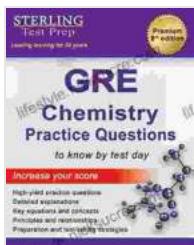


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Question 1

Which of the following compounds has the highest electronegativity?

- a. LiF
- b. NaCl
- c. KCl
- d. RbCl

Electronegativity increases as you move from left to right across a period and from bottom to top within a group. Among the given compounds, fluorine (F) is the most electronegative element. Therefore, LiF has the highest electronegativity.

Question 2

What is the hybridization of the carbon atom in the following molecule:
 $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$?

- a. sp
- b. sp^2
- c. sp^3

d. sp^3d

The carbon atom in $CH_2=CH_2$ is bonded to two other carbon atoms through double bonds. Each double bond consists of a sigma bond and a pi bond. The carbon atom also has two hydrogen atoms attached to it. Therefore, the carbon atom has a total of three sigma bonds and two pi bonds. This corresponds to the sp^2 hybridization.

Question 3

What is the product of the following reaction: $CH_3CH_2OH + HBr \rightarrow ?$

- a. CH_3CH_2Br
- b. CH_3CH_2O
- c. $CH_3CH_2Br + H_2O$
- d. $CH_3CH_2O + H_2$

This is a nucleophilic substitution reaction, where the hydroxide ion (OH^-) from CH_3CH_2OH attacks the electrophilic carbon atom of HBr . The product is CH_3CH_2Br , formed by the displacement of the bromide ion (Br^-) by the hydroxide ion.

Question 4

Which of the following solutions has the highest pH?

- a. $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7} M$
- b. $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-8} M$
- c. $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-9} M$

d. $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-10} M$

pH is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution. It is calculated as the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration: $pH = -\log[H^+]$. Therefore, the solution with the lowest hydrogen ion concentration will have the highest pH. In this case, $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7} M$ has the lowest hydrogen ion concentration and therefore the highest pH.

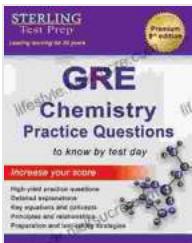
Question 5

What is the rate law for the following reaction: $2NO + 2H_2 \rightarrow N_2 + 2H_2O$?

- a. Rate = $k[NO][H_2]$
- b. Rate = $k[NO][H_2]^2$
- c. Rate = $k[NO]^2[H_2]$
- d. Rate = $k[NO]^2[H_2]^2$

The rate law for a reaction is determined experimentally. The rate law for this reaction is found to be Rate = $k[NO][H_2]^2$. This means that the rate of the reaction is directly proportional to the square of the hydrogen concentration and directly proportional to the concentration of nitric oxide.

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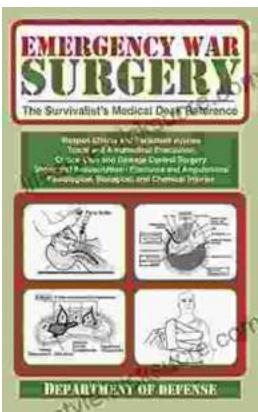
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