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Metadata Interpretation Guide – Science

Item Information

Item Code: TNS10220	Passage Title:
Standard Code: 0307.1.1	Passage Code:
Standard Text: Identify specific parts of a plant and describe their function.	
Reporting Category: Cells, Flow of Matter & Energy, Heredity	
Correct Answer: B	DOK Level: 2

Item Code: Unique letter/number code used to identify the item.	Passage Title: (if listed): Title of the passage(s) associated with this item.
Standard Code: Primary educational standard assessed.	Passage Code: (if listed): Unique letter/number code used to identify the passage(s) that go with this item.
Standard Text: Text of the educational standard assessed.	
Reporting Category: Text of the Reporting Category the standard assesses.	
Correct Answer: Correct answer. This may be blank for constructed response items where students write or type their responses.	DOK Level (if listed): Depth of Knowledge (cognitive complexity) is measured on a four-point scale. 1= Recall; 2= Skill/Concepts; 3= Strategic Thinking; 3-4 = Strategic/Extended Thinking

Chemistry

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110154

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.1.2

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Interpret the periodic table to describe an element's atomic makeup.

Reporting Category: Atomic Structure

Correct Answer: C

DOK Level: 1

Carbon (C) exists in many isotopic forms. In each isotope, which subatomic particles differ in number?

- A electrons
- B orbitals
- C neutrons
- D protons

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110134

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.1.2

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Interpret the periodic table to describe an element's atomic makeup.

Reporting Category: Atomic Structure

Correct Answer: A

DOK Level: 2

Based on their placement in the periodic table, which set of elements is among the most reactive?

- A** lithium and fluorine
- B** carbon and aluminum
- C** argon and neon
- D** gold and platinum

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110165

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.1.5

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Represent an electron's location in the quantum mechanical model of an atom in terms of the shape of electron clouds (s and p orbitals in particular), relative energies of orbitals, and the number of electrons possible in the s, p, d and f orbitals.

Reporting Category: Atomic Structure

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

Which element contains its highest energy electrons in a *d* orbital while in a ground state?

- A Rn
- B Hg
- C Fr
- D He

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120046

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.1

Passage Code:

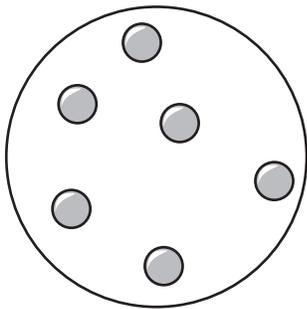
Standard Text: Distinguish among elements, compounds, and mixtures.

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

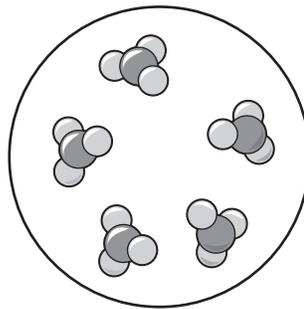
Correct Answer: D

DOK Level: 2

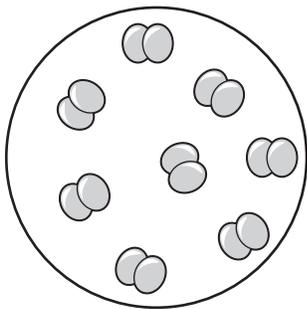
Which of these represents a mixture?



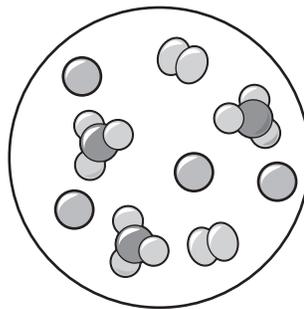
A



C



B



D

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110436

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.2

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Identify properties of a solution: solute and solvent in a solid, liquid or gaseous solution: procedure to make or determine the concentration of a solution in units of ppm, ppb, molarity, percent composition, factors that affect the rate of solution.

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

Correct Answer: C

DOK Level: 2

What is the molarity of a solution when 80.0 g of sodium chloride (NaCl) are dissolved in 500.0 mL of water?

- A 1.37 M
- B 1.45 M
- C 2.74 M
- D 6.25 M

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110167

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.3

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Classify a solution as saturated, unsaturated, or supersaturated based on its composition and temperature and a solubility graph.

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

A student is preparing solutions for a laboratory experiment by dissolving solid solutes in liquid solvents. Which action will increase the rate of solubility?

- A lowering the temperature of the solvent
- B stirring the solute in the solution
- C increasing the pressure on the solution
- D increasing the particle size of the solute

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110079

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.4

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Identify properties of matter (e.g., physical: density, boiling point, melting point, or chemical: ability to rust or tarnish, be sour) or changes in matter (e.g., physical: phase change, shape, color, or chemical: formation of a gas or precipitate).

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

Which example best represents a chemical change?

- A ice cubes melting at a warm temperature
- B milk spoiling when left out of the refrigerator
- C water evaporating from a rooftop
- D firewood being chopped for a fire

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110439

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.5

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Compare and contrast heat and temperature changes (endothermic /exothermic) in chemical (e.g., combustion) or physical (e.g., phase transformations) processes

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

Correct Answer: C

DOK Level: 2

The heat of fusion of water is 80 calories/gram. How much energy is required to change 50 grams of ice into liquid water?

- A 60 cal
- B 200 cal
- C 4000 cal
- D 5000 cal

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110437

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.2.5

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Compare and contrast heat and temperature changes (endothermic /exothermic) in chemical (e.g., combustion) or physical (e.g., phase transformations) processes

Reporting Category: Matter and Energy

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

The total energy required to melt 30.0 grams of a solid is 741 joules. What is the latent heat of fusion for this substance?

- A 12.4 J/g
- B 24.7 J/g
- C 126 J/g
- D 741 J/g

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110268

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.1

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Analyze ionic and covalent compounds in terms of their formation (electron transfer vs. sharing), names, chemical formulas (e.g., molecular: H₂O, CO₂, NH₃; empirical: NaCl, CaBr₂, Al(NO₃)₃), percent composition, and molar masses.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 3-4

What is the percent composition of carbon in the glucose molecule (C₆H₁₂O₆) if the molar mass is 180 g/mol?

- A 6.7%
- B 40.%
- C 53%
- D 90.%

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110207

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.1

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Analyze ionic and covalent compounds in terms of their formation (electron transfer vs. sharing), names, chemical formulas (e.g., molecular: H₂O, CO₂, NH₃; empirical: NaCl, CaBr₂, Al(NO₃)₃), percent composition, and molar masses.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

What is the chemical formula for nickel(II) sulfide?

- A Ni₂S₃
- B NiS
- C NiSO₄
- D Ni₂(SO₄)₃

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120095

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.2

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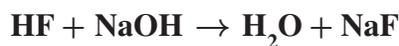
Standard Text: Determine the reactants, products, and types of different chemical reactions: composition, decomposition, double replacement, single replacement, combustion.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: C

DOK Level: 2

The chemical equation shows the reaction between hydrogen fluoride (HF) and sodium hydroxide (NaOH).



Which type of chemical reaction does this equation represent?

- A decomposition
- B composition
- C double replacement
- D single replacement

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120056

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.4

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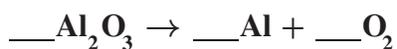
Standard Text: Balance a chemical equation to determine molar ratios.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: A

DOK Level: 2

The unbalanced chemical equation represents the breaking down of aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3).



What is the molar ratio of aluminum oxide to oxygen (O_2) when the equation is balanced using the lowest possible number?

- A 2 : 3
- B 4 : 3
- C 2 : 4
- D 5 : 3

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120175

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.5

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Convert among the following quantities of a substance: mass, number of moles, number of particles, molar volume at STP.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: C

DOK Level: 2

What is the approximate volume of 280 g of chlorine gas (Cl_2) at STP?

- A 7.9 L
- B 22 L
- C 88 L
- D 180 L

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120556	Passage Title:
Standard Code: 3221.3.7	Passage Code:
Standard Text: Classify substances as acids or bases based on their formulas and how they react with litmus and phenolphthalein.	
Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter	
Correct Answer: A	DOK Level: 2

The table shows the reaction of four solutions with litmus paper.

Litmus Paper Reactions with Four Solutions

Solution	Litmus Paper
1	Blue litmus paper stays blue
2	Blue litmus paper turns red
3	Red litmus paper turns blue
4	Red litmus paper stays red

Which set of identifications most likely identifies KCl and KOH correctly based on information from the data table?

- A 4 as KCl and 3 as KOH
- B 1 as KCl and 2 as KOH
- C 3 as KCl and 4 as KOH
- D 3 as KCl and 2 as KOH

Item Information

Item Code: TEC110185

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.7

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Classify substances as acids or bases based on their formulas and how they react with litmus and phenolphthalein.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: D

DOK Level: 2

A student performs an acid-base titration experiment to determine the amount of ascorbic acid in different brands of juice. Which solution should the student use as the base solution in this acid-base titration experiment?

- A HCl
- B CaCl_2
- C LiBr
- D NaOH

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120253

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.3.8

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Describe radioactivity through a balanced nuclear equation and through an analysis of the half-life concept.

Reporting Category: Interactions of Matter

Correct Answer: A

DOK Level: 2

The half-life of the radioisotope potassium-42 is 12.36 hours. How much of a 450 g sample of potassium-42 will be left after 72 hours?

- A 7.9 g
- B 28 g
- C 56 g
- D 75 g

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120026

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.Inq.2

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Analyze the components of a properly designed scientific investigation.

Reporting Category: Embedded Inquiry, Technology & Engineering, Mathematics

Correct Answer: B

DOK Level: 2

As part of an investigation, students were asked to prepare a sodium chloride solution of a certain molarity. The students were given a choice of procedures. Which procedure will result in 750 mL of 1.5 M NaOH solution?

- A dissolving 40 g of NaOH in 1 L of water
- B dissolving 45 g of NaOH in enough water to make up to 750 mL of solution
- C dissolving 1.13 g of NaOH in 0.750 L of water
- D dissolving 1.13 g of NaOH in enough water to make up to 750 mL of solution

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Item Code: TEC120385

Passage Title:

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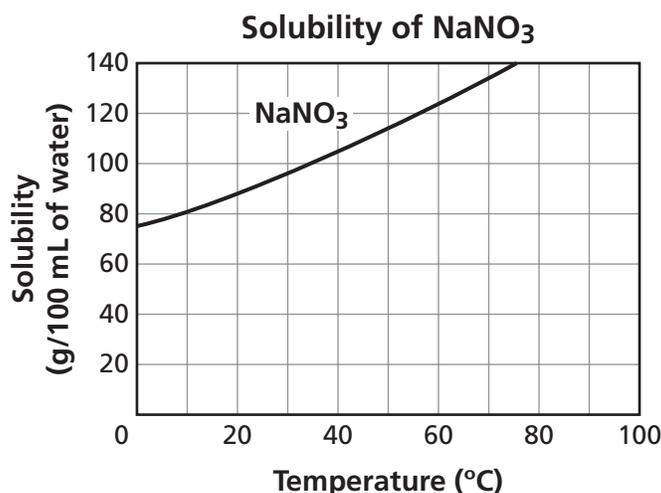
Standard Text: Compare conclusions that offer different but acceptable explanations for the same set of experimental data.

Reporting Category: Embedded Inquiry, Technology & Engineering, Mathematics

Correct Answer: A

DOK Level: 2

The graph shows the solubility for sodium nitrate (NaNO_3).



A student observed that 85 grams of NaNO_3 completely dissolved in 100 milliliters of water at 20°C . The student concluded the solution contained enough solvent molecules to make all the solute dissociate. Which statement is an alternate explanation for the student's observation?

- A At 20°C the solvent had enough kinetic energy to dissociate the solute completely.
- B Stirring the solution provided energy for the NaNO_3 to react with the water.
- C At 20°C the kinetic energy of the water molecules caused the NaNO_3 to decompose.
- D Water is the only solvent that can dissolve NaNO_3 at this temperature.

Item Information

Item Code: TEC120125

Passage Title:

Standard Code: 3221.TE.2

Passage Code:

Standard Text: Evaluate a protocol to determine the degree to which an engineering design process was successfully applied.

Reporting Category: Embedded Inquiry, Technology & Engineering, Mathematics

Correct Answer: A

DOK Level: 3-4

An engineer designing a small rocket researched the characteristics of five different potential rocket fuels. Which additional step in the engineering protocol must be carried out to successfully design a fuel-efficient rocket engine?

- A** measure the efficiency and effectiveness of the fuels in extreme temperatures
- B** produce a rocket engine that is able to use the most expensive fuel
- C** fabricate a tank that will hold the least expensive fuel regardless of efficiency
- D** determine which type of fuel is most popular with the people involved in flying the rockets

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