

Environmental Chemistry C - Environmental Chemistry (Trial) - Camas C-Invite - 12-12-2020

Welcome to Environmental Chemistry - C at Camas Invitational.

1. (1.00 pts) Which of the following gas is most soluble in water?

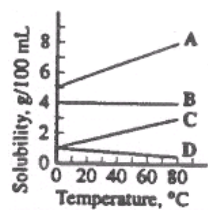
- ☐ A) Ammonia
- ☐ B) Hydrogen
- ☐ C) Methane
- ☐ D) Nitrogen

2. (1.00 pts) Which of the following species dissociates most completely in water?

- ☐ A) NH_4^+
- ☐ B) H_2CO_3
- ☐ C) HNO_3
- ☐ D) HSO_4^-

3. (1.00 pts)

The aqueous solubility chart below compares several compounds within 80 °C range. Which can be recovered with the highest percentage yield by dissolving a sample in water at 80 °C and cooled to 0 °C?



- ☐ A) A
- ☐ B) B
- ☐ C) C
- ☐ D) D

4. (1.00 pts) Which compound below is most soluble in water?

- ☐ A) Ethylamine
- ☐ B) Chlorobenzene
- ☐ C) Methyl acetate
- ☐ D) Pentate

5. (1.00 pts) In deep brine wells concentration of bromine can be as high as 5000 parts per million by mass. What is the concentration when expressed as a mass percentage?

- ☐ A) 0.005%
- ☐ B) 0.05%
- ☐ C) 0.5%
- ☐ D) 5%

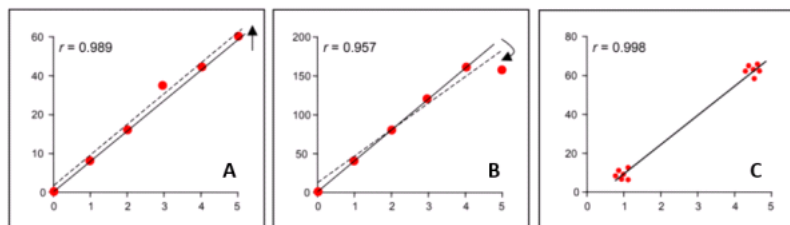
6. (1.00 pts) Which of the following gas is least soluble in water?

- ☐ A) H_2
- ☐ B) CO_2
- ☐ C) NH_3
- ☐ D) SO_4

7. (4.00 pts)

Describe in a few words the statistical effect of outliers shown below for A and B (where the dashed line is fitted with the outlier present, and the solid line is fitted with the outlier removed). [2 pts]

Describe in one to two sentences the implication of r correlation in the plot C. [2 pts]



8. (3.00 pts) The correlation coefficient, R^2 , can be interpreted in the following way:

(Mark ALL correct answers)

- ☐ A) The closer it is to 1, the stronger the correlation.
- ☐ B) The coefficient is also a measure of linearity;
- ☐ C) For predictions made from the calibration curve to have small uncertainties, R^2 needs to be very close to 1
- ☐ D) A low R^2 value does not necessarily mean that there is no correlation.
- ☐ E) None of the above is correct

The table below shows a set of data collected on the absorbance of a solution versus concentration. - Use this for the next two questions

Concentration /mg L ⁻¹	Absorbance		
2.56	0.320		
5.12	0.591		
8.192	0.920	0.918	0.920
10.24	1.135		
12.80	1.396		

9. (9.00 pts) If you were to draw a linear fit $y = mx + n$ where y is absorbance, x is the concentration in the unit given, what are the value of m and n ?
What is the R^2 value (four significant figure)?

10. (4.00 pts)

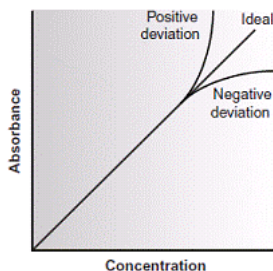
What is the name of the law that describes the relationship between concentration and absorbance as shown in the previous question? (box 1)

If for a particular solution, we observed absorbance of 0.871, what is the predicted mg L^{-1} of the sample? (box 2)

And if we find the prediction interval (range of standard deviation) is 0.0414 mg L^{-1} at absorbance of 0.871, what is the 95% confidence interval for your prediction in mg L^{-1} unit?
(Input just the numeric value in box 3)

11. (6.00 pts)

Ideally, a calibration curve of absorbance versus the concentration of analyte in a series of standard solutions should be a straight line as in above questions. However, some cases the curve is nonlinear and can have both negative and positive deviations as shown below:



- (a) Describe briefly (1 sentence) the fundamental limit to the law that governs the standard curve, which may explain above deviations. [2 pts]
(b) List two sources on instrument limitations or scenarios that may cause above deviation [2 pts]
(c) For weak acid type of standard solutions, it may show positive and negative deviations. Explain briefly the cause and remedy [2 pts]

12. (2.00 pts) What is the final concentration in $\mu\text{g/mL}$ after following steps?

1. Pipette 6.0 mL of $5.0 \mu\text{g/mL}$ methylene blue working solution into a 15 mL conical tube.
2. Pipette 4.0 mL DI H_2O into the tube to make 10.0 mL of total solution.
3. Seal the tube and invert repeatedly to mix.

13. (2.00 pts) Identify the common dye with absorbance versus wavelength in data below.

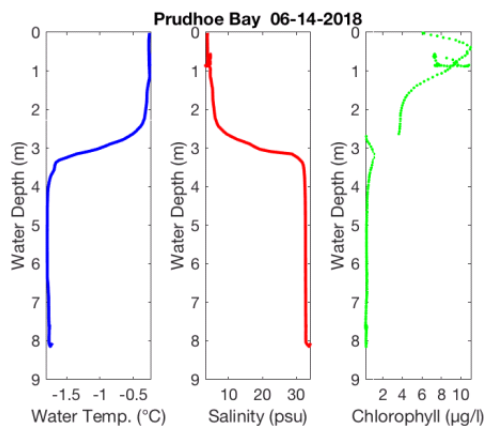
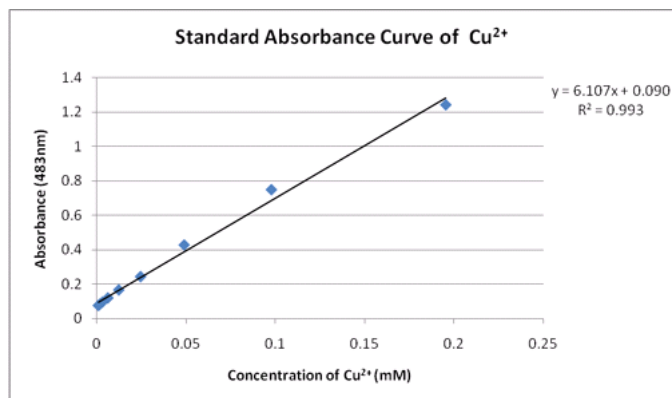
λ (nm)	A	λ (nm)	A
400	0.429	570	0.974
425	0.208	575	0.966
450	0.196	580	0.936
475	0.271	585	0.878
500	0.406	600	0.599
525	0.650	625	0.208
550	0.871	650	0.056
555	0.900	675	0.013
560	0.928	700	0.003
565	0.954		

- ☐ A) Erythrosine (Cherry red)
- ☐ B) Allura Red AC
- ☐ C) Bromphenol blue
- ☐ D) Tartrazine (Lemon yellow)
- ☐ E) Aniline purple

14. (6.00 pts)

The following standard curve is obtained with serial dilution.

- (a) If we started with 0.2 mM of Cu^{2+} , and follow the same dilution factor each step, how many steps of dilution are needed to get the a concentration of 0.003125 mM? (box 1)
- (b) What is the predicted ppm concentration based on an absorbance of 1.00? (box 2)
- (c) Cu^{2+} is toxic at high concentrations, generally the limit is 1.30 mg/L for extended exposure in drinking water. What is the minimum absorbance for samples exceeding such limit? (box 3)



Use the CTD plot to answer the following three questions.

15. (2.00 pts)

Average ocean salt water salinity ranges between 32-36psu. What can you conclude from the profile of salinity and temperature (think about the rate that these factors change)?

16. (1.00 pts)

What does the Chlorophyll profile indicate of activities at the surface?

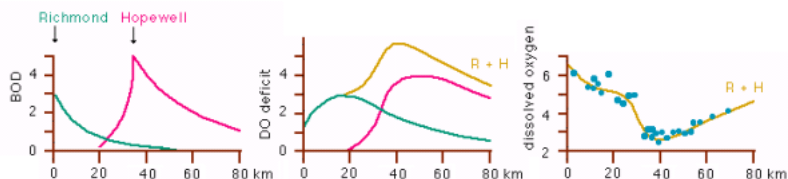
17. (1.00 pts)

The profile is collected with an instrument shown in picture below. What is the name for this instrument/technique?



18. (3.00 pts)

Two sewage outfalls, Richmond and Hopewell, are located on an estuary some 40 km apart. Their associated pollution profile, expressed in mg/l BOD, is shown in the first figure. The second figure shows the resulting DO deficit for each outfall and for the sum of both. The observed oxygen levels (in unit of mg/L) are shown as points in the last figure, together with the dissolved oxygen distribution derived from the DO deficit curve.



(a) Based on the BOD profile, is the pollutant conservative or non-conservative?

(b) What do conservative and non-conservative in this case mean?

(c) If the minimum required oxygen level is 3 mg/L, is there a location in the estuary where the it is unsafe for marine life?

19. (2.00 pts) If 10 mL of 2.5 M SrCl_2 is diluted to 500. mL, what is the final concentration of Cl^- ions?

Use thermodynamic data listed below for the following two questions.

Species	ΔG_f° (kJ/mol)	ion size (Å)
Pb^{2+}	-23.891	4.5
Cl^-	-131.290	3.0
$\text{PbCl}_2(\text{cotunnite})$	-314.100	
PbCl^+	-163.385	4.0

20. (5.00 pts) Calculate equilibrium constants for the dissolution of cotunnite (PbCl_2). Constant $R=8.314472 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$
Describe the steps to get full points.

21. (10.00 pts) Calculate the equilibrium concentrations of Pb^{2+} and Cl^- in terms of molalities. Assume that no complexation occurs and ideal-solution behavior.
Describe the solution steps to get full points.

22. (2.00 pts) Discuss what are water quality standards vs. water quality criteria.

(Questions 23-26) One summer's day, you are strolling along a very large lake. Nature envelops you, from the trees and flowers, to the cute macroinvertebrates in the water. However, as you continue on your walk, you notice that there is an odd looking pipe discharging into the lake. You think to yourself, how might this water pollution affect the lake environment?

Thus, you decide to visit 6 of these drainage outfalls (supposedly from wastewater treatment facilities) and collect samples of water. You first determine the concentration of bacteria in the water (in CFU/mL) and find the COD (in mg/L) for each of the samples. The data you obtained is shown below.

Disclaimer: This scenario is mostly likely not possible in real life, neither is the data.

Conc. of Bacteria (CFU/mL)	COD (mg/L)
38.71	375
7.75	260
52	500
12.82	305
24.46	335
76.77	588

23. (1.00 pts) How is COD usually measured?

24. (2.00 pts) Calculate the R^2 value for this data set (to 4 significant figures).

25. (2.00 pts) What does this range of COD values show about the quality of the wastewater being discharged?

26. (1.00 pts) Why might COD measurements be used as an alternative to BOD?

27. (1.00 pts) Which of these bodies of water/wetlands would not be considered a water of the United States?

- ☐ A) A river that originates in the United States but also has smaller tributaries in Canada.
- ☐ B) A wetland that is only saturated with water during parts of the year.
- ☐ C) Areas of groundwater recharge that arise from surface water infiltration.
- ☐ D) A perennial stream contributing surface water flow to other navigable waters.

28. (2.00 pts) Which of the following requires a NPDES permit to discharge pollutants?

(Mark **ALL** correct answers)

- ☐ A) Industrial facility discharging pollutants into a municipal sanitary sewer system

- ☐ B) Agricultural return flows from irrigating fields
- ☐ C) Paper mill discharging wastewater into a nearby river
- ☐ D) Concentrated animal feeding operations

29. (2.00 pts)

Types of residual chlorine left for disinfection after chlorine demand has been met include free chlorine and combined chlorine. Discuss these two terms as they apply to chlorine added to water for disinfection (in potable water treatment)

30. (3.00 pts) Residual chlorine may be measured through colorimetric methods. How might this be accomplished?

- 31. (2.00 pts)**
- a) What is a sanitary sewer (what types of wastewater does it receive)?
 - b) What is the other kind of sewer that is used to address nonpoint source pollution due to wet-weather conditions?

32. (3.00 pts)

Three of the most common sources of impairment of bodies of water are nutrients, pathogens, and sediments. For each of these contaminants, identify an analyte mentioned in the rules that it is likely to be correlated with and explain why, also discuss what negative impact these contaminants may have on the environment.

33. (2.00 pts)

According to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, dredge/fill material from which of the following are allowed to be disposed into navigable waters (if they meet effluent limits)?

(Mark **ALL** correct answers)

- ☐ A) Agriculture or silvicultural activities
- ☐ B) Nonindustrial construction sites
- ☐ C) Maintenance of structures like dikes, dams, levees, etc.
- ☐ D) Construction of farm/forest roads

34. (1.00 pts) What is the difference between bypass and overflow when it comes to wastewater in publicly owned treatment works?

- ☐ A) Overflow refers to diversion of wastewater flow during any point, bypass refers to diversion as treated wastewater exits the POTW.

- ☐ B) Bypass refers to diversion of wastewater flow during any point, overflow refers to diversion as treated wastewater exits the POTW.
- ☐ C) Overflow refers to diversion of wastewater flow during any point, bypass refers to diversion before the wastewater enters the POTW.
- ☐ D) Bypass refers to diversion of wastewater flow during any point, overflow refers to diversion before the wastewater enters the POTW.

35. (2.00 pts) a) What does GC-MS analysis stand for?

b) True/False: This type of analysis is effective in detecting and measuring organic pollutants.

36. (2.00 pts) How does salinity affect conductivity in a body of water? (include a direction of change and why this is true)

Congratulation! If you have any feedback, please email to leijianghome@gmail.com. This test is co-written with Selina Zou.