Lesson Outline

LESSON 1

Electric Charge and Electric Forces

A.	Electric	Charges
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1. Atoms are made of protons, neutrons, and _______. **a.** Protons and ______ make up the nucleus of an atom. **b.** _____ move around the nucleus. **2.** There are two types of electric charge—______ and negative. **a.** A(n) ______ has positive charge. A(n) _____ has negative charge. **b.** The amount of _____ charge of a proton equals the amount of _____ charge of an electron. **3.** An atom is electrically ______ when it has equal numbers of _____ and electrons. **4.** Electrically neutral objects do not attract or ______ one another. **5.** Objects can become charged when ______ move from one object to another. **a.** A(n) ______ is an unbalanced electric charge on an object. **b.** An object that gains electrons has a(n) _____ charge. **c.** An object that loses electrons has a(n) _____ charge. **B.** Electric Forces **1.** A(n) ______ surrounds every charged object. **a.** An electric field applies a(n) ______ to other charged objects. **b.** When two charged objects have the same type of charge, the objects each other. When two charged objects have different types of charge, the objects ______ each other. **2.** The strength of an electric force between charged objects depends on the amount of _____ on each object and the distance between them.

a. If the distance between two charged objects stays constant, then electric force

_____ as the total amount of charge of the two objects

increases.

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b. If the amount of charge on two objects stays constant, then electric force

_____ as the objects move closer together.

C. Transferring Electrons

1. If electrons cannot easily move through a material, then the material is

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3. Electrons can transfer between objects by contact, ______, or conduction.

a. When objects touch each other, charge can be transferred

- **b.** When charge is transferred by _______, an object causes two objects that are not ______ to become charged.
- **c.** An object is _____ _____ when electrons are concentrated at one end of the object.
- **d.** When conductors with _____ charge touch, electrons flow from the object that has a greater negative charge to the object that has less negative charge in the process of ______.

D. Electric Discharge

- **1.** A(n) ______ is the loss of an unbalanced electric charge.
- 2. Electric discharges can occur ______, such as when you brush your hair, or they can occur ______, such as when lightning strikes.
- **3.** A lightning rod is ______, which means it provides a path for electric charges to flow safely into the ground.