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### Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

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*Hint: Think about what chemical equations represent.*

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*Hint: Think about the role of chemical equations in reactions.*

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*Hint: Consider what elements are necessary to form a complete equation.*

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### Part 3: Application and Analysis

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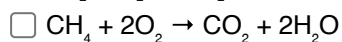
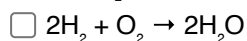
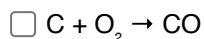
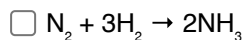
Which of the following equations is balanced? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Check the number of atoms for each element on both sides.

- A)  $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$
- B)  $\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}$
- C)  $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- D)  $\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Analyze the following unbalanced equation and describe the steps you would take to balance it:  $\text{Fe} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .

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## Part 4: Synthesis and Reflection

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