Exercise E2: The Magnitude Scale

Student name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Check the box with the correct answer.

Question 1: A magnitude 2 star is ____ times brighter than a magnitude 4 star.

- □ **a.** 2.512 □ **b.** 6.31
- □ **c**. 15.85
- 🗆 **d**. 100

Question 2: Which of the following four stars from the constellation Orion is the faintest?

- \Box **a**. Bellatrix
- 🗆 b. Mintaka
- 🗆 c. Alnitak
- 🗆 d. Saiph

Question 3: The Sun is the brightest object in the sky visible from Earth. What is the apparent magnitude of the Sun?

□ a. 26.7
□ b. 0.0, by definition.
□ c. -10.0
□ d. -26.7

Question 4: What is the second brightest object in our sky?

- 🗆 a. Full Moon
- □ b. First Quarter Moon
- 🗆 c. First Quarter Moon
- 🗆 d. Sirius

Question 5: How much brighter is the planet Venus than the planet Mars on January 24, 2015?

- □ **a.** 5.1 times brighter
- □ **b.** 13 times brighter
- □ c. 37 times brighter
- □ **d**. 109 times brighter

Question 6: What is the absolute magnitude of the star Deneb?

a. 8.75
b. 11.3
c. -8.75
d. -11.3