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Date _____ Block ____

Laboratory Measurement

Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to help you become more familiar with laboratory(metric) measurement and common equipment used in the lab. It is important that you read and follow all directions carefully, fully complete each section, and THINK about what you are doing as you go. The tools you use in this activity will be used throughout the course.

Materials (per team of 2)

-metric ruler	-graduated cylinder (10 or 25 mL)	-electronic balance
-meter stick	-50, 250, 400 mL beakers	-plastic pipet
-string	-erlenmeyer flask	-plastic petri dish

Part A: Volume Measurement Tools & Precision

Using the set of glassware given to you, fill in the chart below and answer the accompanying questions.

Tool	Graduations (smallest increment measurable)	Maximum volume that can be accurately measured	Graduations equidistant? (yes/no)
Graduated cylinder			
50 mL beaker			
250 mL beaker			
400 mL beaker			
Erlenmeyer flask			

Questions

A. Why is the beaker labeled "400 mL" when you can't accurately measure 400 mL of liquid?

B. Which container does not have equidistant graduations? Why?

C. Look at the plastic pipet. How much liquid can be accurately measured using this pipet? _____

D. Fill the graduate to 9 mL with water. Using the pipet, count the number of drops needed to fill to the next graduation (10 mL). How many drops are in 1 mL of water? _____

What would be the mass of this 1 mL of water? _____

E. Using the list of tools above, describe how you could accurately measure 43 mL of water?

Observation Station A: Observe the containers and answer the questions.

1. Fill in the chart below

Name of glassware	Amount of liquid present
A.	
B.	
C.	
D. Medical Syringe	

2. Examine the glass pipet at this station. The numbering of the graduations reversed (as compared to a beaker or flask). Why?

Can you think of other volume measurement devices that are designed this way? List some

Part B: Length & Mass: Use the tools available and your knowledge of metric measurement and conversions to complete this section.

1. Metric ruler: smallest increment (unit) = _____

Meterstick: smallest increment (unit) = _____

2. Measure and record the following:

a. Height of lab table = _____M, _____cm, _____mm

b. Width of lab table = _____M, _____cm, _____mm

c. Floor tile length = _____M, _____cm

d. Length of room = _____M, _____cm, e. Width of room = _____M, _____cm

3. Measure the following. Choose the unit which will reflect the most accurate measurement.

a. Chemistry book: Length = _____ Width = _____

b. Desk top: Length = _____ Width = _____

c. Height of 400 mL beaker = _____, diameter = _____, circumference = _____

Part C: Mass & Density

1. Properly using the electronic balance. Choose one of the electronic balances available to you to complete this section. Note that the balances are not all the same.

a. Balance brand name and model number: _____

b. Gently push the ON/OFF button, and wait for the screen to come up. It should read all zeros. (0.0 or 0.00). What is the smallest mass (in grams) the scale can measure? _____

c. When using the balance, there are two general rules to remember: 1) always be sure to put the object being massed in the middle of the pan to get the most accurate reading, and 2) gently place the object on the pan, do not drop it as this will damage the balance. Place the plastic petri dish on the balance and wait until the mass is displayed on the screen. Mass of dish = _____. Now gently push the TARE or RE-ZERO button once. What happens?

- c. (continued) Many times in lab you will need to measure the mass of a liquid or powder. To safely and accurately do so, you must put the liquid or powder in another container or piece of weighing paper. To do this, you must first measure the mass of the container or paper, then use the TARE feature to "re-zero" the scale so only the mass of the liquid or powder is measured.

2. Use the scale to measure the following:

a. Mass of 1 penny = _____g, 5 pennies = _____g Ave. mass of a penny = _____g

b. Mass of powder sample and vial = _____g

Mass of empty vial = _____g

Mass of powder sample = _____g

3. Use the tools available to you, and the density equation to calculate the density of the following. Put all measurements and answers in the chart below.

OBJECT	MASS(g)	VOLUME(mL)	DENSITY(g/mL)
A. Marble			
B.			
C.			
D.			