Electrochemistry - Multiple Choice Questions

- A 1. Which of these chemical reactions is an oxidation-reduction reaction?
 - A. Fe + S → FeS

C. AqNO₃ + NaCl → AqCl + NaNO₃

B. $CO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2CO_3$

- D. $H_2SO_4 + 2NaOH \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$
- **C** 2. What happens to the oxidizing agent in an oxidation-reduction reaction?
 - A. It is oxidized as it gains electrons.
- C. It is reduced as it gains electrons.
- B. It is oxidized as it loses electrons.
- D. It is reduced as it loses electrons.
- C 3. In which substance does bromine have an oxidation number of +1?
- B. HBr
- D. HBrO₂

- A 4. Which statement is true for an electrochemical cell?
 - A. Oxidation occurs at the anode only.
 - B. Reduction occurs at the anode only.
 - C. Oxidation occurs at both the anode and cathode.
 - D. Reduction occurs at both the anode and cathode.
- **D** 5. Given the equation: $2Cr(s) + 3Pb^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3Pb(s)$, which is the correct reduction half reaction?
 - A. $Cr(s) \rightarrow Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-}$

C. $Pb^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow Pb(s) + 2e^{-}$

B. $Cr(s) + 3e^{-} \rightarrow Cr^{3+}(aq)$

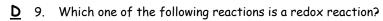
- D. $Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Pb(s)$
- **B** 6. What is the E° for an electrochemical cell with the following reaction? $2Au^{3+} + 3Co \rightarrow 3Co^{2+} + 2Au$
 - A. -1.22 V
- B. 1.78 V
- C. 1,22 V
- D. 3.84 V
- D 7. An iron ring is plated with zinc metal in the apparatus below.

Which of the following is true?

- A. It is a voltaic cell and the reaction is spontaneous.
- B. It is a voltaic cell and the reaction is not spontaneous.
- C. It is an electrolytic cell and the reaction is spontaneous.
- D. It is an electrolytic cell and the reaction is not spontaneous.
- $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ 8. What are the oxidation state of vanadium in the ions VO^{2+} and VO_4^{3-} respectively?
 - A. +4 and +5
- B. +4 and +8
- C. +6 and +5
- D. +6 and +8

Fe ring-

 Zn^{2+}



- A. $Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2Cl^{-}(aq) \rightarrow PbCl_2(s)$
- C. NaOH(aq) + HCl(aq) \rightarrow NaCl(aq) + H₂O(l)
- B. $AqNO_3(aq) + HCl(aq) \rightarrow AqCl(s) + HNO_3(aq)$ D. $2Al(s) + 3Cl_2(g) \rightarrow 2AlCl_3(s)$
- **B** 10. Consider the following unbalanced redox equation:

$$_CH_3OH(I) + _Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + _H^+(aq) \rightarrow _CH_2O(aq) + _Cr^{3+}(aq) + _H_2O(I)$$

Which of the following sets of numbers will balance the equation?

- A. 1, 1, 14, 1, 2, 7
- **B**. **3**, **1**, **8**, **3**, **2**, **7** *C*. 3, 1, 8, 3, 2, 8
- D. 3, 1, 14, 3, 2, 8
- D 11. In which of the following does sulfur have an oxidation number of +7?
 - A. HSO₃
- B. 5O₃
- C. H₂SO₄
- D. H₂S₂O₈
- **B** 12. What happens to the reducing agent in an oxidation-reduction reaction?
 - A. It is oxidized as it gains electrons.
 B. It is oxidized as it loses electrons.
 D. It is reduced as it loses electrons.
- **A** 13. What is the term for the electrode where oxidation occurs?
 - A. anode
- B. cathode
- C. oxidizing agent D. reducing agent

- **B** 14. Which of the following is true for an electrolytic cell?
 - A. An electric current is produced by a chemical reaction.
 - B. A nonspontaneous reaction is forced to occur.
 - C. Electrons flow towards the anode.
 - D. Electrons flow through the salt bridge.
- **A** 15. Which species is the oxidizing agent in the following reaction? $Cl_2(aq) + 2I^{-}(aq) \rightarrow I_2(aq) + 2Cl^{-}(aq)$
 - A. Cl₂
- B. I

- C. I₂
- D. CI
- **C** 16. Which of the following statements is true for the reaction: $2Fe^{3+}(aq) + 2Br^{-}(aq) \rightarrow 2Fe^{2+}(aq) + Br_{2}(1)$
 - A. E° = -1.83 V and it is not spontaneous
- C. $E^{\circ} = -0.29 \text{ V}$ and it is not spontaneous
- B. E° = +0.29 V and it is spontaneous
- D. E° = +1.83 V and it is spontaneous.
- D 17. The cell potential, E°, for an oxidation-reduction reaction was found to equal 1.10 V. What can be said about this reaction?
 - A. at equilibrium
- B. endothermic
- C. nonspontaneous
- D. spontaneous

Switch

- C 18. The diagram shows the electrolysis of molten KCI. What occurs when the switch is closed?
 - A. Positive ions move toward the anode and gain electrons.
 - B. Positive ions move toward the anode and lose electrons.
 - C. Positive ions move toward the cathode and gain electrons.
 - D. Positive ions move toward the cathode and lose electrons.
- **D** 19. Consider the following standard reduction potentials:



$$Cd^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cd$$

$$E^{\circ}$$
 = -0.14 V
 E° = -0.40 V

Which pair of substances will react spontaneously? A. Sn with Cd2+

B. Cd2+ with H+

C. Cd with H2

D. Cd with Sn2+

- **B** 20. What does the reducing agent do in an oxidation-reduction reaction?
 - A. gains electrons from the oxidizing agent
- C. is always reduced
- B. loses electrons to the oxidizing agent
- D. is reduced by the oxidizing agent
- C 21. In these incomplete half-reactions which reactant is an oxidizing agent?

$$Ag(s) \rightarrow Ag^{\dagger}(aq)$$

$$Cl^{-}(aq) \rightarrow Cl_{2}(g)$$

$$Fe^{3+}(aq) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq)$$

$$\operatorname{Sn}^{2+}(aq) \rightarrow \operatorname{Sn}^{4+}(aq)$$

- A. Aq(s)
- B. Cl-(aq)
- C. Fe³⁺(aq)
- D. Sn2+(aq)
- D 22. What is the oxidation number of nitrogen in nitric acid, HNO₃?
 - A. +2
- B. +3
- D +5
- A 23. In an electrochemical cell, electrons travel in which direction?
 - A. from the anode to the cathode through the external circuit
 - B. from the anode to the cathode through the porous cup
 - C. from the cathode to the anode through the external circuit
 - D. from the cathode to the anode through the porous cup.
- \mathbf{A} 24. In the reaction of Sn^{2+} with ClO_3^- to form Cl^- and Sn^{4+} in acid solution, what is the change in the oxidation number of Cl?
 - A. a decrease of 6
- B. a decrease of 4
- C. a decrease of 2
- D. an increase of 2