

AVOGADRO EXAM 2011 - Answers

1 Iodine-131 is a radioactive isotope used to treat hyperthyroidism (an overactive thyroid gland) and thyroid cancer. How many protons, neutrons and electrons are there in a single atom of iodine-131?

- A 131 protons, 131 neutrons, 131 electrons
- *B 53 protons, 78 neutrons, 53 electrons
- C 78 protons, 53 neutrons, 78 electrons
- D 53 protons, 131 neutrons, 53 electrons
- E 78 protons, 131 neutrons, 78 electrons

2 Data are given below for the hypothetical element avogadrium, symbol Av. What is the average atomic weight of avogadrium?

Isotope	Relative weight	Fractional abundance
Av-58	58.017 u	36.02%
Av-60	60.154 u	63.98%

- A 58.79 u
- B 59.09 u
- C 58.55 u
- *D 59.38 u
- E 59.62 u

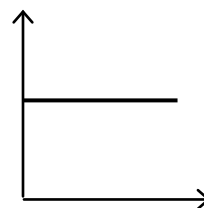
3 Which of the following equations is **not** correct?

- *A $\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2 \text{H}(\text{g}) + \text{energy}$
- B $\text{Na}(\text{g}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}^-(\text{g}) + \text{energy}$
- C $\text{Mg}(\text{g}) + \text{energy} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$
- D $\text{Cu}(\text{s}) + \text{energy} \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{l})$
- E $\text{Na}^+(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}^-(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{NaCl}(\text{s}) + \text{energy}$

4 How many electron pairs are there around the S atom in the SF_3^- ion?

- A three bonding pairs
- B three bonding pairs and one unshared pair
- *C three bonding pairs and two unshared pairs
- D four bonding pairs and two unshared pairs
- E six bonding pairs

5 A student prepared the following graph to illustrate one aspect of ideal gas behaviour. However, he forgot to label the axes.



Which of the following graphs could it be?

Note: In the responses below, the symbols have their usual meanings: P is pressure; V is volume; T is kelvin temperature; n is amount in moles.

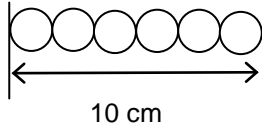
- A P versus T, with n and V held constant
- B T versus n, with P and V held constant
- C PV versus T, with n held constant
- D P versus V, with n and T held constant
- *E PV/T versus P, with n held constant

6 Which substance, in the solid state, is likely to have the following characteristics: hard; brittle; soluble in water; high melting point?

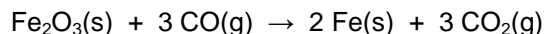
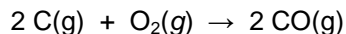
- A Cl_2
- *B RbCl
- C C(diamond)
- D Cu
- E IBr

7 The mass of a sample is measured as 0.03050 g. How many significant figures are there in this quantity?

- A two
- B three
- *C four
- D five
- E six

- 8 Graphite is best described as
- A a hard, white solid
 - B a soft, white solid
 - *C a soft, black solid
 - D a hard, silvery solid
 - E a yellowish liquid
- 9 According to the World Health Organization, the development of methods for the disinfection of drinking water is considered one of the major achievements of modern times. Which of the following substances has been widely used to disinfect drinking water?
- A NaF
 - B O₂
 - *C Cl₂
 - D CO₂
 - E HCl
- 10 By the addition of water, 40.0 mL of 8.0 mol/L HI is diluted to 160.0 mL. What is the molar concentration of HI after dilution?
- A 0.50 mol/L
 - B 1.0 mol/L
 - C 1.6 mol/L
 - *D 2.0 mol/L
 - E 4.0 mol/L
- 11 Which of the following substances does **not** produce ions when it is added to water?
- A sodium metal, Na
 - *B ethanol, CH₃CH₂OH
 - C citric acid, C₆H₈O₇
 - D carbon dioxide, CO₂
 - E potassium nitrate, KNO₃
- 12 How many grams of B₂H₆ can be made starting with 5.00 g LiAlH₄ and excess BF₃, according to the following reaction?
- $$3 \text{LiAlH}_4 + 4 \text{BF}_3 \rightarrow 3 \text{LiF} + 3 \text{AlF}_3 + 2 \text{B}_2\text{H}_6$$
- A 1.85 g
 - *B 2.43 g
 - C 3.65 g
 - D 5.47 g
 - E 7.29 g
- 13 An isotope of a particular element has a mass number of 208 and it has 46 more neutrons than protons. What is the element?
- A mercury, Hg
 - B polonium, Po
 - C lead, Pb
 - D bismuth, Bi
 - *E thallium, Tl
- 14 The covalent radius of hydrogen is 74 pm. Assume that hydrogen atoms could be arranged side-by-side in a single line, as suggested in the diagram below. What is the mass of a line of hydrogen atoms that is exactly 10 cm long?
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- A 7.3×10^{-10} g
 - *B 1.1×10^{-15} g
 - C 2.3×10^{-15} g
 - D 1.2×10^{-21} g
 - E 7.4×10^{-11} g
- 15 What is the H-C-H angle in the ethene molecule, C₂H₄? Choose the closest value.
- A 45°
 - B 90°
 - C 109°
 - *D 120°
 - E 180°

16 A process for producing iron, Fe, is based on the following reactions.



What mass of O_2 is required to produce 1.0×10^2 kg Fe?

- A 19 kg
- *B 43 kg
- C 50 kg
- D 75 kg
- E 170 kg

17 To which one of these pairs of elements does the term metalloids apply most fittingly apply?

- A potassium and strontium
- B nickel and silver
- C lithium and beryllium
- D sulfur and bromine
- *E boron and silicon

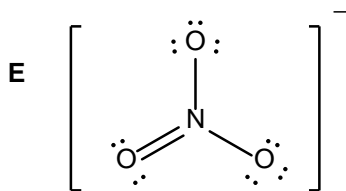
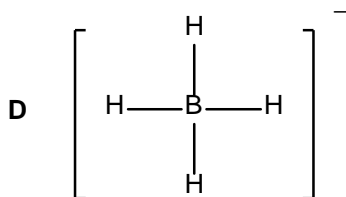
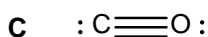
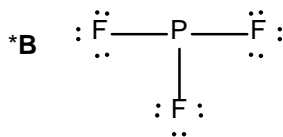
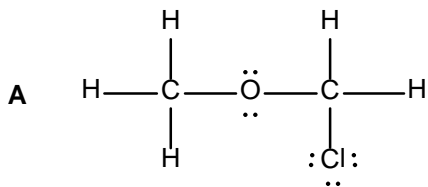
18 Which of the following statements is **true**?

- A Silicon conducts electricity better than aluminum.
- B Sulfur is more electronegative than chlorine.
- *C The +1 oxidation state is common for sodium but not for aluminum.
- D The ionic radius of Cl^- is greater than that of S^{2-} .
- E The atomic radius of aluminum is greater than that of sodium.

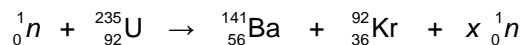
19 Which of the following molecules has the longest bond?

- *A I_2
- B IBr
- C ICl
- D Cl_2
- E Br_2

20 Which of the following Lewis structures is incorrect?



21 The following equation represents a fission reaction in which an isotope of uranium is bombarded with neutrons. What must be the value of x in order to balance the equation?

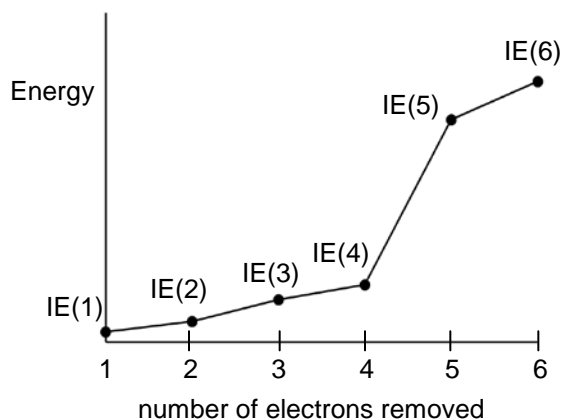


- A 0
- B 1
- C 2
- *D 3
- E 4

22 The concentration of H^+ in stomach acid is about a million times greater than it is in pure water. What is the approximate pH of stomach acid at 25°C ?

- *A 1.0
- B 1.5
- C 2.0
- D 3.0
- E 5.5

23 The first six ionization energies of a particular element are shown in the graph below. To which group of the periodic table does this element belong?



- A group 1
- B group 2
- C group 13
- *D group 14
- E group 15

24 Which of the following produces the greatest mass of metal upon reduction with one mole of electrons?

- A Al^{3+}
- B Cu^{2+}
- C Pt^{2+}
- D Mg^{2+}
- *E Ag^+

25 A 10.0 L gas cylinder contains neon gas with a measured pressure of 65.0 kPa at 315 K. The 10.0 L cylinder is then connected to an empty cylinder of unknown volume, and the neon gas expands to fill both cylinders. If the final pressure is found to be 46.3 kPa at 315 K, then what is the volume of the second cylinder?

- *A 4.04 L
- B 13.0 L
- C 14.0 L
- D 1.87 L
- E 7.12 L

26 Which of the following atoms, in their ground electronic states, does not have a half-filled subshell?

- *A Ga
- B H
- C Mn
- D K
- E As

27 What is the formula of the stable compound that contains only magnesium and phosphate ions?

- A $\text{Mg}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$
- B MgPO_4
- C $\text{Mg}(\text{PO}_4)_3$
- D Mg_3PO_4
- *E $\text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

28 Suppose 10.0 mL of a 1.0 mol/L solution of HCl is diluted with water to a final volume of 1.0 L. What happened to the pH of the solution?

- A The pH decreases by 10 units.
- B The pH increases by 10 units.
- C The pH decreases by 2 units.
- *D The pH increases by 2 units.
- E The pH changes by less than 1 unit.

29 How many moles of Br^- are in 250.0 mL of a solution that is 0.148 mol/L with respect to NaBr and 0.212 mol/L with respect to CaBr_2 ?

- A 0.572 mol
- B 0.090 mol
- *C 0.143 mol
- D 0.360 mol
- E 0.427 mol

30 Select the one correct or the one incorrect statement.

- *A Ionization energies generally decrease from left to right across a row in the periodic table.
- B Ionization energies generally decrease from top to bottom in a vertical group of the periodic table.
- C Atomic sizes generally increase from top to bottom in a vertical group of the periodic table.
- D The atomic radius generally decreases from left to right across a row in the periodic table.
- E The second ionization energy of an element is always larger than the first ionization energy.

31 Deviations from ideal gas behaviour are most evident for a gas at

- A high temperature and high pressure
- B low temperature and low pressure
- C high temperature and low pressure
- *D low temperature and high pressure
- E high temperature in a large volume

32 The partial pressures of three gases in a 5.00 L cylinder at 1000 °C are as follows.

CO_2 : 239 kPa H_2 : 72 kPa H_2O : 106 kPa

How many moles of CO_2 are in the cylinder?

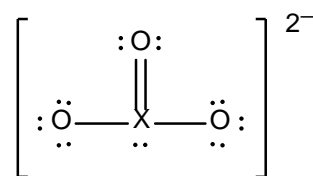
- A 0.203 mol
- B 0.144 mol
- *C 0.113 mol
- D 0.261 mol
- E 0.355 mol

33 A sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) solution has a density of 1.29 g/mL and it is 38% by mass H_2SO_4 . What is the molar concentration of this solution?

- A 0.38 mol/L
- B 0.49 mol/L
- C 0.98 mol/L
- *D 5.0 mol/L
- E 10.0 mol/L

Molar masses, in g/mol
H, 1.008
O, 16.00
S, 32.07

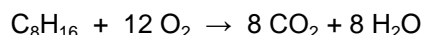
34 In the structure below, X represents an unidentified element.



What is the possible identity of X?

- A carbon, C
- B nitrogen, N
- *C sulfur, S
- D phosphorus, P
- E chlorine, Cl

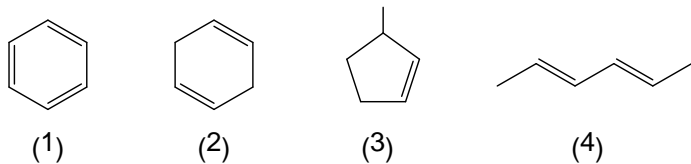
35 A particular airship (a zeppelin or blimp) uses C_8H_{16} as fuel.



To counterbalance the weight loss of fuel used in the operation of the airship, part of the water contained in the exhaust gases must be condensed and retained. The remainder of the water and the CO_2 are vented to the atmosphere. If the mass of water retained exactly offsets the mass of fuel burned, what percentage of the water is retained?

- A 22%
- B 39%
- C 11%
- D 61%
- *E 78%

36 In the following structures for four different carbon-hydrogen compounds, a carbon atom exists wherever a line ends or meets another line, and the number of H atoms needed to complete each carbon atom's four bonds are assumed to be present.



Which two compounds are isomers with the formula C_6H_{10} ?

- A (1) and (2)
- B (2) and (3)
- *C (3) and (4)
- D (2) and (4)
- E (1) and (3)

37 Refer to the information and structures given in question 36. In which compound are all the carbon-carbon bond lengths the same?

- *A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E none of the above

38 In a well-insulated container, an endothermic chemical reaction takes place. When the reaction is done, the temperature of the contents will be

- A higher than before the reaction began
- B higher or lower than at the start of the reaction, depending on the heat capacities of the substances involved
- C the same as before the reaction began
- *D lower than before the reaction began
- E independent of the heat capacities of the substances involved

39 To a weighed, clean and dry 1.000 L volumetric flask is added some pure NH_4Cl . The flask is reweighed. Then distilled water is added to dissolve the NH_4Cl , and finally enough water is added, with stirring, to bring the solution to the 1.000 L mark. The flask is reweighed. Data are shown below.

Mass of clean and dry 1.000 L flask:	224.3 g
Mass of flask plus NH_4Cl :	280.1 g
Mass of flask plus NH_4Cl plus water:	1239.5 g

Which of the following statements concerning the resulting solution is correct?

- A The molar concentration of NH_4Cl is 5.23 mol/L.
- B The density of the solution is 1.24 g/mL.
- C The solution is 22.6% NH_4Cl by mass.
- D All of A, B and C are true.
- *E None of A, B and C are true.

40 One of two identical balloons contained carbon dioxide (CO_2 , 44 g mol^{-1}) and the other contained hydrogen (H_2 , 2.0 g mol^{-1}). If it took 24 hours for all of the H_2 to escape from its balloon, how long did it take for all of the CO_2 to escape? (Choose the closest value.)

Hint: For a sample of gas at a fixed temperature T , the average speed of molecules is inversely proportional to $m^{1/2}$, where m is the molecular mass.

- A 530 hours
- *B 110 hours
- C 230 hours
- D 1 hour
- E 5 hours