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THINKING LIKE A SCIENTIST

Section Review

Objectives

- Explain how alchemy laid the groundwork for chemistry
- Describe how Lavoisier transformed chemistry
- Identify three steps in the scientific method
- Explain why collaboration and communication are important in science

Vocabulary

- scientific method
- observation
- hypothesis
- experiment
- manipulated variable
- responding variable
- theory
- scientific law

Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

- Before there were chemists, 1 were studying matter. **1.** _____
- They developed 2 and 3 for working with chemicals. **2.** _____
- Lavoisier helped make chemistry a science of 4 . **3.** _____
- A logical, 5 approach is the best way to solve a difficult **4.** _____
- problem. One logical approach to solving scientific problems is the **5.** _____
- 6 . This method may begin with an observation, followed **6.** _____
- by 7 , or a proposed explanation for what is observed. You can **7.** _____
- conduct an 8 to test a hypothesis. If a hypothesis meets **8.** _____
- the test of repeated experimentation, it may become a 9 , **9.** _____
- which is a well-tested explanation for a broad set of observations. **10.** _____
- A 10 is a concise statement that summarizes the results
of many observations and experiments.

Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT; sometimes true, ST; or never true, NT.

- _____ 11. A theory can be easily proved.
- _____ 12. Scientific laws explain observations.
- _____ 13. A well-planned experiment will disprove a hypothesis.

Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A.

Column A	Column B
_____ 14. scientific method	a. variable that one changes during an experiment
_____ 15. observation	b. information obtained through one's senses
_____ 16. manipulated variable	c. a logical approach to the solution of scientific problems
_____ 17. hypothesis	d. a means to test a hypothesis
_____ 18. experiment	e. a proposed explanation for an observation
_____ 19. responding variable	f. variable that is observed during an experiment

Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

20. Classify each step in the following application of the scientific method as an observation, a hypothesis, an experiment, or a scientific law.

- a. An iron ball falls to the ground when you drop it.

- b. Earth is a giant magnet, which attracts iron objects.

- c. An iron ball and a piece of wood are dropped from the same height.

- d. The iron ball and wood fall at the same rate.

- e. Gravity attracts every object in the universe to every other object.

21. What two processes practiced by scientists increase the likelihood of a successful outcome in science?
