Quiz (Chemical Cells in our Daily Life)

Section A: Multiple Choice

- 1. Which of the following statements about a chemical cell is INCORRECT?
 - A. It is a device in which chemical energy is converted into electrical energy.
 - B. It must contain two electrodes.
 - C. It must contain a solution of electrolyte.
 - D. The discharge of a chemical cell is a chemical change.
- 2. Which of the following cells is NOT a primary cell?
 - A. An alkaline manganese cell

B. A lithium ion cell

C. A silver oxide cell

D. A zinc-carbon cell

- 3. Which of the following cells has the largest voltage?
 - A. An alkaline manganese cellC. A nickel-metal hydride cell

B. A lead-acid accumulator

D. A silver oxide cell

- 4. Which of the following are the reasons of using silver oxide cells to power calculators?
 - (1) Silver oxide cells can provide a steady current over a long period of
 - (2) Silver oxide cells are cheap.
 - (3) Silver oxide cells are small in size.

A. (1) and (2) only

B. (1) and (3) only

C. (2) and (3) only

D. (1), (2) and (3)

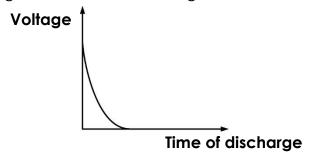
- Which of the following cells is normally used to power a digital camera?
 - A. Alkaline manganese cells

B. Lead-acid accumulators

C. Lithium ion cells

D. Silver oxide cells

6. The following diagram shows the discharge curve of a cell.



The cell is probably

A. a zinc-carbon cell.

B. an alkaline manganese cell.

C. a lithium ion cell.

D. a lead-acid accumulator.

- 7. Ammonium chloride is the electrolyte in
 - A. alkaline managnese cells.
 - C. silver oxide cells.

- B. nickel-metal hydride cells.
- D. zinc-carbon cells.

- 8. Which of the following statements correctly explain that the use of zinc-carbon cells is environmentally unfriendly?
 - (1) It may contain mercury in the electrode.
 - (2) It cannot be recharged.
 - (3) It has a short shelf life.
 - A. (1) and (2) only

B. (1) and (3) only

C. (2) and (3) only

- D. (1), (2) and (3)
- 9. Which of the following statements about a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell are correct?
 - (1) It is a primary cell.
 - (2) The fuel is fed into the anode compartment.
 - (3) It can be used as backup power sources.
 - A. (1) and (2) only

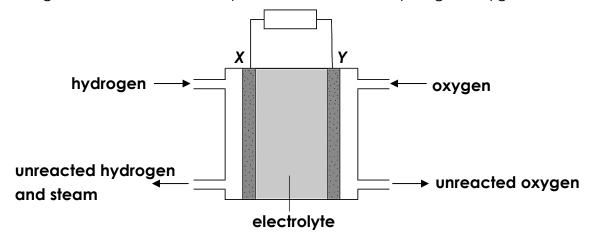
B. (1) and (3) only

C. (2) and (3) only

- D. (1), (2) and (3)
- 10. Methanol can be used as the fuel in a fuel cell. Which of the following half equations represents the reaction of methanol in alkaline medium in the fuel cell?
 - A. $CH_3OH + H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + 6H^+ + 6e^-$
 - B. $CH_3OH + 6OH^- \rightarrow CO_2 + 5H_2O + 6e^-$
 - C. $CO_2 + 6H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow CH_3OH + H_2O$
 - D. $CO_2 + 5H_2O + 6e^- \rightarrow CH_3OH + 6OH^-$

Section B: Structural Question

The diagram below shows a simplified structure of a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell.



- (a) Explain why the electrodes in the cell are porous.
- (b) Write half equations for the reactions at electrodes X and Y respectively.
- (c) State the direction of electron flow in the external circuit of the fuel cell.
- (d) Suggest an electrolyte in the fuel cell.
- (e) State ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage of using a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell.

Suggested Answer

Section A

1.	С	6.	Α
2.	В	7.	D
3.	В	8.	Α
4.	В	9.	D
5.	С	10.	В

Section B

- (a) It allows the flow of hydrogen, oxygen and steam into and out of the compartments.
- (b) At electrode X: $H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(I) + 2e^-$ At electrode Y: $O_2(g) + 2H_2O(I) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$
- (c) Electrons flow from X to Y.
- (d) Concentrated potassium hydroxide solution
- (e) Advantage: It can produce a steady supply of electricity. / It has a high efficiency of energy conversion. / The only product of hydrogen-oxygen fuel cells (water) is non-polluting.

Disadvantage: It is not easy to store and transport hydrogen and oxygen. / Hydrogen-oxygen fuel cells are very expensive.