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Extrapolating from this diagram, it's most likely a gas.

3) At what temperature and pressure will all three phases coexist?

350[°] C, ~51 atm

4) If I have a bottle of compound X at a pressure of 45 atm and temperature of 100° C, what will happen if I raise the temperature to 400° C?

It will sublime

5) Why can't compound X be boiled at a temperature of 200° C?

It does not form a liquid at this temperature. It only exists as a liquid at temperatures above 350° C.

6) If I wanted to, could I drink compound X?

No. At the temperatures and pressures that it forms a liquid, you'd probably die.