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## The Metric Sabotage: A 10th Grade Measurement Mission

Calculate derived units and evaluate dimensional consistency to repair a simulated laboratory's data stream before the experiment fails.

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**1. A theoretical propulsion system is measured to produce 450 Newtons of force. Which of the following represents the correct decomposition of this derived SI unit into its fundamental base units?**

- A.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}$
- B.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$
- C.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}^2$
- D.  $\text{kg}^2/\text{m}\cdot\text{s}$

**2. In a high-precision vacuum experiment, a measurement of 0.0004050 moles of a noble gas contains exactly four significant figures.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. An astrophysicist calculates the energy of a photon to be  $3.2 \times 10^{-19}$  Joules. If this value must be expressed in terms of the Planck constant ( $h$ ) and frequency ( $f$ ) where  $E=hf$ , what are the derived units of the Planck constant?**

- A.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^3$
- B.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
- C.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}$
- D.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$

**4. A surveyor measures a tectonic shift as 14.50 mm/year. If this must be converted to the SI base unit for velocity for a global geophysical model, what is the value in m/s?**

- A.  $4.59 \times 10^{-10}$  m/s
- B.  $4.60 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s
- C.  $1.45 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s
- D.  $1.67 \times 10^{-12}$  m/s

**5. You are calibrating a laser with a wavelength of 632.8 nanometers. In scientific notation, how many meters does this represent?**

- A.  $6.328 \times 10^{-7}$  m
- B.  $6.328 \times 10^{-9}$  m
- C.  $63.28 \times 10^{-8}$  m
- D.  $0.6328 \times 10^{-6}$  m

**6. A digital balance indicates a mass of 5.00g for a 5g calibration weight five times in a row. This instrument can be described as both precise and accurate.**

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- A. True
- B. False

**7. Which of these expressions is dimensionally inconsistent (incorrect) regarding the relationship between displacement (d), velocity (v), acceleration (a), and time (t)?**

- A.  $d = vt + 0.5at^2$
- B.  $v^2 = 2ad$
- C.  $t = (2d/a)^{0.5}$
- D.  $v = at^2$

**8. A resistor has a conductance of 0.025 Siemens (S). Siemens is the SI unit for the reciprocal of electrical resistance ( $1/\Omega$ ). If resistance is measured in Ohms, defined as  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{A}^{-3}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ , what is the base unit representation of the Siemen?**

- A.  $\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{A}^3\cdot\text{s}^2$
- B.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{A}^{-3}\cdot\text{s}^2$
- C.  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{A}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$
- D.  $\text{s}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$

**9. The Candela (cd) is a unique SI base unit because it is the only one based on human perception (luminous efficacy) rather than a purely physical constant of the universe.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. A volumetric analysis requires 0.50 Liters of a solution. How many cubic centimeters ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) does this equate to, and why is this relevant in laboratory measurements?**

- A.  $50 \text{ cm}^3$ ; it aligns with the volume of a standard beaker.
- B.  $5.0 \text{ cm}^3$ ; it matches the density of water at STP.
- C.  $500 \text{ cm}^3$ ; because 1 mL is equivalent to  $1 \text{ cm}^3$ .
- D.  $5000 \text{ cm}^3$ ; to account for meniscus errors in narrow tubes.