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## Bonding Beyond the Basics: Conquer Chemical Complexity for Grade 12

Analyze molecular geometry and orbital hybridization to predict how advanced chemical structures behave in industrial synthesis and pharmacological design.

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**1. In the coordination complex  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ , the nickel center exhibits  $\text{dsp}^2$  hybridization. Based on Crystal Field Theory and hybridization, what is the predicted geometry and magnetic property of this ion?**

- A. Tetrahedral and Paramagnetic
- B. Square Planar and Diamagnetic
- C. Square Planar and Paramagnetic
- D. Tetrahedral and Diamagnetic

**2. The molecule Xenon Tetrafluoride ( $\text{XeF}_4$ ) contains two lone pairs on the central atom. According to VSEPR theory, these lone pairs occupy the \_\_\_\_\_ positions to minimize repulsion.**

- A. Axial
- B. Equatorial
- C. Adjacent
- D. Terminal

**3. According to Molecular Orbital Theory, the  $\text{O}_2$  molecule is diamagnetic because all of its electrons are paired in the pi-bonding and sigma-bonding orbitals.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. Which of the following molecules transitions from  $\text{sp}^3$  to  $\text{sp}^2$  hybridization at the central carbon atom during a nucleophilic substitution ( $\text{S}_\text{N}2$ ) transition state?**

- A. Ethene
- B. Ethyne
- C. Chloromethane
- D. Benzene

**5. In the context of Metallic Bonding, the transition from a conductor to an insulator as temperature increases in certain oxides is often explained by the \_\_\_\_\_ model.**

- A. Sea of Electrons
- B. Lattice Energy
- C. Band Theory
- D. VSEPR

**6. Which molecule possesses a formal charge of zero on the central atom but violates the octet rule by having an expanded valence shell?**

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- A. BF<sub>3</sub>
- B. SF<sub>6</sub>
- C. NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>
- D. CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>

**7. A sigma ( $\sigma$ ) bond is generally stronger than a pi ( $\pi$ ) bond because the orbital overlap in a sigma bond occurs along the internuclear axis, creating a higher electron density between the nuclei.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. The concept used to describe molecules like ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) where a single Lewis structure cannot accurately represent the electron distribution is known as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Resonance
- B. Ionization
- C. Polarization
- D. Electronegativity

**9. When comparing Lattice Energy (U), which of the following ionic solids would be expected to have the highest magnitude of lattice energy?**

- A. LiF
- B. CsI
- C. CaO
- D. ScN

**10. The bond angle in NF<sub>3</sub> is larger than the bond angle in NH<sub>3</sub> because Fluorine is more electronegative than Hydrogen.**

- A. True
- B. False