

Che 111: Chapter 9 Practice Problems Key

1. The unit most often used to describe the mass of atoms is the atomic mass unit, whose symbol is u or amu. An atomic mass unit is defined as exactly 1/12 the mass of an atom of carbon-12.

2. One mole of carbon contains 6.022×10^{23} carbon atoms

3. What is the weighted average mass in grams of 6.022×10^{23} atoms of the elements (a) bromine and (b) nickel?

a) 80 g

b) 59 g

4. A multivitamin tablet contains 40 milligrams of potassium. How many moles of potassium does each tablet contain?

$$40 \text{ mg K} \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol K}}{39 \text{ g K}} \right) = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ moles}$$

5. For each of the following ionic substances (a) Co_2O_3 and (b) $\text{Fe}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3$, calculate its formula mass and write a conversion factor that converts between mass in grams and moles of the substance.

a) $2(\text{Co}) + 3(\text{O}) = 2(59) + 3(16) =$ $\frac{1.66 \times 10^2 \text{ g Co}_2\text{O}_3}{1 \text{ mole Co}_2\text{O}_3}$

b) $2(\text{Fe}) + 3[2(\text{C}) + 4(\text{O})] = 2(56) + 3[2(12) + 4(16)] =$ $\frac{3.76 \times 10^2 \text{ g Fe}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3}{1 \text{ mole Fe}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3}$

6. A multivitamin tablet contains 5 µg of nickel in the form of nickel(II) sulfate (NiSO₄). How many micrograms of NiSO₄ does each tablet contain?

$$5 \text{ ug Ni} \left(\frac{1 \text{ g}}{10^6 \text{ ug}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Ni}}{59 \text{ g Ni}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol NiSO}_4}{1 \text{ mol Ni}} \right) \left(\frac{155 \text{ g NiSO}_4}{1 \text{ mol NiSO}_4} \right) \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ ug}}{1 \text{ g}} \right)$$

$$= 13 \text{ } \mu\text{g NiSO}_4$$

7. A sample of an ionic compound that is used in the semiconductor industry is analyzed and found to contain 53.625 g of indium and 89.375 g of tellurium. What is the empirical formula for this compound?

$$53.625 \text{ g In} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol In}}{115 \text{ g In}} \right) = 0.466 / 0.466 = 1$$

$$89.375 \text{ g Te} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Te}}{128 \text{ g Te}} \right) = 0.698 / 0.466 = 1.5$$

$$\text{In}_1\text{Te}_{1.5} \rightarrow \text{In}_2\text{Te}_3$$

8. Hydralazine is a drug used to treat heart disease. It is 59.99% carbon, 5.03% hydrogen, and 34.98% nitrogen and has a molecular mass of 160.178. What is the molecular formula for hydralazine?

$$59.99 \text{ g C} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{12 \text{ g C}} \right) = 4.999 / 2.5 = 2$$

$$5.03 \text{ g H} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1 \text{ g H}} \right) = 5.03 / 2.5 = 2$$

$$34.98 \text{ g N} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol N}}{14 \text{ g N}} \right) = 2.5 / 2.5 = 1$$

$$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{N}$$

$$\text{Empirical Mass} = 2(12) + 2(1) + 1(14) = 40 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{Empirical Mass/Molecular Mass} = 160/40 = 4$$

$$\text{C}_{2 \times 4}\text{H}_{2 \times 4}\text{N}_{1 \times 4} \rightarrow \text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4$$

9. Spodumene is a lithium aluminum silicate containing the equivalent of 6.5 % to 7.5 % lithium oxide, Li_2O . Crude ore mined in North Carolina contains 15 % to 20 % spodumene. What maximum mass, in kilograms, of lithium could be formed from 2.538 megagrams of spodumene containing the equivalent of 7.0 % Li_2O ?

$$2.538 \text{ Mg Spodumene} \left(\frac{7 \text{ Mg Li}_2\text{O}}{100 \text{ Mg Spodumene}} \right) \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ Mg}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol Li}_2\text{O}}{30 \text{ g Li}_2\text{O}} \right) \left(\frac{2 \text{ mol Li}}{1 \text{ mol Li}_2\text{O}} \right) \left(\frac{7 \text{ g Li}}{1 \text{ mol Li}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \right)$$

= 83 kg Li_2O