Supporting information

Teaching and assessing systems thinking in first-year chemistry

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Prior knowledge Quiz 1

| Description | The purpose of this quiz is to assess your prior knowledge of core chemistry concepts that will be important for practicals 4 and 5. |
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| Instructions | Ensure that quiz 1 is opened on your ClickUP page as you enter your home group. The group presenter will now share quiz 1 on their screens and as you collaborate in your group, you must submit your answers on your ClickUP. |
| | Submit the quiz after 30 minutes and work through the feedback to learn from your mistakes |
| Total Questions | 4 |
| Total Points | 12 |

Question 1 (Jumbled Sentence- 5 marks)

Water contains two hydrogen atoms centered around an oxygen atom. The Oxygen atom has [a] lone pair(s) of electrons, which gives water a [b] geometry. Due to the differences in electronegativity, the electrons are unevenly distributed between the H and O atoms, resulting in [c] water molecules. Water is a good [d] as the uneven charges on water molecules can easily dissociate [e] salts from a crystal lattice, which contains a positively charged [f] and a negatively charged [g]. The water molecules surround the released ions with strong attractive forces. The water molecules are held together by [h] forces and strong hydrogen bonds, which are types of [i] forces. In bulk water, these strong bonds collectively form strong [j] forces at the surface, which creates a high surface tension that allows light objects to float on water.

Drop-down List of Answers

none one two linear trigonal planar bent polar non-polar solute solvent solution covalent ionic cation anion london dispersion dipole-dipole

intramolecular intermolecular adhesive cohesive

Question 2 (Jumbled sentence-5 marks)

Oil molecules are all hydrocarbons as they contain hydrogen and carbon atoms bonded together. The long-chain hydrocarbons, especially in crude oil, can either be [a] if it has single bonds forming part of the [b] functional group or [c] if double bonds are present, forming part of the [d] functional group. Other fractions of useful hydrocarbons can be obtained through a process known as fractional [e]. The fractions are collected at different temperatures depending on the boiling points of the different hydrocarbons. [f] chain alkanes have [g] boiling points than [h] chain alkanes, as a result of heavier molecular weight and stronger intermolecular forces. These long-chain carbons ensure that electrons are [i] spread, resulting in no net dipole, making oil [i].

Drop-down List of Answers

saturated unsaturated alkene alkane distillation condensation short long higher lower unevenly evenly polar non-polar

Question 3 (Jumbled sentence- 5 marks)

Physically water and oil are **[a]** because oil has a **[b]** density than water, which allows oil to float on water, hence mixing does not occur. On a molecular level, water and oil won't mix due to the differences in polarity. Water is **[c]** and oil is **[d]** and thus constant motion between the molecules allows the water to separate from the oil due to attractive forces.

Drop-down List of Answer

miscible immiscible lower higher non-polar polar

Question 4 (Essay- 0 marks)

If oil and water don't mix, what can we add to remove oil from clothes that are submerged in water? Use your chemistry knowledge to explain on a molecular level how this is possible.