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## NATIONAL EXAM—PART I

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<b>Part I</b>	<b>60 questions</b>	<b>single-answer multiple-choice</b>	<b>1 hour, 30 minutes</b>
<b>Part II</b>	<b>8 questions</b>	<b>problem-solving, explanations</b>	<b>1 hour, 45 minutes</b>
<b>Part III</b>	<b>2 lab problems</b>	<b>laboratory practical</b>	<b>1 hour, 30 minutes</b>

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

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11. Which change increases the solubility of a gas in water?

1. an increase in water temperature
2. a decrease in gas pressure

- (A) 1 only                      (B) 2 only  
 (C) both 1 and 2              (D) neither 1 nor 2

12. Benzene melts at 5.50 °C and has a freezing point depression constant of 5.10 °C·m<sup>-1</sup>. Calculate the freezing point of a solution that contains 0.0500 mole of acetic acid, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, in 125 g of benzene if acetic acid forms a dimer in this solvent.

- (A) 3.46 °C                      (B) 4.48 °C  
 (C) 5.24 °C                      (D) 6.01 °C

13. A 200. mL sample of a gaseous hydrocarbon has a density of 2.53 g·L<sup>-1</sup> at 55 °C and 720 mmHg. What is its formula?

- (A) C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>    (B) C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>    (C) C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>    (D) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

14. A liquid has a vapor pressure of 40 mmHg at 19.0 °C and a normal boiling point of 78.3 °C. What is its enthalpy of vaporization in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>?

- (A) 42.4    (B) 18.4    (C) 5.10    (D) 1.45

15. Sulfur and fluorine form SF<sub>6</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>F<sub>10</sub>, both of which are gases at 30 °C. When an equimolar mixture of them is allowed to effuse through a pinhole, what is the ratio SF<sub>6</sub>/S<sub>2</sub>F<sub>10</sub> in the first sample that escapes?

	Molar Mass	g·mol <sup>-1</sup>
SF <sub>6</sub>	146	
S <sub>2</sub> F <sub>10</sub>	254	

- (A) 1.32/1    (B) 1.74/1    (C) 3.03/1    (D) 3.48/1

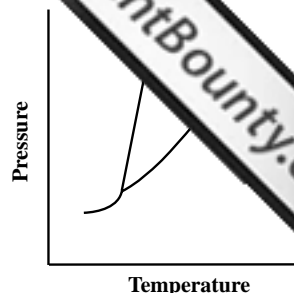
16. The volumes of real gases often exceed those calculated by the ideal gas equation. These deviations are best attributed to the

- (A) attractive forces between the molecules in real gases.  
 (B) dissociation of the molecules in real gases.  
 (C) kinetic energy of the molecules in real gases.  
 (D) volumes of the molecules in real gases.

17. The electrical conductivity of a solid is slight at 25 °C and much greater at 125 °C. The solid is most likely a(n)

- (A) ionic compound              (B) insulator  
 (C) metal                              (D) semiconductor

18. According to the phase diagram, what would be the effect of increasing the pressure on this substance?



- (A) decrease both the melting and boiling points  
 (B) increase both the melting and boiling points  
 (C) increase the melting point and decrease the boiling point  
 (D) decrease the melting point and increase the boiling point

19. When the substances below are arranged in order of increasing entropy values, S°, at 25 °C which is the correct order?

- (A) CO<sub>2</sub>(s) < CO<sub>2</sub>(aq) < CO<sub>2</sub>(g)  
 (B) CO<sub>2</sub>(g) < CO<sub>2</sub>(aq) < CO<sub>2</sub>(s)  
 (C) CO<sub>2</sub>(s) < CO<sub>2</sub>(g) < CO<sub>2</sub>(aq)  
 (D) CO<sub>2</sub>(g) < CO<sub>2</sub>(s) < CO<sub>2</sub>(aq)

20. When 50. mL of 0.10 M HCl is mixed with 50. mL of 0.10 M NaOH the temperature of the solution increases by 3.0 °C. Calculate the ΔH<sub>neutralization</sub> per mole of HCl. (The solution has a density = 1.0 g·mL<sup>-1</sup> and C<sub>p</sub> = 4.2 J·g<sup>-1</sup>·°C<sup>-1</sup>)

- (A) 1.3 × 10<sup>3</sup> kJ                      (B) -1.3 × 10<sup>2</sup> kJ  
 (C) -2.5 × 10<sup>2</sup> kJ                      (D) -1.3 × 10<sup>3</sup> kJ

21. The combustion of 0.200 mol of liquid carbon disulfide, CS<sub>2</sub>, to give CO<sub>2</sub>(g) and SO<sub>2</sub>(g) releases 215 kJ of heat. What is ΔH<sub>f</sub>° for CS<sub>2</sub>(l) in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>?

	ΔH <sub>f</sub> °	kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub> (g)	-393.5	
SO <sub>2</sub> (g)	-296.8	

- (A) 385    (B) 87.9    (C) -385    (D) -475

22. For the reaction: 2NO<sub>2</sub>(g) → N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>(g) ΔH < 0. What predictions can be made about the sign of ΔS and the temperature conditions under which the reaction would be spontaneous?

- | ΔS <sub>rxn</sub> | Temperature Condition |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) negative      | low temperatures      |
| (B) negative      | high temperatures     |
| (C) positive      | high temperatures     |
| (D) positive      | low temperatures      |

23. As  $\Delta G^\circ$  for a reaction changes from a large negative value to a large positive value,  $K$  for the reaction will change from
- (A) a large positive value to a large negative value.  
 (B) a large positive value to a small positive value.  
 (C) a large negative value to a large positive value.  
 (D) a large negative value to a small negative value.
24.  $\Delta E^\circ$  is measured at constant volume and  $\Delta H^\circ$  is measured at constant pressure. For the reaction;  
 $2C(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CO(g) \quad \Delta H^\circ < 0 \text{ kJ}$   
 How do the  $\Delta E^\circ$  and  $\Delta H^\circ$  compare for this reaction?
- (A)  $\Delta E^\circ < \Delta H^\circ$                       (B)  $\Delta E^\circ > \Delta H^\circ$   
 (C)  $\Delta E^\circ = \Delta H^\circ$                       (D) Impossible to tell from this information.
25. Which statement about second order reactions is correct?
- (A) Second order reactions require different reactants.  
 (B) Second order reactions are faster than first order reactions.  
 (C) Second order reactions are unaffected by changes in temperature.  
 (D) The half-life of a second order reaction depends on the initial reactant concentration.
26. A first order reaction has a rate constant of  $0.0541 \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the half-life for this reaction?
- (A) 18.5 s                                      (B) 12.8 s  
 (C) 0.0781 s                                    (D) 0.0375 s
27. The reaction between NO and  $I_2$  is second-order in NO and first-order in  $I_2$ . What change occurs in the rate of the reaction if the concentration of each reactant is tripled?
- (A) 3-fold increase                      (B) 6-fold increase  
 (C) 18-fold increase                      (D) 27-fold increase
28. For the rate equation,  

$$\text{Rate} = k[A][B]^2,$$
 what are the units for the rate constant,  $k$ , if the rate is given in  $\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$ ?
- (A)  $\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}\cdot\text{sec}$                               (B)  $\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$   
 (C)  $\text{L}^2\cdot\text{mol}^{-2}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$                       (D)  $\text{L}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-3}\cdot\text{sec}^{-2}$
29. For the reaction  
 $2A + 2B \rightarrow \text{Product}$   
 the rate law is  $\text{Rate} = k[A][B]^2$ . Which mechanism is consistent with this information?
- (A)  $B + B \rightleftharpoons C$                       (B)  $A + B \rightarrow C$  (slow)  
 $C + A \rightarrow \text{Product}$  (slow)                       $C + B \rightarrow \text{product}$   
 (C)  $A + A \rightleftharpoons C$                       (D)  $A + B \rightleftharpoons C$   
 $B + B \rightleftharpoons D$                                        $B + C \rightarrow D$  (slow)  
 $C + D \rightarrow \text{Product}$  (slow)                       $D + A \rightarrow \text{product}$
30. Which straight line gives the activation energy for a reaction?
- (A) rate constant vs T                      (B)  $\ln(\text{rate constant})$  vs T  
 (C) rate constant vs  $T^{-1}$                       (D)  $\ln(\text{rate constant})$  vs  $T^{-1}$
31. Based on the equilibrium constant for the reaction below,  
 $2\text{SO}_3(g) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{SO}_2(g) + \text{O}_2(g) \quad K = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$   
 what is the equilibrium constant for the reaction  
 $\text{SO}_2(g) + 1/2\text{O}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_3(g) \quad K = ?$
- (A)  $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$                               (B)  $4.2 \times 10^{-3}$   
 (C)  $2.4 \times 10^2$                                       (D)  $5.6 \times 10^4$
32.  $\text{CO}(g) + \text{Cl}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{COCl}(g) + \text{Cl}(g) \quad K_{\text{eq}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-39}$   
 If the rate constant,  $k$ , for the forward reaction above is  $1.4 \times 10^{-28} \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$  what is  $k$  (in  $\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$ ) for the backward reaction?
- (A)  $2.1 \times 10^{-67}$                               (B)  $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$   
 (C)  $9.3 \times 10^{10}$                                       (D)  $7.1 \times 10^{27}$
33. Calculate the  $[\text{H}^+]$  in a 0.25 M solution of methylamine,  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$  ( $K_b = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ).
- (A)  $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$                               (B)  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$   
 (C)  $9.1 \times 10^{-11}$                               (D)  $9.5 \times 10^{-13}$
34. A 0.010 M solution of a weak acid, HA, is 0.40% ionized. What is its ionization constant?
- (A)  $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$                               (B)  $1.6 \times 10^{-7}$   
 (C)  $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$                                       (D)  $4.0 \times 10^{-3}$

35. 1.0 L of an aqueous solution in which  $[\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3] = [\text{HCO}_3^-] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ , has  $[\text{H}^+] = 4.2 \times 10^{-7}$ . What is the  $[\text{H}^+]$  after 0.005 mole of NaOH has been added?
- (A)  $2.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$  (B)  $2.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$   
 (C)  $3.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  (D)  $4.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$
36. A solution of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  is added dropwise to a second solution in which  $[\text{Cl}^-] = [\text{F}^-] = [\text{I}^-] = [\text{SO}_4^{2-}] = 0.001 \text{ M}$ . What is the first precipitate that forms?
- (A)  $\text{PbCl}_2$  ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ )  
 (B)  $\text{PbF}_2$  ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 3.7 \times 10^{-8}$ )  
 (C)  $\text{PbI}_2$  ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 8.5 \times 10^{-9}$ )  
 (D)  $\text{PbSO}_4$  ( $K_{\text{sp}} = 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$ )
37.  $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}^- + \text{ClO}_3^-$   
 What is the coefficient for  $\text{OH}^-$  when this equation is balanced with the smallest integer coefficients?
- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 6
38. Use the standard reduction potentials;  
 $\text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sn}(\text{s}) \quad E^\circ = -0.141 \text{ V}$   
 $\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}(\text{s}) \quad E^\circ = 0.800 \text{ V}$   
 to calculate  $E^\circ$  for the reaction;  
 $\text{Sn}(\text{s}) + 2\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Ag}(\text{s})$
- (A) 0.659 V (B) 0.941 V  
 (C) 1.459 V (D) 1.741 V
39. Which of the processes happen during the discharging of a lead storage battery?
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| 1. $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ is produced                |
| 2. $\text{PbO}_2$ is converted to $\text{PbSO}_4$    |
| 3. The density of the electrolyte solution decreases |
- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only  
 (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 2 and 3 only
40. What is the value of  $\Delta G^\circ$  for the reaction?
- $$2\text{Al}(\text{s}) + 3\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2\text{Al}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{Cu}(\text{s}) \quad E^\circ = 2.02 \text{ V}$$
- (A) -1170 kJ (B) -585 kJ  
 (C) -390 kJ (D) -195 kJ
41. The voltage for the cell  $\text{Fe} | \text{Fe}^{2+}(0.0010 \text{ M}) || \text{Cu}^{2+}(0.10 \text{ M}) | \text{Cu}$  is 0.807 V at 25 °C. What is the value of  $E^\circ$ ?
- (A) 0.629 V (B) 0.689 V  
 (C) 0.748 V (D) 0.866 V
42. A current of 2.0 A is used to plate Ni(s) from 500 mL of a 1.0 M  $\text{Ni}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  solution. What is the  $[\text{Ni}^{2+}]$  after 3.0 hours?
- (A) 0.39 M (B) 0.46 M (C) 0.78 M (D) 0.89 M
43. Which region of the electromagnetic spectrum is capable of inducing electron transitions with the greatest energy?
- (A) infrared (B) microwave  
 (C) ultraviolet (D) visible
44. All of the following possess complete d shells EXCEPT
- (A)  $\text{Ag}^+$  (B)  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (C)  $\text{Ga}^{3+}$  (D)  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$
45. Which orbital fills completely immediately before the 4f?
- (A) 6s (B) 5p (C) 5d (D) 4d
46. Which set of quantum numbers ( $n, l, m_l, m_s$ ) is permissible for an electron in an atom?
- (A) 1, 0, 0, -1/2 (B) 1, 1, 0, +1/2  
 (C) 2, 1, 2, +1/2 (D) 3, 2, -2, 0
47. When the elements Li, Be, and B, are arranged in order of increasing ionization energy, which is the correct order?
- (A) Li, B, Be (B) B, Be, Li  
 (C) Be, Li, B (D) Li, Be, B
48. Which forms the most alkaline solution when added to water?
- (A)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (B)  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  (C)  $\text{CO}_2$  (D)  $\text{SiO}_2$
49. What is the total number of valence electrons in the peroxydisulfate,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ , ion?
- (A) 58 (B) 60 (C) 62 (D) 64



50. For which species are both bonds of equal length?

1.  $\text{ClO}_2^-$   
2.  $\text{NO}_2^-$

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only  
(C) both 1 and 2 (D) neither 1 nor 2

51. Which compound has the highest melting point?

- (A) MgO (B) KCl (C) NaCl (D) CaO

52. Which molecular geometry is least likely to result from a trigonal bipyramidal electron geometry?

- (A) trigonal planar (B) see-saw  
(C) linear (D) t-shaped

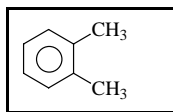
53. Which diatomic species has the greatest bond strength?

- (A) NO (B)  $\text{NO}^+$  (C)  $\text{O}_2$  (D)  $\text{O}_2^-$

54. During the complete combustion of methane,  $\text{CH}_4$ , what change in hybridization does the carbon atom undergo?

- (A)  $\text{sp}^3$  to  $\text{sp}$  (B)  $\text{sp}^3$  to  $\text{sp}^2$   
(C)  $\text{sp}^2$  to  $\text{sp}$  (D)  $\text{sp}^2$  to  $\text{sp}^3$

55. What is the formula for the compound?



- (A)  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}$  (B)  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}$   
(C)  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}$  (D)  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}$

56. Which is most likely to react by an  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  mechanism?

- (A)  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  (B)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHClCH}_3$   
(C)  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$  (D)  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$

57. Which substance will react most rapidly with  $\text{H}_2$ ?

- (A) benzene (B) chloroform  
(C) propanone (D) propene

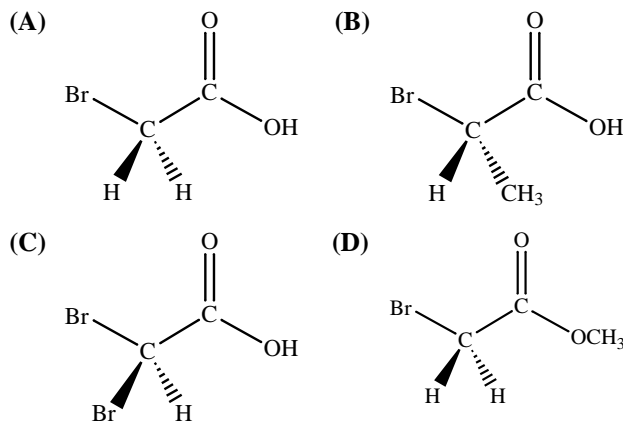
58. Which compound includes a carbon atom with an  $\text{sp}$  hybridized orbital?

- (A) benzene (B) butyne  
(C) methyl chloride (D) phenol

59. Which compound has the highest vapor pressure at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ?

- (A)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  (B)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$   
(C)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  (D)  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COH}$

60. Which of the molecules can exist as optical isomers?



**END OF TEST**

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PART 1— KEY**

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