

# CHEMISTRY OF LIFE - ASSIGNMENT 1

1. Define the following terms:

- a. Atom
- b. Covalent bond
- c. Electron
- d. Element
- e. Ion
- f. Ionic bond
- g. Isotope
- h. Matter
- i. Molecule
- j. Neutron
- k. Proton

2. The smallest functional unit of an element is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

3. List three examples of elements:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Diagram their (elements from #) atomic structure. Label the number of protons(P) and neutron(N) in the nucleus and electron (E) in the shell(s). Indicate their electrical charge:

a.	b.	c.

5. Refer to the Periodic Table of the Elements in Appendix C (back of book) and diagram the boxes of your three elements. Label the atomic number, atomic weight and chemical symbol:

a.	b.	c.

6. When is an atom electrically neutral? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Stable, unreactive atoms usually have \_\_\_\_\_ electrons in their outermost shell.

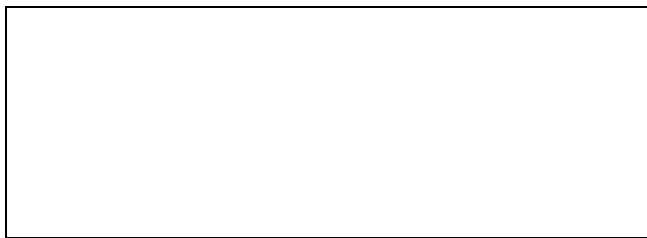
8. Explain the difference between the atomic number and the atomic weight of an atom:  
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9. List the three isotopes of carbon:  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why is carbon 14 so useful to scientists? \_\_\_\_\_  
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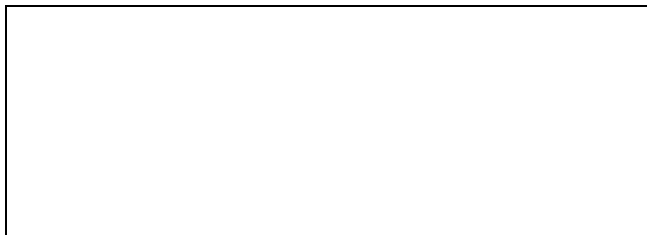
11. Regular table salt is sodium chloride, NaCl. Sodium has 11 neutrons. How many electrons will it have when it is electrically neutral? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many electrons will it have in its outermost shell? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Diagram a sodium atom below:



14. Chlorine has 17 protons.  
How many electrons will chlorine have when it is electrically neutral? \_\_\_\_\_ How many electrons will it have in its outermost shell? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Diagram a chlorine atom below:



16. What kind of bond would you expect to form between sodium and chlorine?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. What two atoms make up a water molecule? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of bond do they have? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Diagram a water molecule below. Label that number of protons, neutrons and shared electrons:



19. Write the structural (a) and molecular (b) formula for water:  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

20. In a triple bond, \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of electrons are shared.

21. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ naturally occurring elements. Amazingly \_\_\_\_\_% of the human body is made up of just three elements: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.