# **Science Gateway Content Review Topics**

# **Chemistry Topics**

#### \*Solutions and Concentrations

- solute, solvent
- unsaturated, saturated, supersaturated
- effect of temperature increase on solid solutes
- effect of temperature increase on gas solutes
- molarity (moles solute/liter of solution)
- percent concentration (grams solute/grams solute + grams solvent) x 100%

## \*Periodic Table and Trends

- metals, nonmetals, metalloids: location on periodic table and properties of each
- trend of atomic radii (size) across a period and down a group
- trend of reactivity across a period and down a group
- location of radioactive elements
- the 7 diatomic elements

#### \*Acids and Bases

- acidsô have hydrogen capable of releasing as hydrogen ion (H<sup>+</sup>)
- basesô have hydroxide ion and capable of releasing hydroxide ion (OH¹)
- properties of acids and bases
- tests for an unknown substance and deciding if it is an acid, base, or neutral (litmus and phenolphthalein)
- pH scale for measuring acidity and alkalinity
- range of pH scale for acids, bases, and neutral substances
- within acidic range, which is most acidic; within basic range which is most basic
- acid rainô cause (how it forms) and effects

## \*Chemical and Physical Properties of Matter

- examples of physical properties as observable or measurable properties
- examples of chemical properties as reactivity or non-reactivity
- identify substances using physical and chemical properties
- comparison of physical and chemical changes
- classify substances as elements, compounds, or mixtures

# \*Energy

- law of conservation of energy/mass
- exothermic and endothermic changes
- energy changes in photosynthesis and respiration
- identify energy transformations (ex: From gasoline in a car to cargs wheels moving)
- calculate heats of combustion

### \*Atomic Structure

- location of protons, neutrons, electrons in an atom
- charge and mass of these subatomic particles
- atomic number and atomic mass and mass number
- isotopes
- radioactive elements: location on periodic table
- 3 types of radioactive particles released; use in bombs and power plants
- energy of the future: fusion

# \*Bonding

- bonding occurs via gaining, losing, or sharing e
- covalent bonding: sharing electrons that occurs between two non-metals
- ionic bonding: gaining or losing electrons; occurs between a metal and a non-metal
- how ions form from neutral atoms (cations form from an atom losing electrons; anions form from an atom gaining electrons)
- group 1 ions form 1:1 compounds with group 17 and 2:1 compounds with group 16.
- single, double, triple bonds = # of electron pairs being shared
- writing and naming formulas
- electron dot formulas

### intermolecular forces on boiling and melting points

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# **Graphing Reminders**

- identify independent and dependent variables and which goes on x and y axis
- appropriately label x and y axes with measurement AND unit
- choose appropriate scales for x and y axes
- plot points and connect, using best fit
- title graph so that it reflects overall purpose, yet is fairly specific
- use key for graph if needed

# **Biology Topics**

# \*Energy/Matter Transformations

• Law of Conservation of Matter and Energyô occurs in food chain (includes decomposers)

## \*Basic Life Functions and Organization

- Homeostasisô balance of life functions, environment, and activities of organism
- Characteristics of living thingsô made of cells highly organized, need energy, grow and develop, life span, reproduce, respond to stimuli adapt to environmental changes
- levels of organization: Cells tissue organ organ system organism

# \*Ecology

- relationships of living things to their environment
- population, community, ecosystem, biomes, biosphere
- factorsô abiotic (nonliving components; ex: light) and biotic (living components; ex: predator)
- food chainô producer (plants), consumer (herbivores and carnivores), decomposers
- biological diversityô the number of species in community, greatest at equator
- nicheô position or role of a species in community.

## \*Cell Theory

- the cell is the basic unit of lifeô all organisms are made of one or more cells
- cells are produced from other cells
- differences between animal and plant cellsô plant cells contain a cell wall and chloroplasts; undergo photosynthesis
- compare a cell\( \psi \) organelles to the operation of a factory
- functionô absorb nutrients, release wastes, convert energy, communicate with other cells
- 2 types of cells: PROKARYOTES (small, simple, no nucleus, single chromosome) and EUKARYOTES (nucleus, typical cell)

# Cell Organelles

- o cell & nuclear membraneô controls in & out, semipermeable
- o nucleusô control center (the brain)
- o cytoplasmô gel-like, throughout cell
- mitochondriaô makes & releases energy for cell, called ATP; place of respiration (power supply)
- o Golgi bodyô package & deliver proteins (packing and shipping)
- o endoplasmic reticulumô transports materials throughout cell (highways)
- o ribosomesô sight of protein synthesis (protein factories)
- o cell wallô in plants only; support/ give structure
- o chloroplastsô in plants only; carries out photosynthesis

# \*Photosynthesis & Cellular Respiration

- reverse reactions (recycling matter)ô one needs and stores energy, the other releases energy (as ATP)
- animals only go through cellular respiration, but plants photosynthesis AND respire

## • Photosynthesis

- o endothermic, stores energy, requires light, occurs in chloroplasts of cells
- makes a high energy molecule called glucose (food) and oxygen from carbon dioxide and water and energy (sunlight)
- o equation:

$$6CO_2 + 6H_2O + energy C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$$

# • Respiration

- o Exothermic, releases energy (ATPô adenosine triphosphate), occurs in mitochondria
- o makes energy, carbon dioxide, and water from glucose and oxygen
- o equation:

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 - 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + energy$$

# \* Genetics/DNA/Heredity

- DNA(deoxyribonucleic acid)ô the õcodeö for making proteins; DNA controls everything; found in the nucleus of cells on chromosomes
- building blocks of DNA are called nucleotides
- DNA = double strand (double helix) in a spiral with nitrogen bases paired up (A with T and C with G)
- bases = adenine (A), thymine (T), cytosine (C), guanine (G)
- DNA is like a recipe containing directions of how to make something (hair color, height, eye color, etc)
- sequence of bases (A, T, C, G) determines traits (genes)
- only identical twins have the same sequence of bases; everyone else has different sequences
- traitsô 1 gene from each parent (dominant and recessive traits)
- genotype and phenotype
- proteins for the cell are made from portions of DNA

#### Mitosis

- a cell divides giving resulting cells the full number of chromosomes
- one cell produces 2 cells in one division
- occurs in growth
- animal cells pinch in half while plant cells grow a cell wall

### Meiosis

- a cell divides giving resulting cell ½ the number of chromosomes
- one cell produces 4 cells in two divisions
- occurs in (reproductive) sex cells so that offspring get half of the needed chromosomes from each parent.