Louisiana Sample Questions 4th Grade Science

1. An engineer tests four bridge designs.

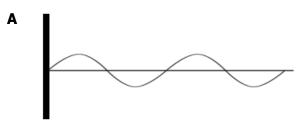
Bridge	Design	Bridge Height	Slowly Moving Water	Quickly Moving Water
1		5 feet	has no impact	has no impact
2		15 feet	breaks one pole	causes bridge to fall
3		25 feet	has no impact	breaks one pole
4		35 feet	breaks three poles	causes bridge to fall

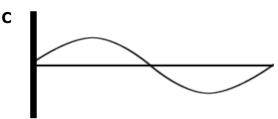
An area has floods of 6 feet with quickly moving water. Which bridge design change will *likely* work the *best* in the area?

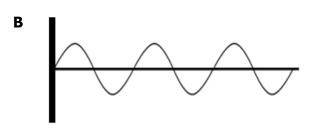
- **A** Bridge 1 can be made taller.
- **B** Bridge 2 can be made wider.
- **C** Bridge 3 can be made with fewer poles.
- **D** Bridge 4 can be made with smaller poles.

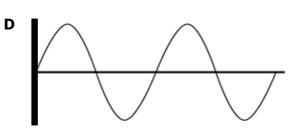
2. Light travels in waves. As the amplitude of a wave increases, light gets brighter.

Which image shows the *brightest* light wave?

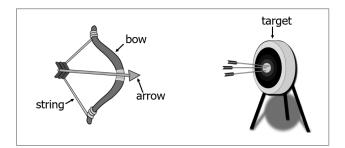








- 3. The Arctic fox has thick, white fur, and the red fox has thin, orange-red fur. Which statement matches a fox's characteristic with the area where it is *likely* to survive?
 - **A** The Arctic fox has thick fur that helps it survive in a warm environment.
 - **B** The red fox has thin fur that helps 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 stretches the string on a bow to different distances and shoots an arrow. The student records the distance the string is stretched and 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** When the string is stretched to 9 centimeters the arrow moves the fastest because it receives a large amount of energy from the string.
- **B** When the string is stretched to 5 centimeters the arrow moves the slowest because it receives a large amount of energy from the string.
- **C** When the string is stretched to 9 centimeters the arrow moves the slowest because it receives a small amount of energy from the string.
- **D** When the string is stretched to 5 centimeters the arrow moves the fastest because it receives a small amount of energy from the string.