

Atomic structure

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Time: **204 min.**

Marks: **182 marks**

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Q1.

This question is about atomic structure.

- (a) Define the term mass number.

(1)

- (b) Complete **Table 1** for two of the fundamental particles in an atom.

Table 1

	Relative mass	Relative charge
Neutron		
Electron		

A sample of calcium consists of ^{40}Ca , ^{42}Ca and one other isotope.

(2)

- (c) Predict whether the atomic radius of ^{40}Ca is larger than, smaller than or the same as the atomic radius of ^{42}Ca

Explain your answer.

Atomic radius of ^{40}Ca compared to ^{42}Ca _____

Explanation _____

(2)

- (d) The relative abundances of two of these calcium isotopes are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2

Mass number of isotope	40	42
Relative abundance / %	96.80	0.19

Determine the relative abundance of the third calcium isotope.

The sample of calcium has a relative atomic mass of 40.12

Use your answer and the data in **Table 2** to determine the mass number of the third isotope.

Give the mass number to the nearest integer.

Mass number _____

(4)

- (e) Calculate the mass, in kg, of one atom of ^{42}Ca

The Avogadro constant $L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Mass _____ kg

(1)

- (f) In a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer, a $^{42}\text{Ca}^+$ ion with a kinetic energy (KE) of $1.164 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$ takes $9.130 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$ to reach the detector.

$$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

m = mass / kg

v = velocity / ms^{-1}

d = length of flight tube / m

t = time of flight / s

Use the equations and your answer to question (e) to calculate the length, in m, of the flight tube.

Give your answer to **three** significant figures.

(If you could not answer question (e) you should assume a mass of $3.08 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$. This is **not** the correct answer.)

Length _____ m

(3)

(Total 13 marks)

**Q2.**

This question is about the elements in Period 3 of the Periodic Table.

- (a) Write an equation, including state symbols, for the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

(1)

- (b) Explain why the first ionisation energy of aluminium is less than the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

(2)

- (c) Identify the element in Period 3 with the largest atomic radius.

Explain your answer.

Element _____

Explanation _____

(3)

- (d) Silicon has the highest melting point of the elements in Period 3.

Explain this statement in terms of structure and bonding.

(3)

(Total 9 marks)

**Q3.**

What is the formula of rubidium nitride?

A Rb_5N ☐**B** RbN ☐**C** Rb_3N ☐**D** RbN_3 ☐

(Total 1 mark)

Q4.

Which atom contains the most neutrons?

A ^{59}Co ☐**B** ^{64}Ni ☐**C** ^{63}Cu ☐**D** ^{64}Zn ☐

(Total 1 mark)

Q5.

The highest oxidation state of an element is +4

What is the electron configuration of this element?

A $1s^2 2s^2$ ☐**B** $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$ ☐**C** $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^2 4s^2$ ☐**D** $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^4 4s^2$ ☐

(Total 1 mark)

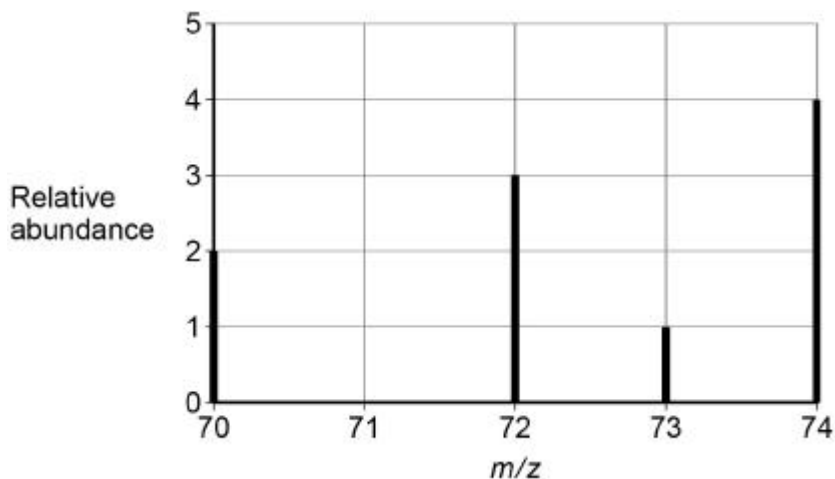
Q6.

(a) Give the meaning of the term isotopes in terms of fundamental particles.

(2)



The mass spectrum of a sample of germanium is shown in the graph below.



- (b) Calculate the relative atomic mass of this sample of germanium.

Relative atomic mass _____

(2)

- (c) Complete the electron configuration of the Ge^+ ion.

[Ar] _____

(1)

- (d) Write an equation to represent the process that occurs when the first ionisation energy of germanium is measured.
Include state symbols in your equation.

(1)

- (e) Calculate the mass, in kg, of a $^{72}\text{Ge}^+$ ion.
The Avogadro constant $L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Mass _____ kg

(1)

- (f) In a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer, the kinetic energy (KE) of a $^{72}\text{Ge}^+$ ion is $1.318 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$.

Use your answer to part (e) to calculate the velocity of this $^{72}\text{Ge}^+$ ion.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

(m = mass / kg and v = velocity / ms^{-1})

(If you could not answer to part (e) you should assume a mass of 9.80×10^{-24} kg
This is **not** the correct answer.)

Velocity _____ m s^{-1}
(2)

(g) State why the chemical properties of ^{72}Ge and ^{74}Ge are the same.

(1)

(Total 10 marks)

Q7.

Which element is in the p block of the Periodic Table?

- A Technetium ☐
- B Terbium ☐
- C Thallium ☐
- D Thorium ☐

(Total 1 mark)

Q8.

(a) Give the meaning of the term **relative atomic mass**.

(2)

(b) A sample of nickel was ionised by electron impact in a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer to produce Ni^+ ions. The relative abundance of each isotope is shown in the table below.

m/z	58	60	62
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Relative abundance	19	8	3
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Calculate the relative atomic mass of nickel in the sample.

Give your answer to one decimal place.

Relative atomic mass _____ (2)

- (c) State why the inside of a TOF mass spectrometer is operated under vacuum.

 _____ (1)

- (d) Complete the electron configuration of the $^{58}\text{Ni}^+$ ion.

$1s^2$ _____ (1)

- (e) Calculate the mass, in kg, of a $^{58}\text{Ni}^+$ ion.

Give your answer to three significant figures.

The Avogadro constant, $L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Mass _____ kg (1)

- (f) A $^{58}\text{Ni}^+$ ion travels down the flight tube of a TOF mass spectrometer with constant kinetic energy.

The flight tube is 1.80 m long and the $^{58}\text{Ni}^+$ ion takes $5.82 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$ to reach the detector.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

where KE = kinetic energy (J)

m = mass (kg)

v = velocity (m s^{-1})

d = length of the flight tube (m)

t = time (s)



Use your answer to part (e) to calculate the kinetic energy, in J, of the $^{58}\text{Ni}^+$ ion as it travels down the flight tube.

(If you were unable to answer part (e), you should use the value 7.37×10^{-25} kg. This is **not** the correct answer.)

Give your answer to three significant figures.

Kinetic energy _____ J (3)
(Total 10 marks)

Q9.

- (a) Complete the electron configuration for the aluminium ion, Al^{3+}

$1s^2$ _____ (1)

- (b) Write an equation, including state symbols, to represent the process for which the energy change is the second ionisation energy of aluminium.

(1)

- (c) Explain why the second ionisation energy of aluminium is greater than the first ionisation energy of aluminium.

(1)

- (d) An element, **Z**, in Period 2 of the Periodic Table has the successive ionisation energies shown in the table.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Ionisation energy / kJ mol ⁻¹	1090	2350	4610	6220	37 800

Choose the correct identity of the Period 2 element **Z**.
Tick (✓) the correct box.



Boron

Carbon

Nitrogen

Silicon

(1)

(Total 4 marks)

Q10.

- (a) The abundance of each isotope in a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrum of a sample of germanium is shown in the table.

<i>m/z</i>	70	72	74
Abundance (%)	24.4	32.4	43.2

Give the formula of the ion that will reach the detector first.

(1)

- (b) Use the data in Table above to calculate the relative atomic mass of this sample of germanium.

Give your answer to one decimal place.

Relative atomic mass = _____

(2)

- (c) Explain how the abundance of each isotope is determined in a TOF mass spectrometer.

(2)

- (d) Calculate the mass, in kg, of one atom of ^{72}Ge
The Avogadro constant = $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.



Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Mass = _____ kg

(2)

- (e) In a TOF mass spectrometer, the ions are accelerated to the same kinetic energy (KE).

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \text{ where } m = \text{mass (kg) and } v = \text{velocity (m s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \text{ where } d = \text{distance (m) and } t = \text{time (s)}$$

A $^{72}\text{Ge}^+$ ion is accelerated to a kinetic energy of 3.98×10^{-16} J as it travels down the flight tube that is 3.00 m long.

Calculate the time taken for the $^{72}\text{Ge}^+$ ion to reach the detector.
Use your answer to part (d) in your calculation.

Time = _____ s

(3)

(Total 10 marks)