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Blast Through the Phase Change Barrier: 6th Grade Chemistry Challenge

Synthesize molecular behavior and kinetic energy concepts through a diverse question set designed to bridge the gap between macroscopic observations and microscopic particle motion.

1. A scientist observes a substance in a sealed chamber. As the pressure is rapidly decreased without changing the temperature, the substance transitions directly from a solid to a gas. Which phenomenon is being modeled?

- A. Evaporation
- B. Sublimation
- C. Deposition
- D. Condensation

2. In a closed system, when a gas loses kinetic energy and the attractive forces between particles begin to pull them into a fixed volume with a fluid shape, the process is called _____.

- A. Freezing
- B. Vaporization
- C. Condensation
- D. Ionization

3. During a phase change, such as water boiling at 100°C, the temperature of the substance continues to rise even as it absorbs more thermal energy.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which of the following scenarios best demonstrates the concept of 'Diffusion' in a gaseous state?

- A. A balloon shrinking in a cold freezer
- B. The scent of an orange being peeled spreading across a room
- C. Water droplets forming on the outside of a cold soda can
- D. Steam rising from a pot of simmering soup

5. The state of matter characterized by particles that vibrate in a fixed position within a crystalline lattice is known as a _____.

- A. Amorphous Liquid
- B. Plasma
- C. Compressed Gas
- D. Solid

6. In a liquid, the particles have enough kinetic energy to slide past one another, which allows the substance to flow while maintaining a constant volume.

- A. True

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B. False

7. On a molecular level, what happens during the process of Deposition?

- A. Gas particles rapidly lose energy and lock into a rigid structure.
- B. Liquid particles gain enough energy to escape the surface.
- C. Solid particles speed up and begin to slide past each other.
- D. Gas particles collide to form liquid droplets.

8. Compared to a liquid, the particles in a gas have _____ attractive forces between them, allowing them to fill any container regardless of size.

- A. Stronger
- B. Infinite
- C. Negligible
- D. Static

9. Viscosity is a property used to describe the resistance of a gas to flow through a constricted space.

- A. True
- B. False

10. You place a balloon over a beaker of boiling water. The balloon expands. Why does this happen based on the Kinetic Molecular Theory?

- A. The air inside the balloon is turning into a solid.
- B. Thermal energy increases the speed of gas particles, causing more frequent and forceful collisions.
- C. The mass of the gas particles increases as they get hotter.
- D. Liquid water flows upward into the balloon, increasing the volume.