

PRACTICE EXAM #1

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Chem20, Elementary Chemistry

1.) Classify each of the following as a pure element, pure compound, homogeneous mixture, and/or heterogeneous mixture and clearly explain your reasoning. (9 points)

a.) black, filtered coffee **homogeneous mixture**

Can be separated by a physical process (evaporation of the water to leave the powder behind) but it looks uniform throughout since it's been filtered.

b.) chicken noodle soup **heterogeneous mixture**

Can be separated by a physical process (straining, boiling off the water) and it is composed of different phases that look different throughout (noodles, chicken, vegetables, broth)

c.) carbon monoxide (CO) **pure compound**

Cannot be separated by a physical process, but it can be decomposed further by a chemical process into carbon and oxygen. Multiple elements are chemically bonded together.

2.) Perform the following conversions to the correct significant figures. (15 points)

a.) 1.2 kilometers = ? decimeters

$$1 \text{ km} = 10^3 \text{ m}, 1 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ dm}$$

$$1.2 \text{ km} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ dm}}{10^{-1} \text{ m}} = 1.2 \times 10^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ dm}}$$

All the conversion factors are definitions.

b.) 5.3923 μg = ? Mg

$$1 \mu\text{g} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g}, 1 \times 10^6 \text{ g} = 1 \text{ Mg}$$

$$5.3923 \mu\text{g} \times \frac{10^{-6} \text{ g}}{1 \mu\text{g}} \times \frac{1 \text{ Mg}}{10^6 \text{ g}} = 5.3923 \times 10^{-12} \rightarrow \mathbf{5.3923 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Mg}}$$

All the conversion factors are definitions.

c.) 18.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ = ? K?

Recall: $\text{K} = ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15$, so that

$$\text{K} = 18.2 ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15 = 291.35 \text{ K} \rightarrow \mathbf{291.4 \text{ K}}$$

3.) Calculate the following to the correct number of significant figures. (10 points)

a.) $(433.621 - 333.9) \div 11.900$

Parentheses first, round to the tenths place:

$$(99.\underline{7}21) \div 11.900$$

Division second, round to 3 total sig. figs:

$$8.\underline{3}79\dots (9 \geq 5, \text{ so round up}) \rightarrow \mathbf{8.38}$$

b.) $249.361 + 41 \times (32.98 + 62)$

Parentheses first, round to the ones place:

$$249.361 + 41 \times (94.\underline{9}8)$$

Multiplication second, round to 2 total sig. figs.:

$$249.361 + 3894.\underline{1}8$$

Addition third, round to the hundreds place:

$$\underline{41}43 (0 \leq 4, \text{ round down}) \rightarrow \mathbf{4100 \text{ or } 4.1 \times 10^3}$$

4.) A room measures 113 feet². A carpet costs \$12.34 per yard². How much will it cost to carpet the entire room? (1 yard = 3 feet) (12 points)

Given: 113 ft² ; Desired Unit: \$

Plan: ft² → yd² → \$

$$113 \text{ ft}^2 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ yd}}{3 \text{ ft}}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\$12.34}{1 \text{ yd}^2}\right) = \$154.\underline{9}35$$

(money, so round to the hundredths place, and $5 \geq 5$, so round up)

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{\$154.94}$$

5.) The density of silver is 10.5 g/cm³. If a pure silver ring has a volume of 1.345x10⁻² L, what is its mass in grams? (10 points)

Remember that density = mass / volume. Rearranging, mass = density x volume.

Note that the density is in grams per cm³. The grams are the desired unit, but the cm³ doesn't match up to the given information of L.

$$1.345 \times 10^{-2} \text{ L} \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{10^{-3} \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ mL}} = 1.345 \times 10^1 \text{ cm}^3$$

Now we can use the density to convert the volume into mass.

$$1.345 \times 10^1 \text{ cm}^3 \times \frac{10.5 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} = 141.2 \text{ g (densities are measured, so 3 sig. figs.)} \rightarrow \mathbf{141 \text{ g}}$$

6.) A rock suspected to be pure gold is weighed, giving a mass of 22.34 g. The rock absorbs 98.2 J of heat, resulting in a temperature change from 25.0°C to 43.1°C. What is the specific heat of the rock? Given that the specific heat of gold is 0.128 J/g °C, is the rock pure gold? (15 points)

Recall: $q = mC_s\Delta T$. We're solving for C_s . Insert the known information.

$$98.2 \text{ J} = (22.34 \text{ g})(C_s)(43.1^\circ\text{C} - 25.0^\circ\text{C})$$

Parentheses first, round to the tenths place: $98.2 \text{ J} = (22.34 \text{ g})(C_s)(18.1^\circ\text{C})$

Multiplication second, round to 3 sig. figs.: $98.2 \text{ J} = (404.354 \text{ g } ^\circ\text{C})(C_s)$

Divide both sides to get C_s alone, round to 3 sig. figs.: $C_s = 0.2428... \rightarrow \mathbf{0.243 \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}}$

$0.243 \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} > 0.128 \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$, so the **sample is not gold**.

7.) Round the following to 3 significant figures. (9 points)

a.) 0.00030940 0.000309 OR 3.09×10^{-4}

b.) 9083400027 9080000000 OR 9.08×10^9

c.) 4004.0001 4.00×10^3

8.) An unknown metal sphere has a radius of 0.0126 m and weighs 0.1189 lbs. Calculate the density of the unknown in g/mL, given that 1 lb. = 454 g and the volume of a sphere = $\frac{4}{3}\pi(\text{radius})^3$ (20 points)

Convert the radius (0.0126 m) into cm.

$$0.0126 \text{ m} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} = 1.26 \text{ cm}$$

Calculate the volume of the sphere.

$$\text{volume} = \frac{4}{3}(\pi)(1.26 \text{ cm})^3 = 8.379 \text{ cm}^3$$

Convert the volume to mL.

$$8.379 \text{ cm}^3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} = 8.379 \text{ mL}$$

Convert the mass (0.1189 lbs.) to grams.

$$0.1189 \text{ lbs.} \times \frac{454 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ lb.}} = 53.98 \text{ g (conversion factor is measured, count for sig. figs.)}$$

Calculate the density.

$$\text{Density} = \frac{53.98 \text{ g}}{8.379 \text{ mL}} = 6.442 \rightarrow \mathbf{6.44 \text{ g/mL}}$$