



ATOMIC STRUCTURE TEST (beta)



42 MARKS

45 MINUTES

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Q1.

Magnesium exists as three isotopes: ^{24}Mg , ^{25}Mg and ^{26}Mg

- (a) In terms of sub-atomic particles, state the difference between the three isotopes of magnesium.

(1)

- (b) State how, if at all, the chemical properties of these isotopes differ.

Give a reason for your answer.

Chemical properties _____

Reason _____

(2)

- (c) ^{25}Mg atoms make up 10.0% by mass in a sample of magnesium.

Magnesium has $A_r = 24.3$

Use this information to deduce the percentages of the other two magnesium isotopes present in the sample.

^{24}Mg percentage = _____ % ^{26}Mg percentage = _____ %

(4)

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

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

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

In a TOF mass spectrometer, each $^{25}\text{Mg}^+$ ion is accelerated to a kinetic energy of $4.52 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$ and the time of flight is $1.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$.

Calculate the distance travelled, in metres, in the TOF drift region.

(The Avogadro constant $L = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)

Distance = _____ m

(4)

(Total 11 marks)

**Q2.**

- (a) A sample of sulfur consisting of three isotopes has a relative atomic mass of 32.16. The following table gives the relative abundance of two of these isotopes.

Mass number of isotope	32	33
Relative abundance / %	91.0	1.8

Use this information to determine the relative abundance and hence the mass number of the third isotope.

Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

Mass number = _____

(4)

- (b) Describe how ions are formed in a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer.

(2)

- (c) A TOF mass spectrometer can be used to determine the relative molecular mass of molecular substances.

Explain why it is necessary to ionise molecules when measuring their mass in a TOF mass spectrometer.

(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q3.

The table below shows some successive ionisation energy data for atoms of three different elements **X**, **Y** and **Z**.

Elements **X**, **Y** and **Z** are Ca, Sc and V but not in that order.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
X	648	1370	2870	4600	6280	12 400
Y	590	1150	4940	6480	8120	10 496
Z	632	1240	2390	7110	8870	10 720

(a) Which element is calcium?

X ☐

Y ☐

Z ☐

(1)

(b) Which element is vanadium?

X ☐

Y ☐

Z ☐

(1)

(c) Justify your choice of vanadium in part (b)

(1)

(Total 3 marks)

**Q4.**

This question is about electron configuration.

- (a) Give the full electron configuration of an Al atom and of a Cr_{3+} ion.

Al atom _____

Cr_{3+} ion _____

(2)

- (b) Deduce the formula of the ion that has a charge of $2+$ with the same electron configuration as krypton.

(1)

- (c) Deduce the formula of the compound that contains $2+$ ions and $3-$ ions that both have the same electron configuration as argon.

(1)

(Total 4 marks)



Q6.

- (a) Explain how ions are accelerated, detected and have their abundance determined in a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer.

(3)

- (b) Calculate the mass, in kg, of a single $^{52}\text{Cr}^+$ ion.
Assume that the mass of a $^{52}\text{Cr}^+$ ion is the same as that of a ^{52}Cr atom.

(The Avogadro constant $L = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)

(1)

- (c) In a TOF mass spectrometer the kinetic energy (KE) of a $^{52}\text{Cr}^+$ ion was $1.269 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$

Calculate the velocity of the ion using the equation.

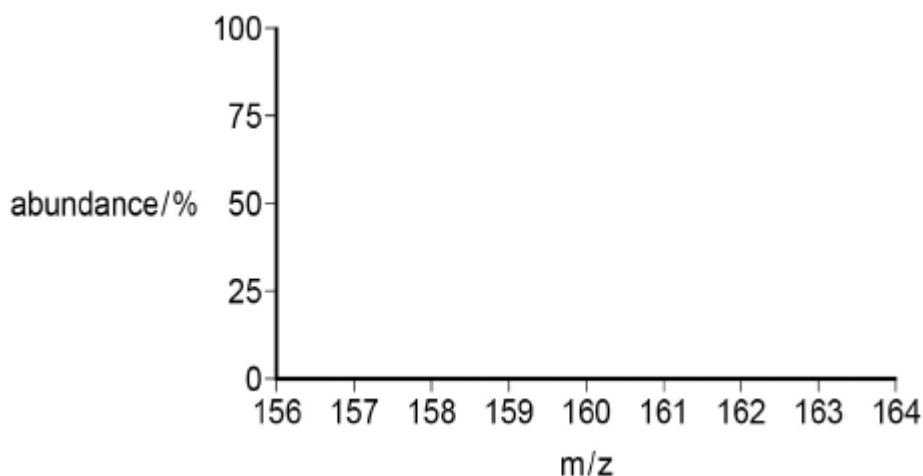
$$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

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

(2)

- (d) Bromine has two isotopes, ^{79}Br and ^{81}Br , in approximately equal abundance. In a TOF mass spectrometer bromine forms ions with formula $[\text{Br}_2]^+$

Sketch the pattern of peaks you would expect to see in the mass spectrum of a sample of bromine.



(2)

- (e) A sample of xenon has $A_r = 131.31$. The sample consists of four isotopes. The abundances of three of the isotopes are shown in the table below. The data for one of the isotopes, ^mXe , is missing.

Isotope	^{129}Xe	^{131}Xe	^{132}Xe	^mXe
% abundance	28.0	25.0	27.0	To be calculated

Use the data to calculate the abundance of isotope ^mXe and calculate m , the mass number of ^mXe . Show your working.

(4)

(Total 12 marks)