UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (UCF) CHM2045C CHEMISTRY FUNDAMENTALS I PRACTICE EXAM 1 (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE

Prepare with structure. Pass with confidence

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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

1. What is the formula for peroxide?

A. O2^2-

B. SO4^2-

C. Cyanide

D. SO3^2-

2. Which state of matter would you find individual molecules in a fixed structure?

A. Liquid

B. Gas

C. Plasma

D. Solid

3. What does Avogadro's number represent?

A. Avogadro's number represents the number of grams in one mole of any substance.

B. Avogadro's number represents the number of atoms, molecules, or particles in one mole of a substance.

C. Avogadro's number is a constant that defines the volume of one mole of gas at standard conditions.

D. Avogadro's number indicates the mass of a single molecule in atomic mass units.

4. What is the formula for chromate?

A. C2H3O2-

B. CrO4^2-

C. CO3^2-

D. HCO3^1-

5. What is an example of a factor that can shift equilibrium according to Le Chatelier's principle?

A. Changing the temperature of the system

B. Altering the activation energy

C. Adding a catalyst

D. Removing a product from a reaction

6. What is the final rounded dose of Cisplatin for a patient with an area of 1.862 m^2?

A. 0.0020 g

B. 0.0037 g

C. 0.0030 g

D. 0.0040 g

7. How many grams are in one milligram?

A. 0.1 g

B. 0.001 g

C. 0.01 g

D. 1 g

8. Which of the following is the formula for dihydrogen phosphate?

A. H2PO4-

B. HPO4^2-

C. PO4^3-

D. NH4+

9. What is the chemical name for BrO^-?

A. Hypobromate

B. Bromite

C. Bromate

D. Perbromate

10. Which ion concentration is directly measured by pH?

A. Hydrogen ions

B. Hydroxide ions

C. Sodium ions

D. Chloride ions

Answers

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. A

Explanations

1. What is the formula for peroxide?

A. O2^2-

B. SO4^2-

C. Cyanide

D. SO3^2-

The formula for peroxide is represented as O2^2-. This indicates that a peroxide ion consists of two oxygen atoms bonded together, with an overall charge of -2. This bonding arrangement gives peroxides their distinctive properties, such as being strong oxidizing agents. In the context of the other options, they relate to different compounds with distinct structures and properties. SO4^2- denotes the sulfate ion, which contains sulfur and four oxygen atoms. Cyanide represents a completely different compound featuring carbon and nitrogen. SO3^2- is the sulfite ion, containing sulfur and three oxygen atoms. Each of these ions has its own unique chemical characteristics and does not represent peroxide. Thus, the only option that accurately represents peroxide is O2^2-.

2. Which state of matter would you find individual molecules in a fixed structure?

A. Liquid

B. Gas

C. Plasma

D. Solid

In a solid state of matter, individual molecules are arranged in a fixed, orderly structure. This arrangement is characterized by strong intermolecular forces that keep the molecules closely packed together, allowing them to vibrate but not move freely. This fixed structure is what gives solids their definite shape and volume. Examples of solid substances include ice, metals, and crystals, where the molecular organization contributes to the material's stability and rigidity. In contrast, liquids have more freedom of movement among molecules, allowing them to flow and take the shape of their container while maintaining a fixed volume. Gases consist of molecules that are widely spaced with minimal intermolecular forces, resulting in them filling the entire volume of their container and assuming its shape. Plasma is a high-energy state of matter where electrons are free from their nuclei, leading to ionized gas behavior with charged particles. Therefore, among the options provided, the solid state is the only one where individual molecules exist in a fixed structure.

3. What does Avogadro's number represent?

A. Avogadro's number represents the number of grams in one mole of any substance.

B. Avogadro's number represents the number of atoms, molecules, or particles in one mole of a substance.

C. Avogadro's number is a constant that defines the volume of one mole of gas at standard conditions.

D. Avogadro's number indicates the mass of a single molecule in atomic mass units.

Avogadro's number, which is approximately \(6.022 \times 10^{23}\), is fundamentally significant in chemistry because it defines the quantity of particles—be they atoms, molecules, ions, or any other entities—that are contained in one mole of a substance. This concept is central to understanding the mole, which is a fundamental unit in chemistry that allows chemists to count quantities of very small entities in a manageable way. For instance, when dealing with gases, solids, or liquids, when one speaks of a mole of a substance, it corresponds to \(6.022 \times 10^{23}\) of its respective entities. This connection is key for stoichiometry and when calculating reactants and products in chemical reactions, as it bridges the microscopic world of atoms and molecules to macroscopic measurements that can be handled in the laboratory. The other options are closely related concepts but do not accurately define Avogadro's number itself. The first option describes the molar mass, while the third addresses the volume occupied by a gas at standard temperature and pressure, which is also a separate but related aspect of the mole concept. The fourth option refers to the mass of a single molecule, which is measured in atomic mass units,

4. What is the formula for chromate?

A. C2H3O2-

B. CrO4^2-

C. CO3^2-

D. HCO3^1-

The formula for chromate is CrO4^2-. This polyatomic ion contains one chromium atom and four oxygen atoms, and it carries a -2 charge. The presence of chromium in the formula is essential since chromate is a compound of chromium in a specific oxidation state. Chromate is typically encountered in the context of its salts and solutions, and its chemistry is significant in various applications, including environmental chemistry and industrial processes. The other choices represent different compounds or ions that do not correspond to chromate. For instance, C2H3O2- is the formula for the acetate ion, which does not contain chromium. CO3^2- is the carbonate ion, a totally different entity made up of carbon and oxygen, while HCO3^- is the bicarbonate ion, which also lacks chromium. These polyatomic ions serve different functions in chemistry and should not be confused with chromate, which has its distinct properties and uses.

5. What is an example of a factor that can shift equilibrium according to Le Chatelier's principle?

A. Changing the temperature of the system

B. Altering the activation energy

C. Adding a catalyst

D. Removing a product from a reaction

Changing the temperature of the system is indeed a factor that can shift the equilibrium of a reaction, as described by Le Chatelier's principle. This principle states that if a system at equilibrium experiences a change in concentration, temperature, or pressure, the equilibrium will shift in a direction that counteracts that change. When the temperature of a system is altered, the equilibrium can shift toward either the products or the reactants depending on whether the reaction is exothermic or endothermic. For example, if heat is added to an exothermic reaction, the system will shift toward the reactants to absorb that excess heat, whereas for an endothermic reaction, adding heat will shift the equilibrium toward the products. In contrast, altering the activation energy (which is related to the speed of the reaction and not the equilibrium state) and adding a catalyst (which speeds up both the forward and reverse reactions equally without changing the equilibrium position) do not shift the equilibrium position. Removing a product from a reaction could shift the equilibrium toward the side of the products, but it is specifically a change in concentration, rather than a temperature change.

6. What is the final rounded dose of Cisplatin for a patient with an area of 1.862 m^2?

A. 0.0020 g

B. 0.0037 g

C. 0.0030 g

D. 0.0040 g

To determine the correct final rounded dose of Cisplatin based on the patient's body surface area (BSA), a standard dosing formula is typically used. The usual dose of Cisplatin is approximately 50-75 mg/m^2 for treating cancer. For this patient with a BSA of 1.862 m^2, if we calculate the dose using the middle value of the dosing range, let's take 75 mg/m^2 as a reference. We would calculate the total dose as follows: - Total dose = BSA × Dose per m^2 - Total dose = 1.862 m^2 × 75 mg/m^2 This results in: - Total dose = 139.65 mg When converting this to grams for clarity: - 139.65 mg = 0.13965 g Rounding this to three significant figures gives us approximately 0.140 g. However, if instead, we were to calculate using a lower dose (for instance, 20 mg/m^2, which can also be common), the calculation would be: - Total dose = 1.862 m^2 × 20 mg/m^2 - Total dose = 37.24 mg = 0.03724 g

7. How many grams are in one milligram?

A. 0.1 g

B. 0.001 g

C. 0.01 g

D. 1 g

To understand why one milligram is equivalent to 0.001 grams, it is essential to grasp the metric system's units of measurement. In the metric system, the prefix "milli-" indicates a factor of one-thousandth. Therefore, one milligram (mg) represents one-thousandth of a gram (g). When you convert milligrams to grams, you perform the following calculation: 1 mg = 0.001 g This relationship stems from the broader metric conversions: - 1 gram = 1,000 milligrams Thus, if you take 1 milligram and convert it to grams, you divide by 1,000, which confirms that 1 mg is equal to 0.001 g. This conversion is crucial in chemistry, especially when measuring small quantities of substances, making the understanding of these units foundational for problem-solving in the field.

8. Which of the following is the formula for dihydrogen phosphate?

A. H2PO4-

B. HPO4^2-

C. PO4^3-

D. NH4+

The dihydrogen phosphate ion is represented by the formula H2PO4-. This ion contains two hydrogen atoms attached to a phosphate ion (PO4) along with a single negative charge. The presence of the two hydrogen atoms indicates that it is a dihydrogen species, which distinguishes it from related phosphate ions. To understand why H2PO4- is the correct formulation, consider that the 'di-' prefix in dihydrogen signifies that there are two hydrogen atoms bonded to the phosphate group. This ion plays a significant role in biological systems, particularly in energy transfer and storage. The other formulas, such as HPO4^2- and PO4^3-, represent different oxidation states of phosphate. HPO4^2-, known as hydrogen phosphate, indicates one hydrogen atom is present, while PO4^3- represents the fully deprotonated phosphate ion with no hydrogen atoms attached, thus bearing a charge of three. NH4+ represents the ammonium ion, which is unrelated to phosphate chemistry. Recognizing the composition and charge of these various phosphate species allows for easier identification of dihydrogen phosphate as H2PO4-.

9. What is the chemical name for BrO−?

A. Hypobromate

B. Bromite

C. Bromate

D. Perbromate

The chemical name for BrO− is indeed Hypobromate. This anion consists of a bromine atom bonded to one oxygen atom, and it carries a -1 charge. The naming is derived from the systematic nomenclature of oxyanions, which typically categorizes anions based on the number of oxygen atoms relative to a central element. In the case of bromine, the naming convention follows a specific pattern: - The lowest oxidation state of bromine with one oxygen is termed "hypobromate." - As the oxidation state increases and more oxygen atoms are present, additional names are assigned - "bromite" for BrO2−, "bromate" for BrO3−, and "perbromate" for BrO4−. Hypobromate is thus the correct name for the ion BrO−, reflecting its position as the simplest oxyanion of bromine with the least amount of oxygen.

10. Which ion concentration is directly measured by pH?

A. Hydrogen ions

B. Hydroxide ions

C. Sodium ions

D. Chloride ions

pH is a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration in a solution. It is defined mathematically as the negative base 10 logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration: pH = -log[H]. Therefore, when we determine the pH of a solution, we are directly measuring how many hydrogen ions are present. The importance of hydrogen ions comes from their role in defining the acidity or basicity of a solution. A lower pH indicates a higher concentration of hydrogen ions, which corresponds to a more acidic solution. Conversely, a higher pH indicates a lower concentration of hydrogen ions, leading to a more basic or alkaline solution. While hydroxide ions, sodium ions, and chloride ions are important in various chemical reactions and properties of solutions, they do not define pH directly. Instead, the concentration of hydroxide ions can be indirectly related to pH through the ion product constant of water, but the pH itself is specifically a measure of hydrogen ion concentration.

Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!