

Answers to Chapter 5 Study Questions

1. a) 6.5×10^2 b) 5×10^{-4} c) 2.07×10^5 d) 1.0×10^6 e) 5.0×10^4
2. a) liters (L) or cm^3 , graduated cylinder, buret, or volumetric flask
b) grams (g), balance c) meters (m), ruler or meterstick
3. a) 4 b) 5 c) 2 d) 3 e) 4
4. a) $1.24 \times 8.2 = 10.$ b) $6.78 - 3.3 = 3.5$
c) $9.999 + 0.22 = 10.22$ d) $(5.67 \times 10^3) \times (2.1 \times 10^{-2}) = 1.2 \times 10^2$, or 120
5. a) $\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{0.822 \text{ g}}{0.350 \text{ cm}^3} = 2.35 \text{ g / cm}^3$
b) % accuracy error = $\frac{|2.70 - 2.35|}{2.70} \times 100\% = 13\%$
6. $50.0 \text{ kg} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ g}} = 5.00 \times 10^7 \text{ mg}$
7. $275 \text{ grams} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \times \frac{2.20 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 0.605 \text{ lb}$
8. $0.286 \text{ mi} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{0.621 \text{ mi}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} = 4.60 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}$ (or convert mi \rightarrow ft \rightarrow in \rightarrow cm)
9. $11.8 \text{ kg} \times \frac{1000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{7.87 \text{ g}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} \times \frac{1000 \text{ }\mu\text{L}}{1 \text{ mL}} = 1.50 \times 10^6 \text{ }\mu\text{L}$
10. $\frac{19.3 \text{ g}}{\text{cm}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \times \frac{2.20 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1.06 \text{ qt}} = 40.1 \text{ lb/qt}$
11. a) Container A is the most precise because it has the most number of digits and taking into account the fact that it is off by 2 mL, it never varies by more than 0.08 mL. You might also say that Container C is the most precise because its volumes are reproducible, but you don't know whether the actual differences are more or less than Container A.
b) Container B is the most accurate, since it is consistently closest to the actual volume.
c) Containers A & C show a systematic error: Container A is 2 mL too high and Container C is 2 mL too low.
12. $100 \text{ yd} \times \frac{36 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ yd}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{39.37 \text{ in}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ant}}{5.0 \text{ mm}} = 1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ ants}$