



**CHMB31H3**  
**Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry**  
**Term test 2**

**November 19, 2018**

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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)**

**GOOD LUCK!!**

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

- a. Sodium fluoride: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{NaF}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Potassium hydrogencarbonate: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{KHCO}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Strontium carbide: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{SrC}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Lithium oxide: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Boron nitride: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{BN}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Germanium(II) chloride: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{GeCl}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Silicic acid: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Si(OH)}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Lithium tetrahydroaluminate: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Thallium(I) sulfate: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Tl}_2\text{SO}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Magnesium tetrafluoroborate: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Mg(BF}_4)_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

2. (5 marks) Using Wade's rules predict the likely structure type for  $\text{B}_{11}\text{H}_{13}^{2-}$  anion. (Only the type is required! You do not have to suggest and/or draw structure!)

Answer:

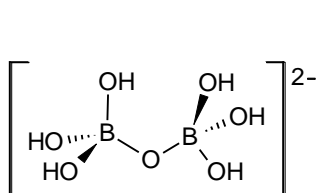
11 BH = 11 electron pairs

2 H = 1 electron pair

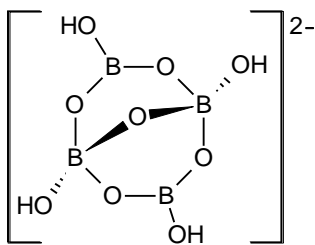
2- charge = 1 electron pair

13 electron pairs =  $n + 2$  = nido cluster

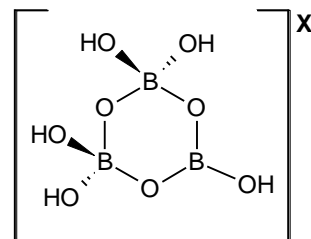
3. (7 marks) Consider borate anions I, II and III shown below.



I



II



III

- 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.

$$3 \times B(3+) = 9+$$

$$3 \times O(2-) = 6-$$

$$5 \times OH(1-) = 5-$$

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  $\text{CaCO}_3$

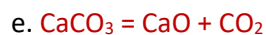
Answer:



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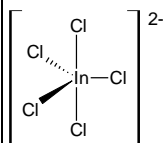
5. (5 marks) Indium trichloride easily reacts with two equivalents of ammonium chloride and produces a ionic solid.

- What is the formula of the product?
- Draw a clear structure of the anion found in the product.
- $\text{BCl}_3$  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...

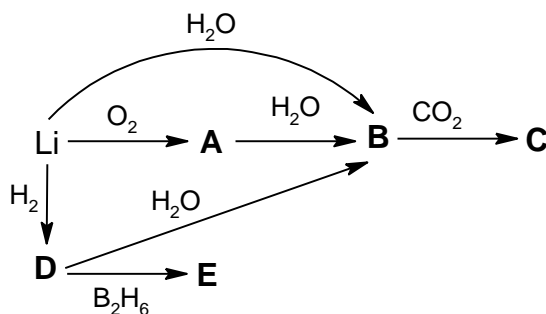
The B atom has a smaller radius and cannot accommodate more than four Cl atoms.

6. (4 marks) Explain what is:
- Temporary water hardness
  - Permanent water hardness.

Answer:

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

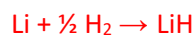
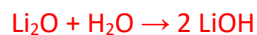
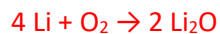
7. (12 marks) Identify lithium-containing products A–E in the following scheme and write balanced chemical equation for each reaction:

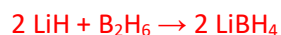
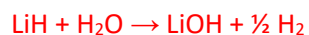


Answer:

A:  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$       B:  $\text{LiOH}$       C:  $\text{LiHCO}_3$  or  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$       D:  $\text{LiH}$       E:  $\text{LiBH}_4$

Reactions (more space on the next page!):



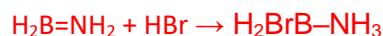


8. (3 marks) Identify the following from the given choices (circle your answer):

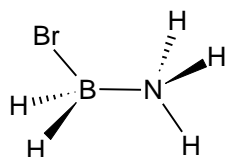
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|---|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. The most stable oxide                | SiO              | GeO                | <b>PbO</b>                      |
| b. Most covalent hydride                | CaH <sub>2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

9. (5 marks) Suggest the product of a reaction between H<sub>2</sub>B=NH<sub>2</sub> 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<sup>-</sup> to B and H<sup>+</sup> to N (Alternatively: B is Lewis acidic and can react with Lewis base Br<sup>-</sup>, N is a Lewis base and reacts with H<sup>+</sup> as Lewis acid)



(Note staggered conformation around B-N bond!)

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.  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  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  $0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

**12. (10 marks)** Unlike  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{SiH}_4$  rapidly reacts with water.

- Suggest the products for the reaction between  $\text{SiH}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Draw a mechanism for the reaction between  $\text{SiH}_4$  and one molecule of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Why is  $\text{CH}_4$  unreactive towards water but  $\text{SiH}_4$  is?



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Answer:

a.

b.

c.

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