Kentucky Sample Questions 4th Grade Science

1. An engineer tests four bridge designs.

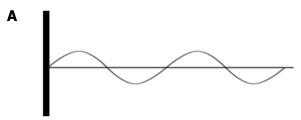
| Bridge | Design | Bridge Height | Slowly Moving Water | Quickly Moving Water |
|--------|--------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | | 5 feet | has no impact | has no impact |
| 2 | | 15 feet | breaks one pole | causes bridge to fall |
| 3 | | 25 feet | has no impact | breaks one pole |
| 4 | | 35 feet | breaks three poles | causes bridge to fall |

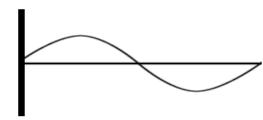
The bridge will be built in an area that has floods of 6 feet with quickly moving water. Which bridge design can the engineer change and test to use in the area?

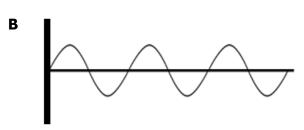
- A Bridge 1 can be made taller.
- **B** Bridge 2 can be made wider.
- **C** Bridge 3 can be made with fewer poles.
- **D** Bridge 4 can be made with smaller poles.

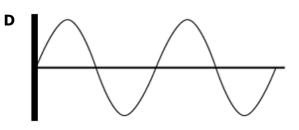
2. Light travels in waves. As the amplitude of a wave increases, light gets brighter.

Which image shows the *brightest* light wave?

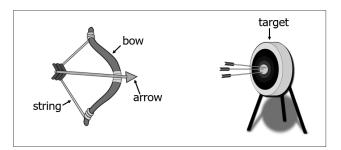








- 3. The Arctic fox has thick, white fur and the red fox has thin, orange-red fur. Which statement matches a fox's characteristic with the area where it is *likely* to survive?
 - **A** The Arctic fox has thick fur that helps it survive in a warm environment.
 - **B** The red fox has thin fur that helps it survive in a cold environment.
 - **C** The Arctic fox has white fur that helps it survive in a snowy environment.
 - **D** The red fox has orange-red fur that helps it survive in a rainy environment.
- 4. A student pulls the string on a bow to different distances and shoots an arrow. The student records the time the arrow takes to hit a target.



| Distance Stretched (centimeters) | Time (seconds) | |
|--|-------------------|--|
| 5 | 4 | |
| 7 | 2 | |
| 9 | 1 | |

What is the relationship between the speed of the arrow and its energy?

- A The arrow moves fastest and has the most energy when the string stretches to 9 centimeters.
- **B** The arrow moves slowest and has the most energy when the string stretches to 5 centimeters.
- **C** The arrow moves slowest and has the least energy when the string stretches to 9 centimeters.
- **D** The arrow moves fastest and has the least energy when the string stretches to 5 centimeters.