Scientific Notation Worksheet Key

Write the number(s) given in each problem using scientific notation.

1. The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year.

4.2 x 10⁶

2. A computer processes a certain command in 15 nanoseconds. (A nanosecond is one billionth of a second.) In decimal form, this number is 0. 000 000 015.

1.5 x 10⁻⁸

3. There are 60,000 miles (97,000 km) in blood vessels in the human body.

6 x 10⁴ mi

9.7 x 10⁴ km

4. The highest temperature produced in a laboratory was 920,000,000 F (511,000,000 C) at the Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor in Princeton, NJ, USA.

9.2 x 10⁸ F

5.11 x 10⁸ C

5. The mass of a proton is 0.000 000 000 000 000 000 001 673 grams.

1.673 x 10⁻²⁴ a

1.989 x 10³³ g

7. The cosmos contains approximately 50,000,000,000 galaxies.

5 x 10¹⁰

8. A plant cell is approximately 0.00001276 meters wide.

1.276 x 10⁻⁵ m

Write the number(s) given scientific notation in standard form.

9. The age of earth is approximately 4.5 X 10⁹ years.

4.500,000,000 yr

10. The weight of one atomic mass unit (a.m.u.) is 1.66 x 10⁻²⁷ kg.

0.0000000000000000000001673 kg