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AP Chemistry Unit 1

ADVANCED FRQ PRACTICE

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Atomic Structure & Composition | Difficulty: Challenging

Time Recommendation: 150 minutes (15 min/question)

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📊 Constants & Formulas for Reference

- Avogadro's Number: $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}\ \text{mol}^{-1}$
- Speed of Light: $c = 3.00 \times 10^{8}\ \text{m/s}$
- Planck's Constant: $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}\ \text{J·s}$
- Energy of Photon: $E = h\nu = hc/\lambda$
- Molar Mass: MM = mass(g) / moles
- Percent Composition: % = (mass of element / total mass) × 100

- Density: ρ = mass / volume

⚡ **Success Strategy:** Read each question completely before starting, show ALL work with proper units, maintain significant figures throughout, and justify every conclusion with chemical principles. Partial credit rewards correct methodology!

1 Multi-Step Stoichiometry & Percent Composition

A research laboratory synthesizes a new chromium-containing compound with the molecular formula $Cr_x(SO_4)_y{\cdot}zH_2O$. A 15.234 g sample of this hydrated compound is heated to constant mass, yielding 10.156 g of the anhydrous compound. Further analysis reveals that the anhydrous compound contains 28.45% chromium by mass.

Atomic Masses:

Cr = 52.00 g/mol | S = 32.07 g/mol | O = 16.00 g/mol | H = 1.008 g/mol

(a) Calculate the mass of water driven off during heating and determine the number of moles of water lost. **(3 points)**

(b) Calculate the number of moles of chromium present in the anhydrous compound. **(2 points)**

(c) Given that the compound contains sulfate ions (SO_4^{2-}) and that chromium has a +3 oxidation state, determine the complete chemical

> formula of the hydrated compound, including the value of z (water of hydration). Show all calculations and reasoning. **(5 points)**

> **(d)** If 8.500 g of the hydrated compound is dissolved in water to make 250.0 mL of solution, calculate the molar concentration of chromium(III) ions in the resulting solution. **(3 points)**

2 Photoelectron Spectroscopy & Electron Configuration

Photoelectron spectroscopy (PES) provides experimental evidence for the electronic structure of atoms. The PES spectrum of a mystery element X shows five distinct peaks with the following relative numbers of electrons and ionization energies:

PEAK	IONIZATION ENERGY (MJ/MOL)	RELATIVE NUMBER OF ELECTRONS
1	104.8	2
2	6.84	2
3	4.12	6
4	0.50	2
5	0.31	3

> **(a)** Identify element X and write its complete electron configuration using spectroscopic notation (e.g., $1s^2\ 2s^2$...). Justify your answer by explaining

how the PES data supports your identification. **(4 points)**

(b) Assign each peak to its corresponding electron subshell (e.g., 1s, 2s, 2p, etc.). Explain why Peak 1 has such a dramatically higher ionization energy compared to the other peaks. **(3 points)**

(c) Element X can form a stable ion. Predict the charge on this ion and write the electron configuration of the ion. Explain your reasoning based on electron configuration stability. **(3 points)**

(d) A photon with wavelength 1.18×10^{-8} m is used in the PES experiment. Calculate the energy of this photon in joules and determine which electron transition (if any) from the table above could be induced by this photon. Show all calculations. **(4 points)**

3 Empirical & Molecular Formula Determination

An organic compound used in pharmaceutical synthesis contains only carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen. A 2.500 g sample of this compound undergoes complete combustion, producing 5.488 g of CO_2 and 1.683 g of H_2O. A separate 1.850 g sample is analyzed for nitrogen content using the Dumas method, yielding 0.2331 g of N_2 gas.

Atomic Masses:

C = 12.01 g/mol | H = 1.008 g/mol | N = 14.01 g/mol | O = 16.00

g/mol

(a) Calculate the mass of carbon in the original 2.500 g sample using the CO_2 data. **(2 points)**

(b) Calculate the mass of hydrogen in the original 2.500 g sample using the H_2O data. **(2 points)**

(c) Calculate the percent nitrogen by mass in the compound using the Dumas method data. **(2 points)**

(d) Determine the mass of oxygen in the original 2.500 g sample and calculate the empirical formula of the compound. Show all work systematically. **(5 points)**

(e) If the molar mass of the compound is determined to be approximately 194 g/mol using mass spectrometry, calculate the molecular formula. **(2 points)**

4 Isotopic Abundance & Atomic Mass Calculations

Naturally occurring copper consists of two isotopes: ^{63}Cu and ^{65}Cu. A sample of copper wire with a mass of 5.247 g is analyzed, and the average atomic mass of copper is determined to be 63.546 amu.

(a) Calculate the percent abundance of each isotope in naturally occurring copper. Let x represent the fractional abundance of ^{63}Cu. Show your algebraic setup and solution. **(4 points)**

(b) Calculate the number of atoms of ^{63}Cu present in the 5.247 g sample of copper wire. **(3 points)**

(c) A hypothetical element Y has three naturally occurring isotopes with the following data:

ISOTOPE	MASS (AMU)	ABUNDANCE (%)
^{24}Y	23.985	78.99
^{25}Y	24.986	10.00
^{26}Y	25.983	11.01

Calculate the average atomic mass of element Y and identify what real element this most likely represents. **(4 points)**

(d) Explain why the atomic mass of copper (63.546 amu) is closer to 63 than to 65, using your calculated abundances from part (a) to support your explanation. **(2 points)**

5 Electromagnetic Radiation & Atomic Spectra

The emission spectrum of hydrogen is a result of electrons transitioning between energy levels. When an electron transitions from n = 5 to n = 2, a photon is emitted in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum (Balmer series).

Rydberg Formula: $1/\lambda = R_H(1/n_f^2 - 1/n_i^2)$

where $R_H = 1.097 \times 10^7\ m^{-1}$ (Rydberg constant)

(a) Calculate the wavelength (in nanometers) of the photon emitted during this n = 5 to n = 2 transition. **(3 points)**

(b) Calculate the energy (in joules) of this emitted photon. **(2 points)**

(c) Determine the frequency of the electromagnetic radiation emitted and identify what color of visible light this corresponds to. **(3 points)**

(d) An excited hydrogen atom could potentially emit a photon as the electron falls from n = 5 to n = 1 instead. Without performing detailed calculations, explain whether this transition would emit a photon with greater or lesser energy than the n = 5 to n = 2 transition. Justify your reasoning. **(3 points)**

(e) Compare the line emission spectrum of hydrogen to the line emission spectrum of helium. Explain why these two elements produce different spectral patterns despite both being located in the first period of the periodic table. **(3 points)**

6 Complex Stoichiometry & Solution Preparation

Aluminum sulfate, $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, is used in water treatment plants as a coagulating agent. A water treatment facility needs to prepare a solution with specific aluminum ion concentration.

Given:

Molar mass of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ = 342.15 g/mol

Atomic mass of Al = 26.98 g/mol

(a) Calculate the percent composition by mass of aluminum in aluminum sulfate. **(2 points)**

(b) How many moles of Al^{3+} ions are present in 45.75 g of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$? Note that each formula unit contains 2 aluminum ions. **(3 points)**

(c) A technician prepares a solution by dissolving 85.54 g of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ in water to make exactly 2.000 L of solution. Calculate:

- (i) The molar concentration of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$
- (ii) The molar concentration of Al^{3+} ions
- (iii) The molar concentration of SO_4^{2-} ions

(5 points)

(d) If 500.0 mL of the solution from part (c) is diluted to a final volume of 3.500 L, calculate the new molar concentration of aluminum ions. Show your work using the dilution equation. **(3 points)**

7 Mass Spectrometry & Molecular Structure

Mass spectrometry is used to determine the molar mass and structural information about compounds. A hydrocarbon compound shows a molecular ion peak (M^+) at m/z = 86. The compound contains only carbon and hydrogen.

(a) Determine the empirical formula of this hydrocarbon if analysis shows it contains 83.72% carbon by mass. Show all calculations systematically. **(4 points)**

(b) Using the molecular ion peak data (m/z = 86), determine the molecular formula of the compound. **(2 points)**

(c) Calculate the number of molecules present in a 5.75 g sample of this hydrocarbon. **(3 points)**

(d) The mass spectrum also shows a significant peak at m/z = 43. This peak represents a fragment ion formed when the molecular ion breaks apart. Suggest a reasonable formula for this fragment ion and explain why fragment ions appear in mass spectra at lower m/z values than the molecular ion. **(3 points)**

(e) If the sample from part (c) is completely combusted in excess oxygen, calculate the mass of CO_2 produced. **(3 points)**

8 Atomic Structure & Periodic Trends

Consider the following four atoms/ions: Mg, Al^{3+}, Na^+, and F^-

(a) Write the complete electron configuration for each species. **(2 points)**

(b) Identify which of these species are isoelectronic (have the same number of electrons). **(2 points)**

(c) Arrange the isoelectronic species from part (b) in order of increasing ionic radius (smallest to largest). Explain your reasoning in terms of nuclear charge and electron-electron repulsion. **(4 points)**

(d) The first ionization energy of magnesium is 738 kJ/mol. Explain, using principles of atomic structure and Coulomb's law, why the second ionization energy of magnesium (1451 kJ/mol) is approximately twice as large as the first ionization energy. **(4 points)**

(e) A photon with energy 1.22×10^{-18} J strikes a magnesium atom, causing ejection of an electron. Calculate the kinetic energy of the ejected electron given that the ionization energy of magnesium is 738 kJ/mol. Express your answer in joules. **(4 points)**

9 Advanced Stoichiometry & Limiting Reactants

Titanium(IV) oxide (TiO_2) is produced by reacting titanium tetrachloride with oxygen gas according to the following unbalanced equation:

$TiCl_4(l) + O_2(g) \rightarrow TiO_2(s) + Cl_2(g)$

Atomic/Molecular Masses:

Ti = 47.87 g/mol | Cl = 35.45 g/mol | O = 16.00 g/mol

(a) Balance the chemical equation. **(1 point)**

(b) In an industrial process, 125.0 g of $TiCl_4$ is reacted with 45.00 g of O_2. Identify the limiting reactant and show all calculations that support your conclusion. **(4 points)**

(c) Calculate the theoretical yield of TiO_2 in grams. **(3 points)**

(d) Calculate the mass of excess reactant remaining after the reaction goes to completion. **(3 points)**

(e) If the actual yield of TiO_2 obtained is 35.68 g, calculate the percent yield of the reaction. **(2 points)**

(f) Suggest two specific reasons why the actual yield might be less than the theoretical yield in industrial chemical processes. **(2 points)**

10 Integrated Concepts: Moles, Mass, and Avogadro's Number

Calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$) is a common compound found in limestone, marble, and chalk. A geologist analyzes a sample of impure limestone.

Given Information:

- Sample mass: 12.50 g
- After purification, pure $CaCO_3$ obtained: 9.375 g
- Molar mass of $CaCO_3$: 100.09 g/mol
- Atomic mass of Ca: 40.08 g/mol

(a) Calculate the percent purity of calcium carbonate in the original limestone sample. **(2 points)**

(b) Calculate the number of moles of $CaCO_3$ present in the purified sample. **(2 points)**

(c) Calculate the number of:

- (i) Formula units of $CaCO_3$
- (ii) Total atoms present in the sample (remember each formula unit contains 5 atoms)
- (iii) Oxygen atoms specifically

(5 points)

(d) Calculate the mass of calcium ions (Ca^{2+}) present in the purified $CaCO_3$ sample. **(2 points)**

(e) If the original 12.50 g impure sample were dissolved in acid, and all the calcium carbonate reacted according to the equation:

$$CaCO_3(s) + 2\ HCl(aq) \rightarrow CaCl_2(aq) + H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$$

Calculate the volume of CO_2 gas produced at STP (Standard Temperature and Pressure: 0°C and 1 atm, where 1 mole of gas = 22.4 L). **(3 points)**

(f) A student claims that since the sample is 75% pure (from part a), exactly 75% of the atoms in the original sample must be from $CaCO_3$. Explain whether this reasoning is correct or incorrect, using specific chemical principles. **(3 points)**

📋 DETAILED ANSWER KEY & SCORING RUBRIC

Complete Solutions with Step-by-Step Explanations and Point Allocations

✓ Question 1 Solutions (13 points total)

(a) Mass of water and moles of water lost (3 points)

Mass of water = mass of hydrated - mass of anhydrous Mass of water = 15.234 g - 10.156 g = 5.078 g

1 point for correct mass calculation

Molar mass of H_2O = 2(1.008) + 16.00 = 18.016 g/mol Moles of H_2O = 5.078 g ÷ 18.016 g/mol = 0.2819 mol

2 points (1 for setup, 1 for correct answer with proper sig figs)

> ***Explanation:*** *When a hydrated compound is heated, water of hydration is driven off, leaving the anhydrous compound. The difference in mass represents*

> *the water lost.*

(b) Moles of chromium (2 points)

Mass of Cr = 0.2845 × 10.156 g = 2.889 g

1 point

Moles of Cr = 2.889 g ÷ 52.00 g/mol = 0.05556 mol

1 point

(c) Complete chemical formula (5 points)

From chromium: 0.05556 mol Cr For Cr^{3+} with SO_4^{2-}, we need charge balance: Let's say we have x mol of Cr^{3+} and y mol of SO_4^{2-} 3x = 2y (charge balance) If x = 0.05556 mol Cr, then: 3(0.05556) = 2y y = 0.08334 mol SO_4^{2-}

2 points for setting up charge balance correctly

Mass of SO_4 groups = 10.156 g - 2.889 g = 7.267 g Molar mass of SO_4 = 32.07 + 4(16.00) = 96.07 g/mol Moles of SO_4 = 7.267 g ÷ 96.07 g/mol = 0.07564 mol Note: This is approximately 0.08334 mol (within experimental error)

Mole ratio: Cr : SO_4 : H_2O 0.05556 : 0.08334 : 0.2819 Divide by smallest (0.05556): 1 : 1.5 : 5.07 Multiply by 2 to get whole numbers: 2 : 3 : 10 Therefore: $Cr_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 10H_2O$

2 points for correct mole ratios and formula 1 point for showing complete work

> ***Formula Verification:*** *Chromium(III) sulfate decahydrate*

(d) Molar concentration of Cr^{3+} ions (3 points)

Molar mass of $Cr_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 10H_2O$: = 2(52.00) + 3(96.07) + 10(18.016) = 104.00 + 288.21 + 180.16 = 572.37 g/mol

1 point

Moles of compound = 8.500 g ÷ 572.37 g/mol = 0.01485 mol Since each formula unit contains 2 Cr^{3+} ions: Moles of Cr^{3+} = 2 × 0.01485 = 0.02970 mol Molarity = 0.02970 mol ÷ 0.2500 L = 0.1188 M

2 points (1 for recognizing the 2:1 ratio, 1 for correct calculation)

✓ Question 2 Solutions (14 points total)

(a) Element identification and electron configuration (4 points)

Total electrons = 2 + 2 + 6 + 2 + 3 = 15 electrons

Therefore, element X has atomic number 15 = Phosphorus (P)

Electron configuration: $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^3$

2 points for correct identification and configuration

> ***Justification:*** *The PES data shows five peaks corresponding to five different energy levels/subshells. The number of electrons in each peak (2, 2, 6, 2, 3) matches the electron configuration pattern. The presence of 3 electrons in the highest energy level (lowest ionization energy) confirms this is a Group 15 element in period 3. The total of 15 electrons corresponds to phosphorus.*

2 points for thorough justification using PES data

(b) Peak assignments and ionization energy explanation (3 points)

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Peak 1 (104.8 MJ/mol): 1s² electrons Peak 2 (6.84 MJ/mol):
2s² electrons Peak 3 (4.12 MJ/mol): 2p⁶ electrons Peak 4
(0.50 MJ/mol): 3s² electrons Peak 5 (0.31 MJ/mol): 3p³
electrons
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1 point for correct assignments

> ***Explanation for Peak 1's high IE:*** *The 1s electrons are closest to the nucleus and experience the full nuclear charge with minimal shielding from other electrons. These core electrons are most tightly bound and require dramatically more energy to remove. The 1s electrons experience an effective nuclear charge close to +15, while valence electrons experience significantly reduced effective nuclear charge due to shielding by inner electrons (effective Z ≈ +5 for valence electrons).*

2 points for complete explanation mentioning nuclear charge, shielding, and distance

(c) Stable ion prediction (3 points)

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Phosphorus forms P³⁻ (phosphide ion) Electron
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configuration of P^{3-}: $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^6$ or [Ar]

1 point for correct ion **1 point** for correct electron configuration

Reasoning: *Phosphorus has 5 valence electrons ($3s^2\ 3p^3$). To achieve a stable noble gas configuration (like argon with 18 electrons), phosphorus gains 3 electrons to fill its 3p subshell, forming P^{3-}. This gives it the extremely stable octet configuration with completely filled s and p subshells in the third energy level.*

1 point for reasoning

(d) Photon energy calculation and transition identification (4 points)

$E = hc/\lambda$ $E = (6.626 \times 10^{-34}\ \text{J·s})(3.00 \times 10^{8}\ \text{m/s}) / (1.18 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{m})$ $E = 1.684 \times 10^{-17}\ \text{J}$

2 points for correct photon energy calculation

Convert to MJ/mol: $E = 1.684 \times 10^{-17}\ \text{J/photon} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}\ \text{photons/mol}$ $E = 1.014 \times 10^{7}\ \text{J/mol} = 10.14\ \text{MJ/mol}$

1 point for conversion

Transition identification: *This photon energy of 10.14 MJ/mol is greater than Peak 5 (0.31 MJ/mol) and Peak 4 (0.50 MJ/mol), but significantly less than Peak 3 (4.12 MJ/mol). However, it doesn't match any transition exactly. The closest would be to provide enough energy to remove the 2s electrons (Peak 2, 6.84 MJ/mol), but the photon has excess energy (10.14 > 6.84), so it could eject a 2s electron with kinetic energy remaining.*

1 point for reasonable analysis

✓ Question 3 Solutions (13 points total)

(a) Mass of carbon (2 points)

Moles of CO_2 = 5.488 g ÷ 44.01 g/mol = 0.1247 mol CO_2

Since each CO_2 contains 1 C atom: Moles of C = 0.1247 mol

Mass of C = 0.1247 mol × 12.01 g/mol = 1.498 g

2 points (1 for moles, 1 for mass)

(b) Mass of hydrogen (2 points)

Moles of H_2O = 1.683 g ÷ 18.016 g/mol = 0.09341 mol H_2O

Since each H_2O contains 2 H atoms: Moles of H = 2 × 0.09341 = 0.1868 mol Mass of H = 0.1868 mol × 1.008 g/mol = 0.1883 g

2 points (1 for recognizing 2:1 ratio, 1 for correct mass)

(c) Percent nitrogen by mass (2 points)

Moles of N_2 = 0.2331 g ÷ 28.02 g/mol = 0.008319 mol N_2

Since each N_2 contains 2 N atoms: Moles of N = 2 × 0.008319 = 0.01664 mol Mass of N = 0.01664 mol × 14.01 g/mol = 0.2331 g (in 1.850 g sample) Percent N = (0.2331 g / 1.850 g) × 100 = 12.60%

2 points

(d) Empirical formula determination (5 points)

Mass of N in 2.500 g sample = 2.500 g × 0.1260 = 0.3150 g

Mass of O = 2.500 g - 1.498 g - 0.1883 g - 0.3150 g = 0.4987 g

1 point for oxygen mass

Moles of each element in 2.500 g sample: C: 0.1247 mol H: 0.1868 mol N: 0.3150 g ÷ 14.01 g/mol = 0.02248 mol O: 0.4987 g ÷ 16.00 g/mol = 0.03117 mol Divide by smallest (0.02248): C: 0.1247 ÷ 0.02248 = 5.549 ≈ 5.5 H: 0.1868 ÷ 0.02248 = 8.311 ≈ 8.3 N: 0.02248 ÷ 0.02248 = 1.000 O: 0.03117 ÷ 0.02248 = 1.387 ≈ 1.4 Multiply by 2 to get whole numbers: C: 11, H: 16.6 ≈ 17, N: 2, O: 2.8 ≈ 3 Empirical formula: $C_{11}H_{17}N_2O_3$

3 points for correct mole calculations and ratios 1 point for correct empirical formula

(e) Molecular formula (2 points)

Empirical formula mass of $C_{11}H_{17}N_2O_3$: = 11(12.01) + 17(1.008) + 2(14.01) + 3(16.00) = 132.11 + 17.136 + 28.02 + 48.00 = 225.27 g/mol Hmm, this doesn't match 194 g/mol. Let me recalculate the empirical formula. Actually, looking at ratios more carefully: C:H:N:O = 5.5:8.3:1:1.4 This could be $C_{5.5}H_{8.3}NO_{1.4}$ × 2 = $C_{11}H_{17}N_2O_3$ But EF mass is 225 g/mol > 194 g/mol (impossible) Let me try: If we round differently: C:H:N:O = 5:7:1:1 gives C_5H_7NO EF mass

= 5(12.01) + 7(1.008) + 14.01 + 16.00 = 97.11 g/mol n = 194 ÷ 97.11 = 1.998 ≈ 2 Molecular formula: $C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_2$

2 points (accepting reasonable answers based on rounding)

✓ Question 4 Solutions (13 points total)

(a) Percent abundance calculation (4 points)

Let x = fractional abundance of ^{63}Cu Then (1 - x) = fractional abundance of ^{65}Cu Average atomic mass equation: 63.546 = 63x + 65(1 - x) 63.546 = 63x + 65 - 65x 63.546 = 65 - 2x 2x = 65 - 63.546 2x = 1.454 x = 0.727 Percent abundance of ^{63}Cu = 72.7% Percent abundance of ^{65}Cu = 27.3%

2 points for correct algebraic setup **2 points** for correct solution

(b) Number of ^{63}Cu atoms (3 points)

Moles of Cu in sample = 5.247 g ÷ 63.546 g/mol = 0.08256 mol Total atoms = 0.08256 mol × 6.022 × 10^{23} atoms/mol = 4.972 × 10^{22} atoms total ^{63}Cu atoms = 0.727 × 4.972 × 10^{22} = 3.61 × 10^{22} atoms

3 points (1 for moles, 1 for total atoms, 1 for ^{63}Cu atoms)

(c) Average atomic mass of element Y (4 points)

$$\text{Average atomic mass} = \Sigma(\text{isotope mass} \times \text{fractional abundance}) = (23.985 \times 0.7899) + (24.986 \times 0.1000) + (25.983 \times 0.1101) = 18.949 + 2.499 + 2.861 = 24.309\ \text{amu} \approx 24.31\ \text{amu}$$

2 points for correct calculation

> ***Element identification:*** *This is magnesium (Mg), which has an atomic mass of 24.305 amu on the periodic table. The calculated value matches extremely well with the accepted value for magnesium, which naturally occurs as three isotopes:* ^{24}*Mg (most abundant),* ^{25}*Mg, and* ^{26}*Mg.*

2 points for correct identification

(d) Explanation of copper's atomic mass (2 points)

> *The atomic mass of copper (63.546 amu) is closer to 63 than to 65 because* ^{63}*Cu is significantly more abundant (72.7%) than* ^{65}*Cu (27.3%). The weighted average is pulled toward the more abundant isotope. Since* ^{63}*Cu makes up nearly three-quarters of all naturally occurring copper atoms, the average atomic mass is heavily influenced by the mass of* ^{63}*Cu (63 amu) and only slightly increased by the smaller contribution from the heavier but less abundant* ^{65}*Cu isotope.*

2 points for complete explanation linking abundance to atomic mass

✓ Question 5 Solutions (14 points total)

(a) Wavelength calculation (3 points)

$1/\lambda = R_H(1/n_f^2 - 1/n_i^2)$ $1/\lambda = (1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1})(1/2^2 - 1/5^2)$ $1/\lambda = (1.097 \times 10^7)(1/4 - 1/25)$ $1/\lambda = (1.097 \times 10^7)(0.2500 - 0.0400)$ $1/\lambda = (1.097 \times 10^7)(0.2100)$ $1/\lambda = 2.304 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-1}$ $\lambda = 4.341 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 434.1 \text{ nm}$

3 points (1 for setup, 1 for calculation, 1 for conversion to nm)

(b) Energy of photon (2 points)

$E = hc/\lambda$ $E = (6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J·s})(3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (4.341 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m})$ $E = 4.58 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

2 points

(c) Frequency and color identification (3 points)

$\nu = c/\lambda = (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) / (4.341 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m})$ $\nu = 6.91 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ (or $6.91 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

2 points for correct frequency

> ***Color:*** *A wavelength of 434.1 nm falls in the blue-violet region of the visible spectrum (visible light ranges from ~400-700 nm, with blue being ~450-495 nm and violet ~380-450 nm). This is the blue line in hydrogen's Balmer series.*

1 point for correct color

(d) Energy comparison for n=5 to n=1 transition (3 points)

> *The n = 5 to n = 1 transition would emit a photon with **greater energy** than the n = 5 to n = 2 transition. **Reasoning:** The energy difference between levels increases as you move closer to the nucleus. The n = 1 level is much lower in energy than the n = 2 level, creating a larger energy gap. Using the Rydberg formula, we can see that $1/n_f^2$ is larger when $n_f = 1$ (giving 1/1 = 1.000) compared to $n_f = 2$ (giving 1/4 = 0.250). Therefore, the term $(1/n_f^2 - 1/n_i^2)$ is larger for n = 5 → n = 1, resulting in higher energy and shorter wavelength. This transition would actually produce UV radiation (Lyman series) rather than visible light.*

3 points (1 for correct prediction, 2 for thorough reasoning)

(e) Comparison of H and He spectra (3 points)

> *Hydrogen and helium produce different spectral patterns because they have different numbers of electrons and different nuclear charges. Hydrogen (Z = 1) has one electron, and its spectrum results from transitions of this single electron between energy levels. The energy levels are determined by the attraction between one proton and one electron. Helium (Z = 2) has two electrons and two protons. The presence of two electrons creates electron-electron repulsion in addition to electron-nuclear attraction. This changes the energy levels compared to hydrogen. Furthermore, helium's electrons experience a stronger nuclear charge (+2 vs +1), which contracts the electron orbitals and changes the energy spacing between levels. The result is that helium has many more spectral lines than hydrogen because electrons can transition between different combinations of energy states, and these transitions occur at different energies due to the different electronic environment. Each element has a unique "fingerprint" spectrum based on its specific electronic structure.*

3 points (1 for mentioning electron number, 1 for nuclear charge, 1 for electron-electron repulsion)

✓ Question 6 Solutions (13 points total)

(a) Percent composition of aluminum (2 points)

Mass of Al in formula = 2 × 26.98 g/mol = 53.96 g/mol

Molar mass of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ = 342.15 g/mol % Al = (53.96 / 342.15) × 100 = 15.77%

2 points

(b) Moles of Al^{3+} ions (3 points)

Moles of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ = 45.75 g ÷ 342.15 g/mol = 0.1337 mol

Since each formula unit contains 2 Al^{3+} ions: Moles of Al^{3+} = 2 × 0.1337 = 0.2674 mol

2 points for calculation **1 point** for recognizing 2:1 ratio

(c) Molar concentrations in solution (5 points)

(i) Molarity of $Al_2(SO_4)_3$: Moles = 85.54 g ÷ 342.15 g/mol = 0.2500 mol M = 0.2500 mol ÷ 2.000 L = 0.1250 M

2 points

(ii) Molarity of Al^{3+}: $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \rightarrow 2\ Al^{3+} + 3\ SO_4^{2-}$ $[Al^{3+}] = 2 \times 0.1250\ M = 0.2500\ M$

1 point

(iii) Molarity of SO_4^{2-}: $[SO_4^{2-}] = 3 \times 0.1250\ M = 0.3750\ M$

2 points (1 for understanding dissociation, 1 for calculation)

(d) Dilution calculation (3 points)

Using $M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$ For Al^{3+} ions: $M_1 = 0.2500\ M$, $V_1 = 0.5000\ L$, $V_2 = 3.500\ L$ $M_2 = M_1V_1/V_2 = (0.2500\ M)(0.5000\ L) / (3.500\ L)$ $M_2 = 0.03571\ M$

3 points (1 for equation, 1 for setup, 1 for answer)

✓ Question 7 Solutions (15 points total)

(a) Empirical formula determination (4 points)

Assume 100 g sample: Mass of C = 83.72 g Mass of H = 100 - 83.72 = 16.28 g Moles of C = 83.72 g ÷ 12.01 g/mol = 6.971 mol Moles of H = 16.28 g ÷ 1.008 g/mol = 16.15 mol Ratio C:H = 6.971 : 16.15 Divide by smallest: 1 : 2.32 ≈ 1 : 2.3 Multiply by 3: 3 : 7 Empirical formula: C_3H_7

4 points (1 for mass of H, 1 for moles, 1 for ratio, 1 for formula)

(b) Molecular formula (2 points)

Empirical formula mass of C_3H_7: = 3(12.01) + 7(1.008) = 36.03 + 7.056 = 43.09 g/mol n = 86 ÷ 43.09 = 1.996 ≈ 2 Molecular formula: C_6H_{14}

2 points

(c) Number of molecules (3 points)

Molar mass of C_6H_{14} = 86.0 g/mol (from MS data) Moles = 5.75 g ÷ 86.0 g/mol = 0.06686 mol Number of molecules = 0.06686 mol × 6.022×10^{23} molecules/mol = 4.03×10^{22} molecules

3 points

(d) Fragment ion identification (3 points)

> ***Fragment formula:*** *$C_3H_7^+$ (propyl cation) Mass = 3(12.01) + 7(1.008) = 43.09 ≈ 43*

1 point for reasonable fragment formula

> ***Explanation:*** *Fragment ions appear at lower m/z values than the molecular ion because the molecular ion (M^+) undergoes fragmentation after initial ionization. When the molecular ion absorbs energy, bonds break, creating smaller charged fragments. In this case, $C_6H_{14}^+$ likely breaks into two $C_3H_7^+$ fragments, or a $C_3H_7^+$ fragment and a C_3H_7 neutral radical. Only charged species are detected in mass spectrometry, so we see the $C_3H_7^+$ fragment at m/z = 43. The fragmentation pattern provides structural information about the original molecule.*

2 points for explanation

(e) Mass of CO_2 produced (3 points)

Combustion equation: $C_6H_{14} + O_2 \rightarrow 6\ CO_2 + 7\ H_2O$ (unbalanced) $2\ C_6H_{14} + 19\ O_2 \rightarrow 12\ CO_2 + 14\ H_2O$ (balanced) Or simply: 1 mol C_6H_{14} produces 6 mol CO_2 From part (c): 0.06686 mol C_6H_{14} Moles of $CO_2 = 6 \times 0.06686 = 0.4012$ mol Mass of $CO_2 = 0.4012 \text{ mol} \times 44.01 \text{ g/mol} = 17.7$ g

3 points (1 for stoichiometry, 1 for moles CO_2, 1 for mass)

✓ Question 8 Solutions (16 points total)

(a) Electron configurations (2 points)

Mg (12 e^-): $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2$ Al^{3+} (10 e^-): $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6$ Na^+ (10 e^-): $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6$ F^- (10 e^-): $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6$

2 points (0.5 each)

(b) Isoelectronic species identification (2 points)

> ***Isoelectronic species:*** *Al^{3+}, Na^+, and F^- All three have 10 electrons and the same electron configuration as neon ($1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6$).*

2 points

(c) Ionic radius ordering (4 points)

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Order of increasing ionic radius (smallest to largest):
Al³⁺ < Na⁺ < F⁻
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2 points for correct order

> ***Reasoning:*** *All three isoelectronic species have the same number of electrons (10) in the same configuration, so electron-electron repulsion is identical. However, they have different nuclear charges: • Al^{3+}: 13 protons ($Z = 13$) • Na^+: 11 protons ($Z = 11$) • F^-: 9 protons ($Z = 9$) The greater the nuclear charge, the more strongly the nucleus attracts the electrons, pulling them closer and reducing the ionic radius. Al^{3+} has the highest nuclear charge, so its 10 electrons are pulled most tightly, making it the smallest. F^- has the lowest nuclear charge, so its electrons are held least tightly, making it the largest. For isoelectronic species, ionic radius decreases with increasing nuclear charge.*

2 points for complete explanation with nuclear charge reasoning

(d) Second ionization energy explanation (4 points)

> *The second ionization energy (1451 kJ/mol) is approximately twice the first ionization energy (738 kJ/mol) for several reasons:* ***1. Electron configuration change:*** *After the first ionization, Mg^+ has the configuration $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^1$. The second electron must be removed from the 3s orbital as well. However, after removing one electron, the remaining $3s^1$ electron experiences less electron-electron repulsion.* ***2. Increased effective nuclear charge:*** *With one fewer electron, the remaining electrons experience a greater effective nuclear charge (Z_eff). The same +12 nuclear charge is now attracting only 11 electrons instead of 12, so each electron is held more tightly.* ***3. Coulomb's Law:*** *The force of attraction follows $F \propto (Z \times e)/r^2$. With reduced electron-electron repulsion and greater effective nuclear charge, the electron is held more tightly. Additionally, removing the first electron slightly contracts the electron cloud, reducing r.* ***4. Stability considerations:*** *While*

> *not approaching a noble gas core yet (that would be the third ionization energy), the Mg^+ ion with a half-filled 3s subshell requires significantly more energy to remove its second electron compared to neutral Mg, which has a filled 3s subshell that can lose one electron more easily. The approximate 2:1 ratio reflects the combined effects of reduced shielding and increased attraction per electron when moving from Mg to Mg^+.*

4 points (1 for Z_eff, 1 for electron-electron repulsion, 1 for Coulomb's law, 1 for completeness)

(e) Kinetic energy of ejected electron (4 points)

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First, convert IE to joules per atom: IE = 738 kJ/mol × (1000 J/kJ) × (1 mol / 6.022 × 10²³ atoms) IE = 1.226 × 10⁻¹⁸ J/atom
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1 point

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Energy relationship: E_photon = IE + KE_electron KE = E_photon - IE KE = 1.22 × 10⁻¹⁸ J - 1.226 × 10⁻¹⁸ J KE = -6 × 10⁻²¹ J
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> ***Note:*** *This negative value indicates that the photon energy (1.22×10^{-18} J) is actually LESS than the ionization energy required (1.226×10^{-18} J), so this photon cannot eject an electron from magnesium. No electron would be ejected, and KE = 0. If the photon energy were greater than the IE (for example, 2.00×10^{-18} J), then: KE = 2.00×10^{-18} J - 1.226×10^{-18} J = 7.74×10^{-19} J*

3 points (1 for setup, 1 for calculation, 1 for recognizing impossibility)

✓ Question 9 Solutions (15 points total)

(a) Balanced equation (1 point)

$TiCl_4(l) + O_2(g) \rightarrow TiO_2(s) + 2\ Cl_2(g)$

1 point

(b) Limiting reactant identification (4 points)

Molar mass of $TiCl_4$ = 47.87 + 4(35.45) = 189.67 g/mol Molar mass of O_2 = 32.00 g/mol Moles of $TiCl_4$ = 125.0 g ÷ 189.67 g/mol = 0.6591 mol Moles of O_2 = 45.00 g ÷ 32.00 g/mol = 1.406 mol

1 point for moles calculation

From balanced equation: $TiCl_4$: O_2 = 1 : 1 To react with 0.6591 mol $TiCl_4$, need 0.6591 mol O_2 Available O_2 = 1.406 mol > 0.6591 mol needed ✓ To react with 1.406 mol O_2, need 1.406 mol $TiCl_4$ Available $TiCl_4$ = 0.6591 mol < 1.406 mol needed ✗ Therefore, $TiCl_4$ is the limiting reactant

3 points (1 for method, 2 for correct identification with justification)

(c) Theoretical yield of TiO_2 (3 points)

From equation: 1 mol $TiCl_4$ produces 1 mol TiO_2 Moles of TiO_2 = 0.6591 mol Molar mass of TiO_2 = 47.87 + 2(16.00) =

79.87 g/mol Mass of TiO_2 = 0.6591 mol × 79.87 g/mol = 52.65 g

3 points

(d) Mass of excess reactant remaining (3 points)

O_2 used = 0.6591 mol (same as limiting reactant, 1:1 ratio) Initial O_2 = 1.406 mol Excess O_2 = 1.406 - 0.6591 = 0.7469 mol Mass of excess O_2 = 0.7469 mol × 32.00 g/mol = 23.90 g

3 points

(e) Percent yield calculation (2 points)

% yield = (actual yield / theoretical yield) × 100 % yield = (35.68 g / 52.65 g) × 100 = 67.77%

2 points

(f) Reasons for lower actual yield (2 points)

> ***Two specific reasons:*** *1.* ***Incomplete reaction:*** *Not all reactant molecules may collide with proper orientation and sufficient energy to react, especially in large-scale industrial processes where mixing may not be perfectly uniform, leaving some unreacted* $TiCl_4$*. 2.* ***Product loss during purification:*** *Some* TiO_2 *product may be lost during collection, filtering, drying, or transfer steps. In industrial processes, product may adhere to reactor walls, filters, or transfer equipment, reducing the recovered amount. Other acceptable answers: side reactions producing unwanted products, reverse reactions occurring, impurities in reactants, measurement errors.*

2 points (1 point each for two specific, different reasons)

✓ Question 10 Solutions (17 points total)

(a) Percent purity calculation (2 points)

% purity = (mass of pure $CaCO_3$ / mass of sample) × 100 %

purity = (9.375 g / 12.50 g) × 100 = 75.00%

2 points

(b) Moles of $CaCO_3$ (2 points)

Moles of $CaCO_3$ = 9.375 g ÷ 100.09 g/mol = 0.09366 mol

2 points

(c) Counting particles (5 points)

(i) Formula units of $CaCO_3$: N = 0.09366 mol × 6.022×10^{23} formula units/mol N = 5.641×10^{22} formula units

2 points

(ii) Total atoms: Each formula unit contains: 1 Ca + 1 C + 3 O = 5 atoms Total atoms = 5.641×10^{22} formula units × 5 atoms/formula unit Total atoms = 2.821×10^{23} atoms

2 points

(iii) Oxygen atoms specifically: Each formula unit contains 3 O atoms O atoms = 5.641×10^{22} formula units × 3 O atoms/formula unit O atoms = 1.692×10^{23} oxygen atoms

1 point

(d) Mass of calcium ions (2 points)

Moles of Ca^{2+} = moles of $CaCO_3$ = 0.09366 mol (1:1 ratio in formula) Mass of Ca^{2+} = 0.09366 mol × 40.08 g/mol = 3.754 g

2 points

(e) Volume of CO_2 at STP (3 points)

From equation: 1 mol $CaCO_3$ produces 1 mol CO_2 Moles of CO_2 = 0.09366 mol (same as $CaCO_3$) Volume at STP = 0.09366 mol × 22.4 L/mol = 2.10 L

3 points (1 for stoichiometry, 2 for volume calculation)

(f) Evaluation of student's claim (3 points)

> *The student's reasoning is **INCORRECT**. **Explanation:** While the sample is 75% pure by mass, this does NOT mean that 75% of the atoms come from $CaCO_3$. The percentage of atoms depends on the identity and atomic masses of the impurities, not just the mass percentage. For example, if the impurities are made of light atoms (like water, H_2O, with molar mass 18 g/mol), the 25% impurity by mass would contain many more atoms than if the impurities were heavy atoms (like a metal oxide). The 25% impurity (3.125 g) could contain: • If H_2O: 3.125 g ÷ 18.016 g/mol = 0.173 mol H_2O × 3 atoms = 0.520 mol*

> *atoms • The 75% $CaCO_3$ (9.375 g) contains: 0.09366 mol × 5 atoms = 0.468 mol atoms In this case, only 0.468/(0.468 + 0.520) = 47.4% of atoms would be from $CaCO_3$, not 75%! The mass percentage and atom percentage are only equal if the molar masses of all components are identical, which is almost never the case. This demonstrates the importance of using moles (particle count) rather than mass when counting atoms.*

3 points (1 for identifying as incorrect, 2 for thorough explanation with reasoning)
