

Questions

1. Determine the amount of significant figures in the following numbers.

1.00	0.13	0.89201	0.705
3	2	5	3
50.	37.0	5600	5600.
2	3	2	4

2. Complete the following mathematic problems.

a. 31.1 s
 $- 2.461 \text{ s}$
 $\hline 28.6 \text{ s}$

b. 24.82 kg
 4.7 kg
 $+ 2 \text{ kg}$
 $\hline 32 \text{ kg}$

c. $2.22 \text{ cd} \times 4.0 =$
 8.9 cd

d. $50 \text{ m} / 10.0 \text{ m} =$
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3. Tilda Earth is measuring the mass of an apple. She performs 5 trials and her data is shown below.

0.2328 kg	0.2298 kg	0.2334 kg	0.2289 kg	0.2314 kg
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- a. Calculate the range of her data.
 $\text{High} - \text{Low} = 0.2334 \text{ kg} - 0.2289 \text{ kg} = 0.0045 \text{ kg}$
- b. Calculate the mean of her data.
 $\text{Mean} = \text{sum}/\#\text{trials} = 1.1563 \text{ kg}/5 = 0.2313 \text{ kg}$
- c. Calculate the uncertainty in the mean of her data.
 $\text{Uncert} = \text{range}/\#\text{trials} = 0.0045 \text{ kg} / 5 \text{ trials} = 0.00090 \text{ kg}$

Measurements & Mathematics



Name _____ Answer Key _____

Definitions

1. Unit - a standard quantity with which measurements can be compared.
2. SI System - an internationally recognized system that provides standardized units for scientific measurements
3. Derived Unit - combinations of two or more fundamental units and are used to simplify notation
4. Scientific Notation - consists of a number equal to or greater than one and less than ten followed by a multiplication sign and the base ten raised to some integral power
5. Prefix - a symbol preceding the base unit to form a new unit that is larger or smaller than the base unit by a multiple or submultiples of 10
6. Accuracy - a measurement very close to the accepted value found in a handbook
7. Precision - measurements taken of the same event are nearly identical
8. Range - The range is the highest value minus the lowest value
9. Mean - The mean is the arithmetic average
10. Uncertainty in the mean - This is the range divided by the number of data values

Equations (NOT on Reference Tables)

$$1. \frac{\text{Experimental} - \text{Accepted}}{\text{Accepted}} \times 100\% = \text{Percent Error}$$

$$2. \text{Range} = \text{High} - \text{Low}$$

$$3. \text{mean} = \frac{\text{sum}}{\# \text{ trials}}$$

$$4. \text{uncertainty} = \frac{\text{range}}{\# \text{ trials}}$$

$$5. m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

List the following SI Prefixes, their symbols, and their notation.

Prefix	Symbol	Notation
Tera	T	10^{12}
Giga	G	10^9
Mega	M	10^6
Kilo	k	10^3
Deci	d	10^{-1}
Centi	c	10^{-2}
Milli	m	10^{-3}
Micro	μ	10^{-6}
Nano	n	10^{-9}
Pico	p	10^{-12}

Use dimensional analysis to convert the following values:

- a. 70. km/hr to m/s

$$\frac{70. \text{ km}}{\text{hr}} \left(\frac{10^3 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \right) = 19 \text{ m/s}$$

- b. 54.8 pg (picograms) to mg (milligrams)

$$54.8 \text{ pg} \left(\frac{10^{-12} \text{ g}}{1 \text{ pg}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mg}}{10^{-3} \text{ g}} \right) = 5.48 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mg}$$