Honors Chapter 1 Practice Sheet

Section 1.1:

- 1. What is matter?
- 2. What is chemistry?
- 3. List the 5 branches of chemistry.

- 4. Determine the branch of chemistry for each example below:
 - a. Determining the energy transfer when water boils
 - b. Finding out how much nitrogen is in a sample of air
 - c. Studying the process of photosynthesis in plants
 - d. Manufacturing nylon, which contains carbon
 - e. Determining the composition of a moon rock
 - f. Research on making a new medicine to treat high blood pressure
 - g. Regulate the rate of gasoline burning in a car engine
 - h. Develop a plastic that can be decomposed by bacteria
 - i. Improve the method for extracting iron from iron ore

Section 1.3:

- 5. What were the alchemists TRYING to achieve?
- 6. Why are the alchemists important to us today?
- 7. List the 5 steps of the scientific method in order.

Use the following scenario to answer the next 3 questions. A student is testing the effect of sugar on a mouse's weight. The student feeds 5 mice a low-sugar diet for 60 days and 5 mice a high-sugar diet for 60 days. The student compares the starting and ending weights of the mice.

- 8. What is the manipulated/independent variable?
- 9. What is the responding/dependent variable?
- 10. What is one control during the experiment?
- 11. What is the difference in a law and a theory?

Section 1.4:

- 12. What are the 3 steps to solving a math problem?
- 13. When answering a math problem, what must your answer have to be fully correct?