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- 1. Engel and Reid, P31.12.
- 2. Engel and Reid, P31.13.
- 3. Engel and Reid, P31.19.
- 4. Engel and Reid, P31.20.
- 5. Engel and Reid, P33.3.
- 6. A system of a molecule in a magnetic field has a simple energy-level diagram illustrated below. Two energy levels are available that have equal energies of -D (D is a constant).

$$\epsilon_3 = 0$$

$$\epsilon_1 = -D$$
  $\epsilon_2 = -D$ 

- a. Write an expression for the partition function of the system. Your answer should be given in terms of D, T (absolute temperature), and universal constants.
- b. Write an expression for the average energy of the system in terms of D, T, and universal constants.
- c. Calculate the average energy in the limit of high temperatures.
- d. Calculate the average energy in the limit of very low temperature.
- e. Write an expression for the ratio of the probabilities of finding the particle in the excited state 3 vs. *either* one of the ground states 1, 2.
- f. Calculate the entropy of the molecule in the high-temperature limit.

(Modified slightly from Tinoco et al. *Physical Chemistry: Principles and Applications in Biological Sciences*, 4th Ed. Prentice Hall, 2002; problem 11.13)