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		First Semester			
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**Part A: Choose the correct answer and neatly mark the corresponding letter on the multiple choice section of your answer booklet with an X.**

- Which of the following statements is not a postulate of Dalton's atomic theory?  
A. Each element is characterized by the mass of its atoms.  
B. Atoms are composed of protons, neutrons, and electrons.  
C. Elements are composed of atoms.
- How many electrons are in the ion  $P^{3-}$ ?  
A. 12      B. 18      C. 28      D. 34
- A sample of pure calcium fluoride with a mass 15.0 g contains 7.70 g of calcium. How much calcium is contained in 30.0 g of calcium fluoride?  
A. 1.71 g      B. 7.70 g      C. 15.0 g      D. 15.4 g
- Which of the following represents isotopes? I:  $^{79}_{34}X$  II:  $^{79}_{35}X$  III:  $^{78}_{34}X$  IV:  $^{81}_{36}X$   
A. I and II      B. I and III      C. I and IV      D. III and IV
- What is the mass of  $8.50 \times 10^{22}$  molecules of ammonia? (Avogadro # =  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ; N = 14.007, H = 1.008)  
A. 0.00830g      B. 0.417g      C. 2.40g      D. 120 g
- The greater the energy of a photon, the  
A. The longer the wave length and the higher the frequency  
B. The longer the wave length and the lower the frequency  
C. The shorter the wave length and the higher the frequency  
D. The shorter the wave length and the lower the frequency
- The intensity of a beam of light is related to its  
A. Frequency      B. relative number of photons      C. speed      D. wave length
- The effective nuclear charge of an element with atomic number 18 is  
A. 6.05  
B. 6.50  
C. 5.55  
D. 6.75
- What is the molar mass of  $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ ?  
A. 87.05 g      B. 310.18 g      C. 135.05 g      D. 118.02 g      E. 166.02 g



10. A sample of ammonia has a mass of 56.6 g. How many molecules are in this sample?

- A. 3.32 molecules    B.  $17.03 \times 10^{24}$  molecules    C.  $6.78 \times 10^{23}$  molecules    D.  $2.00 \times 10^{24}$  molecules  
E.  $1.78 \times 10^{24}$  molecules

11.  $a\text{MnO}_4^- (\text{aq}) + b\text{H}^+ (\text{aq}) + c\text{Fe}^{2+} (\text{aq}) \longrightarrow d\text{Mn}^{2+} (\text{aq}) + e\text{Fe}^{3+} (\text{aq}) + f\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l})$ . The above equation is balanced when,

- A.  $a = 1, b = 8, c = 5, d = 1, e = 5, f = 4$   
B.  $a = 1, b = 8, c = 5, d = 2, e = 3, f = 4$   
C.  $a = 2, b = 8, c = 5, d = 2, e = 2, f = 4$   
D.  $a = 1, b = 8, c = 5, d = 2, e = 3, f = 5$   
E. None of the above

12. The oxidation half equation is  $\text{Fe}^{2+} (\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} (\text{aq}) + e$

- A. TRUE  
B. False  
C. No way to tell  
D. More information needed  
E. Both c and d

13. The reduction half equation is  $\text{MnO}_4^- (\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+ (\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} (\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

- A. True  
B. False  
C. No way to tell  
D. More information needed  
E. Both C and D

14. The overall equation above is called

- A. Precipitation reaction    B. Redox reaction    C. Acid-base reaction    D. Spin-spin coupling reaction  
E. No way to tell

15. The oxidation state of Mn in  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is

- A. +1    B. +2    C. +7    D. +5    E. +4

16. Which response includes only the true statements concerning the characteristics of ionic compounds?

- I. All atoms in the compounds share electrons  
II. The compounds are gases at room temperature  
III. The compounds have high melting points  
IV. Many are soluble in polar solvents  
V. Aqueous solutions of these compounds conduct electricity  
A. I, II and IV    B. I and V    C. II and III    D. IV and V    E. III and IV

17. Which of the following formula is incorrect?

- A.  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$     B.  $\text{Mg}_2\text{O}$     C.  $\text{KI}$     D.  $\text{NaBr}$     E.  $\text{SrS}$



18. Draw the Lewis dot formula of  $\text{CO}_2$ . The number of unshared pairs of electrons in the outer shell of the central atom is....

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

19. Which molecule is incorrectly matched with molecular geometry?

Molecule	Molecular geometry
a) $\text{SeF}_6$	octahedral
b) $\text{CCl}_4$	tetrahedral
c) $\text{SO}_3$	pyramidal
d) $\text{SF}_4$	tetrahedral
e) $\text{SbH}_3$	pyramidal

20. Many simple molecules contain lone pairs of electrons which occupy hybrid orbitals of the central elements in a molecule. If an atom of the central element utilizes  $\text{sp}^3$  hybrid orbital in a compound, which one of the following types of repulsions would be greater?

- A. Bonding pair-bonding pair  
B. Bonding pair-lone pair  
C. Lone pair-bonding pair  
D. Lone pair-lone pair  
E. Repulsion between all types of pairs of electrons are the same

21. Cortisone consists of molecules, each of which contains 21 atoms of carbon (plus other atoms). The mass percentage of carbon in cortisone is 69.98%. What is the molar mass of cortisone?

- A. 176.5 g/mol    B. 252.2 g/mol    C. 287.6 g/mol    D. 312.8 g/mol    E. 360.4 g/mol

22. A substance,  $\text{A}_2\text{B}$  has the composition by mass of 60% A and 40% B. What is the composition of  $\text{AB}_2$  by mass?

- A. 40%A, 60%B    B. 50%A, 50%B    C. 27%A, 73%B    D. 33%A, 67%B    E. none of these

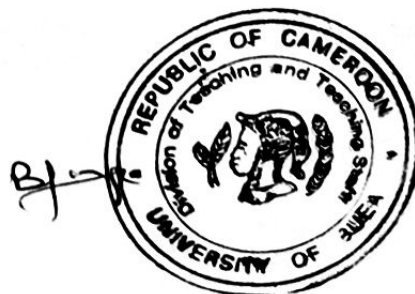
23. The mass of one molecule of water is

- A. 18.0 g    B. 18.0 g/mol    C. 18.0 g    D. 18.0 amu    E. Both B & D

24. A metal M forms an oxide  $\text{M}_2\text{O}_3$ , containing 68.4% metal by mass. Calculate the molar mass of the metal

- A. 51.9g/mol  
B. 106 g/mol  
C. 51.3 g/mol  
D. 45.6 g/mol  
E. 68.4 g/mol

25. From question 24 above we can say that  $\text{O}_2^{+}$  is



- A. Paramagnetic    B. diamagnetic    C. neutral    D. no way to tell    E. none of the above
6. The bond order for  $O_2^+$  in question 24 above is A. 3    B. 2    C. 1    D. 2.5    E. 0
17. Which of the following atoms has the longest diameter?  
A) F    B) Cl    C) Br    D) I
28. Which of the following elements has the greatest electronegativity?  
A) Si    B) P    C) N    D) O
29. The identity of an element is determined by....  
A) Number of its protons    B) Number of its neutrons    C) Number of its electrons    D) Its atomic mass.
30. Which element will have the higher electron affinity?  
A) Chlorine    B) Bromine    C) Both A&B    D) None
31. Carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide  $CO_2$  is an illustration of Dalton's law of:  
A) Definite proportions    B) Multiple proportions    C) Conservation of mass    D) A & B    E) A, B & C
32. Adipic acid contains 49.32% C, 43.84% O, 6.85% H by mass. What is the empirical formula?  
A)  $C_3H_5O_2$     B)  $C_3H_3O_4$     C)  $C_2HO_3$     D)  $C_2H_5O_4$     E)  $C_3HO_3$
33. Which compound contains the highest percent by mass hydrogen? [C=12.01, H=1.01, O=16.00, S=32.07, F=19.00]  
A) HCl    B)  $H_2O$     C)  $H_2SO_4$     D)  $H_2S$     E) HF
34. Which of the following does not define solubility?  
A. The concentration of solute in a saturated solution  
B. The moles of solute dissolved in a given volume of solution  
C. The maximum mass of solute that can dissolve in a given volume of solution  
D. The minimum moles of solute needed to produce one litre of a saturated solution
35. Which of the following is necessary to form a saturated solution at equilibrium?  
A) Excess solute    B) an ionic solute  
C) Solute of low solubility    D) ion product is less than  $K_{sp}$
36. The pH at the equivalence point for a titration of a strong base with a strong acid is?  
A) Acid    B) 7    C) basic    D) not determinable apriori



Electromagnetic radiation is a stream of particles called?

- A) Electrons B) protons C) neutrons D) photons E) nucleons

38. When  $l = 2$ , we have

- A) the 2s orbital B) the 2p orbital C) the 3d orbital D) the 4f orbital E) none of the above

39. In the following Schrodinger wave equation:  $\nabla^2 \Psi + (8\pi^2m/h^2)(E - V)\Psi = 0$ , "V" stands for the

- A. potential energy of the electron  
B. total energy of the electron  
C. volume of the atom  
D. velocity of the electron  
E. velocity of the atom

40. An isotope with too many protons will decay:

- A. proton emission  
B. neutron emission  
C. positron emission  
D. beta emission  
E. A & C

41. Calculate the pH of a 0.20 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  solution?  $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

- A) 1.83 B) 3.44 C) 5.26 D) 2.7 E) none of the above

42. A buffer is at its best when pH equal?

- A. 1.00  
B.  $\text{p}K_a \pm 1.00$   
C.  $\text{p}K_a$   
D. 7.00  
E. A & C

43. What is the relationship between  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  at 25 °C for a conjugate acid-base pair?

- A)  $K_a K_b = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  B)  $K_a / K_b = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  C)  $K_a / K_b = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  D)  $K_a + K_b = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$

44. Generally the solubility of

- A) Solids decreases with increase in temperature B) Gases decrease with increase in temperature  
C) Gases increase with increase in temperature D) Solids are not affected by changes in temperature  
E) Gases are not affected by changes in temperature

45. What is the pOH of a 0.20 M solution of NaCN? The  $K_a$  of the HCN is  $4.9 \times 10^{-10}$  and  $K_w$  is  $1.0 \times 10^{-14}$



- A) 2.70 B) 5.00 C) 7.00 D) 9.00 E) 11.30

46. Calculate the pH of a 0.100 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  solution.  $K_a$  for  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

- A. 2.87 B. 5.13 C. 8.87 D. 11.13 E. A&D

47. Which is the strongest acid among the following?

- A)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  B)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  C)  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3$  D)  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4$

48. Which of the following molecules does not have a dipole moment?

- A)  $\text{HCl}$  B)  $\text{CO}$  C)  $\text{NCl}_3$  D)  $\text{BCl}_3$  E) B & C

49. What volume of 0.500 M  $\text{HNO}_3$  is needed to titrate 100 mL of 0.500 M  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  to the equivalence point?

- A) 12.5 mL B) 50.0 mL C) 100.0 mL D) 200 mL E) A & B

50. Indicate the major chemical species present in a solution of 0.10 M  $\text{NH}_3$  and 0.10 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .

- A)  $\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+$  B)  $\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{Cl}^-$  C)  $\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{Cl}^-, \text{OH}^-$  D)  $\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{Cl}^-, \text{OH}^-, \text{H}_2\text{O}$

## PART B

### QUESTION ONE (10 Points)

Draw the molecular energy level diagram for  $\text{N}_2$  (3 pts)

- What is its bond order? (2 pts)
- How many electrons are in the  $\sigma_{2p}^*$ ? (1 pt)
- Comment on its stability. (2 pts)
- Predict the magnetic property from your diagram (2 pts)

### QUESTION TWO (10 Points)

- Sketch the 1s, 2s and 2p atomic orbitals (3 pts)
- State the four quantum numbers and give their significance. (7 pts)

### QUESTION THREE (5 Points)

- What is a buffer? (2 pts)
- Given a solution of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and a solution of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ , discuss the effect of a common ion on the ionization and acidity of a weak acid. Use chemical equations to illustrate your answer. (3 pts)

