

## CHAPTER 7—THE CHEMISTRY OF LIFE

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which of the following compounds may be polymers?

- a. carbohydrates
- b. nucleic acids
- c. proteins
- d. all of these

ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8

2. Which of the following does NOT describe a polymer?

- a. Polymers are made of monomers.
- b. Polymers are large molecules.
- c. Polymers usually form by covalent bonding.
- d. Polymers are broken down by the process of hydrogenation.

ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-7

3. The first carbon compounds that scientists studied were called \_\_\_\_\_ compounds because they came from living organisms.

- a. water
- b. organic
- c. homogeneous
- d. biological

ANS: B    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-6

4. How many electrons can a carbon atom share?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. four

ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-6

5. Which of the following is a chemical reaction?

- a. tearing paper into strips
- b. burning paper
- c. picking up iron filings with a magnet
- d. mixing salt and sugar in the same container

ANS: B    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-4

6. \_\_\_\_\_ represents a formula for a chemical compound.

- a. H
- b. C
- c. P
- d. H<sub>2</sub>O

ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-4

7. Solid particles in air that can harm organisms directly or make the environment harmful are called smog.

ANS: particulates    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-3

8. The planned management of a natural area to prevent its exploitation or destruction is landfilling.

ANS: conservation    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-5

9. Acid precipitation is rainwater or snow that has a lower pH than unpolluted rainwater.

ANS: true    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-3

10. Materials that can be broken down by natural processes are renewable.

ANS: biodegradable    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-4

11. A species whose numbers have become so low that it could become extinct is a(n) endangered species.

ANS: true    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-5

12. The process whereby heat is retained by gases in the atmosphere is the ozone effect.

ANS: greenhouse    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-3

13. Conservation is the act of protecting an area or organism from harm or destruction.

ANS: Preservation    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-5

14. The part of the atmosphere that protects organisms on Earth's surface from harmful ultraviolet radiation is the troposphere.

ANS: ozone layer    DIF: B    OBJ: 6-3

7. The nucleus of an atom contains \_\_\_\_\_.
- protons and neutrons
  - neutrons and electrons
  - protons and electrons
  - protons, neutrons, and electrons
- ANS: A    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-1
8. Electrons move about the nucleus of an atom in regions called \_\_\_\_\_.
- electron clouds
  - nuclei
  - air
  - isotopes
- ANS: A    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-1
9. What are the basic building blocks of proteins?
- nucleic acids
  - peptide bonds
  - amino acids
  - glycerol and fatty acids
- ANS: C    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8
10. Water dissolves many ionic and molecular compounds because of its \_\_\_\_\_.
- ionic bonding
  - polarity
  - covalent bonding
  - hydrogen bonding
- ANS: B    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-5
11. When molecules of glucose and fructose combine to form sucrose, they do so by \_\_\_\_\_.
- hydrolysis
  - electron clouds
  - condensation
  - radiation
- ANS: C    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-7
12. A chlorine atom becomes a chloride ion when it \_\_\_\_\_.
- gains an electron
  - loses an electron
  - gains a neutron
  - loses a proton
- ANS: A    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-3
13. The various enzymes in our bodies are \_\_\_\_\_.
- lipids
  - carbohydrates
  - nucleotides
  - proteins
- ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8

14. Glucose and fructose, with the formula  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ , differ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- numbers of atoms
  - arrangement of atoms
  - kinds of atoms
  - arrangement of electrons
- ANS: B    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8
15. A very strong base might have a pH of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3
  - 5
  - 9
  - 13
- ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-5
16. Carbon-12, carbon-13, and carbon-14 are \_\_\_\_\_.
- isotopes
  - polymers
  - radioisotopes
  - macromolecules
- ANS: A    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-2
17. The total number of atoms in a molecule of sucrose,  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ , is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11
  - 12
  - 22
  - 45
- ANS: D    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-4
18. An atom of fluorine has nine electrons. Its second energy level has \_\_\_\_\_.
- two electrons
  - eight electrons
  - seven electrons
  - nine electrons
- ANS: C    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-1
19. An unsaturated lipid contains \_\_\_\_\_.
- more oxygen than hydrogen
  - double bonds
  - ionic bonds
  - only one fatty acid
- ANS: B    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8
20. Unlike carbohydrates and fats, proteins contain \_\_\_\_\_.
- nitrogen
  - carbon
  - hydrogen
  - oxygen
- ANS: A    DIF: B    OBJ: 7-8

## COMPLETION

1. An organic compound with a ratio of about two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom for each carbon atom is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
ANS: carbohydrate      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-8
2. The smaller subunits that make up nucleic acids are \_\_\_\_\_.  
ANS: nucleotides      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-8
3. Any substance that forms hydrogen ions in water is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
ANS: acid      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-5
4. Two atoms that share electrons are held together by \_\_\_\_\_ bonds.  
ANS: covalent      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-3
5. Atoms of two or more elements chemically combined are \_\_\_\_\_.  
ANS: compounds      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-3
6. Atoms of the same element with different numbers of neutrons are \_\_\_\_\_.  
ANS: isotopes      DIF: B      OBJ: 7-2

## MATCHING

Match each item with the correct statement below. Write the answer in the space provided.

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| a. cellulose      | e. polymer    |
| b. polar molecule | f. solution   |
| c. nucleus        | g. enzyme     |
| d. peptide bond   | h. metabolism |
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|----------|---|
| 1. _____ | glucose polymer that forms the cell walls of plants             |
| 2. _____ | large molecule formed when many smaller molecules bond together |
| 3. _____ | molecule with unequal distribution of charge                    |
| 4. _____ | protein that speeds up a chemical reaction                      |
| 5. _____ | bond formed between amino acids                                 |
| 6. _____ | all the chemical changes that occur within an organism          |
| 7. _____ | mixture in which one substance is distributed evenly in another |
| 8. _____ | center of an atom   |
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| 1. ANS: a | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-8 |
| 2. ANS: e | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-7 |
| 3. ANS: b | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-3 |
| 4. ANS: g | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-8 |
| 5. ANS: d | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-8 |
| 6. ANS: h | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-4 |
| 7. ANS: f | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-5 |
| 8. ANS: c | DIF: B | OBJ: 7-1 |

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## SHORT ANSWER

1. Describe the atomic structure of a carbon atom, including the electron energy levels.  
ANS: A carbon atom has six neutrons and six protons in its nucleus and two electrons in the first energy level and four electrons in the second energy level.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-1
2. Explain how polymers may be broken down in living things.  
ANS: Polymers may be broken down by hydrolysis, the reverse of condensation. Hydrogen is added to one part of the molecule, and hydroxide is added to another. This separates the two into smaller molecules, eventually forming monomers.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-7
3. Explain how polymers may be made in living things.  
ANS: Polymers may be formed from a variety of monomers by condensation. Condensation is the combining of a hydrogen atom from one monomer with a hydroxide from a second monomer, forming water. As the water is formed, the two monomers are linked.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-7
4. Explain the importance of carbon's ability to form covalent bonds in straight chains, branched chains, or rings.  
ANS: Carbon's ability to form covalent bonds is important in allowing for a wide variety of organic molecules. Living things require such a variety to carry out life processes.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-6
5. Why is the polar property of water important?  
ANS: Answers may include: Polarity allows water to dissolve many materials but not react with them chemically in the process.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-5
6. Explain how sodium and chlorine combine to form a stable compound in a chemical reaction.  
ANS: Sodium (Na) atoms each lose one electron. Chlorine (Cl) atoms each gain one electron. When sodium chloride (NaCl) is formed by ionic bonding, the resulting molecule is stable.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-3
7. Explain how isotopes can be utilized in medicine.  
ANS: Some isotopes are radioactive and can be used to diagnose a disease, such as measuring the function of the thyroid gland using radioactive iodine. They can also be used to treat some diseases such as cancer.  
DIF: A      OBJ: 7-2

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