

Topic 1 Test Study Guide

Chemistry- What is all about?



I. The Science of Chemistry

- A. What is Chemistry?
- B. What do Chemists Do?
- C. Careers

- Study of matter (anything that has mass & takes up space<volume>)
- Composition
- Structure
- Changes matter undergoes (reactions)
 - Energy changes

Mass: the amount of matter (doesn't change)

Weight : measure of the gravitational pull on an object (change)

Chemical: definite composition-known or can be found
H₂O 2-H, 1-O (Water) H₂O₂ Hydrogen Peroxide

5 traditional areas of Chemistry:

1. Organic: study of all chemicals containing carbon
2. Inorganic: study of chemicals that do not contain carbon (nonliving things)
3. Biochemistry: study of processes that take place in organisms
4. Analytical: focuses on composition of matter
5. Physical: study of underlying scientific principles behind the changes that occur in matter

Pure Research

(Basic)

- Sake of knowledge (learn)

Apply Research

- Solve a problem (cure, invention, solution)

Technology

- Improve quality of life
Ex.)
 - Teflon--> pots and pans
 - Refrigerants--> refrigeration
 - Catalytic convertors
 - Computers

II. Scientific Method

A. Hypotheses and Models

B. Laws and Theories

Scientific Method

1. State the problem and collect data (make observations)

Observation: something witnessed or recorded

A.) Qualitative Observations: DO NOT involve numbers

Ex. Sky is blue; the book is solid.

B.) Quantitative Observations: a measurement, involves a number and a unit

Ex. water boils at 100° C; the book weighs 45 g.

2. Formulate a hypothesis: a possible explanation for the observation; an educated guess

3. Perform experiments

- Something we do to test the hypothesis
- Gather information that allows us to decide whether the hypothesis is supported by the information/data we gathered from the experiment
- Experiments always produce new observations

Observations -----> Hypothesis -----> Experiment

Theory: (model) set of tested hypotheses that give an explanation of some part of nature

- Interpretation
- Human invention- represents our attempts to explain

Law: summary of observed behavior. A law tells what happens; a theory (model) is our attempt to explain why it happens

Modify theory

Prediction

Experiment

III. Systems of Measurement

A. Why A System- System Comparisons

B. SI System-Common Units Used in Course

1. Prefixes
2. Basic units-mass, temp, time, length, amount of substance
3. Derived units-volume, density, speed, force, energy, pressure
4. Temperature conversions ($^{\circ}\text{C}$ and Kelvin)
5. Density (specific gravity)

C. Scientific Notation

1. Interpretation and Uses
2. Rules for calculations

- SI system is used because it is universal and understood everywhere

7 SI Base Units

Physical Quantity	Unit	Abbreviation
Length	meter	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Temperature	Kelvin	K
Time	second	s
Amount of Substance	mole	mol
Luminous intensity	candela	Cd
Electric current	ampere	amp

10^{12} Terra T

10^9 Giga G

10^6 Mega M

10^3 kilo k

10^2 hecto h

10^1 deka da

10^0 meter/liter/gram m/l/g (BASE UNIT)

10^{-1} deci d

10^{-2} centi c

10^{-3} milli m

10^{-6} micro μ

10^{-9} nano n

10^{-12} pico P

Volume: length x width x height

Density = mass/volume

$D_{H_2O} = 1\text{g/mL}$

$1\text{mL} = 1\text{cm}^3$

Temperature:

$T_K = T_C + 273$

$T_C = T_K - 273$

Scientific Notation

Adding & Subtracting

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.840 \times 10^{18} \text{ m} \\ 3.60 \times 10^{17} \text{ m} \\ 6.9 \times 10^{16} \text{ m} \\ \hline 2.840 \times 10^{18} \text{ m} \\ + 0.360 \times 10^{18} \text{ m} \\ \hline 0.069 \times 10^{18} \text{ m} \\ \hline 3.269 \times 10^{18} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 5.36 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg} \\ 7.40 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg} \\ \hline 5.36 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg} \\ - .74 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg} \\ \hline 4.62 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg} \end{array}$$

Multiplying & Dividing

Add exponents

Multiply coefficients

$$(2 \times 10^3) (3 \times 10^2)$$

Divide coefficients

Subtract exponents

$$\frac{9 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^{-4}} = 3 \times 10^{12}$$

$$3 \times 10^{-4}$$

IV. Measurements and Calculations

A. Accuracy v. Precision

1. Uncertainties

2. Deviations-Area estimate

B. Significant Figures

1. Identifying/recording

2. Rules for Calculations

C. Problem Solving

1. Dimensional Analysis

2. Conversions

Accuracy: the agreement of a particular value with the true value

Precision: the degree of agreement among several measurements of the same quantity. It reflects the reproducibility of a given type of measurement

Certain #'s: the first two numbers that are the same, regardless of the measurement

Uncertain #'s: the third digit that is estimated and can vary

- measurement always has a degree of uncertainty

Significant Figures: the numbers recorded in a measurement (all certain numbers plus the first uncertain number)

- The third digit in a number is usually assumed to be ± 1
 - Example: 1.86 kg \rightarrow 1.86 \pm 0.01
 - 1.86 kg - 0.01 kg = 1.85 kg OR 1.86 kg + 0.01 kg = 1.87 kg

deviation: + or - area of uncertainty

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{|\text{experimental value} - \text{theoretical value}|}{\text{Theoretical}} \times 100$$

Sig. Fig. Rules:

1. Non-zero digits always count
2. In a # less than 1, leading zeros never count
3. Zero's between non-zero digits always count
4. Zero's at end of decimal digits always count
5. Zero's in whole # only count if there's a decimal after them
6. EXACT numbers. Numbers that were NOT obtained using measuring devices, but determined by counting : 10 experiments, 3 apples, 8 molecules. These numbers have an unlimited number of significant figures.

Adding and Subtracting Sig. Figs

- Restricted by the fewest # of decimal places

Multiplication and Division

- Restricted by fewest # of sig. figs.

Dimensional Analysis:

- Ways to solve a problem
 1. List known's and unknown's
 2. Solve for unknown
 - **Conversion factor**: ratios of equivalent quantities
 3. Evaluate