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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

Which of the following best describes an empirical formula?

Hint: Think about the definition of empirical formulas.

- ◯ A) The actual number of atoms of each element in a compound
- ◯ A) The simplest whole-number ratio of elements in a compound
- ◯ A) The mass of a compound
- ◯ A) The structural arrangement of atoms in a molecule

Which of the following statements are true about molecular formulas? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the properties and definitions of molecular formulas.

- ☐ A) They show the actual number of atoms of each element in a molecule.
- ☐ A) They are always the same as empirical formulas.
- ☐ A) They can be a multiple of the empirical formula.
- ☐ A) They are used to calculate the molecular mass.

Explain the difference between an empirical formula and a molecular formula in your own words.

Hint: Consider the definitions and examples of both types of formulas.

List the steps involved in determining an empirical formula from percentage composition.

Hint: Think about the process of converting percentages to moles.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

4. Step 4

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

If a compound has an empirical formula of CH2O and a molecular mass of 180 g/mol, what is its molecular formula?

Hint: Use the empirical formula to find the molecular formula based on the molecular mass.

- ◯ A) CH2O
- ◯ A) C2H4O2
- ◯ A) C6H12O6
- ◯ A) C3H6O3

Which of the following are necessary to calculate the empirical formula from experimental data? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the data needed for empirical formula calculations.

- ☐ A) Percentage composition of each element
- ☐ A) Atomic masses of the elements
- ☐ A) Molecular mass of the compound
- ☐ A) Structural formula of the compound

Describe a real-world scenario where determining the empirical formula of a compound is essential.

Hint: Think about applications in chemistry or industry.

Part 3: Applying Knowledge and Analyzing Relationships

A compound is found to contain 40% carbon, 6.7% hydrogen, and 53.3% oxygen by mass. What is the empirical formula of the compound?

Hint: Convert the percentages to moles and find the simplest ratio.

- ◯ A) CHO
- ◯ A) CH2O
- ◯ A) C2H4O2
- ◯ A) C3H6O3

Which steps would you follow to find the molecular formula if the empirical formula and molecular mass are known? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the process of deriving the molecular formula from the empirical formula.

- ☐ A) Calculate the empirical formula mass.
- ☐ A) Divide the molecular mass by the empirical formula mass.
- ☐ A) Multiply the subscripts in the empirical formula by the result from step B.
- ☐ A) Add the atomic masses of all elements in the empirical formula.

Given the empirical formula C2H5 and a molecular mass of 58 g/mol, calculate the molecular formula.

Hint: Use the empirical formula mass to find the molecular formula.

Which of the following compounds could have the same empirical formula but different molecular formulas?

Hint: Think about compounds that share the same ratio of elements.

- ◯ A) H_2O and H_2O_2
- ◯ A) C_2H_4 and C_3H_6
- ◯ A) CH_4 and C_2H_8
- ◯ A) CO_2 and CO

Analyze the following compounds and select those that have the same empirical formula. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for compounds that can be reduced to the same ratio of elements.

- ☐ A) $C_6H_{12}O_6$
- ☐ A) $C_2H_4O_2$
- ☐ A) CH_2O
- ☐ A) $C_3H_6O_3$

Explain why two compounds with the same empirical formula might have different physical and chemical properties.

Hint: Consider the impact of molecular structure on properties.

Part 4: Synthesis and Reflection

A chemist determines that a compound has an empirical formula of NO_2 and a molecular mass of 92 g/mol. What is the molecular formula, and why?

Hint: Use the empirical formula mass to determine the molecular formula.

- ◯ A) NO_2, because the empirical formula mass equals the molecular mass.
- ◯ A) N_2O_4, because the empirical formula mass is half of the molecular mass.

- ◯ A) NO, because the empirical formula mass is twice the molecular mass.
- ◯ A) N3O6, because the empirical formula mass is one-third of the molecular mass.

Evaluate the following statements and select those that correctly describe the relationship between empirical and molecular formulas. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definitions and relationships between the two types of formulas.

- ☐ A) The molecular formula is always a multiple of the empirical formula.
- ☐ A) The empirical formula can sometimes be the same as the molecular formula.
- ☐ A) The empirical formula provides more detailed information than the molecular formula.
- ☐ A) The molecular formula can provide information about the compound's structure.

Propose a method for determining the empirical formula of a compound if you are given its molecular formula and molecular mass. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: Think about how to derive the empirical formula from the molecular formula.