Answers to Exercise 8.3 Drawing Lewis Diagrams (Including Formal Charges)

1. Where appropriate, both the formal-charge-minimized diagram and the obey-octet-rule diagram are shown in the answers below. Choose one convention and follow it. It is <u>not</u> acceptable to draw structures that are "half way between" the two conventions.

It is possible that an instructor may specify which convention you must follow on a test question. If a test question dictates a convention, you must follow that convention.

Where more than one degenerate resonance structure exists, only one is shown.