

Chemistry 121
The University of British Columbia
Midterm Examination II
November 14, 2012

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 199 (T,Th 9:30) Krems

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write all answers on this examination paper, and show full details of your solutions for Part 2.
2. Read each question carefully.
3. Check that this examination consists of **12 PAGES PRINTED ON BOTH SIDES**. The last sheet (pages 11 and 12), containing Supplementary Information and the Periodic Table, may be detached for ease of use.
4. The only calculator allowed is the Sharp EL-510R. All other calculators will be confiscated. Cell phones or other electronic communication devices are not permitted.
5. Unassembled molecular model kits may be used.

RULES GOVERNING FORMAL EXAMINATIONS

1. Each candidate must be prepared to produce, upon request, a UBCCard for identification.
2. Candidates are not permitted to ask questions of the invigilators, except in cases of supposed errors or ambiguities in examination questions.
3. No candidate shall be permitted to enter the examination room after the expiration of 15 minutes from the scheduled starting time, or to leave during the first 15 minutes of the examination.
4. Candidates suspected of any of the following, or similar, dishonest practices shall be immediately dismissed from the examination and shall be liable to disciplinary action:
 - having at the place of writing any books, papers or memoranda, calculators, computers, sound or image players/recorders/transmitters (including telephones), or other memory aid devices, other than those authorized by the examiners;
 - speaking or communicating with other candidates; and
 - purposely exposing written papers to the view of other candidates or imaging devices. The plea of accident or forgetfulness shall not be received.
5. Candidates must not destroy or mutilate any examination material; must hand in all examination papers; and must not take any examination material from the examination room without permission of the invigilator.
6. Candidates must follow any additional examination rules or directions communicated by the instructor or invigilator.

Marks

Part	Question	Possible Marks	Marks
1		14	
2	1	5	
	2	8	
	3	8	
	4	5	
	5	4	
	6	8	
	7	8	
Total		60	

Part 1. Multiple Choice (14 marks total)

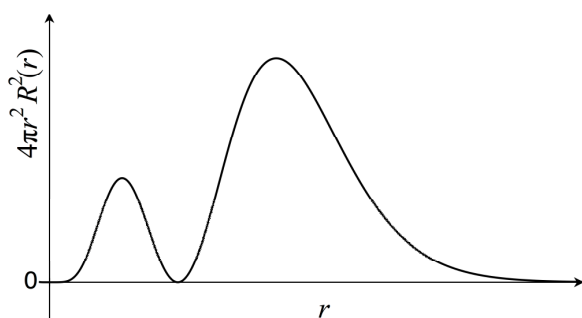
For each numbered statement below, circle the letter that corresponds to the best answer. There is only one correct answer per question. Each question is worth 2 marks.

1. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (a) The product of wavelength and momentum of an electron is a constant.
- (b) It is impossible to simultaneously measure precisely both position and momentum of a microscopic particle.
- (c) Neutrons have no charge.
- (d) Electrons may behave both as particles and as waves, but protons can only behave as particles.
- (e) Electromagnetic radiation of all wavelengths travels at the same velocity in vacuum.

Answer:

2. The radial probability distribution for a particular orbital of the hydrogen atom with $n = 3$ is shown. Which of the following orbitals is represented by this distribution?



- (a) $3s$
- (b) $3p_x$
- (c) $3d_{xy}$
- (d) $3d_{x^2-y^2}$
- (e) $3d_{yz}$

Answer:

3. Arrange the following species in order of increasing melting point:



- (a) $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < \text{Xe} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{Br} < \text{C}_{60} < \text{S}_8$
- (b) $\text{Xe} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{S}_8 < \text{C}_{60} < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- (c) $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{Xe} < \text{S}_8 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < \text{C}_{60}$
- (d) $\text{Xe} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{C}_{60} < \text{S}_8 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- (e) $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{Xe} < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < \text{S}_8 < \text{C}_{60}$

Answer:

4. Which of the following is a Lewis acid?

- (a) H_2O
- (b) BH_3
- (c) H^-
- (d) NH_3
- (e) $[\text{NH}_4]^+$

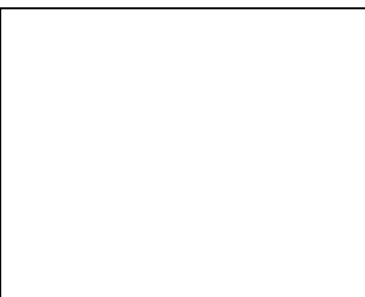
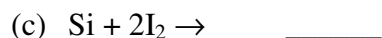
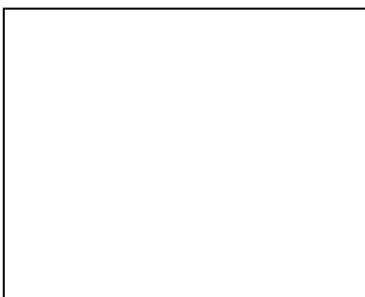
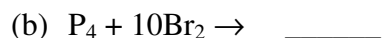
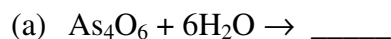
Answer:

Part 2. Short Answer Questions**5 marks**

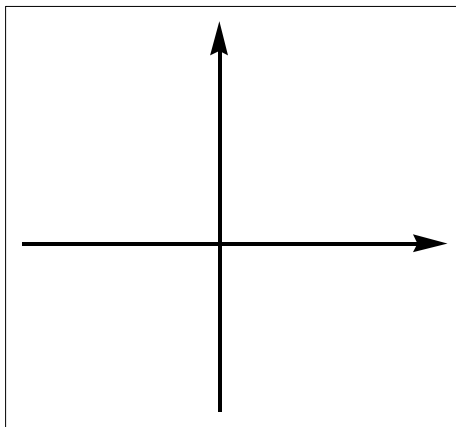
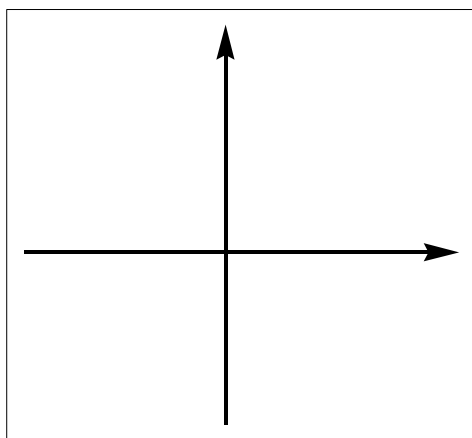
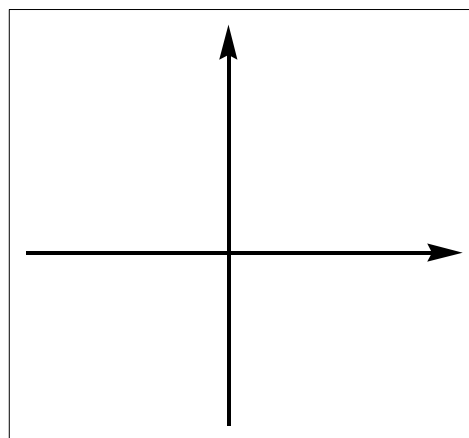
1. Fill in the blanks, using only elements from the third period of the periodic table and their compounds.
- (a) _____ reacts with oxygen to give two gases _____ and _____. The molecules of one gas are polar, the molecules of the other gas are nonpolar.
- (b) _____ reacts with oxygen to give a network covalent solid _____.
- (c) _____ does not form any compounds that can be isolated at room temperature.
- (d) _____ forms an amphoteric oxide with the empirical formula X_2O_3

8 marks

2. Balance the following equations by adding the appropriate stoichiometric coefficients, and draw a Lewis structure for the product formed in each case (assume sufficient heat is present to give a reaction in each case). Write any non-zero formal charges on the appropriate atoms, show all lone pairs of electrons as pairs of dots and all bond pairs as lines.



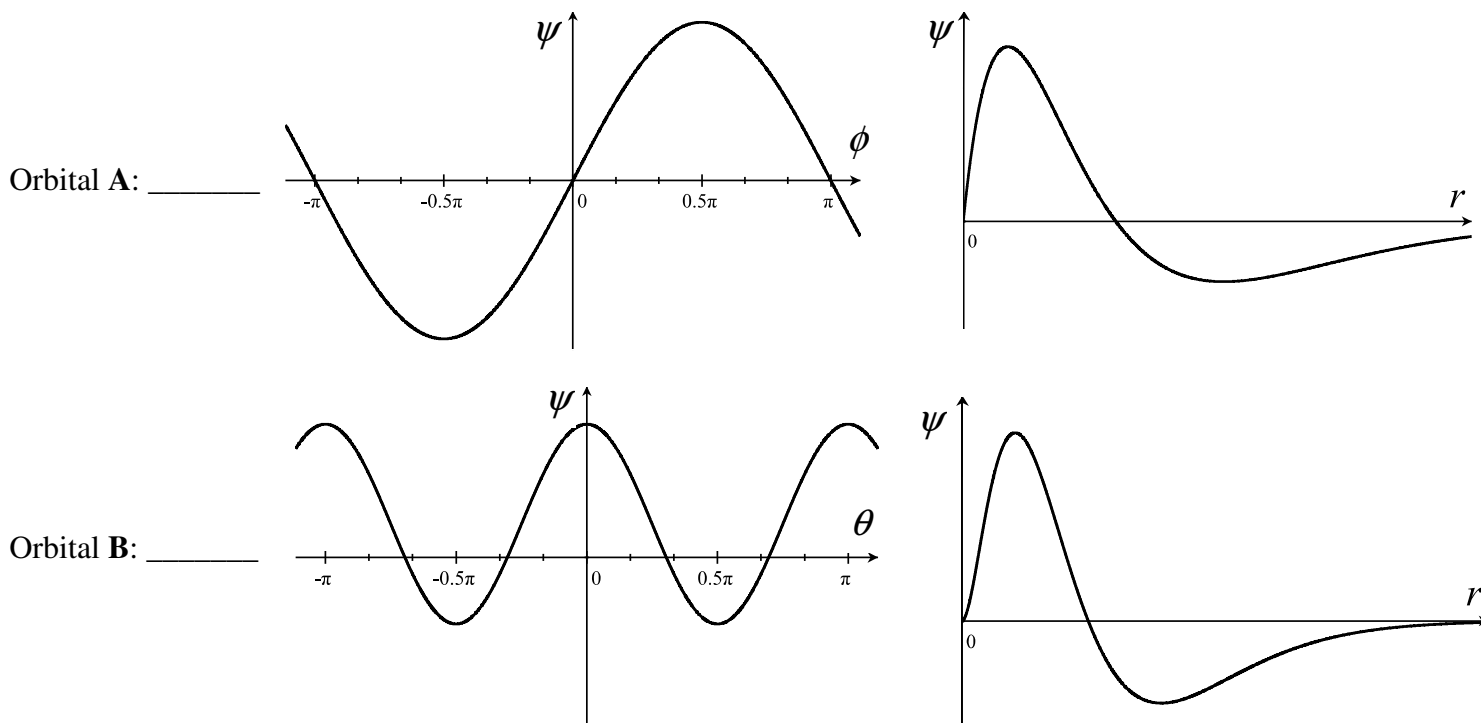
- 8 marks** 3. (a) Draw cross-sections for the following orbitals of the hydrogen atom. Show phases as (+) and (-) and label the axes.

 $4d_{xy}$  $2s$  $3p_x$ 

- (b) The electron in the hydrogen atom can transition between orbitals while emitting or absorbing radiation. By drawing **single-headed** arrows (\rightarrow), connect the boxes in part (a) to show the transitions that emit radiation.

5 marks

4. The sketches below show the radial and angular parts of the wavefunction of two orbitals. Label each sketch with the appropriate orbital label (e.g. $1s$, $2s$, $2p_x$, etc.). Angles θ and ϕ are the spherical polar coordinates.



4 marks

5. The longest wavelength of light that causes ionization of the electron from the $4p$ orbital of an excited one-electron species is 58.4 nm . Identify the one-electron species in the box below, and use the additional space to show your work.

Species:

8 marks

6. Electrons in molecules with alternating single and double bonds can move freely within the molecule. Consider β -carotene, the compound which gives carrots their characteristic colour. β -carotene can be represented by a one-dimensional box of size 1.85 nm with 11 quantum states occupied by electrons. The lowest energy absorption of light by β -carotene involves the transition of an electron from the $n = 11$ state to the $n = 12$ state.

(a) How many nodes does the wavefunction of the $n = 11$ state have?

Answer:

- (b) Use the particle in a one-dimensional box model for the electrons in β -carotene to calculate the kinetic energy (in Joules) of an electron in the $n = 11$ state.

Answer:

- (c) Use the particle in a one-dimensional box model to calculate the wavelength of light in nm that can excite an electron from the $n = 11$ state to the $n = 12$ state in β -carotene.

Answer:

- (d) Given that the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum spans the range 390-760 nm, explain why the presence of β -carotene gives carrots an orange/red colour.

8 marks

7. The reaction of PCl_3 (1 mol), CH_3Cl (1 mol) and AlCl_3 (1 mol) results in the formation of one product, an ionic solid **X**. Both the cation and anion in **X** have a tetrahedral molecular shape at the central atoms. The anion contains only Al and Cl. Reaction of **X** (1 mol) with H_2O (1 mol) results in the formation of a compound **Y**, as well as HCl (1 mol) and HAlCl_4 (1 mol).

(a) Write chemical formulae for **X** and **Y**.

- (b) Draw Lewis structures of both the cation and anion in **X**. Write any non-zero formal charges on the appropriate atoms, show all lone pairs of electrons as pairs of dots and all bond pairs as lines.

Cation in X:

Anion in X:

- (c) Draw a Lewis structure for **Y**.

Lewis structure of Y:

Show your work here

End of Examination

Supplementary Sheet

Potentially Useful Information

$$1 \text{ Hertz} = 1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1} = 10^{-6} \text{ MHz} \quad 1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 10^6 \mu\text{m} = 10^9 \text{ nm} = 10^{12} \text{ pm} = 10^{10} \text{ \AA}$$

$$h = \text{Planck's constant} = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$N_A = \text{Avogadro's number} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$c = \text{speed of light} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ amu} = 1 \text{ u} = \text{atomic mass unit} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{electron mass} = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{proton mass} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$a_o = \text{Bohr radius} = 0.53 \text{ \AA}$$

$$R_H = \text{Rydberg constant} = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

For one-electron species:

$$E_n = -2.18 \times 10^{-18} \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \text{ J}$$

Particle in a one dimensional box:

$$E_k = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8mL^2} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \text{ etc.})$$

Cartesian and Spherical Polar Coordinates:

