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VCE Chemistry ½
Covalent Molecules [1.6]
Test

20 Marks. 1 Minute Reading. 16 Minutes Writing

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Section A: Test Questions (15 Marks)

Question 1 (3 marks)

Tick whether the following statements are true or false:

	True	False
a. A Lewis structure for nitrogen molecule (N_2) consists of a triple bond between the nitrogen atoms.		
b. In a Lewis structure, the dots represent the nucleus of the atoms.		
c. Carbon dioxide (CO_2) has a linear molecular shape according to VSEPR theory.		
d. Water (H_2O) has a tetrahedral molecular shape due to the arrangement of electron pairs around the oxygen atom.		
e. In methane (CH_4), the central carbon atom forms single bonds with four hydrogen atoms resulting in a tetrahedral molecular and parent geometry.		
f. In hydrogen chloride (HCl), the chlorine atom shares one pair of electrons with hydrogen, resulting in a linear molecular shape.		

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Question 2 (6 marks)

Khadija is investigating a simple yet intricate molecule - oxygen gas.

- a.** State what is meant by the term ‘diatomic molecule’. (1 mark)

- b.** Draw the Lewis dot structure of oxygen gas. (2 marks)

- c.** Hence or otherwise, explain why oxygen exists diatomically in nature. (1 mark)

- d.** Complete the table below regarding the 3-dimensional shape of oxygen. (2 marks)

Molecular geometry of O ₂	Electron geometry for each O atom

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Question 3 (6 marks)

Ana is researching the Haber process, wherein ammonia, NH_3 , is evolved.

- a. Justify why nitrogen can form 3 covalent bonds. (1 mark)

- b. Hence or otherwise, draw the Lewis structure of ammonia. You may use lines to depict covalent bonds. (2 marks)

- c. State the molecular geometry of ammonia, and justify why it is as such, with reference to an appropriate theory. (3 marks)

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Section B: Extension (5 Marks)**Question 4 (5 marks)**

Jake is investigating some compounds and their 3-dimensional shapes.

For **parts a.** and **b.**:

- i. State the molecular geometry. (1 mark)
 - ii. State the parent geometry of the central atom. (1 mark)
- a. Hydrogen cyanide (HCN). (2 marks)

- b. Nitrosyl chloride (NOCl). (2 marks)

- c. Draw the structure of boron trifluoride (BF₃). (1 mark)



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