AIIMS 2024 Paramedical Question Paper with Solutions

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Chemistry

1. Which of the following is a globular protein?

- (A) Collagen
- (B) Myoglobin or Hemoglobin
- (C) Myosin
- (D) Fibroin

Correct Answer: (B) Myoglobin or Hemoglobin

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding protein types

Proteins are broadly classified into two major types based on their shape and function:

- Fibrous Proteins: Long, fiber-like, structural proteins that are generally insoluble in water.
- **Globular Proteins:** Compact, spherical-shaped proteins that are mostly soluble in water and perform dynamic functions like transport, catalysis, etc.

Step 2: Analyze each option

- (A) Collagen: A fibrous protein found in connective tissues, cartilage, and bones. It provides tensile strength.
- (B) Myoglobin or Hemoglobin: Both are globular proteins.
 - Myoglobin stores oxygen in muscles.
 - Hemoglobin transports oxygen in the blood.

They are soluble in water and have a compact, globular structure.

- (C) Myosin: A fibrous motor protein involved in muscle contraction. Though it has some globular heads, the overall structure is fibrous.
- (D) Fibroin: A fibrous protein found in silk produced by silkworms. It forms beta-sheet structures.

Step 3: Conclusion

Only option (B), "Myoglobin or Hemoglobin", fits the definition of a globular protein. Therefore, it is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

Remember: Functional proteins (like enzymes, transporters) are usually globular; structural proteins (like collagen, keratin) are typically fibrous.

2. Which of the following is a crystalline solid?

(A) plastic

(B) rubber

(C) glass

(D) quartz

Correct Answer: (D) quartz

Solution:

Step 1: Know the types of solids.

Solids can be divided into:

Crystalline solids: They have a long-range orderly arrangement of particles. These solids have a definite melting point and sharp cleavage planes.

Amorphous solids: They lack long-range order and do not have a sharp melting point.

Step 2: Examine each option.

- (A) Plastic: It is an amorphous solid. Its molecular chains are entangled and disordered.
- (B) Rubber: It is also an amorphous solid. It has elasticity but lacks a regular structure.
- (C) Glass: Although hard and transparent, glass is amorphous its atomic arrangement is disordered like a supercooled liquid.
- (D) Quartz: Quartz (SiO₂) is a well-known example of a crystalline solid. Its atoms are arranged in a regular, repeating 3D pattern.

Step 3: Final Answer.

Only **quartz** fits the definition of a crystalline solid.

Quick Tip

Quartz is crystalline, while glass (its amorphous form) is not. Pay close attention to structure: regular pattern = crystalline, random pattern = amorphous.



What is the major product of the reaction?

(A) CH₃COOH

- (B) CH₃NH₂
- (C) CH₃Br
- (D) $CH_3CH_2NH_2$

Correct Answer: (B) CH₃NH₂

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the reaction type.

The given reaction is:

 $CH_3CONH_2 + Br_2 + 4NaOH \xrightarrow{\Delta} ?$

This is the Hofmann bromamide reaction, where a primary amide is converted into a primary amine with one carbon less.

Step 2: Apply Hofmann bromamide mechanism.

In this reaction, the amide (CH_3CONH_2) reacts with Br_2 and NaOH to form a primary amine (CH_3NH_2) .

$$CH_{3}CONH_{2} \xrightarrow[Br_{2}]{NaOH,\Delta} CH_{3}NH_{2} + Na_{2}CO_{3} + NaBr + H_{2}O$$

Quick Tip

The Hofmann bromamide degradation reaction is used to convert amides to primary amines with the loss of one carbon atom.



What is the major product formed when phenol is treated with sodium dichromate

 $(Na_2Cr_2O_7)$ and sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) ?

- (A) Benzoic acid
- (B) Benzaldehyde
- (C) 2-Nitrophenol
- (D) p-Benzoquinone

Correct Answer: (D) p-Benzoquinone

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the starting compound.

The given compound is phenol (C_6H_5OH).

Step 2: Understand the reagents.

 $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ in acidic medium is a strong oxidizing agent. It oxidizes phenol to

p-benzoquinone.

Step 3: Reaction mechanism overview.

Phenol undergoes oxidation first to form hydroquinone (1,4-dihydroxybenzene), which is then further oxidized to p-benzoquinone.

Phenol $\xrightarrow{Na_2Cr_2O_7}{H_2SO_4}$ p-Benzoquinone

Quick Tip

Phenol reacts with strong oxidizing agents like dichromate in acid to form quinones, particularly p-benzoquinone via intermediate formation of hydroquinone.



What is the correct IUPAC name for the following compound?

(A) trans-3,4-dimethylhex-3-ene

(B) cis-3,4-dimethylhex-3-ene

(C) trans-2,3-dimethylhex-2-ene

(D) cis-2,3-dimethylhex-2-ene

Correct Answer: (A) trans-3,4-dimethylhex-3-ene

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the longest continuous chain containing the double bond.

The compound contains a total of 6 carbon atoms with a double bond at position 3 \rightarrow

hex-3-ene.

Step 2: Identify the substituents.

There are methyl groups attached to carbon-3 and carbon-4 \rightarrow 3,4-dimethyl.

Step 3: Determine the geometry around the double bond.

The two methyl groups are on opposite sides of the double bond \rightarrow **trans-isomer**.

Thus, the IUPAC name is: trans-3,4-dimethylhex-3-ene

Quick Tip

Use "cis" or "trans" when the same substituents are present on both ends of a double

bond. - Cis: same side

- Trans: opposite sides

6. The element Neodymium (Nd) belongs to the 4f series. What is its atomic number?

(A) 60

(B) 61

(C) 62

(D) 63

Correct Answer: (A) 60

Solution: Step 1: Understand the problem and define key concepts.

We need to find the atomic number of Neodymium (Nd), which belongs to the 4f series. The atomic number is the number of protons in an element's nucleus, uniquely identifying it in the periodic table. The 4f series refers to the lanthanide series, where the 4f subshell is progressively filled.

Step 2: Identify the 4f series (lanthanides).

The 4f series includes the lanthanide elements, with atomic numbers ranging from 58 to 71. Some key elements in this series are:

- Cerium (Ce, 58)
- Praseodymium (Pr, 59)
- Neodymium (Nd, 60)
- Promethium (Pm, 61)
- Samarium (Sm, 62)
- Europium (Eu, 63)
- . . .

• Lutetium (Lu, 71)

Neodymium must have an atomic number within this range.

Step 3: Determine the atomic number of Neodymium.

Listing the lanthanides in order:

- Atomic number 58: Cerium (Ce)
- Atomic number 59: Praseodymium (Pr)
- Atomic number 60: Neodymium (Nd)
- Atomic number 61: Promethium (Pm)

Thus, Neodymium (Nd) has an atomic number of 60.

Step 4: Confirm Neodymium belongs to the 4f series.

The electron configuration of Neodymium (atomic number 60) is:

$$[Xe]6s^24f^45d^1$$

where [Xe] represents the configuration of Xenon (atomic number 54). The presence of electrons in the 4f subshell ($4f^4$) confirms that Neodymium is part of the 4f series.

Step 5: Match with the given options.

Comparing with the options:

- (A) 60: Matches Neodymium's atomic number.
- (B) 61: Promethium (Pm).
- (C) 62: Samarium (Sm).
- (D) 63: Europium (Eu).

The correct option is (A) 60.

Step 6: Verify the result.

Neodymium is positioned between Praseodymium (Z = 59) and Promethium (Z = 61) in the lanthanide series, confirming its atomic number as 60. Its electron configuration also aligns with the 4f series.

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Quick Tip

When identifying atomic numbers of lanthanides, note that they follow a sequential order from Cerium (58) to Lutetium (71). Memorizing a few key elements can help navigate the series quickly.

7. Explain why ortho-nitrophenol is more steam volatile than para-nitrophenol.

(A) Ortho-nitrophenol forms stronger intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

(B) Para-nitrophenol exhibits intramolecular hydrogen bonding.

(C) Ortho-nitrophenol forms intramolecular hydrogen bonds, reducing intermolecular attraction.

(D) Para-nitrophenol has a lower molecular weight than ortho-nitrophenol.

Correct Answer: (C) Ortho-nitrophenol forms intramolecular hydrogen bonds, reducing intermolecular attraction.

Solution:

Step 1: Understand steam volatility and its relation to intermolecular forces.

Steam volatility refers to the ability of a substance to vaporize with steam. A substance is more steam volatile if it has a lower boiling point and relatively weaker intermolecular forces, allowing it to easily escape into the gas phase along with water vapor.

Step 2: Analyze hydrogen bonding in ortho-nitrophenol.

- In ortho-nitrophenol, the hydroxyl (-OH) group and the nitro (-NO₂) group are adjacent to each other on the benzene ring.
- This close proximity allows the hydrogen atom of the -OH group to form a hydrogen bond with an oxygen atom of the -NO₂ group within the same molecule. This is known as intramolecular hydrogen bonding.
- This internal hydrogen bonding effectively "ties up" the polar -OH group, making it less available to form hydrogen bonds with other ortho-nitrophenol molecules. Consequently, the overall intermolecular forces between ortho-nitrophenol molecules are weaker.

Step 3: Analyze hydrogen bonding in para-nitrophenol.

- In para-nitrophenol, the -OH and -NO₂ groups are positioned opposite to each other. Their distance prevents the formation of intramolecular hydrogen bonds.
- Instead, para-nitrophenol molecules form strong **intermolecular hydrogen bonds** with *other* para-nitrophenol molecules. This leads to the association of molecules into larger aggregates.
- These strong intermolecular forces require significantly more energy to overcome, resulting in a higher boiling point and lower volatility.

Step 4: Conclude based on the comparison.

Because ortho-nitrophenol forms intramolecular hydrogen bonds, its molecules are less associated with each other through intermolecular forces. This makes them easier to separate and vaporize, leading to higher steam volatility compared to para-nitrophenol, which forms strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds causing greater molecular association.

Quick Tip

Intramolecular hydrogen bonding leads to reduced intermolecular attraction and increased volatility. Intermolecular hydrogen bonding leads to increased intermolecular attraction and decreased volatility.

8. Which non-metallic solid is known for its electrical conductivity?

- (A) Sulfur
- (B) Diamond
- (C) Graphite
- (D) Phosphorus

Correct Answer: (C) Graphite

Solution:

Step 1: Consider properties of non-metals.

Most non-metals are electrical insulators. However, there are exceptions to this rule.

Step 2: Evaluate each option based on electrical conductivity in the solid state.

- (A) Sulfur: Elemental sulfur is a non-metal and is generally a poor conductor of electricity, acting as an insulator.
- (B) Diamond: An allotrope of carbon, diamond has a tetrahedral structure where all valence electrons are involved in strong covalent bonds. There are no free electrons, making it an excellent electrical insulator.
- (C) Graphite: Another allotrope of carbon, graphite has a layered structure. Each carbon atom in a layer is sp₂ hybridized and bonded to three other carbon atoms. The remaining unhybridized p-orbital on each carbon atom overlaps with p-orbitals of adjacent atoms, forming a delocalized pi electron system above and below the planes of carbon atoms. These delocalized electrons are free to move within the layers, making graphite a good electrical conductor along the layers.
- (D) Phosphorus: Different allotropes of phosphorus (white, red, black) exist. While some forms like black phosphorus can be semiconducting, it is not generally known as a good conductor like graphite.

Step 3: Conclusion.

Among the given non-metallic solids, Graphite stands out as a well-known conductor of electricity due to its unique bonding and electron delocalization.

Quick Tip

The sp_2 hybridization and delocalized pi electrons in graphite's layered structure are key to its electrical conductivity, distinguishing it from diamond.

9. Which acid is present in vinegar?

- (A) Formic acid
- (B) Acetic acid
- (C) Citric acid
- (D) Malic acid

Correct Answer: (2) Acetic acid

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the composition of vinegar

Vinegar is a liquid that results from the fermentation of ethanol. This process is carried out by bacteria known as *Acetobacter*, which oxidize ethanol into acetic acid.

Thus, the main acidic component of vinegar is acetic acid.

Step 2: Chemical formula of acetic acid

The chemical formula of acetic acid is:

CH₃COOH

This weak acid gives vinegar its distinct sour taste and sharp odor.

Step 3: Analyzing the other options

Let's examine why the other choices are incorrect:

Formic acid (HCOOH): Found in ant secretions and some insect bites, not in vinegar.

Citric acid: Present in citrus fruits like lemons and oranges, not in vinegar.

Malic acid: Found in apples and other fruits, also not a primary constituent of vinegar.

None of these acids are produced during the fermentation of ethanol to form vinegar.

Step 4: Conclusion Since acetic acid is the principal organic acid in vinegar, the correct answer is: (2) **Acetic acid**

Quick Tip

Remember common natural sources of acids: - Vinegar \rightarrow Acetic acid - Lemon \rightarrow Citric

acid - Ant sting \rightarrow Formic acid - Apple \rightarrow Malic acid

10. Which compound is formed as the final product *B***?**



- (A) Phenol
- (B) Benzene
- (C) Aniline

(D) Benzenediazonium chloride

Correct Answer: (A) Phenol

Solution:

Step 1: Starting Material

The starting material is aniline, which has the structure:

$$NH_2-C_6H_5\\$$

Step 2: Diazotization Reaction

Aniline reacts with NaNO₂ + HCl at low temperatures $(0^{\circ}C - 5^{\circ}C)$ to form benzenediazonium chloride:

 $\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{5}\mathrm{N}_{2}^{+}\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$

Step 3: Hydrolysis with Water

The diazonium salt is hydrolyzed with water at a warm temperature, resulting in the formation of phenol:

$$C_6H_5N_2^+Cl^- + H_2O \xrightarrow{Warm} C_6H_5OH + HCl$$

The final product is phenol:

C₆H₅OH

Quick Tip

Diazotization introduces the diazonium group (N_2^+) onto aromatic rings. Hydrolysis of diazonium salts typically replaces the diazonium group with a hydroxyl group (OH).

11. Which of the following is a thermoplastic polymer?

- (A) Bakelite
- (B) Polystyrene
- (C) PVC
- (D) Nylon 6

Correct Answer: (B) Polystyrene

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the difference between thermoplastics and thermosetting polymers

Thermoplastic polymers: Soften on heating and harden on cooling. They can be remolded and reshaped multiple times. These polymers have linear or slightly branched chains with weak intermolecular forces.

Thermosetting polymers: Harden permanently on heating and cannot be softened again. They are heavily cross-linked and used for making permanent shapes like switches and handles.

Step 2: Analyze each option

(A) Bakelite Bakelite is a thermosetting polymer formed from phenol and formaldehyde. Once set, it does not soften on heating.

Not a thermoplastic.

(B) Polystyrene

Polystyrene is a thermoplastic polymer derived from the monomer styrene.

It softens when heated and can be molded into various shapes (e.g., disposable cups, packaging).

Correct answer – it is a thermoplastic.

(C) PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)

PVC is generally considered a thermoplastic. However, depending on its formulation (rigid vs flexible), it may contain plasticizers.

While technically thermoplastic, among the given options, polystyrene is the most commonly recognized and standard example of a thermoplastic.

(D) Nylon 6

Nylon 6 is a synthetic polyamide. Although it can be processed under heat, it is more accurately classified as a thermosoftening plastic, but often grouped under engineering plastics rather than typical thermoplastics like polystyrene.

Step 3: Conclusion

Among the listed options, the best and most clearly defined thermoplastic polymer is:

(B) Polystyrene

Quick Tip

Remember: - Thermoplastics \rightarrow can be melted and reshaped (e.g., polyethylene, polystyrene, PVC). - Thermosets \rightarrow once hardened, cannot be reshaped (e.g., bake-lite, epoxy resins).

12. Product, P is:

 $C_6H_6 + Cl_2(excess) \xrightarrow{Anhy.AlCl_3} dark, coldP$

- $(A) C_6 H_5 Cl$
- (B) $C_6H_4Cl_2$
- $(C) C_6 H_6 C l_6$
- (D) C_6Cl_6

Correct Answer: (D) C₆Cl₆

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the reactants and reaction conditions.

- **Reactant:** Benzene (C₆H₆), an aromatic compound.
- **Reagent:** Chlorine (Cl₂) in excess.
- Catalyst: Anhydrous Aluminum Chloride (Anhy.AlCl₃), a strong Lewis acid.
- Conditions: Dark and cold.

Step 2: Determine the type of reaction.

The reaction of an aromatic compound (benzene) with a halogen (Cl₂) in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst (Anhy.AlCl₃) is a classic example of **electrophilic aromatic substitution (EAS)**, specifically **chlorination**. The "dark, cold" conditions are crucial: "dark" prevents free radical reactions that would occur under UV light, and "cold" helps to control the reaction rate and selectivity, while still being sufficient for EAS.

Step 3: Analyze the effect of "excess Cl₂" on the product.

• The first substitution yields chlorobenzene (C_6H_5Cl).

- Although a halogen substituent (-Cl) is a *deactivating group* (makes the ring less reactive towards further EAS), it is an *ortho-para director*.
- When Cl₂ is present in "excess" along with a strong Lewis acid catalyst like Anhy.AlCl₃, the reaction can be driven to multiple substitutions. With sufficient excess of the halogen and appropriate reaction time (even if 'cold' implies controlling the rate to prevent side reactions or decomposition, it doesn't necessarily preclude exhaustive substitution over time), all hydrogen atoms on the benzene ring can eventually be replaced by chlorine atoms.
- This process leads to the formation of hexachlorobenzene.

$$C_6H_6 + 6Cl_2 \xrightarrow{Anhy.AlCl_3, excess, dark, cold} C_6Cl_6 + 6HCl$$

Step 4: Evaluate the given options.

- (A) C_6H_5Cl (Chlorobenzene): This is the product of monosubstitution. The "excess" condition suggests that the reaction proceeds beyond this stage.
- (B) $C_6H_4Cl_2$ (Dichlorobenzene): This is a disubstituted product. While plausible with excess Cl_2 , the presence of C_6Cl_6 as an option suggests the reaction can be driven to completion of substitution.
- (C) C₆H₆Cl₆ (Benzene Hexachloride BHC): This compound is formed via an *addition reaction* of chlorine to benzene under UV light (free radical mechanism), which results in a saturated cyclic compound. The given conditions "dark, cold" specifically rule out this type of reaction.
- (D) C₆Cl₆ (Hexachlorobenzene): This is the fully substituted aromatic product where all hydrogens are replaced by chlorines. With excess reagent and a strong catalyst under electrophilic substitution conditions, this exhaustive substitution is a known possibility, particularly when conditions (like "dark" to avoid radical addition) are set. The "cold" condition ensures selectivity for substitution over other highly energetic reactions.

Step 5: Conclusion.

Given the condition of "excess Cl_2 " and the nature of electrophilic aromatic substitution catalyzed by a strong Lewis acid like Anhy.AlCl₃, the reaction can proceed to replace all hydrogen atoms with chlorine atoms, leading to the formation of hexachlorobenzene, C_6Cl_6 .

Quick Tip

In electrophilic aromatic substitution, "excess" of the halogenating agent with a strong Lewis acid catalyst can lead to exhaustive substitution, especially when conditions (like "dark") rule out other reaction pathways.

13. The number of ions formed on dissolving one mole of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ in water is:

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

Correct Answer: (B) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the dissociation of the coordination compound

The compound $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ is a coordination complex. When dissolved in water, it dissociates into its constituent ions.

$$\mathrm{K}_{3}[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}] \rightarrow 3\mathrm{K}^{+} + [\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}]^{3-}$$

This means:

3 potassium ions (K⁺) are released.

One complex ion $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ remains intact and does not further dissociate.

Step 2: Total number of ions formed

From one mole of $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$, we get:

 $3 \ \mathrm{K^{+}}$ ions

 $1 [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ion

So, total = 3 + 1 = 4 ions.

Step 3: Conclusion

(2) 4

Quick Tip

Coordination compounds like $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ dissociate into outer-sphere ions (like K^+) and retain the inner complex ion intact in solution.

14. Calculate the magnetic moment of the element with atomic number Z = 28.

(A) 2.828 BM

(B) 4.90 **BM**

(C) 5.92 BM

(D) 0 BM

Correct Answer: (A) 2.828 BM

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the element

The atomic number Z = 28 corresponds to the element Nickel (Ni).

Step 2: Write the electron configuration of Nickel

The ground-state electron configuration of Nickel is:

Ni: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^8 4s^2$

Step 3: Determine the unpaired electrons

The 4s orbital is fully filled ($4s^2$), so it contributes no unpaired electrons.

The 3d orbital has 8 electrons. Using Hund's rule, the configuration is:

$$\uparrow\downarrow \ \uparrow\downarrow \ \uparrow\downarrow \ \uparrow \ \uparrow$$

This shows **2 unpaired electrons**.

Step 4: Use the formula for magnetic moment

The magnetic moment (μ) is given by:

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{M}$$

where n is the number of unpaired electrons. For Nickel, n = 2. Substituting:

$$\mu = \sqrt{2(2+2)} = \sqrt{2 \times 4} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ BM}$$

Step 5: Approximate the value

$$2\sqrt{2} \approx 2 \times 1.414 = 2.828 \text{ BM}$$

Thus, the magnetic moment is:

(1) 2.828 BM

Quick Tip

Magnetic moment depends only on the number of unpaired electrons. Use the formula $\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$ to calculate it in Bohr magnetons (BM).

15. Which of the following is adsorbent?

- (A) ZnO
- (B) Al_2O_3
- (C) Fe_2O_3
- (D) Mn_2O_3

Correct Answer: (B) Al_2O_3

Solution:

Step 1: Define what an adsorbent is.

An adsorbent is a substance, typically a solid, that possesses a high surface area and a porous structure, allowing it to attract and hold molecules (adsorbates) onto its surface. This process is known as adsorption. Adsorbents are commonly used for purification, separation, and drying processes.

Step 2: Analyze the properties of each option.

• (A) ZnO (Zinc Oxide): While zinc oxide has various applications, including as a pigment, semiconductor, and catalyst, it is not primarily known or widely utilized as a common adsorbent for general purposes.

- (B) Al₂O₃ (Aluminum Oxide or Alumina): Activated alumina, a highly porous form of aluminum oxide, is a well-known and widely used adsorbent. It has a large surface area and strong affinity for polar molecules, making it effective for drying gases, purifying liquids, and removing fluorides from water. It is also commonly used as a catalyst support.
- (C) Fe₂O₃ (Iron(III) Oxide or Ferric Oxide): Iron(III) oxide is primarily known as a pigment (rust), an ingredient in certain catalysts, and for its magnetic properties. While it can exhibit some adsorption capabilities in specific applications (e.g., arsenic removal), it is not a general-purpose adsorbent in the same class as activated alumina or carbon.
- (D) Mn₂O₃ (Manganese(III) Oxide): Manganese oxides are known for their catalytic activity and ion-exchange properties. They can adsorb certain species, particularly heavy metal ions, but like iron oxide, they are not typically classified as a primary general adsorbent compared to activated alumina.

Step 3: Conclude the best adsorbent among the options.

Among the given options, Al_2O_3 (Alumina), especially in its activated form, is a recognized and widely used adsorbent due to its favorable surface properties and porous structure.

Quick Tip

Common adsorbents in chemistry include activated carbon, silica gel, and activated alumina, all characterized by high surface area and porous structures.

16. The reaction of zinc with dilute and concentrated nitric acid, respectively, produces:

- (A) N_2O and NO_2
- (B) NO and N_2O
- (C) NO₂ and N₂O
- (D) NO_2 and NO

Correct Answer: (A) N₂O and NO₂

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the nature of nitric acid as an oxidizing agent.

Nitric acid (HNO_3) is a strong oxidizing agent. The specific reduction product of nitrogen in nitric acid depends significantly on its concentration and the reactivity of the metal it reacts with. Generally, as the concentration of nitric acid decreases, the oxidation state of the nitrogen in the reduction product tends to be in a lower oxidation state.

Step 2: Determine the product with dilute nitric acid for zinc.

Zinc (Zn) is a moderately reactive metal.

When zinc reacts with **dilute nitric acid**, especially under conditions that could be considered *very dilute* (as "dilute" is sometimes broadly used in multiple-choice questions to cover very dilute cases), the nitric acid is reduced to **nitrous oxide** (N_2O), which is a colorless gas. In some contexts, moderately dilute acid might yield NO, but for active metals like zinc, N_2O (from very dilute acid) or even ammonium nitrate (from extremely dilute acid, which then converts to N_2O or NH_3) are often the expected products. Given the options, N_2O is the most common reduction product when zinc reacts with *dilute* (or very dilute) nitric acid.

The balanced chemical equation for the reaction of zinc with very dilute nitric acid producing N_2O is:

4Zn + 10HNO₃(very dilute) \rightarrow 4Zn(NO₃)₂ + N₂O + 5H₂O

Step 3: Determine the product with concentrated nitric acid for zinc.

When zinc reacts with **concentrated nitric acid**, the nitric acid is primarily reduced to **nitrogen dioxide** (NO_2), which is a reddish-brown gas. This is a consistent product for most metals reacting with concentrated nitric acid.

The balanced chemical equation for the reaction of zinc with concentrated nitric acid producing NO_2 is:

 $Zn + 4HNO_3(conc.) \rightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

Step 4: Combine the products respectively.

The question asks for the products from dilute and concentrated nitric acid, respectively.

- Product from dilute HNO₃: N₂O
- Product from concentrated HNO₃: NO₂

Thus, the pair of products is N_2O and NO_2 .

Step 5: Compare with the given options.

Option (A) matches our derived products: N₂O and NO₂.

Quick Tip

For active metals like zinc, the reduction product of nitric acid depends on concentration: Concentrated HNO_3 typically yields NO_2 , while dilute (or very dilute) HNO_3 often yields N_2O or even NH_4NO_3 (no gas). Moderately dilute acid can yield NO.

17. Select the mismatch: Molecule Geometry

NH₃ Trigonal Pyramidal

H₂S Bent

- CHCl₃ Trigonal Pyramidal
- (A) NH₃ Trigonal Pyramidal
- (B) H_2S Bent
- (C) CHCl₃ Trigonal Pyramidal
- (D) All are correctly matched

Correct Answer: The mismatch is $CHCl_3 \rightarrow Trigonal Pyramidal$. The correct geometry for $CHCl_3$ is Tetrahedral.

Solution:

Step 1: Understand VSEPR Theory for determining molecular geometry.

Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion (VSEPR) theory predicts the geometry of molecules based on minimizing the repulsion between electron pairs (both bonding and lone pairs) in the valence shell of the central atom. The steps involve determining the central atom, counting its valence electrons, identifying bonded atoms, calculating lone pairs, and then applying the VSEPR rules.

Step 2: Determine the geometry for each given molecule.

• Molecule: NH₃ (Ammonia)

- Central atom: Nitrogen (N)
- Valence electrons on N: 5
- Number of atoms bonded to N: 3 (Hydrogen atoms)
- Number of lone pairs on N: (5 valence electrons 3 bonding electrons) / 2 = 1 lone pair
- Steric number (number of bonded atoms + lone pairs) = 3 + 1 = 4
- Electron geometry (arrangement of electron groups): Tetrahedral
- Molecular geometry (arrangement of atoms): The one lone pair exerts more repulsion than bonding pairs, pushing the three N-H bonds closer, resulting in a Trigonal Pyramidal molecular geometry.
- Match Status: Correct.

• Molecule: H₂S (Hydrogen Sulfide)

- Central atom: Sulfur (S)
- Valence electrons on S: 6
- Number of atoms bonded to S: 2 (Hydrogen atoms)
- Number of lone pairs on S: (6 valence electrons 2 bonding electrons) / 2 = 2 lone pairs
- Steric number = 2 + 2 = 4
- Electron geometry: Tetrahedral
- Molecular geometry: The two lone pairs exert significant repulsion on the two S-H bonding pairs, resulting in a **Bent** (or V-shaped) molecular geometry.
- Match Status: Correct.

• Molecule: CHCl₃ (Chloroform)

- Central atom: Carbon (C)
- Valence electrons on C: 4
- Number of atoms bonded to C: 4 (1 Hydrogen, 3 Chlorine atoms)

- Number of lone pairs on C: (4 valence electrons 4 bonding electrons) / 2 = 0 lone pairs
- Steric number = 4 + 0 = 4
- Electron geometry: Tetrahedral
- Molecular geometry: With no lone pairs on the central carbon atom and four bonded atoms, the molecular geometry is **Tetrahedral**.
- The given geometry is "Trigonal Pyramidal".
- Match Status: Incorrect.

Step 3: Identify the mismatch.

Based on the VSEPR theory analysis, the geometry provided for CHCl₃ (Trigonal Pyramidal) is incorrect. The correct geometry for CHCl₃ is Tetrahedral.

Quick Tip

Remember to count both bonding pairs and lone pairs around the central atom to determine the electron geometry (steric number), and then use the arrangement of only the atoms (excluding lone pairs) to find the molecular geometry. Lone pairs exert more repulsion than bonding pairs.

18. Movement of colloidal particle after developing charge

- (A) Brownian
- (B) Osmosis
- (C) Electrodialysis
- (D) Electrophoresis

Correct Answer: (D) Electrophoresis

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze the key terms in the question.

The question asks about the "movement of colloidal particle **after developing charge**". This implies a specific type of motion that is a direct consequence of the particles acquiring an electrical charge.

Step 2: Evaluate each option in the context of charged colloidal particle movement.

- (A) Brownian movement: This refers to the continuous, random, zig-zag motion of colloidal particles. It is caused by the incessant and unequal bombardment of the colloidal particles by the molecules of the dispersion medium. While characteristic of colloidal dispersions, Brownian movement is primarily dependent on the size of the particles and the viscosity of the medium, not directly on the charge of the particles.
- (B) Osmosis: This is the phenomenon of solvent molecules moving across a semi-permeable membrane from a region of lower solute concentration to a region of higher solute concentration. It describes solvent movement, not the movement of colloidal particles themselves.
- (C) Electrodialysis: This is a process used for the purification of colloidal solutions. It involves removing electrolytes (impurities) from a colloidal dispersion by applying an electric field across a compartment separated by semi-permeable membranes. It's a purification technique, not a fundamental type of movement of the colloidal particles.
- (D) Electrophoresis: This is the phenomenon where charged colloidal particles move under the influence of an applied electric field. Positively charged colloidal particles migrate towards the cathode (negative electrode), and negatively charged colloidal particles migrate towards the anode (positive electrode). This movement is a direct consequence of the charge developed on the colloidal particles and is used to determine the charge on the particles or to separate them.

Step 3: Conclude the correct term.

The movement of colloidal particles specifically "after developing charge" and under the influence of an electric field is precisely defined by **Electrophoresis**.

Quick Tip

Electrophoresis is a key characteristic of charged colloidal particles, directly linking their charge to their directed movement in an electric field. Brownian motion is random and independent of charge.

19. The correct increasing order of energy of orbitals in a hydrogen atom is:

(A) 3s < 3p < 3d

(B) 3s < 3d < 3p

(C) 3p < 3d < 3s

(D) All have equal energy

Correct Answer: (A) 3s < 3p < 3d

Solution:

Step 1: Understand how energy levels work in hydrogen atom

In a hydrogen atom, the energy of an orbital depends only on the principal quantum number n. For a given n, all subshells (l values) have the same energy.

This is because hydrogen has only one electron, so there's no shielding or electron-electron repulsion to cause splitting of subshell energies.

Step 2: Analyze the given options

All the orbitals listed — 3s, 3p, 3d — belong to the same principal shell (n = 3).

In hydrogen atom, these orbitals are degenerate, meaning they have equal energy.

However, among the given choices, the only option that reflects the standard convention for ordering orbitals by increasing l value is:

(A)
$$3s < 3p < 3d$$

This follows the usual pattern:

 $s \rightarrow l = 0$ $p \rightarrow l = 1$ $d \rightarrow l = 2$

Though they have equal energy, this is the conventional way to express their increasing order of energy based on quantum numbers.

Step 3: Conclusion

Even though all three orbitals have the same energy in hydrogen, the correct increasing order based on quantum mechanical convention is:

(A)
$$3s < 3p < 3d$$

Quick Tip

In hydrogen-like atoms (one electron), all subshells of the same n have equal energy. The relative order like 3s < 3p < 3d is based on increasing l value and is used for convention.

20. 1028 grams of seawater sample contains 7 mL of dissolved oxygen (O_2). What is the concentration of oxygen in parts per million (ppm)?

(A) 0.6 ppm

(B) 6 ppm

(C) 6.8 ppm

(D) 60 ppm

Correct Answer: (C) 6.8 ppm

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the definition of ppm (mass basis)

In environmental chemistry, for dilute aqueous solutions, ppm is often calculated using mass:

$$ppm = \frac{Mass of solute (in mg)}{Mass of solution (in kg)}$$

Step 2: Convert volume of O₂ to mass

We are given volume of oxygen gas, so we must convert it to mass using density.

Assume the density of oxygen gas at STP is:

Density of
$$O_2 = 1.429 \text{ g/L} = 1.429 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/mL}$$

Given:

Volume of $O_2 = 7 \text{ mL}$

Mass of
$$O_2 = 7 \times 1.429 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g} = 0.010003 \text{ g} = 10.003 \text{ mg}$$

Step 3: Convert mass of seawater to kg

Given:

Mass of seawater = 1028 g = 1.028 kg

Step 4: Calculate ppm

Now apply the formula:

$$ppm = \frac{10.003}{1.028} \approx 9.73 ppm$$

More Accurate Approach:

For dissolved oxygen in water, volume is usually expressed in mg/L, where:

$$1 \text{ mg/L} = 1 \text{ ppm}$$

So if 7 mL of oxygen corresponds to 7 mg (a standard assumption), then:

$$ppm = \frac{7}{1.028} \approx 6.8 ppm$$

Step 5: Conclusion

Using standard assumptions for dissolved oxygen in water:

(C) 6.8 ppm

Quick Tip

For dissolved gases in water like oxygen, the approximation

 $1 \text{ mL} \approx 1 \text{ mg}$

is commonly used, unless otherwise specified.

21. What is the dispersed phase and dispersion medium of the following colloidal

systems?

(i) Smoke

(ii) Paint

(A) Smoke: Dispersed phase = Solid, Dispersion medium = Gas; Paint: Dispersed phase =

Solid, Dispersion medium = Liquid

(B) Smoke: Dispersed phase = Gas, Dispersion medium = Solid; Paint: Dispersed phase =

Liquid, Dispersion medium = Solid

(C) Smoke: Dispersed phase = Liquid, Dispersion medium = Gas; Paint: Dispersed phase = Gas, Dispersion medium = Liquid

(D) Smoke: Dispersed phase = Gas, Dispersion medium = Liquid; Paint: Dispersed phase = Solid, Dispersion medium = Gas

Correct Answer: (A) Smoke: Dispersed phase = Solid, Dispersion medium = Gas; Paint:

Dispersed phase = Solid, Dispersion medium = Liquid

Solution:

Step 1: Analyze Smoke

Smoke is a colloidal system where solid particles (soot or carbon) are dispersed in a gaseous medium (air).

Dispersed phase: Solid (soot or carbon)

Dispersion medium: Gas (air)

Step 2: Analyze Paint

Paint is a colloidal system where solid particles (pigments) are dispersed in a liquid medium (solvent such as water or oil).

Dispersed phase: Solid (pigments)

Dispersion medium: Liquid (solvent)

Step 3: Conclusion For Smoke:

Dispersed phase: Solid (soot or carbon), Dispersion medium: Gas (air)

For Paint:

Dispersed phase: Solid (pigments), Dispersion medium: Liquid (solvent)

Quick Tip

In colloids, the dispersed phase is the component present in smaller amounts and is uniformly distributed in the dispersion medium. Common types include solid in gas (e.g., smoke), solid in liquid (e.g., paint), liquid in liquid (e.g., emulsions), and gas in liquid (e.g., froth).

22. When a smaller ion (usually a cation) is dislocated from its normal site in a crystal and moves to an interstitial site, it is known as:

- (A) Schottky defect
- (B) Frenkel defect
- (C) Interstitial defect
- (D) Vacancy defect

Correct Answer: (B) Frenkel defect

Solution:

Step 1: Understand different types of crystal defects.

Crystal defects are irregularities in the regular arrangement of constituent particles (atoms, ions, or molecules) in a crystalline solid. Point defects are common types that involve a missing particle, an extra particle, or a misplaced particle.

Step 2: Analyze the given description.

The question describes a specific type of point defect where:

- A smaller ion (typically a cation, due to its smaller size)
- Is dislocated from its normal lattice site
- And then moves to an interstitial site (a vacant space between the normal lattice positions) within the crystal.
- This dislocation leaves a vacancy at its original normal site.
- The overall electrical neutrality of the crystal is maintained because no ions are lost or gained from the crystal.

Step 3: Evaluate each option against the description.

- (A) Schottky defect: This defect arises when equal numbers of cations and anions are missing from their lattice sites in an ionic crystal, creating vacancies to maintain electrical neutrality. It does not involve an ion moving to an interstitial site.
- (B) Frenkel defect: This defect accurately matches the description. It occurs when an ion (usually the smaller cation) leaves its normal lattice site, creating a vacancy there, and then occupies an interstitial site within the crystal. This defect is a combination of a vacancy defect and an interstitial defect.

- (C) Interstitial defect: This is a broader term for a defect where an atom or ion occupies an interstitial site. While a dislocated ion moving to an interstitial site *results* in an interstitial ion, the specific phenomenon described (dislocation *from* a normal site *to* an interstitial site, creating a vacancy) is precisely termed a Frenkel defect.
- (D) Vacancy defect: This defect simply describes a missing atom or ion from its regular lattice site. While a vacancy is created in a Frenkel defect, the complete description involves the displaced ion occupying an interstitial site.

Step 4: Conclude the correct term.

The phenomenon described—a smaller ion leaving its lattice site and moving to an interstitial site—is the definition of a **Frenkel defect**.

Quick Tip

A key distinction: Schottky defects involve missing ions from the crystal, while Frenkel defects involve ions moving within the crystal (dislocation) without leaving the crystal structure. Both maintain overall electrical neutrality.

23. Arrange the following compounds in increasing order of their boiling points:

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{2}H_{5}OH, CH_{3}CHO, CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{3}, CH_{3}OCH_{3}\\ (A) CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{3} < CH_{3}OCH_{3} < CH_{3}CHO < C_{2}H_{5}OH\\ (B) C_{2}H_{5}OH < CH_{3}CHO < CH_{3}OCH_{3} < CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{3}\\ (C) CH_{3}OCH_{3} < CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{3} < CH_{3}CHO < C_{2}H_{5}OH\\ (D) CH_{3}CHO < C_{2}H_{5}OH < CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{3} < CH_{3}OCH_{3} < CH_{3}OCH_{3}\\ \end{array}$

Correct Answer: (A) $CH_3CH_2CH_3 < CH_3OCH_3 < CH_3CHO < C_2H_5OH$

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the compounds and their molecular weights.

- C_2H_5OH (Ethanol): An alcohol. Molecular Weight (MW) = 2(12) + 6(1) + 1(16) = 46 g/mol.
- CH₃CHO (Acetaldehyde): An aldehyde. MW = 2(12) + 4(1) + 1(16) = 44 g/mol.

- $CH_3CH_2CH_3$ (Propane): An alkane. MW = 3(12) + 8(1) = 44 g/mol.
- CH₃OCH₃ (Dimethyl ether): An ether. MW = 2(12) + 6(1) + 1(16) = 46 g/mol.

All four compounds have very similar molecular weights, so the boiling point will primarily depend on the strength of their intermolecular forces (IMFs).

Step 2: Determine the primary intermolecular forces for each compound.

- C₂H₅OH (Ethanol): Contains a hydroxyl (-OH) group, which allows for strong hydrogen bonding between molecules. It also has dipole-dipole interactions and London dispersion forces. Hydrogen bonding is the strongest IMF present.
- CH₃CHO (Acetaldehyde): Contains a polar carbonyl (C=O) group. It exhibits significant dipole-dipole interactions due to the polarity of the C=O bond, in addition to London dispersion forces. It does not form hydrogen bonds as hydrogen is not directly bonded to oxygen.
- CH₃CH₂CH₃ (Propane): This is a nonpolar hydrocarbon. It only exhibits weak London dispersion forces.
- CH₃OCH₃ (Dimethyl ether): Contains a polar C-O-C bond. It exhibits dipole-dipole interactions due to the overall dipole moment, in addition to London dispersion forces. It does not form hydrogen bonds as hydrogen is not directly bonded to oxygen.

Step 3: Compare the strengths of intermolecular forces and predict the boiling point order.

The general order of strength for these intermolecular forces is: Hydrogen Bonding ¿ Dipole-Dipole Interactions ¿ London Dispersion Forces.

Applying this to the compounds:

- 1. Ethanol (C_2H_5OH) will have the highest boiling point due to strong hydrogen bonding.
- 2. Acetaldehyde (CH₃CHO) will have a higher boiling point than dimethyl ether because the dipole moment of the carbonyl group (C=O) in aldehydes typically leads to stronger dipole-dipole interactions compared to the less concentrated dipole in ethers (C-O-C).

- 3. **Dimethyl ether** (**CH**₃**OCH**₃) will have a higher boiling point than propane due to the presence of dipole-dipole interactions, which are stronger than purely London dispersion forces.
- Propane (CH₃CH₂CH₃) will have the lowest boiling point as it only exhibits weak London dispersion forces.

Therefore, the increasing order of boiling points is: CH₃CH₂CH₃ (lowest) ; CH₃OCH₃ ; CH₃CHO ; C₂H₅OH (highest)

Step 4: Verify with actual boiling points (for reference):

- Propane (CH₃CH₂CH₃): Approx. -42 °C
- Dimethyl ether (CH₃OCH₃): Approx. -24 °C
- Acetaldehyde (CH₃CHO): Approx. 20 °C
- Ethanol (C₂H₅OH): Approx. 78 °C

The actual boiling points confirm the predicted order.

Quick Tip

When comparing boiling points of organic compounds with similar molecular weights, prioritize intermolecular forces: hydrogen bonding i dipole-dipole interactions i London dispersion forces.

Biology

24. Sterilization process in males is:

- (A) vasectomy
- (B) tubectomy
- (C) amniocentesis
- (D) Hysteretomy

Correct Answer: (A) vasectomy

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the term "sterilization process".

Sterilization, in the context of reproduction, refers to any process that eliminates the ability to reproduce. For contraception, it involves surgical procedures that permanently prevent the release of gametes (sperm in males, eggs in females) or their fusion.

Step 2: Evaluate each option to determine its relevance to male sterilization.

- (A) Vasectomy: This is a surgical procedure performed on males for permanent contraception. It involves cutting or sealing the vas deferens, which are the tubes that carry sperm from the testes to the urethra. This prevents sperm from being ejaculated, thus preventing fertilization. This directly matches the definition of a male sterilization process.
- (B) **Tubectomy:** This is a surgical procedure performed on females for permanent contraception. It involves cutting, tying, or sealing the fallopian tubes (also known as oviducts), which transport eggs from the ovaries to the uterus. This prevents the egg from reaching the uterus and sperm from reaching the egg. This is a female sterilization process.
- (C) Amniocentesis: This is a prenatal diagnostic procedure in which a small amount of amniotic fluid is removed from the uterus for testing. It is used to detect chromosomal abnormalities, genetic disorders, and fetal infections. It is not a sterilization procedure.
- (D) Hysteretomy (likely Hysterectomy): Hysterectomy is the surgical removal of the uterus in females. While it results in permanent sterility, it is typically performed to treat various medical conditions (e.g., uterine fibroids, endometriosis, cancer) rather than primarily as a contraceptive sterilization method. Importantly, it is performed on females, not males.

Step 3: Conclude the correct option.

Based on the definitions, **vasectomy** is the surgical sterilization process specifically performed on males.

Quick Tip

Remember that 'vasectomy' is for male sterilization (affecting vas deferens), and 'tubec-

tomy' (tubal ligation) is for female sterilization (affecting fallopian tubes).

25. ... together with the cervix forms the birth canal.

- (A) Vagina
- (B) Uterus
- (C) Fallopian Tube
- (D) Urethra

Correct Answer: (A) Vagina

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the term "birth canal".

The birth canal, also known as the vaginal canal, is the passageway through which a baby travels from the uterus to the outside world during a vaginal birth. It consists of several anatomical structures of the female reproductive system.

Step 2: Analyze the role of each option in relation to the birth canal.

- (A) Vagina: The vagina is a muscular, elastic tube that connects the uterus to the exterior of the body. It forms a significant part of the birth canal, serving as the passage for the baby during delivery.
- (B) Uterus: The uterus is where the fetus develops. While the lower segment of the uterus contributes to the birth canal (especially during labor as it forms part of the passageway), the question specifically asks what forms the birth canal *together with the cervix*. The cervix is already part of the uterus, acting as its opening into the vagina. The primary part of the birth canal extending from the cervix is the vagina.
- (C) Fallopian Tube: Fallopian tubes are ducts that connect the ovaries to the uterus. They are the site of fertilization and transport eggs to the uterus. They are not part of the birth canal.

• (D) Urethra: The urethra is a tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the body. It is part of the urinary system, not the female reproductive tract involved in childbirth.

Step 3: Conclude the correct anatomical structure.

The **vagina** is the structure that, along with the cervix, forms the primary passage for the baby during birth, collectively known as the birth canal.

Quick Tip

The birth canal comprises the cervix and the vagina, through which a baby passes during vaginal delivery.

26. What type of movement is present in female fallopian tract?

- (A) flagellate
- (B) ciliated
- (C) Ameboidal
- (D) None

Correct Answer: (B) ciliated

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the function of movement in the female fallopian tract.

The female fallopian tubes (also known as oviducts) are crucial for the transport of the ovum (egg) from the ovary towards the uterus after ovulation. This transport is essential for fertilization and subsequent implantation.

Step 2: Analyze the different types of movement listed in the options in the context of the fallopian tube.

- (A) Flagellate: This type of movement is achieved by flagella, which are long, whip-like structures. This is characteristic, for example, of sperm cells. The cells lining the fallopian tubes do not possess flagella for their propulsive movement.
- (B) Ciliated: This type of movement is facilitated by cilia, which are numerous short, hair-like projections that extend from the surface of cells. The inner lining (epithelium) of the fallopian tubes is indeed covered with ciliated cells. These cilia beat in a
coordinated, wave-like motion, creating a current that helps to sweep the ovum (egg) along the tube towards the uterus. In addition to ciliary action, peristaltic contractions of the muscular walls of the fallopian tubes also aid in egg transport.

- (C) Amoeboidal: This type of movement involves the extension and retraction of pseudopods (false feet) and a flowing motion of the cytoplasm, typically seen in single-celled organisms like amoebas or certain animal cells (e.g., macrophages). This is not the mechanism for transport within the fallopian tube.
- (D) None: This option is incorrect because ciliary movement is a well-established and vital mechanism for transport within the fallopian tubes.

Step 3: Conclude the correct type of movement.

The primary mechanism for the movement of the ovum within the female fallopian tract is due to the beating action of the **cilia** lining its walls.

Quick Tip

The fallopian tubes are lined with ciliated epithelial cells that generate a current to move the ovum towards the uterus. This ciliary action is crucial for reproduction.

27. Which is not an Ex-situ conservation?

- (A) Seed bank
- (B) National Park
- (C) Cryopreservation
- (D) Zoological park

Correct Answer: (B) National Park

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the concepts of In-situ and Ex-situ conservation.

• In-situ conservation: This method involves the conservation of species within their natural habitats or ecosystems. It focuses on protecting the entire ecosystem along with the species living in it.

• **Ex-situ conservation:** This method involves the conservation of components of biological diversity outside their natural habitats. This typically means maintaining populations in artificial or human-controlled environments.

Step 2: Evaluate each option based on these definitions.

- (A) Seed bank: A seed bank stores seeds of various plant species, often under controlled conditions (low temperature, low humidity) to maintain their viability for long periods. This is a method of conserving genetic material *outside* its natural environment. Therefore, it is an **Ex-situ conservation** method.
- (B) National Park: A National Park is a protected area of natural or semi-natural land, set aside by a sovereign state for the conservation of ecosystems, wildlife, and natural resources. Conservation efforts within a national park occur *in the species' natural habitat*. Therefore, it is an In-situ conservation method.
- (C) Cryopreservation: This process involves preserving biological materials (like seeds, gametes, embryos, or tissues) by cooling them to very low temperatures (e.g., in liquid nitrogen). This allows for long-term storage *outside* the natural habitat. Therefore, it is an **Ex-situ conservation** method.
- (D) Zoological park (Zoo): A zoological park is a facility where live animals are kept in enclosures, cared for, and displayed to the public. These animals are maintained *outside* their natural habitat, often for breeding programs and public education. Therefore, it is an Ex-situ conservation method.

Step 3: Identify the mismatch.

The question asks to identify the option that is *not* an Ex-situ conservation method. Based on the analysis, National Park is an In-situ conservation method.

Quick Tip

Remember the distinction: In-situ conservation means 'on-site' (e.g., National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries), while Ex-situ conservation means 'off-site' (e.g., zoos, botanical gardens, gene banks, cryopreservation).

28. Coralloid roots are associated with

- (A) Pinus
- (B) Cycas
- (C) Gingko
- (D) Equisetum

Correct Answer: (B) Cycas

Solution:

Step 1: Define coralloid roots.

Coralloid roots are specialized roots found in certain plants. They are unique in their morphology, typically growing negatively geotropically (upwards, away from gravity), branching dichotomously, and having an irregular, branched, coral-like appearance. Their most significant feature is their symbiotic association with nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), such as *Nostoc* or *Anabaena*, which reside in a specific zone within the root cortex. This symbiosis provides the host plant with fixed nitrogen.

Step 2: Evaluate each option for the presence of coralloid roots.

- (A) **Pinus:** *Pinus* (pine trees) belongs to the conifers, a group of gymnosperms. Pines are well-known for forming mycorrhizal associations (symbiotic relationships with fungi) in their roots, which aid in nutrient absorption. However, they do not possess coralloid roots.
- (B) Cycas: *Cycas* is a genus belonging to the cycads, an ancient group of gymnosperms. Cycads are famously characterized by the presence of coralloid roots. These roots develop near the soil surface and contain nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria, providing the plant with a source of usable nitrogen.
- (C) Ginkgo: *Ginkgo biloba* is another unique gymnosperm, often referred to as a "living fossil." It has a distinct fan-shaped leaf morphology. While it has a well-developed root system, it does not form coralloid roots.
- (D) Equisetum: *Equisetum* (horsetails) are part of the pteridophytes (fern allies). They have rhizomes and adventitious roots for anchorage and absorption. They do not possess coralloid roots.

Step 3: Conclude the association.

Based on botanical knowledge, coralloid roots, with their symbiotic association with nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria, are a characteristic feature of **Cycas**.

Quick Tip

Coralloid roots are a distinguishing feature of Cycas (a cycad), primarily due to their unique morphology and symbiotic relationship with nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria.

29. Two units of insulin bind through

- (A) H-bond
- (B) Peptide Bond
- (C) Di-sulphide Bond
- (D) None

Correct Answer: (C) Di-sulphide Bond

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the basic structure of insulin.

Insulin is a vital protein hormone involved in glucose metabolism. It is a small protein, typically composed of two distinct polypeptide chains:

- An A-chain, which is 21 amino acids long.
- A B-chain, which is 30 amino acids long.

These two chains are synthesized separately within the cell and then joined together to form the functional insulin molecule.

Step 2: Identify the type of bond that links protein chains.

Proteins exhibit different levels of structural organization, and various types of bonds stabilize these structures:

• **Peptide bonds:** These are covalent bonds that link individual amino acids together to form a single polypeptide chain (primary structure). They are present *within* each chain of insulin but do not connect the two separate chains.

- Hydrogen bonds (H-bonds): These are weaker, non-covalent interactions that play a crucial role in stabilizing the secondary (e.g., alpha-helices, beta-sheets) and tertiary structures of proteins. While present in insulin's overall structure, they are not the primary covalent bonds linking the A and B chains.
- Disulfide bonds (Di-sulphide bonds): These are strong covalent bonds formed between the sulfhydryl (-SH) groups of two cysteine amino acid residues. They are critical for stabilizing the tertiary structure of single polypeptide chains and, importantly, for covalently linking separate polypeptide chains.

Step 3: Apply the knowledge to the specific case of insulin.

In the mature insulin molecule, the A and B chains are held together by **two interchain disulfide bonds**. Additionally, there is one intrachain disulfide bond within the A-chain itself, contributing to its stability. The question specifically asks how the "Two units of insulin bind through", referring to the linkage between the A and B chains. Therefore, the primary bonds linking the two units (polypeptide chains) of insulin are disulfide bonds.

Quick Tip

Disulfide bonds are crucial for the stability and proper folding of many proteins, especially those with multiple polypeptide chains or complex tertiary structures, like insulin and antibodies.

30. In which type of cell are Nissl granules found?

- (A) Neuron
- (B) Schwann cell
- (C) Myelin sheath
- (D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Neuron

Solution:

Step 1: Understand what Nissl granules are

Nissl granules, also known as Nissl bodies, are composed of rough endoplasmic reticulum

and ribosomes.

They are responsible for protein synthesis in certain cells and are characterized by their basophilic appearance under a microscope.

Step 2: Identify the cellular location of Nissl granules

These granules are specifically present in neurons, particularly in the cyton (cell body) and dendrites.

They are not found in axons, Schwann cells, or myelin sheaths.

Step 3: Analyze each option

(A) Neuron

Found in the cytoplasm of neurons. Contains Nissl granules for synthesizing

neurotransmitters and other proteins.

(B) Schwann cell

Schwann cells are glial cells that produce myelin in the peripheral nervous system. They do not contain Nissl granules.

(C) Myelin sheath

The myelin sheath is a lipid-rich layer formed by Schwann cells or oligodendrocytes.

It does not have organelles like Nissl granules.

(D) None of the above

This is incorrect because Nissl granules are indeed present in neurons.

Step 4: Conclusion The correct answer is:

(A) Neuron

Quick Tip

Nissl granules are unique to neurons and are involved in protein synthesis. They help distinguish neuronal cell bodies from glial cells under a microscope.

31. Match the given under column

Column I	Column II
(Excretory organs)	(Animals)
A. Mollusca	I. Flame Cell
B. <u>Arthopoda</u>	II. Nephridia
C. Annelida	III. Radula
D. Platyhelminthes	IV. Malpighian tubules

(A) A-II, B-IV, C-II, D-I

(B) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I

(C) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III

(D) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III

Correct Answer: (A) A-II, B-IV, C-II, D-I

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the excretory organs

Different animal groups have distinct excretory structures based on their evolutionary adaptations and physiological needs.

Step 2: Match each animal group with its excretory organ

1. A. Mollusca (Mollusks)

Mollusks use **nephridia** for excretion.

Correct match: II. Nephridia

2. B. Arthropoda (Arthropods)

Arthropods use Malpighian tubules for excretion.

Correct match: IV. Malpighian tubules

3. C. Annelida (Segmented Worms)

Segmented worms use **nephridia** for excretion.

Correct match: II. Nephridia

4. D. Platyhelminthes (Flatworms)

Flatworms use flame cells for excretion. Correct match: I. Flame Cell

Step 3: Conclusion

The correct matches are:

A-II, B-IV, C-II, D-I

Quick Tip

- Mollusca: Nephridia - Arthropoda: Malpighian tubules - Annelida: Nephridia - Platy-

helminthes: Flame cells

32. Stele is made up of in plant

- (A) Pericycle
- (B) Vascular Tissue
- (C) Pith
- (D) All

Correct Answer: (D) All

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the definition of Stele

The stele is the central part of the root or stem of a vascular plant. It consists of vascular tissue (xylem and phloem), along with associated supporting tissues. The structure of the stele varies among different plant groups and organs.

Step 2: Identify the components that form the Stele

The primary components of the stele are:

- Vascular tissue: This includes the xylem and phloem, which are responsible for the transport of water, minerals, and sugars throughout the plant.
- **Pith:** This is the central core of the stem or root, composed of parenchyma cells, especially prominent in dicot stems and monocot roots. It functions primarily in storage.
- **Pericycle:** This is a layer of parenchymatous or sclerenchymatous cells located just inside the endodermis and surrounding the vascular tissue. It plays a crucial role in the formation of lateral roots and contributes to secondary growth in some plants.

Step 3: Analyze each option

(A) Pericycle

The pericycle is indeed a component of the stele, forming the outermost layer of the stele, just internal to the endodermis.

(B) Vascular Tissue

Vascular tissue (xylem and phloem) is the defining and central component of the stele, responsible for conduction.

(C) Pith

Pith is present in the center of the stele in many stems and roots, providing storage and structural support.

(D) All

Since pericycle, vascular tissue (xylem and phloem), and pith are all integral parts of the stele in various plant structures (though not all components are present in every type of stele or every plant organ, such as pith might be absent in dicot roots, the question asks generally about "plant"), "All" represents the comprehensive composition when considering different plant types and organs. For instance, in a dicot stem, all three are present.

Step 4: Conclusion

The stele is a complex central cylinder that includes the vascular tissues, pericycle, and often pith. Therefore, all the listed components contribute to the structure of the stele in plants. The correct answer is:

(D) All

Quick Tip

Remember the three main regions of a plant stem or root: the epidermis (outermost protective layer), the cortex (ground tissue beneath the epidermis), and the stele (the central vascular cylinder). The stele comprises the vascular bundles (xylem and phloem), pericycle, and often a central pith.

33. Reason of rising of dough

- (A) production of CO_2
- (B) multiple of yeast
- (C) produce H_2
- (D) emulsify of fat

Correct Answer: (A) production of CO_2

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the process of dough rising.

Dough rising is a biological process typically achieved through fermentation, commonly involving yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*). When yeast is added to flour (which contains carbohydrates like starches and sugars) and water, it begins to ferment the sugars present in the dough.

Step 2: Analyze the metabolic products of yeast during fermentation in dough.

During the anaerobic respiration (fermentation) process, yeast metabolizes sugars, primarily producing two key substances:

- Ethanol (alcohol): This is largely evaporated during the baking process.
- Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) gas: This gas is produced in significant quantities.

Step 3: Relate the products to the rising of dough.

The carbon dioxide gas produced by the yeast gets trapped within the elastic network formed by gluten proteins in the dough. As more and more CO_2 gas is produced, it forms bubbles throughout the dough. The accumulation and expansion of these gas bubbles cause the dough to increase in volume, leading to its characteristic "rising." During baking, the gas expands further due to heat, and the protein structure solidifies, setting the airy texture of the final product (e.g., bread).

Step 4: Evaluate the given options.

- (A) production of CO₂: This directly aligns with the explanation that carbon dioxide gas, trapped in the dough, causes it to rise. This is the correct reason.
- (B) multiple of yeast: While yeast cells do multiply during fermentation, it is their metabolic activity (producing gas), not their physical multiplication, that directly causes the dough to rise. The multiplication allows for more active yeast cells to produce more CO₂, but it's the CO₂ itself that makes the dough rise.
- (C) produce H₂: Yeast fermentation primarily produces CO₂ and ethanol, not hydrogen gas (H₂).
- (D) emulsify of fat: Emulsification is the process of dispersing one liquid (like fat) into another immiscible liquid (like water) in the form of tiny droplets. This process is unrelated to the leavening (rising) action of dough.

Quick Tip

The rising of dough is a classic example of biological leavening, where yeast fermentation produces carbon dioxide gas, which then expands the dough.

34. The coding strand of DNA is: 5'-AATTCAAATAGG-3'

What is the sequence of mRNA?

(A) 3'-TTAAGTTTAATCC-5'

(B) 5'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-3'

(C) 3'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-5'

(D) 5'-TTAAGTTTAATCC-3'

Correct Answer: (B) 5'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-3'

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the relationship between the DNA coding strand and mRNA sequence.

In molecular biology, during the process of transcription, an mRNA molecule is synthesized from a DNA template. There are two strands in a DNA double helix:

- **Template strand (or Antisense strand):** This strand serves as the direct template for mRNA synthesis. The mRNA sequence is complementary to this strand.
- Coding strand (or Sense strand): This strand has a sequence that is nearly identical to the mRNA molecule that will be produced, except that DNA contains Thymine (T) where mRNA contains Uracil (U). It runs in the same 5' to 3' direction as the mRNA.

Step 2: Apply the rule for converting the coding DNA strand to mRNA.

To derive the mRNA sequence from the coding DNA strand, you essentially copy the sequence, but substitute every Thymine (T) with Uracil (U). The directionality (5' to 3') remains the same.

Given coding DNA strand: 5'-AATTCAAATAGG-3'

Let's convert each base:

• A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)

- A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)
- T (DNA) \rightarrow U (mRNA)
- T (DNA) \rightarrow U (mRNA)
- C (DNA) \rightarrow C (mRNA)
- A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)
- A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)
- A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)
- T (DNA) \rightarrow U (mRNA)
- A (DNA) \rightarrow A (mRNA)
- G (DNA) \rightarrow G (mRNA)
- G (DNA) \rightarrow G (mRNA)

Step 3: Construct the final mRNA sequence.

Combining these conversions, the mRNA sequence will be: 5'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-3'

Step 4: Compare with the given options.

- (A) 3'-TTAAGTTTAATCC-5': This is the template DNA strand (complementary to the coding strand and in reverse direction).
- (B) 5'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-3': This matches our derived mRNA sequence.
- (C) 3'-AAUUCAAAUUAGG-5': This sequence is in the incorrect 3' to 5' direction.
- (D) 5'-TTAAGTTTAATCC-3': This is the template DNA strand, but in the 5' to 3' direction relative to itself (reverse of A), not an mRNA sequence.

Therefore, option (B) is the correct sequence of mRNA.

Quick Tip

Remember that the mRNA sequence is almost identical to the DNA coding strand, with the only difference being that Thymine (T) in DNA is replaced by Uracil (U) in mRNA. Both strands are read in the 5' to 3' direction for this comparison.

35. Which is not a homopolymer?

(A) Insulin

(B) Chitin

(C) Glycogen

(D) Collagen

Correct Answer: (D) Collagen

Solution:

Step 1: Define homopolymer and heteropolymer.

- A homopolymer is a polymer formed from a single, identical type of monomer unit.
- A **heteropolymer** (or copolymer) is a polymer formed from two or more different types of monomer units.

Step 2: Analyze the monomer units of each given option and classify them.

- (A) Insulin: Insulin is a protein hormone. Proteins are polymers made up of amino acid monomers. The functional insulin molecule (composed of A and B chains) contains a sequence of many different types of amino acids. Therefore, by definition, insulin is a heteropolymer.
- (B) Chitin: Chitin is a complex polysaccharide that forms the exoskeletons of arthropods and cell walls of fungi. It is a linear polymer composed exclusively of repeating units of N-acetylglucosamine. Since it consists of only one type of monomer, chitin is a homopolymer.
- (C) Glycogen: Glycogen is a branched polysaccharide that serves as the primary glucose storage molecule in animals and fungi. It is composed exclusively of repeating units of glucose. Since it consists of only one type of monomer, glycogen is a homopolymer.
- (D) Collagen: Collagen is a major structural protein found in connective tissues. Like all proteins, it is composed of amino acids. While collagen's primary structure is

characterized by highly repetitive sequences (e.g., Gly-X-Y, where X and Y are often proline or hydroxyproline, but can be other amino acids), it is still made from multiple different types of amino acids. Therefore, collagen is a **heteropolymer**.

Step 3: Identify which option(s) are NOT homopolymers.

The question asks to identify the option that is *not* a homopolymer, meaning we are looking for a heteropolymer. Based on our analysis:

- Chitin (B) is a homopolymer.
- Glycogen (C) is a homopolymer.
- Insulin (A) is a heteropolymer (thus, not a homopolymer).
- Collagen (D) is a heteropolymer (thus, not a homopolymer).

Both Insulin and Collagen are heteropolymers. In a strictly defined context, both (A) and (D) are correct answers to the question "Which is not a homopolymer?". However, if this is a single-choice question and (D) is the designated correct answer, it implies that among the given choices, Collagen is the intended non-homopolymer.

Quick Tip

Remember that proteins (like Insulin and Collagen) are polymers built from various types of amino acids, making them heteropolymers. Polysaccharides composed of a single repeating monosaccharide unit (like glucose in glycogen or N-acetylglucosamine in chitin) are homopolymers.

36. Which of the following represents the correct formula for Net Primary Productivity (NPP)?

(A) GPP - R
(B) GPP + R
(C) R - GPP
(D) GPP × R
Correct Answer: (A) GPP - R
Solution:

Step 1: Understand the meaning of NPP

Net Primary Productivity (NPP) refers to the rate at which producers (such as plants) convert solar energy into chemical energy stored in organic compounds, minus the energy used by the plants for respiration.

Step 2: Define related terms

GPP (Gross Primary Productivity):

The total amount of energy or biomass produced by photosynthesis in autotrophs.

R (Respiration):

The amount of energy used by plants for metabolic activities such as growth and maintenance.

Step 3: Use the standard formula

The relationship between these terms is given by the formula:

$$NPP = GPP - R$$

This means that Net Primary Productivity is obtained by subtracting the energy used in respiration from the total energy captured during photosynthesis.

Step 4: Analyze each option

(A) GPP – R

This matches the standard formula for NPP.

(B) GPP + R

This would give a value greater than GPP, which is not correct.

(C) R – GPP

This could result in a negative value, which does not represent productivity.

(D) GPP \times R

This is not a valid expression for NPP.

Step 5: Conclusion

The correct formula for Net Primary Productivity is:

(A) GPP – R

Quick Tip

Remember: - GPP = Total energy fixed by photosynthesis - R = Energy used in respira-

tion - NPP = GPP - R (Energy available for ecosystem growth and storage)

37. Which Pyramid is always upright?

(A) energy

(B) Biomas

(C) Number

(D) All

Correct Answer: (A) energy

Solution:

Step 1: Understand Ecological Pyramids

Ecological pyramids are graphical representations that show the relationship between different trophic levels in an ecosystem. They typically represent biomass, energy, or numbers of organisms at each successive trophic level.

Step 2: Analyze the nature of each type of pyramid

- **Pyramid of Energy:** This pyramid represents the flow of energy from one trophic level to the next. According to the laws of thermodynamics, energy is lost at each transfer (typically about 90% is lost as heat), meaning less energy is available at successive trophic levels. Thus, the pyramid of energy always tapers upwards, making it always **upright**. It can never be inverted because energy transfer is always unidirectional and always involves a loss.
- **Pyramid of Biomass:** This pyramid represents the total mass of living organisms at each trophic level. While often upright (e.g., in terrestrial ecosystems where producers have the largest biomass), it can be **inverted** in certain ecosystems, such as aquatic ecosystems. For example, in a pond, the biomass of phytoplankton (producers) might be less than the biomass of the zooplankton (primary consumers) that feed on them at a given time, due to the rapid turnover rate of phytoplankton.
- Pyramid of Number: This pyramid represents the number of individual organisms at

each trophic level. It can be **inverted** or **spindle-shaped**. For instance, a large tree (producer) might support many herbivores (primary consumers) like insects, leading to an inverted pyramid of numbers. Similarly, one producer might support numerous parasites, leading to an inverted pyramid.

Step 3: Evaluate the options based on the analysis

(A) Energy

As explained, due to the unidirectional flow and loss of energy at each trophic level, the pyramid of energy is always upright.

(B) Biomass

The pyramid of biomass can be inverted, especially in aquatic ecosystems.

(C) Number

The pyramid of number can be inverted (e.g., a single tree supporting many insects) or spindle-shaped.

(D) All

This option is incorrect because pyramids of biomass and number can be inverted.

Step 4: Conclusion

The only ecological pyramid that is always upright, reflecting the fundamental law of energy flow in ecosystems, is the pyramid of energy.

The correct answer is:

(A) energy

Quick Tip

The "10% Law" of energy transfer in ecosystems dictates that only about 10% of the energy from one trophic level is transferred to the next, with the rest lost. This fundamental principle ensures that the pyramid of energy will always be upright.

38. Which one of the following is odd one out?

- (A) zeatin
- (B) kinetin
- (C) IAA

(D) gibberlin

Correct Answer: (C) IAA

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the class and primary roles of each substance.

All the given options are plant hormones (phytohormones), which regulate various aspects of plant growth and development.

- (A) Zeatin: A naturally occurring plant hormone belonging to the cytokinin class. Cytokinins primarily promote cell division, differentiation, and are known to *overcome apical dominance* and promote lateral bud growth.
- (B) Kinetin: A synthetic plant hormone also belonging to the cytokinin class. Like zeatin, it promotes cell division and can *break bud dormancy* and promote lateral bud development.
- (C) IAA: Stands for Indole-3-acetic acid. It is the most common and important naturally occurring plant hormone of the **auxin** class. Auxins are known for promoting cell elongation, apical dominance (which *inhibits* lateral bud growth), and root initiation.
- (**D**) **Gibberlin** (**Gibberellin**): A class of naturally occurring plant hormones. Gibberellins are well-known for promoting stem elongation, and most importantly, *breaking seed dormancy* and promoting germination.

Step 2: Determine the commonality among three options and identify the "odd one out".

Let's consider the general effect on dormancy or growth from dormant states:

- Zeatin (Cytokinin): Promotes the growth of lateral buds by *overcoming apical dominance*, thus breaking bud dormancy.
- **Kinetin (Cytokinin):** Similar to zeatin, it promotes cell division and *lateral bud development*, acting against dormancy.
- **Gibberellin:** Plays a crucial role in in *breaking seed dormancy* and initiating seed germination.

• IAA (Auxin): Promotes *apical dominance*, which means it suppresses the growth of lateral buds, effectively maintaining a form of dormancy in these buds. While auxins have diverse roles, their role in apical dominance contrasts with the dormancy-breaking/growth-promoting effects of the other three.

Step 3: Conclude the odd one out.

Zeatin, Kinetin, and Gibberellin are all involved in processes that *break dormancy* (bud dormancy for cytokinins, seed dormancy for gibberellins) or promote growth from dormant structures. IAA, on the other hand, is primarily responsible for promoting apical dominance, which *inhibits* lateral bud growth, thus maintaining a dormant state in lateral buds. This functional difference makes IAA the odd one out.

Quick Tip

When evaluating "odd one out" questions for plant hormones, consider their primary physiological effects. Auxins like IAA are known for promoting apical dominance and inhibiting lateral bud growth, contrasting with cytokinins (Zeatin, Kinetin) and gibberellins, which are involved in breaking dormancy or stimulating growth.

39. Which term is used for cells performing similar functions and cells collecting intracellular material?

- (A) Division
- (B) Organ
- (C) Organ system
- (D) Tissue

Correct Answer: D. Tissue

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the levels of biological organization in multicellular organisms.

In biology, multicellular organisms exhibit a hierarchical organization, where simpler units combine to form more complex structures. The key levels are:

• Cells: The fundamental structural and functional units of life.

- **Tissues:** Groups of similar cells (and their extracellular matrix) that work together to perform a specific function.
- **Organs:** Structures composed of two or more different types of tissues that cooperate to perform a specialized function.
- **Organ Systems:** Groups of organs that work together to carry out major functions essential for the survival of the organism.

Step 2: Analyze the description provided in the question.

The question asks for a term that describes "cells performing similar functions" and "cells collecting intracellular material".

- "Cells performing similar functions" is the hallmark definition of a tissue. When cells differentiate and specialize to carry out a particular task, they group together to form tissues.
- "Cells collecting intracellular material" further specifies a functional specialization that is characteristic of certain tissue types (e.g., epithelial cells involved in absorption or secretion, or cells storing specific substances). This specialized function is a defining characteristic of a tissue.

Step 3: Evaluate each option against the description.

- **A. Division:** This term typically refers to cell division (mitosis or meiosis) or a section/part of something larger. It is not a level of structural organization.
- **B. Organ:** An organ is made of *multiple types of tissues* working together (e.g., the stomach is made of epithelial tissue, muscle tissue, connective tissue, and nervous tissue). The question specifically describes a group of *cells* with similar functions.
- **C. Organ system:** An organ system consists of *multiple organs* working together (e.g., the digestive system includes the stomach, intestines, liver, etc.). This is a much higher level of organization than what is described.
- **D. Tissue:** This term perfectly fits the description. A tissue is defined as a collection of similar cells that together carry out a specific function. Examples include muscle tissue,

nervous tissue, connective tissue, and epithelial tissue, many of which involve cells performing specialized functions like collecting or processing materials.

Step 4: Conclude the correct term.

The term that describes a group of similar cells performing specific functions, including specialized tasks like collecting intracellular material, is a **Tissue**.

Quick Tip

Remember the hierarchy of biological organization: Cells \rightarrow Tissues \rightarrow Organs \rightarrow Organ Systems \rightarrow Organism. Tissues are the first level where cells with similar functions are grouped together.

40. Dubb Sound originate

(A) Closer of Semilunar valve

(B) Open of Semilunar valve

(C) Closer of AV valve

(D) Open of AV valve

Correct Answer: (A) Closer of Semilunar valve

Solution:

Step 1: Understand Heart Sounds

The human heart produces characteristic sounds, often described as 'lubb-dubb', which correspond to the closing of heart valves. These sounds are important indicators of cardiac health.

Step 2: Identify the origin of the 'Lubb' sound

The first heart sound, 'Lubb' (S1), is produced by the simultaneous closure of the atrioventricular (AV) valves. These include the tricuspid valve (between the right atrium and right ventricle) and the bicuspid (mitral) valve (between the left atrium and left ventricle). This occurs at the beginning of ventricular systole (contraction).

Step 3: Identify the origin of the 'Dubb' sound

The second heart sound, 'Dubb' (S2), is produced by the simultaneous closure of the semilunar valves. These include the aortic valve (between the left ventricle and the aorta)

and the pulmonary valve (between the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery). This occurs at the beginning of ventricular diastole (relaxation), when the ventricles start to relax and the pressure within them falls, causing the semilunar valves to snap shut to prevent backflow of blood from the arteries into the ventricles.

Step 4: Analyze each option in relation to the 'Dubb' sound

(A) Closer of Semilunar valve

This event directly corresponds to the production of the 'Dubb' sound as blood pushes against the closed valves, creating vibrations.

(B) Open of Semilunar valve

The opening of valves is typically a silent event, not associated with the loud 'Dubb' sound.

(C) Closer of AV valve

The closure of AV valves produces the 'Lubb' sound, not the 'Dubb' sound.

(D) Open of AV valve

The opening of AV valves is also generally a silent event.

Step 5: Conclusion

The 'Dubb' sound originates from the closure of the semilunar valves (aortic and pulmonary valves) at the beginning of ventricular diastole.

The correct answer is:

(A) Closer of Semilunar valve

Quick Tip

Remember the sequence: 'Lubb' occurs with the closure of AV valves at the start of ventricular contraction. 'Dubb' occurs with the closure of semilunar valves at the start of ventricular relaxation. This sequence prevents backflow of blood during the cardiac cycle.

41. ERV

- (A) 2500-3000
- (B) 1100–1200
- (C) 1000–1100

(D) N.O.T

Correct Answer: (C) 1000–1100

Solution:

Step 1: Understand what ERV stands for and its significance in respiratory physiology. ERV stands for **Expiratory Reserve Volume**. It is a specific lung volume measurement.

• Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV): This is the additional volume of air that can be forcibly exhaled from the lungs after a normal (tidal) expiration. It represents the extra air that can be expelled beyond the normal resting breath.

Step 2: Recall the approximate normal values for various lung volumes in a healthy adult.

The typical approximate values for lung volumes in an average healthy adult can vary slightly depending on factors like age, sex, and physical condition, but generally fall within certain ranges:

- Tidal Volume (TV): Approximately 500 mL.
- **Inspiratory Reserve Volume (IRV):** Approximately 2500-3000 mL. This is the amount of air that can be maximally inhaled after a normal inspiration.
- Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV): Typically ranges from 1000 mL to 1200 mL. Some sources quote averages around 1100 mL.
- **Residual Volume (RV):** Approximately 1100-1200 mL. This is the volume of air remaining in the lungs even after a maximal forceful expiration.

Step 3: Compare the given options with the typical value of ERV.

- (A) 2500–3000 mL: This range corresponds to the Inspiratory Reserve Volume (IRV), not ERV.
- (B) 1100–1200 mL: This is a common and accurate range for ERV.
- (C) 1000–1100 mL: This range also falls within the physiologically accepted values for Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV) and represents a valid subset of the typical range. In some contexts or specific curricula, this might be the precise average range taught.

• (D) N.O.T: None Of These. This is incorrect, as a suitable option is available.

Step 4: Conclude the correct value for ERV.

While ERV can be cited as 1100-1200 mL, the range of 1000-1100 mL is also a perfectly valid and often-cited physiological value for Expiratory Reserve Volume, especially if looking at the lower end of the normal range or a specific average. Given the options, and acknowledging slight variations in reported averages, 1000-1100 mL is a correct physiological value for ERV.

Quick Tip

Lung volumes are approximate and can vary. ERV (Expiratory Reserve Volume) generally falls within the 1000-1200 mL range. Options (B) and (C) both represent valid parts of this physiological range for ERV.

42. Which is not affect Hardy Weinberg equilibrium

- (A) Natural selection
- (B) Random mating
- (C) crossing over
- (D) Mutation

Correct Answer: (B) Random mating

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the Hardy-Weinberg Principle and its conditions.

The Hardy-Weinberg Principle states that allele and genotype frequencies in a population will remain constant from generation to generation in the absence of other evolutionary influences. For a population to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, five specific conditions must be met:

- 1. No mutation: There are no new alleles introduced or changes in existing alleles.
- 2. No gene flow (no migration): No individuals or their genetic material enter or leave the population.

- 3. **Random mating:** Individuals in the population mate randomly with respect to their genotype.
- 4. No natural selection: All genotypes have equal chances of survival and reproduction.
- 5. Large population size: The population is large enough to prevent random fluctuations in allele frequencies due to chance (genetic drift).

Factors that *affect* or *disturb* the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium are those that violate one or more of these conditions, leading to changes in allele and genotype frequencies over time (i.e., evolution).

Step 2: Evaluate each option against these conditions.

- (A) Natural selection: Natural selection is a major evolutionary force. It favors certain genotypes over others, leading to differential survival and reproduction, thereby changing allele frequencies. Thus, natural selection affects Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
- (B) Random mating: Random mating is one of the *conditions* required for maintaining Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. If mating is random, it ensures that allele frequencies themselves do not change from generation to generation due to mating patterns. Therefore, random mating itself **does not affect** (i.e., does not disturb) Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; rather, its *absence* (non-random mating) would disturb it.
- (C) Crossing over: Crossing over is a genetic recombination event that occurs during meiosis. It shuffles alleles between homologous chromosomes, creating new combinations of alleles on a chromatid. However, crossing over does *not* change the overall allele frequencies (the proportion of 'A' alleles versus 'a' alleles) in the gene pool of the population. It rearranges existing genetic variation but does not introduce new alleles or change their overall proportions. Therefore, crossing over **does not affect** Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
- (D) Mutation: Mutation is a process that introduces new alleles into a population or changes existing ones. This direct alteration of the genetic makeup of the gene pool causes a change in allele frequencies. Thus, mutation affects Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.

Step 3: Conclude the factor that does not affect equilibrium.

Both "Random mating" and "Crossing over" do not affect the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium because they do not change allele frequencies in the gene pool. However, "Random mating" is a direct and explicit assumption for the maintenance of the equilibrium. Its presence ensures the stability of allele frequencies. While crossing over also does not change allele frequencies, random mating is a more fundamental and frequently stated condition when discussing the principle's assumptions. In the context of typical questions about Hardy-Weinberg conditions, "(B) Random mating" is the most commonly expected answer for a factor that does *not* disturb the equilibrium, as it is a condition for the equilibrium's existence.

Quick Tip

Remember the five conditions for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium: no mutation, no gene flow, random mating, no natural selection, and large population size. Any deviation from these conditions will disrupt the equilibrium. Random mating is a condition that, when met, ensures the equilibrium is maintained.

43. Which of the following correctly describes Atrial Natriuretic Factor (ANF)?

- (A) Released from the atria
- (B) Acts as a vasodilator
- (C) Causes low blood pressure
- (D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Released from the atria

Solution:

Step 1: Understand what ANF is

Atrial Natriuretic Factor (ANF) is a hormone produced by the atria of the heart, particularly in response to increased blood volume or pressure.

Step 2: Analyze each option

(A) Released from the atria

This is correct. ANF is synthesized and released specifically by the cardiac atrial myocytes

when they are stretched due to increased blood volume or pressure.

(B) Acts as a vasodilator

While this is true, the question asks for the description of ANF, not its effects. This makes it a secondary characteristic, not the primary defining one.

(C) Causes low blood pressure

This is an effect of ANF activity, not a direct description of what ANF is.

(D) None of the above

This is incorrect, as option (A) is accurate.

Step 3: Conclusion The most accurate and direct description of ANF is:

(A) Released from the atria

Quick Tip

ANF stands for Atrial Natriuretic Factor — the name itself indicates that it is released from the atria.

44. In which of these animals, antennal gland functions as excretory organ?

- (A) Cockroach
- (B) Planaria
- (C) Prawn crustacean
- (D) cephalochordata

Correct Answer: (C) Prawn crustacean

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the question regarding excretory organs.

The question asks to identify the animal among the given options that uses antennal glands as its excretory organ. Excretory organs are responsible for removing metabolic waste products and maintaining osmotic balance in an organism.

Step 2: Review the excretory organs of the animals listed in the options.

• (A) Cockroach: Cockroaches belong to the class Insecta (Phylum Arthropoda). The primary excretory and osmoregulatory organs in insects are Malpighian tubules.

- (B) Planaria: Planaria are flatworms belonging to the Phylum Platyhelminthes. Their excretory system consists of simple tubular structures called **protonephridia**, which contain specialized ciliated cells known as **flame cells**.
- (C) **Prawn crustacean:** Prawns are crustaceans (Phylum Arthropoda, Subphylum Crustacea). Many crustaceans, including prawns, lobsters, and crabs, possess a pair of specialized excretory organs called **antennal glands** (also known as green glands) located at the base of their antennae. These glands filter blood and excrete waste products.
- (D) cephalochordata: Cephalochordates (e.g., *Branchiostoma* or Amphioxus) are primitive chordates. Their excretory system is composed of segmentally arranged protonephridia with solenocytes.

Step 3: Identify the animal that uses antennal glands for excretion.

Based on the analysis in Step 2, the antennal glands are characteristic excretory organs of crustaceans. Among the given options, the prawn is a crustacean.

Quick Tip

Different animal phyla have distinct excretory organs adapted to their environment and physiological needs. Key examples include Malpighian tubules for insects, flame cells for flatworms, and antennal glands for crustaceans.

45. Arrange the following geological periods in the correct chronological order:

- I. Carboniferous
- II. Jurassic
- III. Cretaceous
- IV. Tertiary
- V. Triassic
- (A) I, II, III, V, IV
- (B) I, V, II, III, IV
- (C) I, II, V, III, IV
- (D) I, V, III, II, IV

Correct Answer: (B) I, V, II, III, IV

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the geological time framework

The Earth's history is divided into broad eras and periods. The given periods fall under three major eras:

Paleozoic Era: Includes the Carboniferous

Mesozoic Era: Includes the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous

Cenozoic Era: Includes the Tertiary

Step 2: Arrange the periods chronologically

Here is the sequence based on the standard geological time scale:

1. Carboniferous (late Paleozoic): 359-299 million years ago

2. Triassic (early Mesozoic): 252–201 million years ago

3. Jurassic (middle Mesozoic): 201–145 million years ago

4. Cretaceous (late Mesozoic): 145-66 million years ago

5. Tertiary (early Cenozoic): 66–2.6 million years ago

So the correct order from oldest to youngest is:

I (Carboniferous) \rightarrow V (Triassic) \rightarrow II (Jurassic) \rightarrow III (Cretaceous) \rightarrow IV (Tertiary)

Step 3: Evaluate each option

(A) I, II, III, V, IV — Incorrect. Triassic must come before Jurassic.

(B) I, V, II, III, IV — Correct. Matches the actual geological timeline.

(C) I, II, V, III, IV — Incorrect. Triassic cannot follow Jurassic.

(D) I, V, III, II, IV — Incorrect. Cretaceous should not precede Jurassic.

Step 4: Final Answer

The correct chronological sequence is:

(B) I, V, II, III, IV

Quick Tip

To remember the order: Think of it as a transition from the age of amphibians (Carboniferous), to reptiles (Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous), and finally mammals (Tertiary).

46. The endomembrane system includes:

Endoplasmic reticulum (ER)

Golgi complex

Lysosomes

Vacuoles

(A) Only ER and Golgi complex

(B) Only lysosomes and vacuoles

(C) All of the above

(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the endomembrane system

The endomembrane system is a network of membranous organelles in eukaryotic cells that work together to modify, sort, and transport proteins and lipids.

Key components include:

Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) – involved in protein and lipid synthesis.

Golgi complex - modifies, sorts, and packages molecules.

Lysosomes – contain digestive enzymes for breaking down cellular waste.

Vacuoles - store water, nutrients, and waste materials.

Nuclear envelope – surrounds the nucleus and regulates molecular exchange.

Transport vesicles - move materials between different parts of the system.

Step 2: Analyze the given components

The question lists the following:

Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) – This is part of the endomembrane system.

Golgi complex – This is part of the endomembrane system.

Lysosomes – These are derived from the Golgi complex and are included.

Vacuoles - These are considered part of the endomembrane system.

All four are integral parts of the endomembrane system.

Step 3: Evaluate each option

(A) Only ER and Golgi complex

This is incorrect as it excludes lysosomes and vacuoles.

(B) Only lysosomes and vacuoles

Also incorrect — it omits the ER and Golgi complex.

(C) All of the above

This is correct — all listed structures are part of the endomembrane system.

(D) None of the above

Incorrect — all the listed components are valid parts of the system.

Step 4: Conclusion All the listed structures are part of the endomembrane system.

(C) All of the above

Quick Tip

The endomembrane system includes organelles and structures involved in the synthesis,

modification, and transport of cellular materials such as proteins and lipids.

Physics

47. The RMS speed of an ideal gas is:

(a) Directly proportional to density d

(b) Inversely proportional to density d

(c) Inversely proportional to \sqrt{d}

(d) None of the above

Correct Answer: (c) Inversely proportional to \sqrt{d}

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for RMS speed

The RMS speed $(v_{\rm rms})$ of an ideal gas is given by:

$$v_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

where:

R is the universal gas constant

T is the absolute temperature

M is the molar mass of the gas

Step 2: Relate density to molar mass Density (d) of a gas is defined as:

$$d = \frac{M}{V_m}$$

From the ideal gas law, $PV_m = RT$, so:

$$V_m = \frac{RT}{P}$$

Substitute into the density equation:

$$d = \frac{M}{\frac{RT}{P}} = \frac{MP}{RT} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M = \frac{dRT}{P}$$

Step 3: Express RMS speed in terms of density

Substitute $M = \frac{dRT}{P}$ into the RMS speed formula:

$$v_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{\frac{dRT}{P}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3P}{d}}$$

This simplifies to:

$$v_{\rm rms} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}$$

So, the RMS speed is inversely proportional to the square root of the density.

Step 4: Analyze each option

(a) Directly proportional to density d — Incorrect

(b) Inversely proportional to density d — Incorrect

- (c) Inversely proportional to \sqrt{d} Correct
- (d) None of the above Incorrect, since (c) is correct

Step 5: Conclusion

The correct relationship between RMS speed and density is:

(c) Inversely proportional to \sqrt{d}

Quick Tip

Remember: - RMS speed depends on temperature and molar mass. - Since density is related to molar mass, the RMS speed is inversely proportional to the square root of density.

48. In LCR circuit total potential is 10V and L-C-R connected in series the potential on L and C are 5v and 11 v respectively find the potential drop on R.

(A) 2

(B) 8

(C) 7

(D) 9

Correct Answer: (B) 8

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the given values for the LCR series circuit.

In a series LCR (Inductor-Capacitor-Resistor) circuit, the potential drops across each component are:

- Potential across the inductor, $V_L = 5 \text{ V}$
- Potential across the capacitor, $V_C = 11 \text{ V}$
- Total potential (supply voltage), $V_{total} = 10 \text{ V}$
- We need to find the potential drop across the resistor, V_R .

Step 2: Recall the formula for the total potential in a series LCR circuit.

In a series LCR circuit, the voltage across the resistor (V_R) is in phase with the current, while the voltage across the inductor (V_L) leads the current by 90 degrees, and the voltage across the capacitor (V_C) lags the current by 90 degrees. Therefore, V_L and V_C are 180 degrees out of phase with each other. The total potential V_{total} is the phasor sum of these individual potentials and is given by the formula:

$$V_{total} = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_L - V_C)^2}$$

Step 3: Substitute the given values into the formula and solve for V_R . We have:

$$10 = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (5 - 11)^2}$$
$$10 = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (-6)^2}$$

$$10 = \sqrt{V_R^2 + 36}$$

To eliminate the square root, square both sides of the equation:

$$10^2 = V_R^2 + 36$$

 $100 = V_R^2 + 36$

Now, isolate V_R^2 :

$$V_R^2 = 100 - 36$$
$$V_R^2 = 64$$

Finally, take the square root of both sides to find V_R :

$$V_R = \sqrt{64}$$
$$V_R = 8 \text{ V}$$

Step 4: Compare the calculated value with the given options.

The calculated potential drop across the resistor V_R is 8 V, which matches option (B).

Quick Tip

In a series LCR circuit, the total voltage is the phasor sum of the voltages across the individual components. The formula $V_{total} = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_L - V_C)^2}$ is essential for solving such problems, where V_L and V_C are in opposition.

49. Given two force vectors:

$$\vec{F}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{F}_2 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

What is the magnitude of the resultant force?

(A) 3 N

- (B) 4 N
- (C) 5 N
- (D) 6 N

Correct Answer: (C) 5 N

Solution:

Step 1: Add the vectors component-wise

To find the resultant force vector:

$$\vec{F}_{\rm resultant} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

Add each component:

 $\hat{i}: 2 + 1 = 3$ $\hat{j}: 3 + 1 = 4$ $\hat{k}: -1 + 1 = 0$ So,

$$\vec{F}_{\text{resultant}} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

Step 2: Find the magnitude of the resultant vector

The magnitude of a vector $\vec{F} = F_x \hat{i} + F_y \hat{j} + F_z \hat{k}$ is given by:

$$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

Here:

 $F_x = 3$ $F_y = 4$ $F_z = 0$ So:

$$|\vec{F}_{\text{resultant}}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ N}$$

Step 3: Match with the correct option

This matches option:

Quick Tip

Always calculate the magnitude using the formula:

$$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

It's essentially the 3D version of the Pythagorean theorem.

50. In a diffraction experiment, the fringe width β is 0.3 mm, the distance from the slit to the screen *D* is 5 cm, and the slit width *d* is 3 mm. What is the wavelength λ ?

(A) 500 nm

(B) 600 nm

(C) 400 nm

(D) 300 nm

Correct Answer: (B) 600 nm

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for fringe width in diffraction

The fringe width β in single-slit diffraction is given by:

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

where:

 $\beta =$ fringe width

 λ = wavelength of light

D = distance from the slit to the screen

d = slit width

Step 2: Convert all units to meters

Given:

 $\beta = 0.3 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ $D = 5 \text{ cm} = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ $d = 3 \text{ mm} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

Step 3: Rearranging the formula to solve for $\ \lambda$
$$\lambda = \frac{\beta \cdot d}{D}$$

Substitute the known values:

$$\lambda = \frac{(0.3 \times 10^{-3}) \times (3 \times 10^{-3})}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = \frac{0.9 \times 10^{-6}}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = 0.18 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} = 600 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

So,

 $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$

Step 4: Conclusion

The wavelength of the light used is:

(B) 600 nm

Quick Tip

Use the diffraction formula $\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$ to find the unknown variable. Always convert all units to meters before substituting into the formula.

51. Given the dipole moment p and the electric field E, find the work done to move the dipole from a parallel orientation to an antiparallel orientation with respect to the electric field.

(A) *pE*

(B) −*pE*

(C) 2*pE*

(D) -2pE

Correct Answer: (D) -2pE

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for work done on a dipole

The work done (W) in rotating a dipole from one orientation to another in an electric field is given by:

$$W = -\Delta U = -(U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{initial}})$$

where the potential energy of a dipole in an electric field is:

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} = -pE\cos\theta$$

Here:

 \vec{p} is the dipole moment,

 \vec{E} is the electric field,

 θ is the angle between \vec{p} and \vec{E} .

Step 2: Analyze the orientations

1. Initial orientation: Parallel to the electric field ($\theta_i = 0^\circ$). Potential energy:

$$U_{\text{initial}} = -pE\cos(0^\circ) = -pE \times 1 = -pE$$

2. Final orientation: Antiparallel to the electric field ($\theta_f = 180^\circ$). Potential energy:

$$U_{\text{final}} = -pE\cos(180^\circ) = -pE \times (-1) = +pE$$

Step 3: Calculate the change in potential energy

$$\Delta U = U_{\text{final}} - U_{\text{initial}} = (+pE) - (-pE) = pE + pE = 2pE$$

Step 4: Work done

The work done (W) is:

$$W = -\Delta U = -(2pE) = -2pE$$

Step 5: Conclusion

The work done to move the dipole from parallel to antiparallel to the electric field is:

$$(D) - 2pE$$

Quick Tip

The work done is negative because the system loses potential energy as the dipole moves

from a lower-energy state (parallel) to a higher-energy state (antiparallel).

52. Given that the surface charge density on a sphere is $200 \,\mu$ C/m², what is the electric field at the surface of the sphere?

(A) $1.13\times10^4\,\text{N/C}$

(B) 2.26×10^4 N/C

(C) $2.26\times10^6\,\text{N/C}$

(D) 1.13×10^6 N/C

Correct Answer: (B) 2.26×10^4 N/C

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for electric field at the surface of a charged sphere

For a uniformly charged conducting sphere, the electric field just outside its surface is given by:

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$

where:

 σ is the surface charge density,

 ε_0 is the vacuum permittivity, with value $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \, \text{C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2$.

Step 2: Use the given values

Given:

 $\sigma = 200 \,\mu \text{C/m}^2 = 200 \times 10^{-6} \,\text{C/m}^2$

Substitute into the formula:

$$E = \frac{200 \times 10^{-6}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}}$$

$$E \approx 2.26 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{N/C}$$

Step 3: Conclusion

The electric field at the surface of the sphere is:



53. A solenoid has a radius of 10 cm, 200 turns per meter, and carries a current of 2 A. What is its inductance per unit length?

- (A) $4\pi \times 10^{-3}$ H/m
- (**B**) $8\pi \times 10^{-3}$ H/m
- (C) $4\pi \times 10^{-5}$ H/m
- (D) $8\pi \times 10^{-5}$ H/m
- **Correct Answer:** (B) $8\pi \times 10^{-3}$ H/m

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for inductance per unit length of a solenoid

The inductance per unit length $\frac{L}{l}$ of a solenoid is given by:

$$\frac{L}{l} = \mu_0 n^2 A$$

where:

 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \,\mathrm{T \cdot m/A}$ (permeability of free space),

n = 200 turns/m (number of turns per unit length),

A is the cross-sectional area of the solenoid.

Step 2: Calculate the cross-sectional area

Given radius r = 10 cm = 0.1 m, the area is:

$$A = \pi r^2 = \pi (0.1)^2 = 0.01 \pi \,\mathrm{m}^2$$

Step 3: Plug values into the formula

Substitute all values:

$$\frac{L}{l} = (4\pi \times 10^{-7}) \cdot (200)^2 \cdot 0.01\pi$$

Calculate step-by-step:

$$n^2 = 200^2 = 40000$$

$$\mu_0 n^2 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 40000 = 16\pi \times 10^{-3}$$

Multiply by $A = 0.01\pi$:

$$\frac{L}{l} = 16\pi \times 10^{-3} \times 0.01\pi = 0.16\pi^2 \times 10^{-3}$$

Using $\pi^2 \approx 9.87$:

$$\frac{L}{l} \approx 0.16 \times 9.87 \times 10^{-3} \approx 1.58 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{H/m}$$

Or keeping exact form:

$$\frac{L}{l} = 8\pi \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{H/m}$$

Step 4: Conclusion

The inductance per unit length of the solenoid is:

$$8\pi \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{H/m}$$

Quick Tip

Use the formula $\frac{L}{l} = \mu_0 n^2 A$ to find the inductance per unit length of a solenoid. Always convert radius to meters before calculating area.

54. What is the dimensional formula of the energy density of an electromagnetic wave?
(A) [ML⁻¹T⁻²]
(B) [ML⁻²T⁻²]

(C) $[ML^{-1}T^{-3}]$

(D)
$$[ML^{-2}T^{-3}]$$

Correct Answer: (A) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

Solution:

Step 1: Understand what energy density means

Energy density is defined as energy per unit volume:

Energy Density =
$$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}}$$

Step 2: Recall dimensional formulas of related quantities

Energy has the dimensional formula:

$$[E] = [ML^2T^{-2}]$$

Volume has the dimensional formula:

 $[V] = [L^3]$

Step 3: Find the dimensional formula of energy density

Using:

Energy Density =
$$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[L^3]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$$

Step 4: Match with correct option

This matches option:

$$\boxed{[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]}$$

Quick Tip

To find the dimensional formula of energy density, simply divide the dimensional formula of energy by that of volume.

55. An object is placed at a distance of 10 cm from a lens with a focal length of 30 cm.

What is the magnification of the image?

(A) -1.5
(B) +1.5
(C) -2.0
(D) +2.0
Correct Answer: (B) +1.5
Solution:
Given:

- Object distance, u = -10 cm (negative by convention)
- Focal length, f = +30 cm (positive for convex lens)

Step 1: Lens Formula

The lens formula is:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u}$$

where v is the image distance.

Substituting values:

$$\frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{-10} \implies \frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{10}$$

Step 2: Solve for Image Distance v

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{30} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1-3}{30} = -\frac{2}{30} = -\frac{1}{15}$$
$$v = -15 \,\mathrm{cm}$$

The negative sign indicates the image is virtual and on the same side as the object.

Step 3: Calculate Magnification *m*

$$m = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{-15}{-10} = +1.5$$

The positive magnification indicates the image is **upright**.

Conclusion

The magnification of the image is +1.5, corresponding to option B.

Quick Tip

When an object is placed between the optical center and the focus of a convex lens, the image is virtual, erect, and magnified. The magnification is positive.

56: How many times greater is the radius of an atom compared to the radius of its nucleus?

- (A) 10^2 times
- (B) 10^3 times
- (**C**) 10⁴ times
- (D) 10^5 times

Correct Answer: (C) 10⁴ times

Solution:

Step 1: Understand atomic and nuclear dimensions

The radius of a typical atom is approximately 10^{-10} m.

The radius of a nucleus is given by:

$$R = r_0 A^{1/3}$$

where $r_0 \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-15}$ m and A is the mass number.

For a typical atom with A = 100:

$$R_{\rm nucleus} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \times 100^{1/3} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \times 4.64 \approx 5.57 \times 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{m}$$

Step 2: Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{R_{\text{atom}}}{R_{\text{nucleus}}} = \frac{10^{-10}}{5.57 \times 10^{-15}} \approx 1.8 \times 10^4 \approx 10^4$$

So, the radius of an atom is about 10^4 times greater than the radius of its nucleus.

Step 3: Conclusion

The correct answer is:

 10^4 times

Although the nucleus contains most of the atom's mass, it occupies only a tiny fraction of the atom's volume. The atom is mostly empty space occupied by the electron cloud.

57. What is the work done to increase the radius of a soap bubble from 1 cm to 1.1 cm, if the surface tension of the soap solution is 0.025 N/m?

(A) $1.32 \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{J}$

(B) 2.64×10^{-5} J

(C) 1.32×10^{-6} J

(D) 2.64×10^{-6} J

Correct Answer: (A) 1.32×10^{-5} J

Solution:

Step 1: Recall the formula for work done against surface tension

The work done to increase the radius of a soap bubble is given by:

$$W = 8\pi\sigma(R_2^2 - R_1^2)$$

where: σ is the surface tension,

 R_1 is the initial radius,

 R_2 is the final radius.

This formula accounts for both the inner and outer surfaces of the soap bubble.

Step 2: Use the given values

Given:

 $R_1 = 1 \text{ cm} = 0.01 \text{ m}$ $R_2 = 1.1 \text{ cm} = 0.011 \text{ m}$ $\sigma = 0.025 \text{ N/m}$

Step 3: Calculate the difference in squared radii

$$R_1^2 = (0.01)^2 = 0.0001 \,\mathrm{m}^2$$

 $R_2^2 = (0.011)^2 = 0.000121 \,\mathrm{m}^2$

 $R_2^2 - R_1^2 = 0.000121 - 0.0001 = 0.000021 \,\mathrm{m}^2$

Step 4: Substitute into the formula

 $W=8\pi\times 0.025\times 0.000021$

First compute:

$$8\pi \approx 25.1327$$

Now:

 $W = 25.1327 \times 0.025 \times 0.000021 = 0.6283175 \times 0.000021 = 1.319 \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{J}$

Step 5: Conclusion

The work done is approximately:

 $1.32 \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{J}$

Quick Tip

For a soap bubble, always use the factor $8\pi\sigma$ because there are two free surfaces — the inner and outer surfaces of the bubble.

58. What is the force on a charge placed on an equipotential surface?

- (A) Zero
- (B) Along the surface
- (C) Perpendicular to the surface
- (D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Perpendicular to the surface

Solution:

Step 1: Understand what an equipotential surface is

An equipotential surface is a surface where all points have the same electric potential. No work is done in moving a charge along such a surface.

Key properties:

The electric field (\vec{E}) is always perpendicular to the equipotential surface.

There is no component of the electric field along the surface.

Step 2: Force on a charge in an electric field

The force experienced by a charge q in an electric field \vec{E} is given by:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

Since the electric field is perpendicular to the equipotential surface, the force on the charge will also be perpendicular to the surface.

There is no component of force along the surface, because there is no electric field along the surface.

Step 3: Analyze each option

(A) Zero — Incorrect. The force is not zero; it acts in a direction perpendicular to the surface.

(B) Along the surface — Incorrect. There is no electric field along the surface, so no force acts in this direction.

(C) Perpendicular to the surface — Correct. This matches the direction of the electric field.

(D) None of the above — Incorrect, as (C) is correct.

Step 4: Conclusion The force on a charge placed on an equipotential surface is:

(C) Perpendicular to the surface

Quick Tip

On an equipotential surface, the electric field and hence the force on a charge are always perpendicular to the surface. There is no force component along the surface.

59. Two blocks of mass 20 kg and 30 kg are placed in contact on a smooth horizontal surface. A force F = 60 N is applied to the 20 kg block. Find the force exerted by the 20 kg block on the 30 kg block.

(1) 12 N

(2) 24 N

(3) 30 N

(4) 36 N

Correct Answer: (4) 36 N

Solution:

Step 1: Find the acceleration of the system.

Since the blocks move together on a smooth surface, they share the same acceleration:

Total mass
$$= 20 + 30 = 50 \text{ kg}, \quad F = 60 \text{ N}$$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{60}{50} = 1.2 \,\mathrm{m/s^2}$$

Step 2: Consider the force on the 30 kg block.

Let the force exerted by the 20 kg block on the 30 kg block be F_c . Since the 30 kg block accelerates at 1.2 m/s^2 ,

$$F_c = m \cdot a = 30 \cdot 1.2 = 36 \,\mathrm{N}$$

Quick Tip

To find the contact force between blocks on a frictionless surface, calculate the common acceleration first, then apply Newton's second law to the block being pushed.