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Part I	60 questions	single-answer multiple-choice	1 hour, 30 minutes
Part II	8 questions	problem-solving, explanations	1 hour, 45 minutes
Part III	2 questions	laboratory practical	1 hour, 15 minutes

A periodic table and other useful information are provided on page 2 for student reference. Students should be permitted to use non-programmable calculators.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EXAMINEE–PART I

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PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

1 H 1.008																	2 He 4.003
3 Li 6.941	4 Be 9.012											5 B 10.81	6 C 12.01	7 N 14.01	8 O 16.00	9 F 19.00	10 Ne 20.18
11 Na 22.99	12 Mg 24.31											13 Al 26.98	14 Si 28.09	15 P 30.97	16 S 32.07	17 Cl 35.45	18 Ar 39.95
19 K 39.10	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.88	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 52.00	25 Mn 54.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.69	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.39	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.61	33 As 74.92	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.90	36 Kr 83.80
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc (98)	44 Ru 101.1	45 Rh 102.9	46 Pd 106.4	47 Ag 107.9	48 Cd 112.4	49 In 114.8	50 Sn 118.7	51 Sb 121.8	52 Te 127.6	53 I 126.9	54 Xe 131.3
55 Cs 132.9	56 Ba 137.3	57 La 138.9	72 Hf 178.5	73 Ta 181.0	74 W 183.8	75 Re 186.2	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.1	79 Au 197.0	80 Hg 200.6	81 Tl 204.4	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 209.0	84 Po (209)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)
87 Fr (223)	88 Ra 226.0	89 Ac 227.0	104 Rf (261)	105 Db (262)	106 Sg (263)	107 Bh (262)	108 Hs (265)	109 Mt (266)	110 (269)	111 (272)	112 (277)		114 (289)				

58 Ce 140.1	59 Pr 140.9	60 Nd 144.2	61 Pm (145)	62 Sm 150.4	63 Eu 152.0	64 Gd 157.3	65 Tb 158.9	66 Dy 162.5	67 Ho 164.9	68 Er 167.3	69 Tm 168.9	70 Yb 173.0	71 Lu 175.0
90 Th 232.0	91 Pa 231.0	92 U 238.0	93 Np 237.0	94 Pu (244)	95 Am (243)	96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (251)	99 Es (252)	100 Fm (257)	101 Md (258)	102 No (259)	103 Lr (260)

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- There is only one correct answer to each question. Any questions for which more than one response has been blackened **will not be counted**.
- Your score is based solely on the number of questions you answer correctly. **It is to your advantage to answer every question.**

1. Which substance is most likely to be soluble in a nonpolar solvent?

(A) glucose   (B) graphite

(C) lithium fluoride   (D) sulfur

2. A solution of which substance can best be used as both a titrant and its own indicator in an oxidation–reduction titration?

(A) I_2 (B) NaOCl

(C) $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (D) $KMnO_4$

3. What value of ΔT should be used for the calorimetry experiment that gives these graphed results?
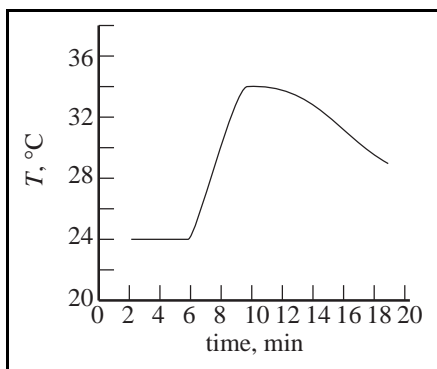
(A) $10\ ^\circ C$ (B) $12\ ^\circ C$ (C) $15\ ^\circ C$ (D) $19\ ^\circ C$

4.
$$Fe^{3+}(aq) + SCN^-(aq) \rightleftharpoons FeSCN^{2+}(aq)$$

The equilibrium constant for this reaction can best be determined by means of

(A) chromatography.   (B) conductance.

(C) ion exchange.   (D) spectrophotometry.

5. Which solid reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid at $25\ ^\circ C$ to produce a gas that is more dense than air?

(A) Zn   (B) $Pb(NO_3)_2$

(C) NaBr   (D) $NaHCO_3$

6. A 20.00 mL sample of a $Ba(OH)_2$ solution is titrated with 0.245 M HCl. If 27.15 mL of HCl is required, what is the molarity of the $Ba(OH)_2$ solution?

(A) 0.166 M   (B) 0.180 M

(C) 0.333 M   (D) 0.666 M

7. When ionic hydrides react with water, the products are

(A) acidic solutions and hydrogen gas.

(B) acidic solutions and oxygen gas.

(C) basic solutions and hydrogen gas.

(D) basic solutions and oxygen gas.

8. 0.250 g of an element, **M**, reacts with excess fluorine to produce 0.547 g of the hexafluoride, MF_6. What is the element?

(A) Cr   (B) Mo   (C) S   (D) Te

9. How many moles of Na^+ ions are in 20 mL of 0.40 M Na_3PO_4?

(A) 0.0080   (B) 0.024

(C) 0.050   (D) 0.20

10. What is the mass percent of oxygen in $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 18H_2O$?

Molar Mass, M	
$Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 18H_2O$	666.43 g·mol

(A) 9.60   (B) 28.8   (C) 43.2   (D) 72.0

11. What is the coefficient for $H^+(aq)$ when the equation is balanced with whole number coefficients?

$$\_\_Mn^{2+}(aq) + \_\_BiO_3^-(aq) + \_\_H^+(aq) \rightarrow$$
$$\_\_Bi^{3+}(aq) + \_\_MnO_4^-(aq) + \_\_H_2O(l)$$
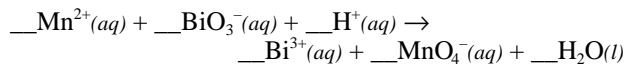
(A) 3   (B) 4   (C) 7   (D) 14

12. What is the number of O_2 molecules in the 2.5 g of O_2 inhaled by the average person in one minute?

(A) 1.9×10^{22} **(B)** 3.8×10^{22}

(C) 4.7×10^{22} **(D)** 9.4×10^{22}

13. Which point in the phase diagram best represents supercritical conditions?
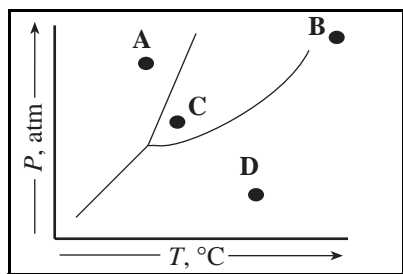
(A) A   **(B)** B   **(C)** C   **(D)** D

14. The vapor pressure of a liquid in a closed container depends on
1. temperature of the liquid
2. quantity of liquid
3. surface area of the liquid

(A) 1 only   **(B)** 2 only

(C) 1 and 3 only   **(D)** 1, 2 and 3

15. What is the maximum number of phases that can be in equilibrium in a one component system?

(A) 1   **(B)** 2   **(C)** 3   **(D)** 4

16. The molar mass of a gas with a density of 5.8 $g \cdot L^{-1}$ at 25 °C and 740 mm Hg is closest to

(A) 10 $g \cdot mol^{-1}$ **(B)** 20 $g \cdot mol^{-1}$

(C) 150 $g \cdot mol^{-1}$ **(D)** 190 $g \cdot mol^{-1}$

17. Which substance would be expected to exhibit the greatest surface tension at 25 °C?

(A) CH_3OCH_3 **(B)** C_2H_5OH

(C) $CH_3CH(OH)CH_3$ **(D)** $CH_2(OH)CH_2OH$

18. $3N_2O_{(g)} + 2NH_{3(g)} \rightarrow 4N_{2(g)} + 3H_2O_{(g)}$ $\Delta H = -879.6$ kJ

What is ΔH_f° for N_2O in $kJ \cdot mol^{-1}$?

Heats of Formation	
NH_3	-45.9 $kJ \cdot mol^{-1}$
H_2O	-241.8 $kJ \cdot mol^{-1}$

(A) +246   **(B)** +82   **(C)** −82   **(D)** −246

19. What is the change in internal energy, ΔE, for a reaction that gives off 65 joules of heat and does 38 joules of work?

(A) −103 J   **(B)** −27 J   **(C)** +27 J   **(D)** +103 J

20. What are the signs of ΔH and ΔS for this reaction?

$$2C_{(s)} + O_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2CO_{(g)}$$
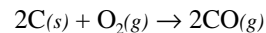
	ΔH	ΔS
(A)	−	−
(B)	−	+
(C)	+	+
(D)	+	−

21. The rate of formation of $O_{3(g)}$ is 2.0×10^{-7} $mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ for the reaction

$$3O_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2O_{3(g)}$$
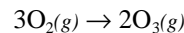
What is the rate of disappearance of $O_{2(g)}$ in $mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$?

(A) 1.3×10^{-7} **(B)** 2.0×10^{-7}

(C) 3.0×10^{-7} **(D)** 4.5×10^{-7}

22. Which statements are true?
1. S° values for all elements in their standard states are positive.
2. S° values for all aqueous ions are positive.
3. ΔS° values for all spontaneous reactions are positive.

(A) 1 only   **(B)** 1 and 2 only

(C) 2 and 3 only   **(D)** 1, 2 and 3

23. $Ag^+{}_{(aq)} + 2\,NH_{3(aq)} \rightleftharpoons Ag(NH_3)_2{}^+{}_{(aq)}$

For this reaction, $K = 1.7 \times 10^7$ at 25 °C. What is the value of ΔG° in kJ?

(A) −41.2   **(B)** −17.9   **(C)** +17.9   **(D)** +41.2

24. The value of ΔH for a reaction can be found by appropriate combination of bond enthalpies (the energy required to break a particular bond, represented *BE*). Which expression will give ΔH for this reaction?

$$C_2H_{4(g)} + H_{2(g)} \rightarrow C_2H_{6(g)}$$
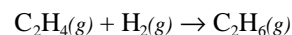
(A) $BE_{C=C} + BE_{H-H} - [BE_{C-C} + 2BE_{C-H}]$

(B) $BE_{C-C} + 2BE_{C-H} - [BE_{C=C} + BE_{H-H}]$

(C) $1/2 BE_{C=C} + BE_{H-H} - 2BE_{C-H}$

(D) $2BE_{C-H} - 1/2 BE_{C=C} + BE_{H-H}$

25. What is the sign of $\Delta G°$ and the value of K for an electrochemical cell for which $E°_{cell} = 0.80$ V?

	$\Delta G°$	K
(A)	−	> 1
(B)	+	> 1
(C)	+	< 1
(D)	−	< 1

26. The reaction between $NO_{(g)}$ and $O_{2(g)}$ to give $NO_{2(g)}$ is second order in $NO_{(g)}$ and first order in $O_{2(g)}$. By what factor will the reaction rate change if the concentrations of both reactants are doubled?

(A) 2   (B) 4   (C) 6   (D) 8

27. The decomposition of ethane into two methyl radicals has a first order rate constant of 5.5×10^{-4} sec^{-1} at 700 °C. What is the half-life for this decomposition in minutes?

(A) 9.1   (B) 15   (C) 21   (D) 30

28. The dependence of the rate constant of a reaction on temperature is given by the equation $k = e^{-E_a/kT}$. Under what conditions is k the smallest?

(A) high T and large E_a (B) high T and small E_a

(C) low T and large E_a (D) low T and small E_a
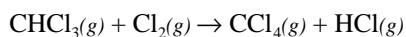
29. The reaction
$$CHCl_{3(g)} + Cl_{2(g)} \rightarrow CCl_{4(g)} + HCl_{(g)}$$
is believed to proceed by this mechanism:

$Cl_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2Cl_{(g)}$	fast
$Cl_{(g)} + CHCl_{3(g)} \rightarrow HCl_{(g)} + CCl_{3(g)}$	slow
$CCl_{3(g)} + Cl_{(g)} \rightarrow CCl_{4(g)}$	fast
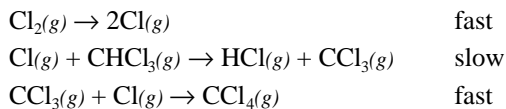
What rate equation is consistent with this mechanism?

(A) Rate = $k[Cl_2]$

(B) Rate = $k[Cl][CHCl_3]$

(C) Rate = $k[Cl_2][CHCl_3]$

(D) Rate = $k[Cl_2]^{1/2}[CHCl_3]$

30. The activation energy of a certain reaction is 87 kJ·mol^{-1}. What is the ratio of the rate constants for this reaction when the temperature is decreased from 37 °C to 15 °C?

(A) 5/1   (B) 8.3/1   (C) 13/1   (D) 24/1

31.
$$P_{4(s)} + 6Cl_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 4PCl_{3(g)}$$
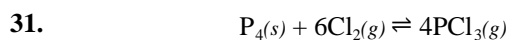
Phosphorus reacts with chlorine as shown. What is the equilibrium constant expression, K_p, for this reaction?

(A) $\dfrac{4P_{PCl_3}}{6P_{PCl_3} \cdot P_{Cl_2}}$ (B) $\dfrac{4P_{PCl_3}}{6P_{Cl_2}}$

(C) $\dfrac{P_{PCl_3}}{P_{P_4} \cdot P_{Cl_2}^6}$ (D) $\dfrac{P_{PCl_3}^4}{P_{Cl_2}^6}$

32. The equilibrium constant for the reaction
$$N_2O_{4(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2NO_{2(g)}$$
is 6.10×10^{-3} at 25°C. Calculate the value of K for this reaction:
$$NO_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 1/2 N_2O_{4(g)}$$
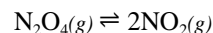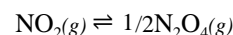
(A) 327   (B) 164

(C) 12.8   (D) 3.05×10^{-3}

33. The ion-product constant for water at 45 °C is 4.0×10^{-14}. What is the pH of pure water at this temperature?

(A) 6.7   (B) 7.0   (C) 7.3   (D) 13.4

34. The position of equilibrium lies to the right in each of these reactions.
$$N_2H_5^+ + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+ + N_2H_4$$
$$NH_3 + HBr \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+ + Br^-$$
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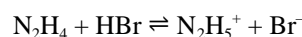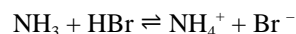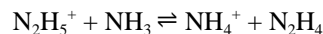
Based on this information, what is the order of acid strength?

(A) $HBr > N_2H_5^+ > NH_4^+$ (B) $N_2H_5^+ > N_2H_4 > NH_4^+$

(C) $NH_3 > N_2H_4 > Br^-$ (D) $N_2H_5^+ > HBr > NH_4^+$

35. HCN is a weak acid ($K_a = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$). NH_3 is a weak base ($K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$). A 1.0 M solution of NH_4CN would be

(A) strongly acidic   (B) weakly acidic

(C) neutral   (D) weakly basic

36. What is the percent ionization of a 0.010 M HCN solution? ($K_a = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$)

(A) 0.0025%   (B) 0.025%

(C) 0.25%   (D) 2.5%

37. How many moles of HCOONa must be added to 1.0 L of 0.10 M HCOOH to prepare a buffer solution with a pH of 3.4? (HCOOH $K_a = 2 \times 10^{-4}$)

(A) 0.01   (B) 0.05   (C) 0.1   (D) 0.2

38. The acid–base indicator methyl red has a K_a of 1×10^{-5}. Its acidic form is red while its alkaline form is yellow. If methyl red is added to a colorless solution with a pH = 7, the color will be

(A) pink   (B) red   (C) orange   (D) yellow

39. Silver ions are added to a solution with $[Br^-] = [Cl^-] = [CO_3^{2-}] = [AsO_4^{3-}] = 0.1$ M. Which compound will precipitate at the lowest $[Ag^+]$?

(A) AgBr $(K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13})$

(B) AgCl $(K_{sp} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10})$

(C) Ag_2CO_3 $(K_{sp} = 8.1 \times 10^{-12})$

(D) Ag_3AsO_4 $(K_{sp} = 1.0 \times 10^{-22})$

40. Consider a voltaic cell based on these half–cells.

$Ag^+(aq) + e^- \rightarrow Ag(s)$ $E° = +0.80$ V

$Cd^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow Cd(s)$ $E° = -0.40$ V

Identify the anode and give the voltage of this cell under standard conditions.

(A) Ag; $E_{cell} = 0.40$ V   (B) Ag; $E_{cell} = 2.00$ V

(C) Cd; $E_{cell} = 1.20$ V   (D) Cd; $E_{cell} = 2.00$ V

41. Which two species react spontaneously?

(A) $Cu(s) + Ag^+(aq)$ (B) $Br_2(l) + Cl^-(aq)$

(C) $H_2O(l) + Ca^{2+}(aq)$ (D) $Au(s) + Mg^{2+}(aq)$

42. When aluminum oxide is electrolyzed in the industrial process for the production of aluminum metal, aluminum is produced at one electrode and oxygen gas is produced at the other. For a given quantity of electricity, what is the ratio of moles of aluminum to moles of oxygen gas?

(A) 1:1   (B) 2:1   (C) 2:3   (D) 4:3

Questions **43.** and **44.** should be answered with reference to the reaction.

$2Cr(s) + 3Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Cu(s)$ $E° = 0.43$ V

43. Which expression gives the value for $\Delta G°$ in kJ·mol^{-1} for this reaction at 25 °C?

(A) $-6 \times 8.31 \times 0.43 \times 1000$

(B) $\dfrac{-6 \times 96500 \times 0.43 \times 1000}{8.31}$

(C) $\dfrac{-6 \times 96500 \times 0.43}{1000}$

(D) $\dfrac{-6 \times 8.31 \times 0.43}{1000}$

44. What is the voltage for this cell when $[Cu^{2+}] = 1.0$ M and $[Cr^{3+}] = 0.010$ M?

(A) 1.2   (B) 0.87   (C) 0.47   (D) 0.39

45. All of these sets of quantum numbers are permissible *except*

	n	l	m_l	m_s
(A)	1	0	0	+1/2
(B)	2	2	0	−1/2
(C)	3	1	1	−1/2
(D)	3	2	−1	+1/2

46. Which element can exhibit more than one oxidation state in compounds?

1. Cr   **2.** Pb   **3.** Sr

(A) **1** only   (B) **1** and **2** only

(C) **2** and **3** only   (D) **1**, **2** and **3**

47. When the isoelectronic species, K^+, Ca^{2+}, and Cl^-, are arranged in order of increasing radius, what is the correct order?

(A) K^+, Ca^{2+}, Cl^- (B) K^+, Cl^-, Ca^{2+}

(C) Cl^-, Ca^{2+}, K^+ (D) Ca^{2+}, K^+, Cl^-

48. Which Group 2 element has chemical properties least like the other members of the group?

(A) Be   (B) Ca   (C) Sr   (D) Ba

49. In the vapor state which atom has the largest ionization energy?

(A) Na   (B) K   (C) Mg   (D) Ca

50. All of these species have the same number of valence electrons as NO_3^- *except*

(A) CO_3^{2-} (B) HCO_3^- (C) NF_3 (D) SO_3

51. Which set contains no ionic species?

(A) NH_4Cl, OF_2, H_2S (B) CO_2, Cl_2, CCl_4

(C) BF_3, AlF_3, TlF_3 (D) I_2, CaO, CH_3Cl

52. When these species are arranged in order of *increasing* bond energy, what is the correct sequence?

(A) N_2, O_2, F_2 (B) F_2, O_2, N_2

(C) O_2, F_2, N_2 (D) O_2, N_2, F_2

53. The geometry of the atoms in the species PCl_4^+ is best described as

(A) tetrahedral   (B) see–saw

(C) square   (D) trigonal bipyramidal

54. Which are nonpolar molecules?

    1. NCl_3 **2.** SO_3 **3.** PCl_5

(A) **1** only   (B) **2** only

(C) **1** and **3** only   (D) **2** and **3** only

55. What are the hybridizations of carbon **1** and carbon **2** in the hydrocarbon?

$$CH_3CHCH_2 \atop {}^1 \quad {}^2$$

(A) sp^3, sp (B) sp^3, sp^2

(C) sp^2, sp^2 (D) sp, sp^2

56. How many carbon–carbon bonds are in a molecule of 2-methyl-2-butanol?

(A) 2   (B) 3   (C) 4   (D) 5

57. Which molecule can exist as stereoisomers?

(A) $CHF=CHF$ (B) $F_2C=CCl_2$

(C) $CH_2F–CHF_2$ (D) $CF_3–CH_3$

58. What are the most likely products in the reaction between $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$ and HI?

(A) $CH_3CH_2CH_2I$ and H_2O

(B) $CH_3CH_2CH_3$ and HOI

(C) CH_3OH and CH_3CH_2I

(D) $ICH_2CH_2CH_2OH$ and H_2

59. Addition polymers include

    1. polyamide   **2.** polyethylene   **3.** polyester

(A) **1** only   (B) **2** only

(C) **2** and **3** only   (D) **1**, **2** and **3**

60. All of these are aromatic compounds *except*

(A) hexene, C_6H_{12}

(B) toluene, $C_6H_5CH_3$

(C) *p*-dichlorobenzene, $C_6H_4Cl_2$

(D) naphthalene, $C_{10}H_8$

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Number	Answer		Number	Answer		Number	Answer
1.	D		21.	C		41.	A
2.	D		22.	A		42.	D
3.	B		23.	A		43.	C
4.	D		24.	A		44.	C
5.	D		25.	A		45.	B
6.	A		26.	D		46.	B
7.	C		27.	C		47.	D
8.	B		28.	C		48.	A
9.	B		29.	D		49.	C
10.	D		30.	C		50.	C
11.	D		31.	D		51.	B
12.	C		32.	C		52.	B
13.	B		33.	A		53.	A
14.	A		34.	A		54.	D
15.	C		35.	D		55.	B
16.	C		36.	B		56.	C
17.	D		37.	B		57.	A
18.	B		38.	D		58.	A
19.	A		39.	A		59.	B
20.	B		40.	C		60.	A