

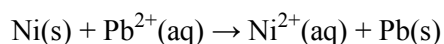
Placement Exam - Basic Principles of Chemistry Sample Questions

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1. How many copper atoms are in a copper block with a mass of 3.10 g, given that copper has a molar mass of 63.55 g/mol?
  - a)  $2.94 \times 10^{22}$  Cu atoms
  - b)  $5.88 \times 10^{22}$  Cu atoms
  - c)  $9.81 \times 10^{22}$  Cu atoms
  - d)  $2.11 \times 10^{23}$  Cu atoms
2. An electron configuration for an atom shows the specific orbitals (s, p etc.) that electrons occupy for that atom. What is the electron configuration for Silicon, which has 14 electrons?
  - a)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^2$
  - b)  $2s^1 2s^2 6p^2 2s^3 2p^3$
  - c)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^2$
  - d) None of the above
3. What is the equilibrium expression,  $K_c$ , for the reaction:  $2S_{(s)} + 3O_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2SO_{3(g)}$ ?
  - a)  $[SO_3]^2/[O_2]^3$
  - b)  $[SO_3]^2/[S]^2[O_2]^3$
  - c)  $2[SO_3]/3[O_2]$
  - d)  $2[SO_3]/(2[S]+3[O_2])$

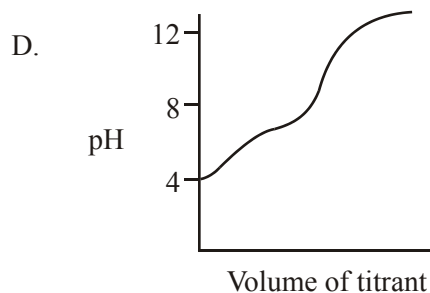
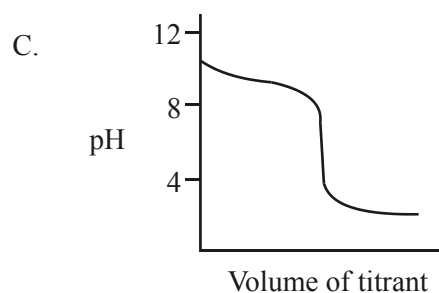
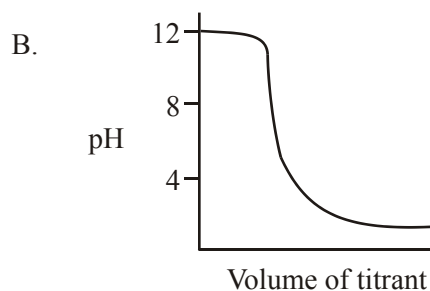
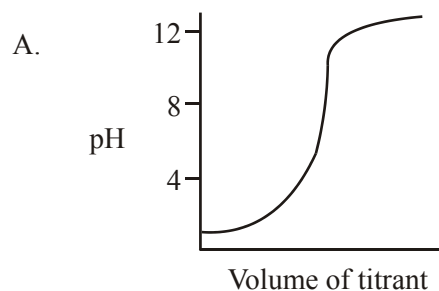
4. Why does the atomic radius of an atom decrease across a row in the periodic table?
- The electrons repel each other.
  - The nucleus decreases in size.
  - The electronegativity increases.
  - All of the above.
5. What is the molarity of  $\text{Na}^+$  ions in a solution made by dissolving 4.20 g of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  ( $M = 84.0$ ) and 12.6 g of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  ( $M = 126$ ) in water and diluting to 1.00 L?
- 0.250 M
  - 0.150 M
  - 0.100 M
  - 0.050 M
6. In which reaction at equilibrium will the amount of reactants present increase with an increase in the container volume?
- $\text{N}_{2(g)} + 3 \text{H}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NH}_{3(g)}$
  - $\text{CO}_{(g)} + \text{NO}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_{2(g)} + \text{NO}_{(g)}$
  - $\text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{F}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{HF}_{(g)}$
  - $\text{C}_{(s)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{CO}_{(g)}$

7. What occurs during the operation of a voltaic cell based on the following reaction?

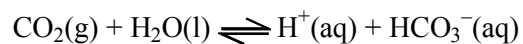


	<b>External circuit</b>	<b>Ion movement in solution</b>
a)	electrons move from Ni to Pb	$\text{Pb}^{2+}(aq)$ move away from Pb(s)
b)	electrons move from Ni to Pb	$\text{Pb}^{2+}(aq)$ move toward Pb(s)
c)	electrons move from Pb to Ni	$\text{Ni}^{2+}(aq)$ move away from Ni(s)
d)	electrons move from Pb to Ni	$\text{Ni}^{2+}(aq)$ move toward Ni(s)

8. Which curve is produced by the titration of a  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  weak base with  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  strong acid?



9. What will happen if  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  is allowed to escape from the following reaction mixture at equilibrium?



- a) The pH will decrease.
- b) The pH will increase.
- c) The pH will remain constant.
- d) The pH will become zero.

10. Which molecule is polar?

- a)  $\text{CO}_2$
- b)  $\text{PF}_3$
- c)  $\text{CH}_4$
- d)  $\text{BF}_3$

11. How many lone pairs and bonding pairs of electrons surround xenon in the XeF<sub>4</sub> molecule?

	<b>Lone pairs</b>	<b>Bonding pairs</b>
a)	4	8
b)	0	8
c)	0	4
d)	2	4

12. The reaction between NO<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> gives the following rate data at a certain temperature. What is the order of reaction with respect to NO<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>2</sub>?

[NO <sub>2</sub> ]/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	[F <sub>2</sub> ]/mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	Rate /mol dm <sup>-3</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>
0.15	0.20	0.1
0.30	0.20	0.40
0.15	0.40	0.20

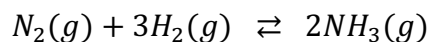
What is the overall order of reaction?

- a) 3
- b) 2
- c) 1
- d) 0

13. What is the effect of increasing temperature on the rate constant, k?

- a) The rate constant does not change.
- b) The rate constant decreases linearly.
- c) The rate constant increases exponentially.
- d) The rate constant increases proportionally with temperature.

14. 1.0mol of  $N_2(g)$ , 1.0mol of  $H_2(g)$  and 1.0mol of  $NH_3(g)$  are placed in a  $1.0dm^3$  sealed flask and left to reach equilibrium. At equilibrium the concentration of  $N_2(g)$  is  $0.8mol\ dm^{-3}$ .



What are the equilibrium concentration of  $H_2(g)$  and  $NH_3(g)$  in  $mol\ dm^{-3}$  ?

	$[H_2(g)] / mol\ dm^{-3}$	$[NH_3(g)] / mol\ dm^{-3}$
a)	0.2	1.2
b)	0.4	1.4
c)	0.4	0.4
d)	0.8	1.2

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1. A
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. B
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. B