California Chemistry Diagnostic Test Sample Questions

Competency areas: Compounds and elements; states of matter; reactions of matter; structure of matter; periodic properties; solutions; qualitative kinetics and thermodynamics; lab skills, mathematical skills. A Periodic Table is provided with the exam.

1. The correct formula for aluminum nitrate is

(a) Al₃N₂  (b) Al₃(NO₃)  (c) Al(NO₂)₃  (d) Al(NO₃)₃

2. A substance releases heat when it changes from

(a) liquid to solid
(b) solid to gas
(c) liquid to gas
(d) solid to liquid

3. Given the balanced equation:

\[ 2\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell) \]

How many grams of H₂O are formed if 9.00 mol H₂(\text{g}) reacts completely with an excess of O₂(\text{g})? The molar mass of H₂O is 18.0g/mol.

(a) 18.0g  (b) 36.0g  (c) 81.0g  (d) 162g

4. Which element has exactly five electrons in the highest principal energy level (the outer shell)?

(a) Se  (b) Ba  (c) P  (d) Ge
5. Which element is a metal?

(a) Se (atomic number = 34)
(b) Co (atomic number = 27)
(c) C (atomic number = 6)
(d) Br (atomic number = 35)

6. What volume of 1.5M NaOH is needed to provide 0.75 mol of NaOH?

(a) 500L  (b) 5.0 L  (c) 500 mL  (d) 0.75 L

7. For a chemical reaction it is usually found that the reaction rate is faster at higher temperature. The rate increases because

(a) the concentrations of reactants increase
(b) more reactants collide with energy equal to or greater than the activation energy
(c) the concentrations of products increase
(d) the volume expands and there is more room for new compounds (products) to form

8. Which answer is closest to the true value of the expression:

\[(9.1 \times 10^4)(1.1 \times 10^{-5})(\log 10^{13})(1000)\]

(a) 1.3  (b) 13000  (c) -13000  (d) 1.3 \times 10^{-11}
9. Which substance does not obey the Lewis octet rule?
(a) N₂     (b) NO     (c) CF₄     (d) Ar

10. For the reaction at equilibrium:

\[ 2 \text{NO}(g) + \text{O}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{NO}_2(g) \]

which change will increase the amount of NO₂(g)?
(a) remove NO gas
(b) add NO gas
(c) add a catalyst
(d) remove O₂ gas

11. For the reaction

\[ 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6(g) + 15\text{O}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 12\text{CO}_2(g) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(g) \]

the expression for the equilibrium constant, K, is
(a) \[ \frac{[\text{CO}_2][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_6][\text{O}_2]} \]
(b) \[ \frac{[\text{CO}_2]^2[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_6][\text{O}_2]^3} \]
(c) \[ \frac{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_6][\text{O}_2]}{[\text{CO}_2][\text{H}_2\text{O}]} \]
(d) \[ \frac{[12\text{CO}_2][6\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6][15\text{O}_2]} \]

answers: 1d; 2a; 3d; 4c; 5b; 6c; 7b; 8c; 9b; 10b; 11b