Scientific Method

In chemistry class, Allen determined the effectiveness of various metals in releasing hydrogen gas from hydrochloric acid. Several weeks later, Allen read that a utilities company was burying lead next to iron pipes to prevent rusting. Allen conjectured that less rusting would occur with the more active metals. He placed the following into 4 separate beakers of water: (a) 1 iron nail, (b) 1 iron nail wrapped with an aluminum strip, (c) 1 iron nail wrapped with a magnesium strip, and (d) 1 iron nail wrapped with a lead strip. He used the same amount of water, equal amounts (mass) of the metals, and the same type of iron nails. At the end of 5 days, he rated the amount of rusting as small, moderate, or large. He also recorded the color of the water.

Identify the:

- 1. Problem
- 2. Hypothesis
- 3. Independent variable
- 4. Dependent variable
- 5. Control group
- 6. Observations
- 7. Constants

Scientific notation: Put the following in correct scientific notation

- 8. 56 000 000 000
- 9. 0.000 98
- 10. 0.198 765

Scientific notation: Answer each in correct scientific notation and with correct SF:

12.
$$\frac{3.58x10^{-12}}{6.0x10^8}$$

- 13. 8.9X10⁷ 2.1x10⁵
- 14. $3.29 \times 10^4 + 1.21 \times 10^5$
- 15. (9.8x10⁻³⁴) (7x10¹⁴)

16.
$$\frac{5.6x10^8}{3.19x10^{12}}$$

Significant figures: Determine the number of sig figs in the following numbers:

- 17. 608 cm
- 18. 200 kg
- 19. 0.007 00 m
- 20. 310.000 000 pg

Sig figs: Answer the following calculations with the correct units and sig figs:

- 21. 4.5m * 3.00 m
- 22. 8.700cm/3.2 cm
- 23. 7.80 m + 4 m + 78.2 m
- 24. 0.64 mm 4.3 mm 0.200 mm

Conversions (show all work with units!):

- 25. How many micrograms are in 45.6 kilograms?
- 26. How many meters are in 1050 cm?
- 27. Convert 35.38 mL to L.
- 28. How many inches are in 4.5×10^{-4} miles? (5280 ft = 1 mi)
- 29. Convert 50 km/hr to cm/s.
- 30. The speed limit on I-25 through Castle Rock is 65 mi/hour. Convert this to m/s. (1 mi = 1.61 km)
- 31. If I drive at 45 mi/hr, how many minutes will it take me to drive 60 miles?
- 32. The speed of light is 3.0x10⁸ m/s. How many hours does it take light to travel 1.2x10⁵ km?
- 33. How many seconds are in one century? (1 century = 100 years, 1 year = 365 days)
- 34. The earth has a volume of 1.08x10¹² km³. How many cubic centimeters is this?
- 35. A bowling ball has a volume of 5300 cm³. Determine the volume in cubic meters.

Measurement: Practice measuring different objects with:

- 36. Graduated cylinders
- 37. Rulers
- 38. Triple beam balance