nitrogen in the troposphere of Earth.
 - D. It forms a magnetic field in the mesosphere of Earth.
- 2. In which atmospheric layer of Earth do thunderstorms occur?
 - A. thermosphere
- B. mesosphere
- C. stratosphere
- D. troposphere
- 3. Which gas makes up the largest component of the Earth's atmosphere?
 - A. argon (Ar)
 - B. oxygen (O₂)
 - C. nitrogen (N₂)
 - D. carbon dioxide (CO₂)



The diagram above shows four layers of Earth's atmosphere. Which of the following correctly labels the layers represented by A, B, C, and D (from Earth moving upward) in the correct sequence?

- A. troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere
- B. thermosphere, mesosphere, stratosphere, troposphere
- C. troposphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, stratosphere
- D. mesosphere, troposphere, thermosphere, stratosphere

- 5. The natural greenhouse is a phenomenon that is beneficial as it results in ______.
 - A. the maintenance of Earth's temperature
 - B. a thinning of Earth's atmospheric ozone layer
 - C. an increase in the amount of carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere
 - D. the bending of the rays of sunlight that penetrate Earth's atmosphere
- 6. Why does air pressure decrease from the troposphere to the exosphere?
 - A. because there are fewer air molecules as altitude increases
 - B. because there are more air molecules as altitude increases
 - C. because there are higher temperatures as altitude increases
 - D. because there are lower temperatures as altitude increases

- 7. How does the temperature of the stratosphere compare to the mesosphere?
 - A. It is colder than the mesosphere because the stratosphere contains the ozone layer.
 - B. It is warmer than the mesosphere because the stratosphere contains the ozone layer.
 - C. It is colder than the mesosphere because the stratosphere contains the ionosphere.
 - D. It is warmer than the mesosphere because the stratosphere contains the ionosphere.
- 8. In which layer of the atmosphere do auroras occur?
 - A. troposphere 1
- B. stratosphere
 - C. mesosphere
- D. thermosphere
- 9. In which layer of the atmosphere do most meteors burn up?
 - A. troposphere
- B. stratosphere
- C. mesosphere
- D. thermosphere
- 10. In which layer of the atmosphere is the ozone layer found?
 - A. troposphere
- B. stratosphere
- C. mesosphere
- D. thermosphere