



This exam should have exactly 25 questions. Each question is equally weighted at 4 points each. You will enter your answer choices on the virtual bubbleseet after you have finished. Your score is based on what you submit on the virtual bubblesheet and not what is circled on the exam.

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1. What is the molecular geometry of  $\text{ICl}_4^-$ ?

- a. see-saw
- b. square planar
- c. octahedral
- d. square pyramidal
- e. tetrathedral

**Explanation:** The central I atom has 4 single bonds and 2 lone pairs around it, making it  $\text{AX}_4\text{E}_2$ . This corresponds to the square planar geometry.

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2. What is the bond order of the reactive cation  $\text{F}_2^+$ ?

- a. 2.5
- b. 3.0
- c. 1
- d. 0
- e. 2
- f. 1.5

**Explanation:** Fluorine's  $\text{F}_2$  MO diagram indicates the  $\text{F}_2$  has a bond order of 1. We must remove an electron from the  $\pi^*$  orbital to make the cation. This will increase the bond order up to 1.5. Also, as an aside,  $\text{F}_2^+$  is paramagnetic, unlike  $\text{F}_2$ .

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3. Which of the following statements is true?

- I. bonding orbitals are formed by the overlap of two out-of-phase atomic orbitals
  - II. p orbitals can only form pi bonds
  - III. adding electrons to bonding orbitals stabilizes the molecule
- a. II, III
  - b. I
  - c. II
  - d. I, II
  - e. III
  - f. I, III
  - g. all of them are true
  - h. none are true

**Explanation:** Bonding orbitals are formed by overlap of in-phase atomic orbitals. p orbitals can form pi and sigma bonds. Adding electrons to bonding orbitals is stabilizing to the molecule.

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4. Only one of the following species shown below is non-polar. Which one is it?

- a.  $\text{O}_3$
- b.  $\text{SF}_4$
- c.  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
- d.  $\text{PO}_3^{3-}$
- e.  $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$

**Explanation:** Although sulfate is charged, the negative charges are dispersed across all four O atoms via resonance and the dipoles cancel each other out (no lone pairs on the S) due to being tetrahedral. The other structures all have dipoles due to the asymmetry with lone pairs being present on the central atoms.

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5. diamond, dry ice (solid  $\text{CO}_2$ ), and chalk (calcium carbonate) are examples of what types of solids, respectively?

- a. covalent, covalent, metallic
- b. ionic, covalent, metallic
- c. covalent, covalent, ionic
- d. molecular, covalent, ionic
- e. covalent, molecular, covalent
- f. covalent, molecular, ionic

**Explanation:** diamonds are a covalent solid, dry ice is  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules held together by intermolecular forces, and calcium carbonate is an ionic solid.

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6. What is the correct electronic configuration for  $\text{N}_2^-$ ?

- a.  $\sigma_{1s}^2 \sigma_{1s}^{*2} \sigma_{2s}^2 \sigma_{2s}^{*2} \pi_{2p}^4 \sigma_{2p}^2$
- b.  $\sigma_{1s}^2 \sigma_{1s}^{*2} \sigma_{2s}^2 \sigma_{2s}^{*2} \pi_{2p}^4 \sigma_{2p}^1$
- c.  $\sigma_{1s}^2 \sigma_{1s}^{*2} \sigma_{2s}^2 \sigma_{2s}^{*2} \sigma_{2p}^2 \pi_{2p}^4 \pi_{2p}^{*1}$
- d.  $\sigma_{1s}^2 \sigma_{1s}^{*2} \sigma_{2s}^2 \sigma_{2s}^{*2} \pi_{2p}^4 \sigma_{2p}^2 \pi_{2p}^{*1}$
- e.  $\sigma_{1s}^2 \sigma_{1s}^{*2} \sigma_{2s}^2 \sigma_{2s}^{*2} \pi_{2p}^4 \sigma_{2p}^2 \pi_{2p}^{*2}$

**Explanation:** This is found using MO theory.  $\text{N}_2^-$  is a special case which has the bonding pi orbitals lower in energy than its sigma bonding orbital.  $\text{N}_2^-$  also has one more electron than its neutral counterpart  $\text{N}_2$ .

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7. When comparing  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$ , does  $\text{N}_2$  have a longer or shorter bond length, a stronger or weaker bond, and is it more or less stable than  $\text{Cl}_2$ ?

- a. longer, stronger, more stable
- b. shorter, stronger, less stable
- c. longer, weaker, more stable
- d. longer, weaker, less stable
- e. shorter, stronger, more stable
- f. shorter, weaker, less stable

**Explanation:**  $\text{N}_2$  has a bond order of 3, while  $\text{Cl}_2$  only has a bond order of 1. Higher bond order corresponds to shorter bonds, stronger bonds, and more stable bonds.

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8. Which of the following would have the highest melting point?

- a. graphite
- b.  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$
- c. steel
- d.  $\text{KCl}$
- e. ice
- f.  $\text{CsF}$

**Explanation:** covalent solids have the highest melting points. Graphite is a classic example of a covalent solid.

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9. Rank the following halomethanes in order of increasing vapor pressure at a constant temperature.

- a.  $\text{CH}_3\text{F} < \text{CH}_3\text{Br} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{CH}_3\text{I}$
- b.  $\text{CH}_3\text{I} < \text{CH}_3\text{Br} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{CH}_3\text{F}$
- c.  $\text{CH}_3\text{I} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{CH}_3\text{Br} < \text{CH}_3\text{F}$
- d.  $\text{CH}_3\text{F} < \text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{CH}_3\text{Br} < \text{CH}_3\text{I}$
- e.  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl} < \text{CH}_3\text{F} < \text{CH}_3\text{Br} < \text{CH}_3\text{I}$

**Explanation:** As you move down the halogen series, polarizability increases and so do dispersion forces. Thus, volatility decreases.

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10. Which of the following alkanes would be expected to have the highest boiling point?

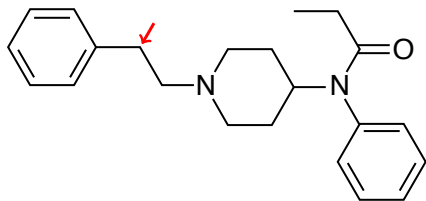
- a. butane
- b. octane
- c. pentane
- d. hexane
- e. nonane

**Explanation:** Boiling point increases with greater dispersion forces. As the alkanes increase in length and size, they become more polarizable and thus experience stronger dispersion forces.

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11. (Part 1 of 3) The super powerful drug fentanyl is shown below. It is 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin according to the DEA. Let's focus on its structure though. How many  $sp^2$  hybridized carbon atoms are there in fentanyl?

- a. 12
- b. 9
- c. 1
- d. 13
- e. 22



**Explanation:** Each aromatic ring contains 6  $sp^2$  carbons and the carbon with a double bond to oxygen is also  $sp^2$  hybridized. This makes 13 total.

12. (Part 2 of 3) What is the molecular geometry of the atom indicated by the arrow?

- a. tetrahedral
- b. trigonal pyramidal
- c. trigonal planar
- d. trigonal bipyramidal
- e. linear

**Explanation:** The indicated atom is an implied C. It has to have 4 bonds (lines). So 2 more are added with H's on them. That is a total of 4 electron regions and 4 atoms which matches up with tetrahedral for both electronic and molecular geometries.

13. (Part 3 of 3) How many lone pairs are there in fentanyl?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 11
- e. 0
- f. 4

**Explanation:** There is 1 lone pair on each N atom and 2 lone pairs on the O atom.

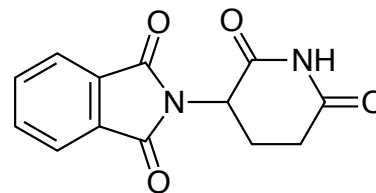
14. Which of the following is not capable of hydrogen bonding?

- a.  $H_2O$
- b.  $CH_3CH_2NH_2$
- c.  $CH_3CH_2F$
- d.  $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$
- e. HF

**Explanation:**  $CH_3CH_2F$  is the only option which does not have a hydrogen bound to one of the 3 most electronegative elements: N, O, F. An H bound to one of these atoms is necessary to hydrogen bond.

15. (Part 1 of 2) The organic molecule below was responsible for many birth defects in the 50s and 60s. How many sigma and pi bonds are contained in its organic structure?

- a.  $\sigma = 27, \pi = 7$
- b.  $\sigma = 31, \pi = 7$
- c.  $\sigma = 31, \pi = 4$
- d.  $\sigma = 17, \pi = 7$
- e.  $\sigma = 22, \pi = 6$
- f.  $\sigma = 22, \pi = 8$



**Explanation:** Each single and double bond contains 1 sigma bond, each double bond contains 1 pi bond. The implied hydrogens are each bound by a single bond.

16. (Part 2 of 2) What is the empirical formula of the organic molecule?

- a.  $C_{13}H_5N_2O_4$
- b.  $C_{13}H_1N_2O_4$
- c.  $C_{11}H_7N_2O_4$
- d.  $C_{11}H_{10}N_2O_4$
- e.  $C_{13}H_{10}N_2O_4$
- f.  $C_{11}H_1N_2O_4$

**Explanation:** Each "corner/bend" in the organic structure represents a carbon. The hydrogens bound to carbons are not shown, but are implied to be there to make each carbon have 4 bonds.

17. Which one of the molecules listed has dipole-dipole interactions as its strongest IMF?

- a. SF<sub>6</sub>
- b. CCl<sub>4</sub>
- c. XeF<sub>2</sub>
- d. N<sub>2</sub>O
- e. BeH<sub>2</sub>

**Explanation:** N<sub>2</sub>O is the only polar molecule listed, dipole-dipole forces occur between polar molecules.

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18. What is the bond order of an S–O bond in a sulfite ion?

- a. 1.67
- b. 1.00
- c. 1.33
- d. 1.50
- e. 2.00

**Explanation:** There are 3 resonance structures for the sulfite ion, the double bond can be drawn between S and each O atom. Averaging these resonance structures gives a S–O bond order of 1.3333...

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19. How many double bonds are present in the best line/dot structure for arsenate, AsO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>?

- a. 0
- b. 4
- c. 1
- d. 2
- e. 3

**Explanation:** Arsenate is exactly like phosphate. The best structure contains 1 double bond and 3 single bonds to the four oxygens.

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20. The common basilisk, also known as the “Jesus Lizard” is famous for its ability to run on water. What property of liquid allows this behavior?

- a. refractive index
- b. surface tension
- c. adhesive forces between water molecules
- d. intramolecular forces
- e. paramagnetism

**Explanation:** In order to break the surface tension of a liquid, forces applied to the surface must be strong enough to disrupt the net set of IMFs within the surface. The other answers are important chemical properties, but are not responsible for IMFs present at the surface of water.

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21. What is the total number of valence electrons that should appear in the dot formula of the phosphite ion?

- a. 24
- b. 28
- c. 25
- d. 22
- e. 30
- f. 26

**Explanation:** The formula of phosphite is PO<sub>3</sub><sup>3-</sup>. Each O atom brings 6 valence electrons to the party, plus 5 for the P and 3 more for the charge equals a total of 26 electrons.

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22. Which of the following bonds would be most polar?

- a. C—I
- b. C—O
- c. C—P
- d. C—N
- e. C—H

**Explanation:** Bond polarity increases with greater differences in electronegativity. Oxygen has the 2nd highest EN value on the periodic table, so it is the bond that is the most polar of those listed with carbon.

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23. What is the molecular geometry of  $\text{BrF}_5$ ?

- a. octahedral
- b. tetrahedral
- c. square pyramid
- d. trigonal bipyramid
- e. square planar

**Explanation:**  $\text{BrF}_5$  has 5 bonds and one lone pair. This points to square pyramid geometry.

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24. Which of the following is paramagnetic?

- a.  $\text{N}_2$
- b.  $\text{B}_2$
- c.  $\text{F}_2$
- d.  $\text{Li}_2$
- e.  $\text{O}_2^{2-}$

**Explanation:**  $\text{B}_2$  is the only option with unpaired electrons in the MO diagram.

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25. Which of the following is not an intermolecular force?

- a. dispersion forces
- b. ion-ion forces
- c. hydrogen bonding
- d. dipole-dipole forces

**Explanation:** ion-ion forces is an intramolecular force for ionic compounds.

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