

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. (a) \quad m_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} &= 200 \text{ mg} \times \frac{M_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}}}{M_{\text{aspartame}}} \\
 &= 200 \text{ mg} \times \frac{32.05 \text{ g/mol}}{294.34 \text{ g/mol}} \\
 m_{\text{CH}_3\text{OH}} &= 21.8 \text{ mg} \\
 (b) \quad \text{LD}_{50(70 \text{ kg})} &= 0.07 \text{ g/kg} \times 70 \text{ kg} \\
 \text{LD}_{50(70 \text{ kg})} &= 4.9 \text{ g} \\
 (c) \quad \text{number of cans of diet pop} &= \frac{4.9 \text{ g}}{21.8 \text{ mg/can}} \\
 &= 220 \text{ cans}
 \end{aligned}$$

Explore an Issue: Take a Stand: Will That Be “Regular” or “Diet”?

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- (a) Aspartame:
Reasons for its use: reducing caloric intake, to counter obesity; for sugar-reduced or sugar-free diets, e.g., for diabetic patients; reduce incidence of tooth decay.
Reasons against its use: may have undesirable side effects such as headaches; no nutritive value, may contribute to lower than required intake of minerals and vitamins.
- (b) Factors to consider: experimental design, e.g., use of controlled variables; type of system tested, e.g., test done on mice, information transferred to human applications; size of population tested; number of independent research groups reporting findings; funding of the research group, e.g., funded by the manufacturer of the product.
- (c) (Sample answer) Risks are still uncertain and debatable; in some cases, benefits outweigh the risks, e.g., sugar-free diets prescribed by doctor; in other cases, should reduce possible risk by keeping daily use of aspartame to a minimum.

Try This Activity: Identifying Fibres by Odour

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- (a) Silk and wool fabrics are protein; cotton, linen, and hemp are cellulose; polyester, lycra, and nylon are synthetic.
(b) Matches contain sulfur, which, when burned, confuses the odour of the fabric burning.

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Understanding Concepts

4. Proteins are condensation polymers: The carboxyl group of one amino acid reacts with the amino group of another amino acid, forming a peptide bond and eliminating a water molecule.
5. They are mirror images of each other and are not superimposable on each other.
- 6.
- $$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad || \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\ | \\ \text{R}' \end{array} & + & \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad || \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\ | \\ \text{R}'' \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad || \quad | \quad || \\ \text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{R}' \quad \text{H} \quad \text{R}'' \end{array} & + & \text{H}_2\text{O}
 \end{array}$$
7. Primary structure: the sequence of the amino acids in a polypeptide chain. Secondary structure: the three-dimensional organization of segments of a polypeptide chain; alpha helix or pleated sheet. Tertiary structure: the three-dimensional folding of the alpha-helices and pleated-sheet structures of polypeptide chains. Quaternary structure: several protein subunits may join together. See page 122 in this section for diagrams.
8. Fibrous protein: collagen, function: for structure and strength; structure: long helical chains packed closely together and form crosslinkages. Globular protein: enzymes; function: for mobility throughout the organism; structure: sections of helices and pleated sheets within the same protein attract each other and form a globular shape.