



CHEMISTRY

2017 Australian Science Olympiad Exam

Multiple choice answers

Correct answer marked in yellow

1. Which of the following will produce a gas when reacted with hydrochloric acid?

(a)	NaHCO ₃
(b)	NaOH
(c)	NaNO ₃
(d)	Na_2SO_4
(e)	NaH ₂ PO ₄

2. Nitric oxide (NO) reacts completely with oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide according to the following balanced chemical equation:

$$2 \operatorname{NO}(g) + \operatorname{O}_2(g) \rightarrow 2 \operatorname{NO}_2(g)$$

If 2 L of NO and 1 L of O_2 are reacted in a balloon, what will be the final volume of the balloon after the reaction is complete, assuming that the temperature and pressure are unchanged?

(a)	1.0 L
(b)	2.0 L
(c)	2.5 L
(d)	3.0 L
(e)	5.0 L

3. Calcium hydroxide $(Ca(OH)_2)$ is sparingly soluble in water, with a solubility of 1.73 g/L at 20 °C. If 0.400 g of calcium hydroxide is placed in 200 mL of water at 20°C, what mass of calcium hydroxide will remain **undissolved**?

(a)	0.027 g
(b)	0.054 g
(c)	0.173 g
(d)	0.346 g
(e)	0.400 g

4. Prussian blue is a deep blue pigment containing Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} and CN^{-} ions. It has the formula $Fe_7(CN)_{18}$. How many Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions are there per formula unit?

(a) 0
$$Fe^{2+}$$
 and 6 Fe^{3+}

(b)	$3 \mathrm{Fe}^{2+} \mathrm{and} 4 \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$
(c)	4 Fe ²⁺ and 3 Fe ³⁺
(d)	5 Fe^{2+} and 2 Fe^{3+}
(e)	9 Fe ²⁺ and 0 Fe ³⁺

5. Element X forms compounds with two common ions: X^+ and X^{3+} . Which group is element X likely to be in?

(a)	1
(b)	2
(c)	13
(d)	15
(e)	17

6. Why does a catalyst increase the rate of reaction?

(a)	Decreases activation energy of the reaction
(b)	Increases the temperature of the reactants
(c)	Increases the concentration of the reactants
(d)	Decreases the pressure of the system
(e)	Decreases the surface area of the reactants

7. Acid number is a commonly used metric in the paint industry. It is defined as the mass (inmg) of potassium hydroxide required to completely neutralise the acid in 1 g of paint.

A paint has an acid number of 185. What volume of 0.100 M KOH is required to completely neutralise 0.5 g of that paint?

(a)	1.65 mL
(b)	3.30 mL
(c)	<mark>16.5 mL</mark>
(d)	18.5 mL
(e)	33.0 mL

8. Phosphoric acid is a triprotic acid. What mass of $Ca(OH)_2$ would be required to neutralise 100 mL of a 1 mol L⁻¹ solution of phosphoric acid (H₃PO₄)?

(a)	3.7 g
(b)	4.9 g
(c)	7.4 g
(d)	11.1 g
(e)	22.2 g

9. Consider four elements: calcium, oxygen, potassium and sulfur. What would be the correct order if they were arranged according to increasing electronegativity?

- (a) Calcium < oxygen < potassium < sulfur
- (b) Calcium < potassium < sulfur < oxygen
- (c) Oxygen < sulfur < potassium < calcium
- (d) Potassium < calcium < oxygen < sulfur
- (e) Potassium < calcium < sulfur < oxygen

10. A diene (di-alkene) is a hydrocarbon containing two double bonds. For example,

1,3-butadiene has a double bond between the first and second carbon atoms, and another double between the third and fourth carbon atoms. If the formula for 1,3-butadiene is C_4H_6 ,

what is the formula for 2,4-hexadiene?

(a)	C_6H_8
(b)	C_6H_9
(c)	C_6H_{10}
(d)	$C_{6}H_{12}$
(e)	C_6H_{14}

11. Aqueous Fe^{2+} ions are readily oxidised to Fe^{3+} ions by oxygen gas in acidic solutions. Consider the following relevant reduction half equations:

$$Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq)$$
$$4H^{+}(aq) + O_{2}(g) + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 2H_{2}O(l)$$

What chemical amount (in mol) of H_2O would be produced from the reaction of 2 mol $of Fe^{2+}$ with excess oxygen under acidic conditions?

<mark>(a)</mark>	1 mol
(b)	2 mol
(c)	4 mol
(d)	8 mol
(e)	16 mol

12. Excess calcium carbonate was treated with 50 mL of 5.0 M hydrochloric acid and the mass lost over 20 min recorded and plotted on the graph below. The experiment was then



repeated under changed conditions.

Which of the following could be the changed conditions?

- (a) 25 mL of 5.0 M hydrochloric acid
- (b) 25 mL of 10.0 M hydrochloric acid
- (c) 50 mL of 2.5 M hydrochloric acid
- (d) 50 mL of 10.0 M hydrochloric acid
- (e) 100 mL of 2.5 M hydrochloric acid

13. Solid carbon dioxide, also known as dry ice, sublimes to form gaseous carbon dioxide. What type of bonding is significantly weakened because of this phase change?

- (a) Covalent bonding
- (b) Hydrogen bonding
- (c) Ionic bonding
- (d) Intermolecular forces
- (e) Metallic bonding
- 14. Which of the following elements is a solid at room temperature?

15. Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) dimerises to form N_2O_4 , as represented by the equilibrium reaction:

$$2 \operatorname{NO}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \operatorname{N}_2\operatorname{O}_4(g) \qquad \Delta \mathrm{H} < 0$$

The following graph depicts the concentration of NO_2 and N_2O_4 gases in a closed reaction vessel.



At t = 10 s, the equilibrium between the two species is disrupted, and a new equilibrium is reached at t = 20. Which one of the following disruptions at t = 10 would be consistent with the graph?

- (a) Addition of only N_2O_4 to the reaction vessel
- (b) Addition of only NO_2 to the reaction vessel
- (c) Decrease in volume of the reaction vessel
- (d) Increase in temperature inside reaction vessel
- (e) Removal of only NO₂ from the reaction vessel

SECTION B ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

Question 16

Our atmosphere is made up of 4 main gases: about 78% nitrogen gas, 21% oxygen gas, less than 1% argon, and around 0.04% carbon dioxide. Recently, a planet called TCAZIHG was discovered. It looks similar to Eaiih and spectroscopic measurements revealed that its atmosphere consists of the same four gases in Earth's atmosphere.

(Throughout the question, air refers to the atmosphere of planet TCAZIHG. All measurements have been performed at the same temperature and pressure.)

A 500.0 L container filled with air weighs 23.888 kg. When the container is completely evacuated of all air, it weighs 21.702 kg.

(a) Find the density of the air (in $\mathbf{g} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{-} \mathbf{1}$).

 $m(air) = 23 \cdot 888 - 21 \cdot 702 = 2 \cdot 186 kg$ = 2186g. $P(air) = \frac{2186 g}{500.0L} = 4 \cdot 372 gL^{-1}.$

To detennine the percentage by mass of oxygen gas in air, an excess of copper is added to a sealed 25.00 L container filled with air. This is heated and the oxygen reacts with the copper to form copper(II) oxide.

(b) Write a balanced chemical equation for this reaction.

 $2(u(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2(uOs)$

(c) Calculate the mass of air in the container before the reaction occurred.



Upon complete reaction, the mass of the remaining gas is found to be 72.40 g.

(d) Calculate the mass of oxygen gas that reacted with the copper.



(e) Calculate the percentage by mass of oxygen in the air.

$$%(0_{2}) = \frac{36 \cdot 9_{9}}{109 \cdot 3_{9}} \times \frac{100}{1} = 33 \cdot 8\%.$$

(f) Calculate the mass of copper(II) oxide produced in this reaction.

$$n(Q_2) = \frac{36.9 \text{ g}}{32.00 \text{ gmol}^{-1}} = 1.15 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(Lu0) = 2 \times 1.15 \text{ mol} = 2.31 \text{ mol}$$

$$m(Lu0) = 2.31 \text{ mol} \times (63.55 + 16.00) \text{ gmol}^{-1}$$

$$= 183 \text{ g}.$$

To determine the percentage by mass of carbon dioxide in the air, a 10.00 L sample of air is continually bubbled through a solution of Ca(OH)z or limewater, and a white precipitate of calcium carbonate forms, as described by the following balanced chemical equation:

Ca(OH)2(aq) + CO2(g) - CaCO3(s) + H2O(l)

Once the precipitation is complete, the solid is filtered, washed and dried, and has a mass of 11.05 g.

(g) Calculate the percentage by mass of CO2 in the air.

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To find the percentage by mass of N2 in the air, a 2.000 g sample of air is reacted with excess oxygen and water at high temperature. Under these conditions, the CO2 and N2 form acids according to the following equations:

CO2(g) + H2O(l) - H2CO3(aq)2N2(g) + 3O2(g) + 2H2O(/) - 4HNO2(aq)

The resulting acidic solution is quantitatively transferred to a 250.0 mL volumetric flask and made up to the mark. 50.00 mL of 0.1993 M NaOH is added to 20.00 mL samples of this mixture and reacts with the acids present. Neutralisation of the excess NaOH requires 18.36 mL of 0.2101 M HCl.

The following balanced chemical equations represent the reactions of aqueous H2CO3, HNO2 and HCl with the solution of NaOH:

H2CO3(aq) + 2 NaOH(aq) - Na2CO3(aq) + H2O(/)HNO2(aq) + NaOH(aq) - NaNO2(aq) + H2O(1)HCl(aq) + NaOH(aq) - NaCl(aq) + H2O(1)

(h) Calculate the chemical amount (in mol or mmol) of HCl added.



(i) Calculate the chemical amount (in mol or mmol) of NaOH that reacted with H2CO3 and HNO2.



(j) Calculate the chemical amount (in mol or mmol) of H2CO3 that will be present in a 20.00 mL sample of the original acidic solution. (If you did not get an answer for part (g), you may assume that the percentageby mass of carbon dioxide in the air is 10%).



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(k) Calculate the percentage by mass of N2 in the air.



The amount fraction (also known as mole fraction) is defined as the chemical amount of a substance in a mixture (in mol) divided by the total chemical amounts of all constituents of the mixture (in mol).

(1) Assuming that the remaining gas in the air is argon, calculate the amount fraction of argon in the **air**.



Question 17

The field of organic chemistry (or carbon chemistry) involves the study of how to transform organic compounds into desired products. In organic chemistry, skeletal fonnula notation is often used to represent carbon backbones. In this notation, bonds are represented by lines, with carbon atoms located at the end of each line segment or meeting point ofline segments. Hydrog en atoms connected to carbon atoms are implied rather than explicitly shown.

For example:



Specific reactions can be us ed to transfonn one functional group (such as the OH group in the structure above) into another. These reactions have been represented by numbers throughout this question, as shown in the table below. For the sake of simplicity, we have also represented various organic functional groups as letters of the alphabet from **A** to **F** (note that the letters **B**, **C** and **F** refer to functional groups, not the respective elements boron, carbon and fluorine which they usually denote). For your convenience, this table will be reproduced frequently in this question.

Reaction 1:	A - C B-C
Reaction 2:	A-C
Reaction 3:	A-D c-B
Reaction 4:	D-A
Reaction 5 :	c-E
Reaction 6:	E-C

As an example, the functional group **A** can be converted to functional group **C** by either reaction **1** or **2**, or to functional group **D** by reaction **3**.

As a further example, the molecule shown on the left is converted into the molecule on the right by reaction **3**.



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Reaction 1:	A t C B t C
Reaction 2:	A t C
Reaction 3 :	At0 Ct B
Reaction 4:	D t A
Reaction 5:	Ct E
Reaction 6:	EtC

(a) Draw the product of the following reactions. Note that when two reactions are written on the same line they are applied sequentially from left to right, e.g. 1, 3 means do reaction 1, then apply reaction 3 to the products of the previous reaction. Blank skeletal structures for the products have been drawn for you.



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Reaction 1:	A+C B+C
Reaction 2:	A+C
Reaction 3:	A+ D C+ B
Reaction 4:	D+A
Reaction 5:	C+E
Reaction 6:	E+C

(b) Identify the reaction step(s) required to transform the reactant on the left to the product on the right. Note that this may require the sequential application of more than one reaction.



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Reaction 1:	A+C B+ C
Reaction 2:	A+C
Reaction 3 :	A+ D C+ B
Reaction 4:	D+ A
Reaction 5:	C+E
Reaction 6:	E+ C

(c) Consider the reaction scheme below, in which the product pictured on the right is synthesised from compound V via the reactions 3, 4, 2, 5 and then 1 respectively. None of compounds V, W, X, Y, Z are the same as each other.



(i) Sketch the structures of X, Y and Z. Blank skeletal structures have been provided for you.



(ii) Sketch one possible structure for V.





(d) In reaction 7, the functional groups Band C react in the following_way:



A new chemical bond is formed between the functional group **B** and the carbon *adjacent* to the functional group **C**, and **B** is turned into a new functional group **F** in the process.

(i) Draw the product of the following reaction, and label the new bond formed.



In the following reaction, the two starting materials are mixed and reactions 3, 6 and 7 are performed sequentially on this mixture.

(ii) Draw the product of this series ofreactions.



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(iii) Draw the product of the following reaction:



Reaction 1:	AtC BtC
Reaction 2:	AtC
Reaction 3:	AtD CtB
Reaction 4:	DtA
Reaction 5:	CtE
Reaction 6:	EtC

(iv) Suggest a series of reactions that would transform the reactant on the left **solely** into the product on the right.



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Question 18

An important property of metallic elements is their ability to bond to one or more molecules or ions to form *metal complexes*. Metal complexes may have an overall positive, negative or neutral charge depending on the charge on the metal and which molecules or ions are bound to it. Originally, many compounds now understood to contain metal complexes were thought of as "adducts" - compounds consisting of two chemically distinct species in a fixed ratio. For example, COCb:6NH3 was thought of as an adduct of CoCb and ammonia in a 1:6 ratio.

(a) What is the charge on the cobalt ion in CoCb?

Despite appearing to consist of two pre-existing compounds in fixed ratios, these 'adducts' show different reactivity from their component parts. In the late 19th century, Sophus Mads 10rgensen investigated the reactivity of CoCb:6NH3 with solutions of hydrochloric acid and silver nitrate.

- (b) W1ite balanced chemical equations for the following reactions:
 - (i) Mixing aqueous solutions of CoCb and AgN03 (a precipitate of AgCl is one of the products)

(o(13(aq) + 3AgNO3(aq) -> 3Ag(16) + (o(NO3)3(aq)

(ii) Mixing ammonia with hydrochloric acid.

NH3 (ag) + MCl(ag) -> NH4 Cl (ag)

It was discovered that one mole of C0Cb:6NH3 reacted with 3 moles of AgN03, however there was no reaction with hydrochloric acid. 10rgensen proposed that these observations suggested that the ammonia molecules were bonded in such a way as to be unreactive. He suggested the following structure, claiming that ammonia could fonn linear chains similar to -CH2- units in hydrocarbon chains:



J0rgensen formulated this structure well before modem theories of valence and bonding like Lewis structures had been developed.

(iii) Draw a Lewis (or electron dot) structure for ammonia



(iv) Suggest why the structure of C0Cb:6NH3 is unlikely to consist of these ammonia chains.

Nusually forms 3 bonds with other atoms, or 4 if the lone pair is involved in dative (co-ordinate covaled) bondi The Natoms in these chains would need to form 5 bond d ordinarily be impossible due

Page 21 of 28 2017 Australian Science Olympiad Exam - Chemistry ©Australian Science Innovations ABN 81731558309 Nevertheless, 10rgensen's structure was consistent with the experimental evidence available at the time. Other adducts of the form CoCb:xNH3 were discovered, and their properties are summarised in the following table:

Composition	Colour	Amount of AgNO3 (mol) required for complete reaction per mole of adduct
C0Cb:6NH3	Orange	3
C0Cb :SN H3	Pink	2
CoCb:4NH3	Green	1
CoCb:3NH3	Violet	0

To explain the fact that one of the chlorine atoms in C0Cb:SNH3 did not react with silver nitrate, 10 rgensen proposed the following structure, in which the "unreactive" or "masked" chlorine is bonded directly to the metal: H = H



(c) Draw a structure for CoCb:4NH3 that would, according to 10rgensen's theory, explain its observed reactivity with silver nitrate.



Unfortunately, 10rgensen's theory starts to break down when we consider CoCb:3NH3. forgensen proposed the following structure, in which the ammonia chain is shortened by one:



(d) Explain why forgensen's structure does not agree with the experimental results above.

There are two Clatoms bound to Co and one bound to N. This should require I not of AgNO3 per mol of adduct, rather than the observed O mol.

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Alfred Werner conducted experiments with the same series of compounds, measuring their molar conductivities in solution (higher numbers mean greater conductivity per mole of compound dissolved). From this he reasoned that these compounds must dissociate into different numbers of ions in aqueous solution. Werner's data is shown in the table below:

Composition	Molar conductivity	Number of ions present per fonnula unit
C0Ch:6NH3	431.6	4
C0Ch:SNH3	296.4	3
CoCh:4NH3	98.35	2
CoCh:3NH3	?	?

(e) Explain the relationship between the conductivity of a solution and number of ions present.

nductivity increases as the number of mobile arged particles increases, hence compounds that lease more ions into solution will give higher conduct

- (f) Notice that the data is missing for CoCb:3NH3
 - (i) Predict the number of ions present in CoCh:3NH3.

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(ii) Hence, predict the molar conductivity of CoCb:3NH3.

To rationalise both his conductivity data and J0rgensen's data, Werner proposed that 3 of the 4 ions in C0Ch:6NH3 correspond to c1- ions, which would therefore be able to react with silver nitrate. According to Werner's theory, the ammonia and the cobalt formed a single 'complex' ion: $[Co(NH 3)6]^{\frac{3}{4}}$. Thus, it would be more appropriate to write the ionic formula for C0Ch:6NH3 as [Co(NH3)6]Ch.

According to Werner's theory, C0Cb:SNH3 would consist of two c1- ions and the complex ion $[C0Cl(NH3)s]^2$. Werner suggested that this explained 10rgensen's observations, as only the two ionic chlorides could react with silver nitrate, while the chloride that is directly bonded to the cobalt would not react.

Page 23 of 28 2017 Australian Science Olympiad Exam - Chemistry ©Australian Science Innovations ABN 81731558309 (h) Write the fonnula of the complex ion in CoCb:4NH3. Does this formula agree with fargensen's silver nitrate observations and Werner's conductivity data? Explain you answer.

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Werner conducted further experiments with other adducts and found that he could use his model of metal complexes to explain their physical and chemical properties. The following table and graph summarise the conductivity and reactivity with AgNO3 of a series of adducts of the form PtCh:xNH3. It is known that these compounds contain Pt^{2}_{+} .

Composition	Amount of AgNO3 (mol) required for complete reaction per mole of adduct
PtCh:4NH3	2
PtCh:3NH3	1
PtCh:2NH3	0
PtCh:NH3:KCl	0
Α	0



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- (i) Use the data above to answer the following questions. You will need to use similar reasoning to that outlined in the earlier parts of the question.
 - (i) Write formulae for PtCh:4NH3, PtCb:3NH3, and PtCh:2NH3 that reflect the fact that they contain complex ions.



(ii) The concept of coordination number refers to the number of molecules or ions directly bonded to the metal centre. For example, the ion $[COCl(NH3)s]^{2}$ has a coordination number of 6. What is the coordination number of this series of platinum complexes?

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(iii) Based on the trend in the first three compounds, and considering the experimental data predict the formula of the complex ion in PtCh:NH3:KC1.

[PI(I,(IIHJ)]-KLPt (I\(NH,TI

(iv) Predict the formula for A given that it contains potassium, chlorine and a Pt^2 ion with the same coordination number as in part (ii), but contains no ammonia.



Page 25 of 28 2017 Australian Science Olympiad Exam - Chemistry ©Australian Science Innovations ABN 81731558309 Boiling a solution of PtCh in ethanol followed by the addition of potassium chloride produces yellow crystals of a substance first isolated in the early 19th century. These yellow crystals react vigorously with both oxygen gas and hydrogen gas but not with silver nitrate. At the time of its discovery, elemental analysis was not possible for all elements but the following percentage composition by mass data was found: Pt 50.46%, Cl 27.51%, C 6.21% 0 4.14%, H 1.56%. Later studies showed that the Pt² ion also has the same coordination number as in part (ii).

(v) Predict the formula for these yellow crystals.

