

Atomic Structure  
Answers

Qu	Part	Sub Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8	a		<p>Mass number = number of protons + neutrons (in the nucleus/atom)</p> <p>7 protons <u>and</u> 7 electrons</p> <p>8 neutrons</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	Not in a substance or compound or element
8	b		<p><u>Average/mean mass of (1) atom(s) (of an element)</u> 1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><u>(Average) mass of one mole of atoms</u> 1/12 mass of one mole of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><u>(Weighted) average mass of all the isotopes</u> 1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Average mass of an atom/isotope compared to C-12 on a scale in which an atom of C-12 has a mass of 12</p> <p><math display="block">\frac{(95.12 \times 14) + (4.88 \times 15)}{100}</math> <math display="block">= 14.05</math></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Accept answer in words</p> <p>Can have top line x 12 instead of bottom line <math>\div 12</math></p> <p>Allow 95.12 + 4.88 instead of 100</p> <p>If not to 2 d.p. then lose last mark Not 14.04</p>

8	c		$^{15}\text{N}$ is heavier / $^{15}\text{N}$ has a bigger m/z / different m/z values  Electromagnet/ electric field/ magnet /accelerating potential or voltage / electric current	1  1	Not different no's of neutrons Not ionisation potential
8	d		No difference  Same no of electrons (in outer orbital/shell/sub shell)/ same electron configuration	1  1	M2 dependent on M1 Not just electrons determine chemical properties Ignore protons

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1	(a)		$2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$	1	$1s^2$ can be rewritten Allow $2s^2 2p_x^2 2p_y^2 2p_z^2 3s^1$ Allow subscripts and capitals
1	(b)	(i)	Energy/enthalpy (needed) to remove one mole of electrons from one mole of atoms/compounds/molecules/elements  <b>OR</b>  Energy to form one mole of positive ions from one mole of atoms  <b>OR</b>  Energy/enthalpy to remove one electron from one atom  In the gaseous state (to form 1 mol of gaseous ions)	1          1	Energy given out loses M1  M2 is dependent on a reasonable attempt at M1  Energy needed for this change $X(g) \rightarrow X^+(g) + e^{-}$ = 2 marks This equation alone scores one mark
1	(b)	(ii)	$Mg^+(g) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g) + e^{-}$ $Mg^+(g) + e^{-} \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g) + 2e^{-}$ $Mg^+(g) - e^{-} \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g)$	1	Do not penalise MG Not equation with X
1	(b)	(iii)	Electron being removed from a positive ion (therefore need more energy)/ electron being removed is closer to the nucleus/ $Mg^+$ smaller (than Mg)/ $Mg^+$ more positive than Mg	1	Allow from a + particle/ species Not electron from a higher energy level/or higher sub-level More protons = 0
1	(b)	(iv)	Range from 5000 to 9000 $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	1	
1	(c)		Increase  Bigger nuclear <u>charge</u> (from Na to Cl)/more <u>protons</u>  electron (taken) from same (sub)shell/ similar or same shielding/ electron closer to the nucleus/smaller atomic radius	1  1  1	If decrease CE = 0/3 If blank mark on QWC  If no shielding = 0 Smaller ionic radius = 0

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5	(a)		<p><u>Average/mean mass of (1) atom(s) (of an element)</u> 1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><u>(Average) mass of one mole of atoms</u> 1/12 mass of one mole of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><u>(Weighted) average mass of all the isotopes</u> 1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Average mass of an atom/isotope compared to C-12 on a scale in which an atom of C-12 has a mass of 12</p>	1 1	<p>If moles and atoms mixes Max = 1</p> <p>This expression = 2 marks</p>
5	(b)		<p>d block</p> <p><math>[\text{Ar}] 3\text{d}^2 4\text{s}^2</math></p> <p>27</p>	1 1 1	<p>Allow 3d/D</p> <p>Other numbers lose M1</p> <p>Ignore transition metals</p> <p>Can be written in full</p> <p>Allow subscripts</p> <p><math>3\text{d}^2</math> and <math>4\text{s}^2</math> can be in either order</p>

5	(c)	$\frac{(90 \times 9) + (91 \times 2) + (92 \times 3) + (94 \times 3)}{17}$ (= 1550) (or $\Sigma$ their abundances)	1 1	If one graph reading error lose M1 and allow consequential M2 and M3. If 2 GR errors penalise M1 and M2 but allow consequential M3 If not 17 or $\Sigma$ their abundances lose M2 and M3 91.2 = 3 marks provided working shown. M4 -allow nearest consequential element from M3 accept Zr in any circumstance
		=91.2	1	
		Zr/ Zirconium	1	
5	(d)	High energy electrons/bombarded or hit with electrons knocks out electron(s) (to form ions) $Z^+ = 90$ deflected most since lowest mass/lowest m/z	1 1 1 1	accept electron gun If not 90 lose M3 and M4 If charge is wrong on 90 isotope lose M3 only Accept any symbol in place of Z Allow lightest
5	(e)	(ions hit detector and) cause current/(ions) accept electrons/cause electron flow bigger current = more of that isotope/current proportional to abundance	1 1	QWC Implication that current depends on the number of ions

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1(a)(i)	Different number / amount of neutrons	1	Not different neutrons Ignore same protons and/or electrons CE incorrect statement relating to protons / electrons
1(a)(ii)	Same electron configuration / same number of electrons (in the outer shell)	1	Ignore same no of protons Ignore electrons determine chemical properties CE if wrong statement relating to protons / neutrons
1(b)	<p><u>Average mass of 1 atom (of an element)</u>                      1/12 mass atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Average/mean mass of atoms of an element</u>                      1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>(Average) mass of one mole of atoms</u>                      1/12 mass of one mole of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>(Weighted) average mass of all the isotopes</u>                      1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Average mass of an atom/isotope compared to C-12 on a scale in which an atom of C-12 has a mass of 12</p>	1 1	If moles and atoms mixes Max = 1 Mark top and bottom line independently 1/12 on bottom line can be represented as x 12 on top line  This expression = 2 marks

1 (c) (i)	$\frac{(64 \times 12) + (66 \times 8) + (67 \times 1) + (68 \times 6)}{27} (= 1771)$ $= \underline{65.6}$	1 1 1	If not 27 max 1 mark (for top line) Mark is for dividing by 27 or string If <b>evidence</b> of arithmetic or transcription error seen in M1 or M2 allow consequential M3 and consequential 1(c)(ii) 65.6 = 3 marks
1(c)(ii)	$^{64}\text{Zn}^+$	1 1	M1 for identifying Zn / zinc M2 is for the + sign and the 64 M2 is dependent on M1
1(d)	Size of the charge (on the ion) / different charges / different $m/z$	1	Allow forms 2+ ions QWC
1(e)	(ions hit detector and) cause current/(ions) accept electrons/cause electron flow/electric pulse caused bigger current = more of that isotope/current proportional to abundance	1 1	Implication that current depends on the number of ions M2 dependent on M1



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2(a)	<u>4d<sup>10</sup> 5s<sup>2</sup> 5p<sup>1</sup></u> in any order	1	Allow subscripts for numbers Allow capitals
2(b)(i)	Using an electron gun / (beam of) high energy/fast moving electrons	1	Ignore 'knocks out an electron'
2(b)(ii)	$\text{In(g)} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}^+(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$ <b>OR</b> $\text{In(g)} \rightarrow \text{In}^+(\text{g}) + \text{e}^-$ $\text{In(g)} - \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{In}^+(\text{g})$	1	The state symbols need not be present for the electron- but if they are they must be (g) No need to show charge on electron If I CE = 0 Ignore any equations using M
2(b)(iii)	So no more than 1 electron is knocked out/ so only one electron is knocked out/ prevent further ionisation	1	Allow stop 2+ and 3+/other ions being formed Not to get wrong m/z
2(b)(iv)	Any two processes from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerate (owtte)</li> <li>• Deflect (owtte)</li> <li>• Detect (owtte)</li> </ul>	2 max	Ignore wrong causes of process

2(c)(i)	<p><u>Average/mean mass of (1) atom(s) (of an element)</u>                  1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math>  <b>OR</b>  <u>(Average) mass of one mole of atoms</u>                  1/12 mass of one mole of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math>  <b>OR</b>  <u>(Weighted) average mass of all the isotopes</u>                  1/12 mass of one atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math>  <b>OR</b>                  Average mass of an atom/isotope compared to C-12 on a scale in which an atom of C-12 has a mass of 12</p>	1  1	<p>Not average mass of 1 molecule</p> <p>Allow the wording Average mass of 1 atom of an element compared to 1/12 mass atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math> (or mass 1/12 atom of <math>^{12}\text{C}</math>)</p> <p>Allow if moles of atoms on both lines</p> <p>Accept answer in words</p> <p>Can have top line x 12 instead of bottom line <math>\div 12</math></p> <p>If atoms/moles mixed, max = 1</p>
2(c)(ii)	<p><math>\frac{113x + 115y}{x + y} = 114.5</math>                  ratio (113:115) = 1:3 <b>OR</b> 25:75 <b>OR</b> 0.5:1.5 etc</p>	1  1	<p>Allow idea that there are 4 x 0.5 divisions between 113 and 115</p> <p>Correct answer scores M1 and M2</p> <p>If 1:3 for ln(115): ln(113), max = 1</p>
2(d)	<p>None</p> <p>Same no of electrons ( in the outer shell)/same electron configuration</p>	1  1	<p>Ignore electrons determine chemical properties/ ignore protons</p> <p>M2 dependent on M1 being correct</p>

2(e)	29.0% /29% O $\frac{69.2}{114.8/114.5} \quad \frac{1.8}{1} \quad \frac{29.0}{16}$ or 0.603      1.8      1.81 1          3          3 EF = In H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1 1          1	If no O calculated, allow M2 if In and H divided by the correct A <sub>r</sub>          Allow In(OH) <sub>3</sub> Do not allow last mark just for ratio 1:3:3 If InO <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> given with no working then allow 3 marks If I not In, lose M3
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1(a)	37	1	These answers only. Allow answers in words.
	48	1	Ignore any sum(s) shown to work out the answers.
1(b)(i)	Electron gun / high speed/high energy electrons	1	Not just electrons. Not highly charged electrons.
	Knock out electron(s)	1	Remove an electron.
1(b)(ii)	$\text{Rb(g)} \rightarrow \text{Rb}^{\text{+}}(\text{g}) + \text{e}^{\text{-}}$ <b>OR</b> $\text{Rb(g)} + \text{e}^{\text{-}} \rightarrow \text{Rb}^{\text{+}}(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^{\text{-}}$ <b>OR</b> $\text{Rb(g)} - \text{e}^{\text{-}} \rightarrow \text{Rb}^{\text{+}}(\text{g})$	1	Ignore state symbols for electron.
1(c)	Rb is a <u>bigger</u> (atom) / e <u>further</u> from nucleus / electron lost from a <u>higher</u> energy level/ <u>More</u> shielding in Rb / <u>less</u> attraction of nucleus in Rb for outer electron / <u>more</u> shells	1	Answer should refer to Rb not Rb molecule. If converse stated it must be obvious it refers to Na Answer should be comparative.
1(d)(i)	s / block s / group s	1	Only
1(d)(ii)	$1\text{s}^2 2\text{s}^2 2\text{p}^6 3\text{s}^2 3\text{p}^6 4\text{s}^2 3\text{d}^{10} 4\text{p}^6 5\text{s}^1$	1	Allow $3\text{d}^{10}$ before $4\text{s}^2$ Allow in any order.

1(e)	$\frac{(85 \times 2.5) + 87 \times 1}{3.5}$ $= \underline{85.6}$ <p><b>OR</b></p> $\frac{(85 \times 5) + 87 \times 2}{7}$ $= \underline{85.6}$	1 1 1  1 1 1	M1 is for top line  Only  <b>OR</b> M1 $^{85}\text{Rb}$ 71.4% and $^{87}\text{Rb}$ 28.6% M2 divide by 100 M3 = <u>85.6</u>
1(f)	Detector  Current / digital pulses / electrical signal related to abundance	1  1	Mark independently. Allow detection (plate).  Not electrical <u>charge</u> .
1(g)	Smaller  Bigger nuclear charge / more protons in Sr  Similar/same shielding	1  1  1	Chemical error if not smaller, CE = 0/3 If blank mark on. Not bigger nucleus.  QWC (Outer) <u>electron</u> entering same shell/sub shell/orbital/same number of shells. Do not allow incorrect orbital.

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7(a)	$\frac{(82 \times 2) + (83 \times 2) + (84 \times 10) + (86 \times 3)}{17} \quad \frac{(1428)}{(17)}$ $= \underline{84.0}$ <p>The <math>A_r</math> in the Periodic table takes account of the <u>other isotopes / different amounts of isotopes</u> (or words to that effect regarding isotopes)</p>	1 1 1  1	M1 for the top line M2 is for division by 17 Not 84 No consequential marking from M1 or M2 Ignore units Award independently Comparison implied Isotope(s) alone, M4 = 0
7(b)	(Beam of electrons from) an electron gun / high speed / high energy electrons Knocks out electron(s) (to form a positive ion) $\text{Kr(g)} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$ <b>OR</b> $\text{Kr(g)} \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g}) + \text{e}^- / \text{Kr(g)} - \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Kr}^+(\text{g})$ The $^{84}\text{Kr}$ isotope Has 2 electrons knocked out / gets a 2+ charge	1  1 1  1 1	  State symbols must clearly be (g)  One mark for identifying the 84 isotope One mark for the idea of losing 2 electrons (from this isotope)

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1(b)	$\frac{(70 \times 3) + (72 \times 4) + 73 + (74 \times 5)}{13} = \frac{941}{13}$ <p>= <u>72.4</u></p>	1 1 1	72.4 only.
1(c)	$^{(72)}\text{Ge}^+$ or <u>germanium</u> <sup>+</sup>	1	<p>Must show '+' sign. Penalise wrong mass number.</p>

1(d)	<p><u>70</u></p> <p>Lowest mass / lowest m/z</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>If M1 incorrect or blank CE = 0/2 Ignore symbols and charge even if wrong.</p> <p>Accept lightest. Accept fewest neutrons.</p>
1(e)	<p><u>Electron(s)</u> transferred / flow (at the detector)</p> <p>(From detector / plate) to the (+) ion</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>M1 must refer to electron flow at the detector. If M1 incorrect CE = 0/2</p> <p>Do not allow from a charged plate.</p>
1(f)	<p>They do not have the same electron configuration / they have different number of electrons (in the outer shell)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Ignore electrons determine the properties of an atom. Ignore they are different elements or different number of protons.</p>



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1(a)(i)	$1.6734 \times 10^{-24}$ (g) $1.6734 \times 10^{-27}$ <u>kg</u>	1	Only. Not $1.67 \times 10^{-24}$ (g)
1(a)(ii)	<b>B</b>	1	
1(b)(i)	$\frac{10x + 11y}{x + y} = 10.8$ <b>OR</b> ratio 10:11 = 1:4 <b>OR</b> 20:80 etc  abundance of $^{10}\text{B}$ is <u>20</u> (%) <b>OR</b> $\frac{10x}{100} + \frac{11(100-x)}{100} = 10.8$ $10x + 1100 - 11x = 1080$ $\therefore x = 1100 - 1080 = 20\%$	1  1	Allow idea that there are $5 \times 0.2$ divisions between 10 and 11  Correct answer scores M1 and M2
1(b)(ii)	Same number of electrons (in outer shell or orbital) Same electronic configuration / arrangement	1	Ignore electrons determine chemical properties. Ignore protons unless wrong.

1(c)	Range between 3500 and 10 000 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	1	
1(d)	$\text{B}^+(\text{g}) \longrightarrow \text{B}^{2+}(\text{g}) + \text{e}^{(-)}$ $\text{B}^+(\text{g}) - \text{e}^{(-)} \longrightarrow \text{B}^{2+}(\text{g})$ $\text{B}^+(\text{g}) + \text{e}^{(-)} \longrightarrow \text{B}^{2+}(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^{(-)}$	1	Ignore state symbol on electron even if wrong.
1(e)	Electron being removed from a positive ion (therefore need more energy) / electron being removed is closer to the nucleus	1	<p>Must imply removal of an electron.</p> <p>Allow electron removed from a + particle/ species or from a 2+ ion.</p> <p>Not electron removed from a higher/lower energy level / shell.</p> <p>Not electron removed from a higher energy sub-level / orbital.</p> <p>Ignore electron removed from a lower energy sub-level / orbital.</p> <p>Ignore 'more protons than electrons'.</p> <p>Not 'greater nuclear charge'.</p> <p>Ignore 'greater effective nuclear charge'.</p> <p>Ignore shielding.</p>

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2(a)	$5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^4$ / $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^4$	1	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^4$ or $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^4$ Allow any order but must finish with $5p^4$
2(b)(i)	$\frac{(124 \times 2) + (126 \times 4) + (128 \times 7) + (130 \times 6)}{19}$ or $\frac{2428}{19}$ $127.8$  Or  $\frac{(124 \times 10.5) + (126 \times 21.1) + (128 \times 36.8) + (130 \times 31.6)}{100}$ $127.8$	1 1 1  Or  1 1 1	M1 for top line M2 for correct denominator 127.8 with no working shown scores 3 marks  Mark for 100 dependent on top line correct
2(b)(ii)	Other <u>isotopes</u> present/some <u>isotopes</u> absent /different abundances of <u>isotopes</u>	1	
2(c)	$Te^+ + e^{(-)} \rightarrow Te$	1	Ignore state symbols Allow $Te^{2+} + 2e^{(-)} \rightarrow Te$

2(d)	128	1	Only
	Most abundant ion (QoL – superlative)	1	M2 dependent on correct M1
2(e)	2+ ion formed / 2 electrons removed	1	Due to $^{128}\text{Te}^{2+} = 2$ marks
	From $^{128}$ (Te)	1	Mark independently

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2(f)	Same  (Each isotope has the) same number of protons/same nuclear charge <u>and</u> same number of electrons / electronic configuration	1	If not same CE = 0/2
		1	Ignore more neutrons in $^{130}\text{Te}$