



CHMB31H3

Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry

Term test 2

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Answer all questions in full.

Value of each question is indicated. Total is 79 marks.

Aids Allowed: Periodic Table of Elements provided at the back

**Please, read each question carefully and make sure you have indeed
answered every part of each question!!!**

Duration: 90 min (1.5 h)

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1. (10 marks) Provide the formulas for the following compounds

- a. Sodium fluoride: NaF _____
- b. Potassium hydrogencarbonate: KHCO₃ _____
- c. Strontium carbide: SrC₂ _____
- d. Lithium oxide: Li₂O _____
- e. Boron nitride: BN _____
- f. Germanium(II) chloride: GeCl₂ _____
- g. Silicic acid: Si(OH)₄ _____
- h. Lithium tetrahydroaluminate: LiAlH₄ _____
- i. Thallium(I) sulfate: Tl₂SO₄ _____
- j. Magnesium tetrafluoroborate: Mg(BF₄)₂ _____

2. (5 marks) Using Wade's rules predict the likely structure type for B₁₁H₁₃²⁻ anion. (Only the type is required! You do not have to suggest and/or draw structure!)

Answer:

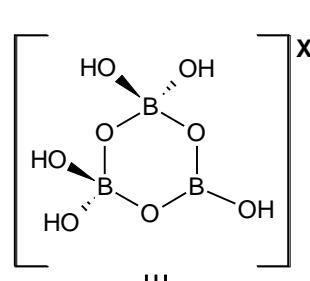
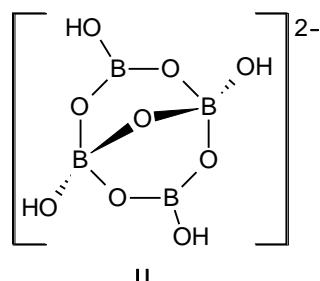
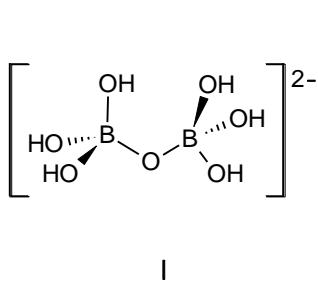
11 BH = 11 electron pairs

2 H = 1 electron pair

2- charge = 1 electron pair

13 electron pairs = n + 2 = nido cluster

3. (7 marks) Consider borate anions I, II and III shown below.



- Determine the number of Lewis acidic boron atoms for all three anions
- Determine the charge on anion III. Show any calculation and/or reasoning.

Answer:

a.

No. of Lewis acidic B atoms in I 0 , in II 2 and in III 1 .

b.

$$3 \times \text{B}(3+) = 9+$$

$$3 \times \text{O}(2-) = 6-$$

$$5 \times \text{OH}(1-) = 5-$$

Charge is 2-

4. (10 marks) Give balanced equations predicting the products for the following reactions:

- Barium fluoride and boron trifluoride
- Lithium oxide and carbon dioxide
- Calcium and nitrogen
- Rubidium hydroxide and beryllium hydroxide
- Thermal decomposition of solid CaCO_3

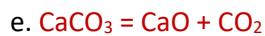
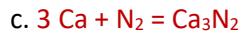
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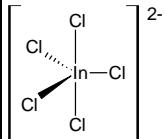
5. (5 marks) Indium trichloride easily reacts with two equivalents of ammonium chloride and produces a ionic solid.

- What is the formula of the product?
- Draw a clear structure of the anion found in the product.
- BCl_3 does not react with two equivalents of ammonium chloride. Why not?

Answer:

a. Formula is: $[\text{NH}_4]_2[\text{InCl}_5]$

b. Structure of the anion:



c. Because...

The B atom has a smaller radius and cannot accommodate more than four Cl atoms.

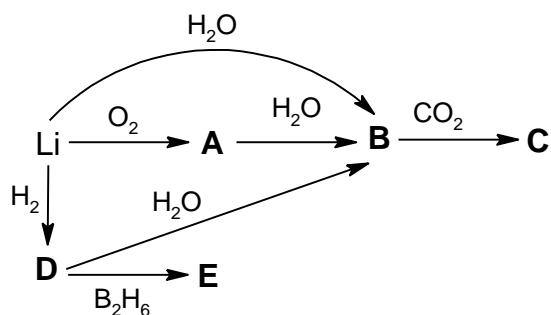
6. (4 marks) Explain what is:

- Temporary water hardness
- Permanent water hardness.

Answer:

- a. Temporary water hardness is caused by dissolved Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} hydrogencarbonates. It is considered temporary because it can be removed simply by boiling water for a while.
- b. Permanent water hardness is caused by dissolved Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+} sulfates and chlorides. To remove this type of hardness water must be distilled or otherwise treated. It is not removed by boiling.

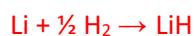
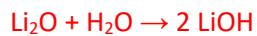
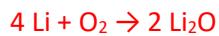
7. (12 marks) Identify lithium-containing products A–E in the following scheme and write balanced chemical equation for each reaction:



Answer:

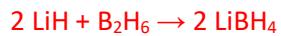
A: Li_2O B: LiOH C: LiHCO_3 or Li_2CO_3 D: LiH E: LiBH_4

Reactions (more space on the next page!):



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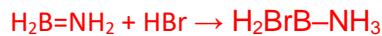


8. (3 marks) Identify the following from the given choices (circle your answer):

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|---|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. The most stable oxide | SiO | GeO | PbO |
| b. Most covalent hydride | CaH ₂ | MgH ₂ | BeH ₂ |
| c. The compound sodium is isolated from | NaCl | NaHCO ₃ | Na ₂ SO ₄ |

9. (5 marks) Suggest the product of a reaction between H₂B=NH₂ and HBr and explain your reasoning. Draw the product's structure.

Answer:



The partial charges on B (positive) and on N (negative) dictate addition of Br⁻ to B and H⁺ to N
(Alternatively: B is Lewis acidic and can react with Lewis base Br⁻, N is a Lewis base and reacts with H⁺ as Lewis acid)



10. (3 marks) Provide three examples that demonstrate the similarity between chemistry of boron and chemistry of silicon.

Answer:

1. Both B and Si form strong bonds with oxygen and fluorine

2. B_2O_3 and SiO_2 are both acidic, solid oxides with network structures

3. B and Si make weak hydroxyl acids

11. (5 marks)

- A silvery metallic element has the following values of the first three ionization potentials: $I_1 = 900 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $I_2 = 1760 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $I_3 = 14\,850 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. To which group of the periodic table this metal belongs? Explain.
- The metal has a well-known chloride that does not conduct electricity when molten. Its hydride cannot be obtained directly from the metal and hydrogen. Identify the metal and explain your reasoning.

Answer:

a. The metal belongs to Group 2 because of the large difference between I_2 and $I_3 - I_2$ clearly removes a core electron

b. The metal is Be because it creates polar covalent bonds and its hydride has formation enthalpy of about 0 kJ mol^{-1}

12. (10 marks) Unlike CH_4 , SiH_4 rapidly reacts with water.

- Suggest the products for the reaction between SiH_4 and H_2O .
- Draw a mechanism for the reaction between SiH_4 and one molecule of H_2O .
- Why is CH_4 unreactive towards water but SiH_4 is?

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Answer:

a.

b.

c.

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