

## EMPIRICAL &amp; MOLECULAR FORMULAE

**Question One:** A molecule called 2,2-dibromoethane has a mass composition of 12.8% carbon, 2.13% hydrogen and 85.1% bromine and a molar mass of  $188 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{Br}) = 79.9 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for 2,2-dibromoethane

**Question Two:** Decanedioic acid has a mass composition of 59.4% carbon, 8.91% hydrogen and 31.7% oxygen and a molar mass of  $202 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for decanedioic acid

**Question Three:** Adipic acid has a mass composition of 49.3% carbon, 6.85% hydrogen and 43.8% oxygen and a molar mass of  $146 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for adipic acid

**Question Four:** Pimelic acid has a mass composition of 52.5% carbon, 7.5% hydrogen and 40.0% oxygen and a molar mass of  $160 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for pimelic acid

**Question Five:** Diphenylethylenediamine has a mass composition of 79.2% carbon, 7.55% hydrogen and 13.2% nitrogen and a molar mass of  $212 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{N}) = 14.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for dimethylethylenediamine

**Question Six:** diacetyl has a mass composition of 55.8% carbon, 6.98% hydrogen and 37.2% oxygen and a molar mass of  $86.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for diacetyl

**Question Seven:** A molecule called 1,4-butandiol has a mass composition of 53.3% carbon, 11.1% hydrogen and 35.6% oxygen and a molar mass of  $90.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for 1,4-butandiol

**Question Eight:** Butyl butanoate has a mass composition of 66.7% carbon, 11.1% hydrogen and 22.2% oxygen and a molar mass of  $144 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for butyl butanoate

**Question Nine:** Propyl hexanoate has a mass composition of 68.4% carbon, 11.4% hydrogen and 20.3% oxygen and a molar mass of  $158 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{O}) = 16.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for propyl hexanoate

**Question Ten:** Putrescine has a mass composition of 54.5% carbon, 13.64% hydrogen and 31.8% nitrogen and a molar mass of  $88 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

$M(\text{C}) = 12.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ ,  $M(\text{H}) = 1.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$  and  $M(\text{N}) = 14.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

Find the empirical and molecular formula for putrescine.

## ANSWERS

Q1	ef	$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	mf	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2$
Q2	ef	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{O}_2$	mf	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$
Q3	ef	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$	mf	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$
Q4	ef	$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$	mf	$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$
Q5	ef	$\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}$	mf	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$
Q6	ef	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}$	mf	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$
Q7	ef	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}$	mf	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$
Q8	ef	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$	mf	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$
Q9	ef	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$	mf	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$
Q10	ef	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{N}$	mf	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$