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AP WORKSHEET 1a: Significant Figures

- 1. Determine the number of significant figures in each of the following. (6)
 - (a) 0.7680
 - (b) 1230.00
 - (c) 1000.01
 - (d) 120.0
 - (e) 1.09×10^4
 - (f) 0.0080060
- 2. Use a calculator to find the results of the following and then round the answer to the correct number of significant figures. (6)
 - (a) 34.66 + 333.0
 - (b) 1.23 + 9.66
 - (c) 445 1.22
 - (d) 18.2 + 1.998
 - (e) 10.2 1.34
 - (f) 100 23
- 3. State the significant figure rule that is associated with "captive zeros". (1)
- 4. State the significant figure rule that is associated with "leading zeros". (1)
- 5. State the significant figure rule that is associated with "trailing zeros". (1)
- 6. State the significant figure rule that is associated with addition and subtraction operations. (1)
- State the significant figure rule that is associated with multiplication and division operations.
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- 8. Use a calculator to find the results of the following calculations and then round the answer to the correct number of significant figures. (6)
 - (a) 12 x 11.45
 - (b) $(1.23 \times 10^3) \times (6.4 \times 10^2)$
 - (c) 5.233 x 6.324
 - (d) 34 / 22
 - (e) $(1.8 \times 10^5) / 14$
 - (f) 100.23 / 5.22
- 9. Round each of the following to three significant figures. (6)
 - (a) 167.789
 - (b) 0.0000456922
 - (c) 23.00567
 - (d) 3.4569
 - (e) 7903.0005
 - (f) 11.044
- 10. How many significant figures in each of the following? (6)
 - (a) 654.001 nm
 - (b) 6.02×10^{23} particles
 - (c) 1.0079 g
 - (d) 13 neutrons
 - (e) 11.22201 mg
 - (f) 0.004504 g