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Conclusions:

a. Bonus bidding best for proven deposits of known technology.
b. Bonus bidding not applicable where exploration of virgin territory or considerable research is necessary.
c. Research expenditure bidding best where much research is needed.
d. Exploration expenditure bidding might be used in exploration of virgin territory.
e. Royalty rate bidding results in misallocation of resources and poor conservation of resources.
f. Recommends research expenditure bidding for oil shale until technology is proved.

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