

Activity of vocabulary: fill in the blanks of the following definitions with the appropriate concepts from the list below.

(crystal, maintain, ordered, elongated, directions, Liquid, molecules, orient, liquid, substances, flow.)

1- **Liquid** crystals are **substances** that **flow** like a **liquid** but **maintain** some of the **ordered** structure of **crystals**. Their **molecules** tend to be **elongated** and to **orient** in specific **directions**.

(replace, components, biological, augment, function, natural, Biomaterials, often, synthetic, made, lifeless, interact, medical, materials)

2- **Biomaterials** are those **materials**- be it **natural** or **synthetic** alive or **lifeless** and usually **made** of multiple components- that **interact** with **biological** systems. They are **often** used in **medical** application to **augment** or **replace** a natural **function**.

(value, iron, yttrium, examples, materials, Superconductors, critical, superconducting, resistance, electrical, niobium)

3- **Superconductors** are **materials** that offers no resistance to **electrical** current. Prominent **examples** include aluminium, **niobium**, magnesium diboride, cuprates such as **yttrium** copper oxide and **iron** pnictides. These materials only become **superconducting** at temperature below a certain **value**, known as the **critical** temperature.

(crystalline, cations, gas, catalysis, bonds, linkers, open, sensing, consist, Metal, porous, separation, organic.)

4- **Metal -organic** frameworks (MOFs) are a class of **crystalline** materials that **consist** of coordination **bonds** between transition-metal **cations** and multidentate organic **linkers**. The structure of MOFs is characterized by an **open** framework that can be **porous** ( porous materials). MOFs can be used for **gas** storage, purification and **separation** as well as **catalysis** and **sensing** applications.