Spring 2009 CH 302 Practice Quiz 6 Answer Key

1. Consider the balanced reaction below:

$$2X (s) + 2H_2O (l) \rightarrow 2XOH (aq) + H_2 (g)$$

The species 'X' would be which of the following?

- 1. a halogen
- 2. an alkaline earth metal
- 3. an alkali metal Correct
- 4. a chalcogen

Explanation: The stoichiometry and (implied) charges on the species in the generic reaction above would all suggest an alkali metal such as potassium for X.

Example: $2K(s) + 2H_2O(l) \rightarrow 2KOH(aq) + H_2(g)$

- 2. Which of the following is not true of alkaline earth metals?
 - 1. React with halogens to form salts
 - 2. Tend to form a +2 charge
 - 3. Somewhat reactive toward water
 - 4. Gain electrons to achieve noble gas configuration Correct
 - 5. Have 2 electrons in their highest energy shell

Explanation: Having 2 electrons in their highest energy level makes the alkaline earth metals' shortest path to noble gas configuration the loss of two electrons.

- 3. Which member of the Boron family is a deadly poison
 - 1. Aluminum (AI)
 - 2. Boron (B)
 - 3. Gallium (Ga)
 - 4. Indium (In)
 - 5. Thallium (TI) Correct

Explanation: Thallium is highly toxic and has been used historically in rat poisons and insecticides. Its use for murder has earned it the nicknames "The Poisoner's Poison" and "Inheritance Powder."

- 4. The Nitrogen group contains (1/2) non-metal(s), (1/2) metalloid(s) and (1/2) metal(s). Do not consider the synthetic superheavy element Ununpentium (Uup) in arriving at your answer.
 - 1. 2, 1, 2
 - 2. 1, 2, 2
 - 3. 2, 2, 1 **Correct**
 - 4. 1, 1, 1
 - 5. 2, 2, 2

Explanation: N and P are non-metals, As and Sb are metalloids and Bi is a metal.

- 5. Which member of the carbon family is most abundant in Earth's crust?
 - 1. Silicon (Si) Correct
 - 2. Carbon (C)
 - 3. Germanium (Ge)
 - 4. Tin (Sn)
 - 5. Lead (Pb)

Explanation: Measured by mass, silicon is roughly 25% of the Earth's crust.

- 6. Which of the following statements is not true of the oxygen family?

 - 2. They often have an oxidation number of -2
 - 3. Contains elements crucial to life
 - 4. Are also called chalcogens

Explanation: Oxygen (and other members) tend to be good oxidizing agents.

- 7. Alumina (Al₂O₃) is produced in which of the following processes?
 - 1. Hall process
 - 2. Contact process
 - 3. Bayer process Correct

4. Claus process

Explanation: The Bayer process amounts to the following overall reaction:

- $2 \text{ AI(OH)}_3 \rightarrow \text{AI}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
- 8. Which of the following gemstones is/are derived from aluminum oxides?
 - I. Diamond
 - II. Sapphire
 - III. Ruby
 - 1. I
 - 2. II
 - 3. 111
 - 4. I and II
 - 5. I and III
 - 6. II and III Correct
 - 7. none

Explanation: Diamond is a covalent network of carbon (one of its allotropes). Sapphire and Ruby are aluminates with trace impurities.