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Directions: PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE EXAM BOOKLET UNTIL DIRECTED.

Be sure to fill in your name on the answer sheet both by printing it in the correct space and by filling in the corresponding letter in the spaces provided.

Use a #2 pencil only.

Carefully erase any errors, and do not make any extraneous marks on the answer sheet. Do NOT use *White-Out* on any portion of the answer sheet.

The test has <u>**90 items**</u> that will be scored. You have <u>**90**</u> minutes in which to answer all the questions.

There is only one correct answer per question. Do not spend too much time on any one question. Do the items you find easier first, and then go back to those you find more difficult or time consuming during the time you have remaining. Your individual score will be computed on the basis of the number of correctly answered items. (There is no penalty for guessing.)

In addition to the periodic table, there are several subject-specific items below that you may find useful in answering certain questions. Be sure to read them immediately after you are told to begin. You may refer to them at any time during the test.

INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN SOLVING SOME PROBLEMS

1 calorie = 4.184 joules	W = Vq
$1/f = 1/d_0 + 1/d_1$	$v_{avg} = s/t$
C = 2f	$s = v_0 t + 1/2at^2$
$h_i/h_o = d_i/d_o$	$v_{f}^{2} = v_{i}^{2} + 2as$
E = hf	$v_f = v_i + at$
speed of light in vacuum = 3.0 x 10 ⁸ m/sec	$c = f\lambda$
Planck's constant, h = 6.63×10^{-34} joule-sec	$P_1V_1/T_1 = P_2V_2/T_2$
$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{c} \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2/\mathbf{c}^2}$	I = V/R
Avogadro's Number = 6.02 X 10 ²³	1 C = 6.25 X 10 ¹⁸ e⁻
Q = mc∆T	D = M/V
$KE_{ave} = 1/2mv^2$	$v = f \lambda$
PE _{grav} = mgh	P = W/t
W=FXS	K_f water = -1.86 °C/m
	K_b water = 0.51°C/m
Universal gas constant: R = 8.31 kPa-liter/(mole-	-K) = 0.0821 atm-liter/(mole-K)

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 TT																	2 TT
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1.00794																1.00794	4.002602
3	4]										5	6	7	8	9	10
Li	Be											B	С	N	0	F	Ne
6.941	9.012182											10.811	12.0107	14.00674	15.9994	18.9984032	20.1797
11	12]										13	14	15	16	17	18
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	C1	Ar
22.989770	24.3050											26.981538	28.0855	30.973761	32.066	35.4527	39.948
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
39.0983	40.078	44.955910	47.867	50.9415	51.9961	54.938049	55.845	58.933200	58.6934	63.546	65.39	69.723	72.61	74.92160	78.96	79.904	83.80
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
85.4678	87.62	88.90585	91.224	92.90638	95.94	(98)	101.07	102.90550	106.42	107.8682	112.411	114.818	118.710	121.760	127.60	126.90447	131.29
55	56	57	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	T1	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
132.90545	137.327	138.9055	178.49	180.9479	183.84	186.207	190.23	192.217	195.078	196.96655	200.59	204.3833	207.2	208.98038	(209)	(210)	(222)
87	88	89	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112		114		116		118
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(223)	(226)	(227)	(261)	(262)	(263)	(262)	(265)	(266)	(269)	(272)	(277)		(287)		(289)		(293)

58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
Ce	$\Pr_{140,00765}$	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	$Tb_{158,02534}$	Dy_{16250}	Ho	$\operatorname{Er}_{167,26}$	Tm	Yb	Lu
140.110	140.90703	144.24	(145)	150.50	131.904	137.23	136.92334	102.30	104.93032	107.20	108.93421	173.04	174.907
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Th 232.0381	Pa 231.03588	U 238.0289	Np (237)	Pu (244)	Am (243)	Cm (247)	Bk (247)	Cf (251)	Es (252)	Fm (257)	Md (258)	No (259)	Lr (262)

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Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question and place your selection ON THE ANSWER SHEET.

I. ARCTIC

"A large hole [has] appeared in the [Arctic] ozone layer, far bigger than any seen there before.

The Arctic ozone layer suffers a <u>little damage every winter</u>, but the effect is normally short-lived. "This is a clear step beyond that," says <u>Neil Harris</u> of the University of Cambridge. As the measurements came in, ozone researchers began to debate whether the loss could be compared to that seen over the Antarctic. "It's the first time we've even discussed that question," says Harris.

Between 18 and 20 kilometres up, over 80 per cent of the existing ozone was destroyed. "The loss in 2011 was twice that in the two previous record-setting Arctic winters, 1996 and 2005," says <u>Nathaniel Livesey</u> of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

D) January ... October

E) January ... June

The hole was similar in size to those seen in <u>Antarctica in the 1980s</u>. The Antarctic hole has continued to grow since then, and is <u>far larger today</u>."

quoted from http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn20988-arctic-ozone-hole-breaks-all-records.html

- 1. The Antarctic ozone hole appears in ______ and the Arctic ozone hole appeared in _____.
 - A) October ... January
 - **B**) October ... June
 - C) October ... October

2. The most likely cause of the Arctic ozone hole is

- A) continued use of CFC's. D) habitat destruction.
- **B**) acid deposition. **E**) incineration of plastics.
- C) climate change.

3. Ozone is ______ in the troposphere and ______ in the stratosphere.

- A) helpful ... helpful
- B) helpful ... harmful
- C) harmful ... harmful
- **D**) harmful ... helpful
- E) helpful ... neutral
- 4. The reason for the answer to the previous question is:
 - A) ozone has different valences in the troposphere than in the stratosphere.
 - B) ozone has a different molecular formula in the troposphere than in the stratosphere.
 - C) ozone has different reactivity in lesser oxygen concentrations.
 - **D**) ozone is highly reactive in both the troposphere and the stratosphere.
 - E) ozone is only formed naturally in the troposphere.

- 5. Conditions for the formation of an ozone hole include
 - I. very cold temperatures
 - II. high atmospheric pressure
 - III. high altitude clouds
 - IV. high water vapor
 - V_{\cdot} halogen containing compounds
 - A) only two of the above
 - **B**) I, II and III only
 - **C**) I, III, and V only
 - **D**) I, III, IV and V only
 - E) all of the above
- 6. Ground-level ozone is formed as a secondary pollutant in
 - A) acid deposition.
 - **B**) photochemical smog.
 - **C**) industrial smog.
 - **D**) climate change.
 - E) pesticide development.
- 7. Stratospheric ozone in normal concentrations causes
 - A) fewer UV rays to strike the surface of the earth.
 - **B**) a reduction in photosynthesis.
 - C) warming of the Antarctic ice mass.
 - **D**) an increase in the greenhouse effect.
 - **E**) a cooling of the stratosphere.
- 8. Which of the following <u>cannot</u> result from the absorption of radiant energy by ozone molecules?
 - A) increased vibrational kinetic energy
 - **B**) intermolecular bond formation
 - **C)** increased angular momentum
 - **D**) decreased ozone concentration
 - E) temporary electronic excitation
- 9. Ozone can be formed naturally from lightning, which is
 - A) plasma capacitance of air.
 - **B**) static charge in air.
 - **C)** electromagnetic induction through air.
 - **D**) dielectric breakdown of air.
 - **E)** Coriolis attraction in air.
- **10.** UV rays are dangerous to your health because they
 - A) have long wavelengths
- **D**) have high frequencies

B) have large amplitudes

- E) travel at the speed of light
- **C**) are invisible to the naked eye
- 11. An intacted ozone layer in the earth's atmosphere is about as thick as
 - A) oxide coating on aluminum
 - **B**) a piece of paper **C)** the diameter of a redwood tree
- **D**) the Empire State Building's height
- **E**) the troposphere

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- 12. The chemical formula for ozone is
 - **A**) **O**
 - **B**) O₂
 - C) O3
 - **D**) CO
 - E) because it is a mixture, it doesn't have a chemical formula

II. ARSENIC

Dartmouth College researchers reported in early 2012 that many products containing organic brown rice syrup were also contaminated by high levels of arsenic. The arsenic levels in the organic products exceeded the maximum arsenic levels (10 ppb) allowed in bottled water in the U.S. Arsenic is toxic in high doses, targeting the liver, skin, kidney and cardiovascular system.

- 13. Brown rice syrup would be used in "organic" foods to replace
 - A) cane sugar.
 - **B**) beet sugar.
 - C) artificial sweeteners.
 - **D**) high fructose corn syrup.
 - E) sucrose.
- **14.** Arsenic contamination of drinking water could come from:
 - I. drilling wells into soils with natural arsenic.
 II. deposition of fumes from coal-burning.
 III. run-off from orchards and farmlands.
 IV. run-off from mining and smelting processes.
 - *V. leaching from application of commercial fertilizers.*
 - **A)** only one of the above.
 - **B**) only two of the above.
 - **C)** only three of the above.
 - **D**) only four of the above.
 - E) all of the above.
- **15.** Arsenic was used as a subtle murder weapon in the Renaissance because its effects mimicked a common disease at the time. That disease was
 - A) tuberculosis.
 - **B**) pneumonia.
 - C) cholera.
 - **D**) rabies.
 - E) skin cancer.
- **16.** One reason for arsenic toxicity is its allosteric inhibition of the enzyme pyruvate dehydrogenase. This inhibition would first result in
 - A) decreased cellular energy levels.
 - **B**) decreased DNA replication.
 - C) increased ATP production.
 - **D**) increased nerve stimulation.
 - E) increased DNA replication.

- 17. Arsenic is chemically similar to phosphorus. Thus, arsenic is stored in
 - A) bones
 - **B**) fat
 - C) blood
 - D) lymph
 - E) urine
- **18.** Another mechanism of arsenic toxicity is its inhibition of voltage-gated potassium channels. This mechanism would most directly affect
 - I. the nervous system.
 - II. cardiac function.
 - III. epidermal tissues.
 - IV. smooth muscles.
 - A) only one of the above
 - **B**) only I and II.
 - C) only II and III.
 - **D**) only II and IV.
 - E) only III and IV.
- **19.** An alternate description of the 10 ppb limit of arsenic in drinking water is:
 - A) 10 mg/mL
 - B) 10 µg/mL
 - C) 10 µg/L
 - **D**) 10 µg/m³
 - E) 10 ng/m³
- **20.** A productive use of arsenic is in the compound gallium arsenide. This is most commonly used in which of the following applications?

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- A) medical implants
- **B**) agricultural fertilizer
- C) antiviral treatments
- **D**) solar cells
- E) polymer stabilization
- 21. There are three common *allotropes* of arsenic. How do they differ from one another?
 - I. their colors II. their densities III. number of neutrons IV. crystalline structure
 - A) only II
 - **B**) only IV
 - C) II & IV only
 - **D**) I, II, and IV only
 - **E**) all 4
- 22. Gallium arsenide is used in some electronic devices because it is
 - A) a nonmetal.
 - **B**) a metal.
 - C) a metalloid.
 - **D**) cheaper to produce than silicon.
 - E) easy to recycle.

- 23. When heated, arsenic sublimes. What is the only other element that does this?
 - A) phosphorus
 - **B**) sulfur
 - C) mercury
 - **D**) iodine
 - E) thallium
- 24. In 1836 chemist James Marsh first published his highly sensitive method of arsenic detection. Arsenic trioxide had become the favored poison for some killers ("inheritance powder") because it was odorless, easily incorporated in food or drink, and the poisoning symptoms mimicked that of an endemic disease. In the Marsh Test, tissue from a suspected victim is treated with zinc and sulfuric acid, this produces an arsenic compound in the 3- oxidation state. Which would be the formula for this compound?
 - A) As₂S₃
 - **B**) A_{SH_3}
 - C) AsZnO₃
 - **D**) $Zn(As_2O_3)_2$
 - E) H_3AsO_4
- 25. Modern methods of forensic detection of arsenic use:
 - I. atomic absorption spectroscopy (AA)
 - II. X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy
 - III. nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)
 - IV. scanning tunneling microscopy (STM)
 - A) I and II only
 - **B**) II and III only
 - C) I and IV only
 - **D**) I, III, and IV only
 - **E**) all 4

III. BOSON

In December 2011, physicists at CERN announced evidence suggesting possible discovery of the Higgs boson with a mass between 115 GeV and 127 GeV.

- 26. The existence of the Higgs boson is needed to confirm what theory?
 - A) standard model
 - **B**) big bang
 - C) periodic table
 - **D**) nebular hypothesis
 - E) Cooper pair superconductivity
- 27. If the Higgs boson has a mass of 127 GeV, its mass in amu can be determined by which of the following calculations? (c = speed of light in vacuum, e = charge of an electron, h = Planck's constant, $N_A = Avogadro's$ number)
 - A) 127 * 10¹² eN_A/C²
 - B) 127 * 10° hN_A/ec²
 - C) 127 * 10° ec²/N_A
 - **D**) 127 * $10^{12} \text{ eh} N_{A^2}/C^2$
 - E) 127 * 10° N_A/hc²

- **28.** The Higgs boson is believed to explain the existence of mass, particularly why some particles have mass and others do not. Which of the following has *no* mass?
 - A) proton
 - **B**) electron
 - C) photon
 - D) neutrino
 - E) two of the above
- **29.** The Large Hadron Collider at CERN uses alternating magnets to accelerate charged particles. Which of the following *cannot* be accelerated in this type of collider?
 - A) proton
 - **B**) alpha particle
 - C) positron
 - **D**) antiproton
 - E) neutron
- **30.** The Higgs boson is often referred to as "the God particle" by the media, but many scientists dislike the term. A renaming competition was held, which term was chosen to replace it?
 - A) the inclusive recluse
 - **B**) the champagne bottle boson
 - **C**) the strange particle
 - **D**) the groschen boson
 - E) the cardinal particle
- **31.** Even after the confirmation of the Higgs boson, what will still be unanswered about the nature of matter? I. the unification of Quantum chromodynamics
 - II. the electroweak interaction and gravity
 - III. the ultimate origin of the universe
 - IV. the evolution of chronotrons and the directional arrow of time
 - A) I only
 - **B**) III only
 - C) I & II only
 - **D**) I, II, & III only
 - **E**) all 4
- 32. Bosons are one of two fundamental classes of subatomic particles. What is the other class?
 - A) fermions
 - **B**) gluons
 - C) mesons
 - **D**) photons
 - E) baryons
- 33. The Higgs boson is expected to
 - I. have spin
 - II. have an electric charge
 - III. have a color charge
 - IV obey Bose–Einstein statistics
 - A) IV only
 - **B**) I & II only
 - C) I & III only
 - **D**) II & III only
 - **E**) all 4

- **34.** Which are not hadrons?
 - A) protons and neutrons
 - **B**) baryons and mesons
 - C) pions and kaons
 - **D**) leptons and photons
 - E) charmed bottom Omega and quarks
- **35.** Biologists are slightly jealous of the public interest in the search for the Higgs Boson particle. They believe that a particular discovery would serve to incite the same degree of passion for biology. Which of the following is the discovery that would be thought of as the biological equivalent of the Higgs Boson?
 - A) A confirmed sighting of the Loch Ness monster.
 - **B**) A confirmed finding of life on another planet.
 - C) A successful creation of a formerly extinct dinosaur.
 - **D**) The discovery of a new type of primate.
 - E) The discovery of the cure for cancer.

IV. COTTON CANDY

In a cotton candy machine, sugar crystals are melted by a 900 W heating element inside a cylindrical "spinner head" with a 20-cm diameter. The spinner head rotates at 3450 rpm, and molten sugar leaves the spinner head through small holes with 50-ìm diameter. After leaving the spinner head, the sugar cools quickly to form the amorphous solid floss known as cotton candy.

- 36. Before leaving the spinner head, the speed of the molten sugar is most nearly
 - **A)** 6 m/s
 - **B)** 12 m/s
 - **C)** 24 m/s
 - **D**) 36 m/s
 - **E)** 72 m/s

37. How much current does the heating element draw when connected to a standard household circuit?

- **A**) 0.016 A
- **B**) 0.062 A
- **C**) 0.25 A
- **D**) 3.75 A
- **E**) 7.5 A
- **38.** The cooling of molten sugar to form cotton candy is most similar to the formation of which rock?
 - A) basalt
 - **B**) obsidian
 - C) granite
 - D) gneiss
 - E) slate
- **39.** Which of the following is responsible for an outward force on the molten sugar?
 - **A**) hydrostatic pressure
 - **B**) gravity
 - C) the rotation of the spinner head
 - **D**) convection from the heating element
 - E) none of these

- **40.** A typical serving of cotton candy has a mass of about 28 grams. Which of the following is closest to the order of magnitude of the total length of floss in that serving?
 - **A)** 10^2 m
 - **B**) 10^4 m
 - **C**) 10^6 m
 - **D**) 10^8 m
 - **E**) 10^{10} m
- **41.** Cane sugar is a disaccharide that is composed of two monosaccharides held together by an ester linkage. What monosaccharides compose this sugar?
 - A) 2 glucoses
 - **B**) 2 fructoses
 - C) glucose and fructose
 - **D**) glucose and galactose
 - E) fructose and galactose
- 42. Sucrose forms a monoclinic crystal. What is characteristic of this type of crystal?
 - A) square base adjacent to a 90° side
 - **B**) parallelogram base adjacent to a 90° side
 - C) hexagonal base adjacent to a 90° side
 - **D**) parallelogram base adjacent to a non-90° side
 - **E**) square base adjacent to a non-90 $^{\circ}$ side
- **43.** A dramatic demonstration of the energy contained in sugar is done by heating it with potassium chlorate. Which expression would best represent this reaction?
 - A) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + KClO_3 \rightarrow KCl + CO_2 + H_2O$
 - **B**) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + KClO_3 \rightarrow KCl + CO_2 + HClO_3$
 - C) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + KClO_3 \rightarrow KOH + CCl_4 + H_2O$
 - **D**) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + KClO_3 \rightarrow C + H_2 + O_2 + K + Cl_2$
 - **E**) $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + KClO_3 \rightarrow K_2CO_3 + HCl + CH_4 + CO_2$
- **44.** Considering a serving of 28 grams of cotton candy, what is the caloric content (food Calories) of this amount? *1 food Calorie (Cal) = 1 kcal, 1 cal = 4.18 J*

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s) + 6 O_2(g) \rightarrow 6 CO_2(g) + 11 H_2O(l)$$

 $\Delta H = -5644 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

- **A**) 7.1 Cal
- **B**) 38 Cal
- **C**) 48 Cal
- **D**) 110 Cal
- **E**) 1930 Cal.

45. Eliminated Consider the complete combustion of sucrose (at 25°C),

Compound	$\Delta S^{\circ}, J.mol^{-1}-K^{-1}$
$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}(s)$	392
$CO_2(g)$	213
$H_2O(g)$	69.9
$\Theta_2(g)$	1

What is the ΔG° for this reaction?

- A) -1655
- **B**) 109.1
- C) 488 kJ
- **D)** 5160
- **E)** -35700

46. Sugars are produced using products from

- I. photosystem I
- II. photosystem II
- III. substrate level phosphorylation
- IV. Krebs cycle
- V. Calvin cycle
- A) only two of the above
- **B**) I, II, and III only
- C) II, III, and IV only
- **D**) I, II, and V only
- E) I, II, III, and IV only

47. Overconsumption of sugars has been linked to

- I. bulimia
- II. diabetes
- III. cancer
- A) only one of the above
- **B**) I and II only
- C) II and III only
- **D**) I and III only
- E) all of the above
- **48.** Dieters attempt to lose weight by eating food with low calorie sugar substitutes. Which of the following is NOT a sugar substitute?
 - A) casein
 - **B**) aspartame
 - C) sucralose
 - **D**) saccharine
 - E) stevia

49. Sucrose is a disaccharide. Which of the following is NOT also a disaccharide?

- A) maltose
- **B**) ribose
- C) lactose
- **D**) trehalose
- E) all of the above ARE disaccharides

- **50.** Sugar is detected by G protein receptors located on the plasma membrane of taste receptor cells. G protein receptors generally use _____ as their second messenger.
 - A) GTP
 - B) GDP
 - **C**) Ca++
 - **D**) cAMP
 - E) Ras

V. FOREST

Scientists studied two remote tropical forests to determine what effects nitrogen pollution was having on the tropical trees. They compared dried leaf specimens from 1968 with specimens from 2007. An increase in both leaf nitrogen concentration and proportion of heavy to light nitrogen isotopes was observed. A similar increase was observed when fertilizer was experimentally applied to the forest floor. Adapted from Science Daily (Nov. 3, 2011).

- 51. The increase in leaf nitrogen in the remote forests can most likely be attributed to
 - A) effects of agriculture.
 - **B**) burning of fossil fuels.
 - C) nitrogen fixation.
 - **D**) global climate change.
 - E) ozone depletion.
- 52. Most of the nitrogen in forest soil normally comes from
 - A) bacteria which carry out nitrogen fixation.
 - **B**) bacteria which carry out denitrification.
 - C) fungi which carry out ammoniafication.
 - **D**) weathering of nitrate containing rocks.
 - E) diffusion from atmospheric nitrogen compounds.
- **53.** Most of the nitrogen in the world is found as _____ in the _____.
 - A) $N_2 \dots$ atmosphere
 - **B**) NO₂ ... atmosphere
 - **C**) NH₃ ... soil
 - **D**) $NH_3 \dots$ water
 - **E)** NO_x ... minerals
- 54. The most significant reason for loss of N in the soil is
 - A) acid rain.
 - **B**) use of inorganic fertilizers.
 - C) decomposition.
 - **D**) habitat destruction
 - E) leaching.
- **55.** The scientists predicted that trees in the Fabaceae group could be negatively impacted by this increase in soil nitrogen because
 - A) they are harmed by excess amounts of nitrogen
 - **B**) they are sensitive to changes in soil pH.
 - C) they lose their competitive advantage as nitrogen fixers.
 - **D**) they will show increased mutations due to the heavier nitrogen.
 - E) their growth rate will slow as global temperatures increase.

56. Nitrogen is one of the most important components of fertilizer. The other two major components are

- A) K and Ca
- **B**) C and K
- C) P and Ca
- **D**) S and P
- E) K and P

57. The stability of molecular nitrogen can be attributed to its

- **A)** low center of gravity.
- **B**) electron spin coupling.
- C) gravitational attraction to Earth's surface.
- **D**) equal numbers of protons and neutrons.
- **E**) low electronic potential energy.
- **58.** In order to detect the presence of different nitrogen isotopes, a mass spectrometer is used. This device depends on
 - A) fractional distillation, in which lighter isotopes evaporate at lower temperatures.
 - **B**) magnetic fields, which cause lighter particles to curve more sharply.
 - C) absorption of photons, whose energies are dependent on the energy levels of the nitrogen
 - **D**) diffraction of electrons, whose wavelength is determined by the mass of the emitting nucleus.
 - E) gravitational attraction, which is greater for heavier isotopes.

59. The molecule N_2 contains

- A) 1 shared pair of electrons, 6 unshared electrons
- **B**) 2 shared pairs of electrons, 4 unshared electrons
- C) 3 shared pairs of electrons, 3 unshared electrons
- **D**) 3 shared pairs of electrons, 2 unshared pairs of electrons
- E) 4 shared pairs of electrons, no unshared pairs of electrons
- **60.** In 1919, Fritz Haber received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his process of converting atmospheric nitrogen and hydrogen into ammonia. The balanced equation for this process is
 - A) N+3 H \rightarrow NH₃
 - **B**) $2N + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$
 - C) $N_2 + 4H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_4$
 - **D**) $N_2 + 3 H_2 \rightarrow N_2 H_6$
 - **E**) $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$
- **61.** An isotope of nitrogen is ¹⁵N. It contains
 - A) 7protons, 8 electronsB) 7 protons, 8 neutrons

- **D**) 8 protons, 7 neutrons
- E) 8 neutrons, 7 electrons

- C) 8 protons, 7 electrons

VI. ITIFM3

Paul Kellam of the Sanger Institute reported in <u>Nature</u> (March 2012) evidence linking a gene mutation with increased susceptibility to the 2009 pandemic flu virus. Kellam's group bred mice lacking a working version of IFITM3 (Interferon Inducible Transmembrane) and then exposed the knock-out mice to a low virulence form of the flu virus. The mice became deathly ill with severe pneumonia. Next, the scientists examined the genes of people hospitalized for severe flu infection. The hospitalized population was 17 times more likely than the general European population to carry the mutant allele for IFITM3. Finally, an in vitro cell study showed that cells with the mutant allele had poor defenses against H1N1 viruses.

- **62.** The researchers discovered that the IFITM3 mutant allele had CC instead of TT at the normal splicer acceptor site. This mutation would most likely lead to
 - I. a change in alternate RNA splicing
 - II. a difference in the length of the final protein product
 - III. an early stop codon
 - IV. an inability for RNA polymerase to bind to the gene
 - **A**) only one of the above
 - **B**) I and II only
 - **C**) II and III only
 - **D**) III and IV only
 - E) all of the above
- 63. The designation "interferon inducible" means that this gene is normally part of
 - A) innate immunity.
 - **B**) the complement system.
 - **C**) acquired immunity.
 - **D**) antibody recognition.
 - E) the inflammatory response.

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- **64.** The "H1N1" name refers to
 - the type of protein a virus uses to attach to host cells
 - II. the type of enzyme used to release new virus particles from infected cells
 - III. the type of genetic material carried in the virus.
 - A) only one of the above
 - **B**) I and II only
 - C) II and III only
 - **D**) I and III only
 - E) all of the above
- 65. The most infamous H1N1 virus is
 - A) rabies.
 - B) measles.
 - C) herpes.
 - D) Spanish flu.
 - E) polio
- 66. An important difference between animal viruses like H1N1 and bacteriophages is that animal viruses
 - A) carry DNA rather than the RNA of bacteriophages.
 - **B**) are host-specific; bacteriophages are not.
 - C) often have a membranous covering; bacteriophages do not.
 - **D**) undergo a lysogenic cycle; bacteriophages rarely do.
 - E) contain fewer viral genes than bacteriophages contain.

67. Interferon as well as many proteins contain 1 or more alpha (\propto) helix structures. These structures can be denatured by:

Ι	increased temperature
II	freezing
III	pH changes
IV	dilution in water
	D) I, III, and IV
	E) all of the above

- A) only I
- **B**) II and III
- **C**) I and III
- 68. Proteins are chains of amino acids. The term *amino* refers to
 - **A)** nitrogen containing

- **D**) cyclic compound
- **B**) hydrogen containing
- E) organic acid, -COOH

- **C)** orcanic base $-NH_2$
- **69.** What is a difference between the base pairs of cytosine (C) and thyamine (T) in a DNA molecule?
 - A) Thyamine has more stable resonance structures than cytosine.
 - **B**) Cytosine has additional amine to create a more alkaline environment.
 - C) Thyamine has additional oxygen which makes a stronger oxidizing agent.
 - **D**) Cytosine creates a stronger ionic bond to the substrate molecle in the active site.
 - E) Cytosine has 3 hydrogen bonds in its base pairing to guanine (G) while T makes only 2 hydrogen bonds to adenosine (A).

VII. POLLUTION

What humans are doing to the atmosphere appears to be leading to climate change and in a direction that could destroy much of what we have created. The water of the planet is also of concern: we often pollute it and we need to purify it. Nature can supply water in abundance as rain, rivers, and lakes but not necessarily where it is most needed. As the world's population increases, many more people will find themselves having to rely on seawater for their supply of freshwater. Through chemistry, we can make it drinkable.

If we are to understand atmospheric pollution and its effects on climate, and to understand water supplies and the need to make them drinkable, then we need to understand the science that is involved.

- 70. One of the "greenhouse gases" in the atmosphere is carbon dioxide. The amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere has increased dramatically in the last two centuries. What is the primary source of this increase?
 - **A)** volcanic eruptions
 - **B**) exhaled from humans
 - **C)** melting of polar ice caps
 - **D**) burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, gasoline, etc.)
 - **E**) increase in the number of cattle and their waste (manure)
- 71. Another atmospheric pollutant is mixed oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). What is the primary source of these compounds in the atmosphere?
 - A) lightning
 - **B**) volcanoes
 - **C)** burning of fossil fuels
 - **D**) nitrogen fixation by plants
 - E) lost into the air during the production of ammonia
- 72. What method is generally used to convert seawater into drinkable water (desalination)?
 - A) distillation

D) fractional crystalization

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- **B**) reverse osmosis
- **C)** precipitation of salt

- **E**) treatment with ozone (O_3)
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- 73. The commercial source of magnesium metal is seawater. Treatment of seawater with lime water produces insoluble magnesium hydroxide, which is then treated with hydrochloric acid to make MgCl₂. Mg is obtained by electrolysis of the dried MgCl₂. What volume of seawater is necessary to make 100. g of Mg if the concentration in seawater is 52 millimol/L?
 - A) 79 mL
 - **B**) 1.92 L
 - **C**) 79 L
- 74. What is the third most common atmospheric gas in air after nitrogen and oxygen? [Water vapor varies greatly from place to place, and time to time, and, therefore, is not considered an atmospheric gas.] **D**) argon
 - A) helium
 - **B**) hydrogen
 - C) carbon dioxide
- **75.** Which of the following is **NOT** a greenhouse gas?
 - A) CFCs
 - **B**) **SO**₂
 - **C)** H₂O
 - **D**) CH₄
 - **E**) NO₂
- 76. Effects of NOx in the atmosphere include

I. acid deposition. *II. ozone hole depletion.* III. i ndustrial smog. IV. photochemical smog.

- A) only one of the above
- **B**) I and II only
- **C**) I and III only
- **D**) I and IV only
- **E**) all of the above
- 77. Earth might have been better named "Oceania" because so much of the surface is covered with water, not land. Approximately what percent of Earth's water is fresh water?
 - A) 35%
 - **B**) 25%
 - **C)** 10%
 - **D**) 3%
 - **E)** 0.2%
- **78.** Most of that freshwater is found in
 - A) lakes
 - **B**) rivers
 - **C)** groundwater
 - **D**) glaciers and ice caps
 - E) clouds
- **79.** The unique properties of water are important for all of the following biological phenomena EXCEPT:
 - A) movement of substances in phloem.
 - **B**) movement of substances in xylem.
 - **C)** nerve signal propagation.
 - **D**) cell membrane structure.
 - E) temperature homeostasis.

- **D**) 1920 L
- E) 214000 L

E) ozone

VIII. SCURVY

Scurvy is a disease which leads to open sores and loss of movement and was common among those with poor access to fresh fruits and vegetables, such as isolated sailors and soldiers. The earliest documented case of scurvy was described by Hippocrates around 400BC, the first attempt to give scientific basis for the cause of this disease was by James Lind, a British Royal Navy surgeon in May, 1747. He gave some crew members 2 oranges and 1 lemon while the rest were given vinegar, cider, sulfuric acid or seawater along with their normal rations. In the history of science this is considered to be the first occurance of a controlled experiment comparing the results on 2 populations of a factor applied to 1 group only with all other factors the same. The results conclusively showed that citrus fruits prevented the disease.

Eventually, the British navy adopted lemons or limes as standard issue at sea. Limes were more popular as they could be found in the British West Indies. This practice led to the American use of the nickname "limey" to refer to the British.

Scurvy results from a deficiency of vitamin C or ascorbic acid, $(C_6H_8O_6)$. The name is derived from the Latin word for scurvy. Vitamin C is found in plant tissues, with particularly high concentrations occuring in citrus fruits, tomatoes, potatoes and cabbages.



Ascorbic acid is a diprotic acid and is a mild reducing agent.

80. Because it is a diprotic acid, ascorbic acid has two pK_a 's ($pK_{a1} = 4.10$, $pK_{a2} = 11.6$). What is the K_a for the complete dissociation of ascorbic acid?

A)	1.99×10^{-16}	D)	3.26×10^7
B)	2.51 x 10 ⁻¹²	E)	15.7
C)	7.94 x 10 ⁻⁵		

81. What is the pH of a 0.28 *M* ascorbic acid solution?

A)	1.77	D)	6.07
B)	2.33	E)	8.13

- **C**) 4.65
- 82. Ascorbic acid is a mild reducing agent. Therefore,
 - I. it undergoes oxidation
 - II. it's oxidation number increases
 - III. it undergoes reduction.
 - IV. it loses an electron
 - A) I only
 - **B**) I and II
 - C) I, II and IV

D) III only**E**) III and IV

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83. One way to determine the ascorbic acid content of a sample is to mix the acid with an excess of iodine:

 $C_6H_8O_6(aq) + I_2(aq) \rightarrow C_6H_6O_6(aq) + 2 H^+(aq) + 2 I^-(aq)$

and then titrate the iodine that did not react with ascorbic acid with sodium thiosulfate. The balanced, net ionic equation for the reaction occurring in this titration is

$$I_2(aq) + 2 S_2 O_3^{2-}(aq) \rightarrow 2 I(aq) + S_4 O_6^{2-}(aq)$$

Suppose 50.00 mL of 0.0520 M I₂ was added to the sample containing ascorbic acid. After the ascorbic acid/I₂ reaction was complete, the I₂ not used in this reaction required 20.30 mL of 0.196 M Na₂S₂O₃ for titration to the equivalence point. What is the mass of ascorbic acid in the unkown sample?

D) 107 g

E) 242 g

- **A)** 0.107 g
- B) 0.242 gC) 0.611 g
- **84.** The USDA Recommended Daily Amount (RDA) for vitamin C is only 90 mg/day (for men). Nobel Prize winning chemist Dr. Linus Pauling urged the intake of 2000-3000 mg/day of vitamin C to prevent what disease?
 - A) scurvy

D) arteriosclerosisE) Alzheimer's

- **B**) cancer
- C) common cold
- 85. Which of the following facts would support Linus Pauling's recommendation?
 - A) Vitamin C is necessary for collagen production.
 - **B**) Vitamin C is required for carnitine synthesis.
 - **C**) Vitamin C may increase interferon levels.
 - **D**) Vitamin C acts as an antioxidant.
 - E) Vitamin C has a role in synthesizing norepinephrine.
- 86. Which of the following facts is most likely responsible for the fatigue associated with scurvy?
 - A) Vitamin C is necessary for collagen production.
 - **B**) Vitamin C is required for carnitine synthesis.
 - C) Vitamin C may increase interferon levels.
 - D) Vitamin C acts as an antioxidant.
 - E) Vitamin C has a role in synthesizing norepinephrine.
- **87.** The inability to synthesize Vitamin C is quite rare in the animal world. Which of the following animal groups would be most likely to contain animals which need to have Vitamin C in their diet?
 - A) primates
 - **B**) marsupials
 - C) rodents
 - **D**) carnivores
 - E) cetaceans
- **88.** The inability to synthesize Vitamin C is due to the L-gulano-ã-lactone oxidase gene, which is a pseudogene. A pseudogene is
 - A) a gene with many copies in the genome.
 - **B**) a gene with many introns.
 - **C)** a gene that is highly conserved.
 - **D**) a gene which is no longer functional.
 - **E)** a gene which is methylated.

IX. HEAT

Heat is conducted through a wall in part in accordance with the construction of the wall. The rate of the heat conducted is inversely proportion to the wall's thickness, and directly proportional to the temperature difference across the wall and the area of the wall.

- **89.** Given, two solid adobe walls. Wall I is 0.10 m thick and wall II is 0.15 m thick. Wall I is 2.5 m high and 4.0 m wide, while wall II is 2.5 m high and 6.0 m wide. The temperature difference across the walls is the same. The rate of heat conducted through wall I is _____ times the rate of heat conducted through wall II.
 - A) 2.25 B) 1.5 C) 1.0 D) 0.67 E) 0.25
- **90.** Wall I is a wall in a room in which the temperature is maintained at 22°C. The outside temperature drops from 20°C to 6 °C. The rate of heat conducted through the wall when the outside temperature was 20°C was _____ times the rate when the outside temperature was 6°C
 - A)
 1/16
 D)
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 B)
 1/8
 E)
 16

 C)
 1/2
 1/2
 1/2

END

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A	λ	41.	Α	81.	В
2. C	>	42.	D	82.	A C
3. C)	43.	BA	83.	Α
4. C)	44.	D	84.	С
5. C	>	4 5 .		85.	С
6. E	3	46.	D	86.	В
7. A	A Contraction of the second seco	47.	С	87.	Α
8. E	3	48.	Α	88.	D
9. C)	49.	В	89.	C
10. C)	50.	D	90.	Б
11. E	3	51.	В		
12. C	;	52.	Α		
13. C)	53.	Α		
14. E	<u>:</u>	54.	E		
15. C		55.	С		
16. A	A. Contraction of the second se	56.	E		
17. A	A Contraction of the second seco	57.	E		
18. E	3	58.	В		
19. C		59.	D		
20. C		60.	E		
21. C		61.	В		
22. C		62.	В		
23. C		63.	Α		
24. E	3	64.	В		
25. A	Α	65.	D		
26. A	Α	66.	C		
27. A		67.	C		
28. C	_	68.	C		
29. E		69.	E		
30. E	3	70.	D		
31. L		71.	C		
32. A	Α	72.	В		
33. A		73.	C D		
34. L		74.	D		
35. E	3	75.	В		
36. D) -	76.	C		
37. E	<u>.</u>	77.	D		
38. E	5	78.	D		
39. A		79 .	C		
40. E	5	80.	Α		