- The purpose of assigning oxidation numbers is to keep track of the loss and gain of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in redox reactions. Fill in these blanks about oxidation numbers:
  - a. The oxidation number of an element in its **atomic** state is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The oxidation number of an ion is its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. In a compound, the total of all the oxidation numbers of the elements is
  - d. In a polyatomic ion, the total of all the oxidation numbers of the elements is
  - e. In a compound, the oxidation number of H is usually \_\_\_\_\_ and of O is usually \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. In a compound, the oxidation number of elements in group I of the periodic table is \_\_\_\_\_ and of elements in Group II is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Give the oxidation number of sulfur in each of the following:
  - $H_2S$   $SO_2$   $(SO_4)^{-2}$  S  $K_2SO_3$
- 3. Assign an oxidation number to each element in these equations: (The equations are balanced, but the coefficients do not affect oxidation numbers.)
  - a.) 2 Al + 3  $Cu_2O \rightarrow 6 Cu + Al_2O_3$
  - b) HBr + NaOH  $\rightarrow$  NaBr + H<sub>2</sub>O
- 4. Which of the equations above represents a redox reaction? \_\_\_\_\_\_ How can you tell?
- 5. When an element is oxidized, it (gains, loses) electrons, and its oxidation number (increases, decreases).
- 6. When an element is reduced, it (gains, loses) electrons, and its oxidation number (increases, decreases).

- 7. In this reaction:  $4 \text{ K} + O_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ K}_2O$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ is oxidized and \_\_\_\_\_\_ is reduced.
- 8. There are three types of redox reactions. From these descriptions, choose the type direct exchange of electrons when chemicals come in contact forced exchange of electrons using electric current indirect exchange of electrons through a wire
  - a. A copper wire is placed in a solution of AgNO<sub>3</sub>. Silver comes out of solution, and the solution turns blue, showing that Cu is going into solution.
  - b. A battery is an example of this type of redox reaction.
  - c. When a strip of aluminum is placed in a solution of magnesium chloride, no reaction takes place. But when the aluminum is attached to the negative pole of a battery, a strip of magnesium is attached to the + pole, and the strips are placed in the solution, a reaction occurs.
- 9. The forced exchange of electrons using electric current is called