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Exam #1 – September 18, 2006

- 1. Rank the following ions from *most* basic to *least* basic: P⁻³, Br⁻, Ge⁻⁴, Sb⁻³, S⁻². Explain your ranking.
- 2. An electron has the following set of quantum numbers: n=4, l=2, $m_l=-1$, $m_s=-1/2$. What is the effective nuclear charge felt by this electron in a palladium atom? Give the complete electron configuration for the most likely oxidation state of palladium.
- 3. Based on the rules we discussed in class, we would expect the highest oxide of arsenic (As) to have 5 oxo groups, but arsenate has only 4 oxos. Explain this apparent contradiction Calculate the pK_b of the arsenic oxo anions with 5 oxos and with 4 oxos.
- 4. Name the fully protonated acid of arsenate and calculate its pK_a .
- Using s-, p-, and d-orbitals (as necessary), draw at least one example of each type of bonding interactions (sigma/σ, pi/π, delta/δ bonds). (Briefly explain what is shown in your drawings in case I have trouble interpreting your artwork.)
- Draw Lewis structures and VSEPR shapes for the following. Name the electronic geometry around the central atom, calculate formal charges, and estimate the bond angles. SCN⁻, BrF₄⁻, XeOF₄
- Aluminum phosphate is a very insoluble salt (Ksp = 1.3x10-20), but will dissolve in fairly strong acid or base solutions. What ions are present in a solution of "Aluminum phosphate" at slightly below pH=2? Describe what will happen in this solution as the pH is increased to 15.

Al ³⁺ (aq)			$Al_2O_3(s)$			[Al(OH) ₄] (aq)
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pН	2		7		12	15
	N	V	V		¥	¥
	H ₃ PO ₄ (aq)		[H ₂ PO ₄] ⁻ (aq)	[HPO ₄] ²⁻ (aq)		[PO ₄] ³⁻ (aq)