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★ 2. Answer the following questions regarding light and its interactions with molecules, atoms, and ions.

(a) The longest wavelength of light with enough energy to break the Cl–Cl bond in $\text{Cl}_2(g)$ is 495 nm.

(i) Calculate the frequency, in s^{-1} , of the light.

(ii) Calculate the energy, in J, of a photon of the light.

(iii) Calculate the minimum energy, in kJ mol^{-1} , of the Cl–Cl bond.

(b) A certain line in the spectrum of atomic hydrogen is associated with the electronic transition in the H atom from the sixth energy level ($n = 6$) to the second energy level ($n = 2$).

(i) Indicate whether the H atom emits energy or whether it absorbs energy during the transition. Justify your answer.

(ii) Calculate the wavelength, in nm, of the radiation associated with the spectral line. *omit (no longer tested)*

(iii) Account for the observation that the amount of energy associated with the same electronic transition ($n = 6$ to $n = 2$) in the He^+ ion is greater than that associated with the corresponding transition in the H atom.

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7. Answer the following questions about the element selenium, Se (atomic number 34).

- ★ (a) Samples of natural selenium contain six stable isotopes. In terms of atomic structure, explain what these isotopes have in common, and how they differ.
- ★ (b) Write the complete electron configuration (e.g., $1s^2 2s^2 \dots$ etc.) for a selenium atom in the ground state. Indicate the number of unpaired electrons in the ground-state atom, and explain your reasoning.
- ★ (c) In terms of atomic structure, explain why the first ionization energy of selenium is
 - (i) less than that of bromine (atomic number 35), and
 - (ii) greater than that of tellurium (atomic number 52).
- (d) Selenium reacts with fluorine to form SeF_4 . Draw the complete Lewis electron-dot structure for SeF_4 and sketch the molecular structure. Indicate whether the molecule is polar or nonpolar, and justify your answer.

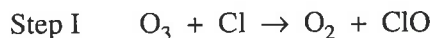
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6. Use the principles of atomic structure and/or chemical bonding to explain each of the following. In each part, your answer must include references to both substances.

- ★ (a) The atomic radius of Li is larger than that of Be.
- ★ (b) The second ionization energy of K is greater than the second ionization energy of Ca.
- (c) The carbon-to-carbon bond energy in C₂H₄ is greater than it is in C₂H₆.
- (d) The boiling point of Cl₂ is lower than the boiling point of Br₂.

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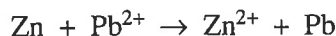
7. An environmental concern is the depletion of O₃ in Earth's upper atmosphere, where O₃ is normally in equilibrium with O₂ and O. A proposed mechanism for the depletion of O₃ in the upper atmosphere is shown below.



- (a) Write a balanced equation for the overall reaction represented by Step I and Step II above.
- (b) Clearly identify the catalyst in the mechanism above. Justify your answer.
- (c) Clearly identify the intermediate in the mechanism above. Justify your answer.
- (d) If the rate law for the overall reaction is found to be $rate = k[\text{O}_3][\text{Cl}]$, determine the following.
 - (i) The overall order of the reaction
 - (ii) Appropriate units for the rate constant, k
 - (iii) The rate-determining step of the reaction, along with justification for your answer

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- (d) Of the compounds NaOH, CuS, and NaNO₃, which one is appropriate to use in a salt bridge? Briefly explain your answer, and for each of the other compounds, include a reason why it is not appropriate.
- (e) Another standard cell is based on the following reaction.



If the concentration of Zn²⁺ is decreased from 1.0 M to 0.25 M, what effect does this have on the cell potential? Justify your answer.

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- ★ 7. Account for the following observations using principles of atomic structure and/or chemical bonding. In each part, your answer must include specific information about both substances.
- (a) The Ca²⁺ and Cl⁻ ions are isoelectronic, but their radii are not the same. Which ion has the larger radius? Explain.
- (b) Carbon and lead are in the same group of elements, but carbon is classified as a nonmetal and lead is classified as a metal.
- (c) Compounds containing Kr have been synthesized, but there are no known compounds that contain He.
- (d) The first ionization energy of Be is 900 kJ mol⁻¹, but the first ionization energy of B is 800 kJ mol⁻¹.

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7. Use principles of atomic structure, bonding, and/or intermolecular forces to respond to each of the following. Your responses must include specific information about all substances referred to in each question.

(a) At a pressure of 1 atm, the boiling point of $\text{NH}_3(l)$ is 240 K, whereas the boiling point of $\text{NF}_3(l)$ is 144 K.

- Identify the intermolecular force(s) in each substance.
- Account for the difference in the boiling points of the substances.

(b) The melting point of $\text{KCl}(s)$ is 776°C , whereas the melting point of $\text{NaCl}(s)$ is 801°C .

- Identify the type of bonding in each substance.
- Account for the difference in the melting points of the substances.

(c) As shown in the table below, the first ionization energies of Si, P, and Cl show a trend.

Element	First Ionization Energy (kJ mol^{-1})
Si	786
P	1,012
Cl	1,251

- For each of the three elements, identify the quantum level (e.g., $n = 1$, $n = 2$, etc.) of the valence electrons in the atom.
 - Explain the reasons for the trend in first ionization energies.
- ☆ (d) A certain element has two stable isotopes. The mass of one of the isotopes is 62.93 amu and the mass of the other isotope is 64.93 amu.
- Identify the element. Justify your answer.
 - Which isotope is more abundant? Justify your answer.

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- ★ 8. Suppose that a stable element with atomic number 119, symbol Q, has been discovered.
- Write the ground-state electron configuration for Q, showing only the valence-shell electrons.
 - Would Q be a metal or a nonmetal? Explain in terms of electron configuration.
 - On the basis of periodic trends, would Q have the largest atomic radius in its group or would it have the smallest? Explain in terms of electronic structure.
 - What would be the most likely charge of the Q ion in stable ionic compounds?
 - Write a balanced equation that would represent the reaction of Q with water.
 - Assume that Q reacts to form a carbonate compound.
 - Write the formula for the compound formed between Q and the carbonate ion, CO_3^{2-} .
 - Predict whether or not the compound would be soluble in water. Explain your reasoning.

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★ 7. Account for each of the following observations in terms of atomic theory and/or quantum theory.

- (a) Atomic size decreases from Na to Cl in the periodic table.
- (b) Boron commonly forms molecules of the type BX_3 . These molecules have a trigonal planar structure.
- (c) The first ionization energy of K is less than that of Na.
- (d) Each element displays a unique gas-phase emission spectrum.

8. Use chemical and physical principles to account for each of the following.

- (a) An aluminum container filled with an aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$ eventually developed a leak. Include a chemical equation with your answer.
- (b) The inside of a metal container was cleaned with steam and immediately sealed. Later, the container imploded.
- (c) Skin feels cooler after rubbing alcohol has been applied to it.
- (d) The redness and itching of the skin caused by ant bites (injections of methanoic acid, HCO_2H) can be relieved by applying a paste made from water and baking soda (solid sodium hydrogen carbonate). Include a chemical equation with your answer.

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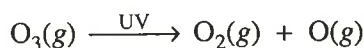
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2. Answer the following problems about gases.

- (a) The average atomic mass of naturally occurring neon is 20.18 amu. There are two common isotopes of naturally occurring neon as indicated in the table below.

Isotope	Mass (amu)
Ne-20	19.99
Ne-22	21.99

- (i) Using the information above, calculate the percent abundance of each isotope.
- (ii) Calculate the number of Ne-22 atoms in a 12.55 g sample of naturally occurring neon.
- ★ (b) A major line in the emission spectrum of neon corresponds to a frequency of $4.34 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Calculate the wavelength, in nanometers, of light that corresponds to this line.
- ★ (c) In the upper atmosphere, ozone molecules decompose as they absorb ultraviolet (UV) radiation, as shown by the equation below. Ozone serves to block harmful ultraviolet radiation that comes from the Sun.



A molecule of $\text{O}_3(g)$ absorbs a photon with a frequency of $1.00 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

- (i) How much energy, in joules, does the $\text{O}_3(g)$ molecule absorb per photon?
- (ii) The minimum energy needed to break an oxygen-oxygen bond in ozone is 387 kJ mol^{-1} . Does a photon with a frequency of $1.00 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$ have enough energy to break this bond? Support your answer with a calculation.

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	First Ionization Energy (kJ mol ⁻¹)	Second Ionization Energy (kJ mol ⁻¹)	Third Ionization Energy (kJ mol ⁻¹)
Element 1	1,251	2,300	3,820
Element 2	496	4,560	6,910
Element 3	738	1,450	7,730
Element 4	1,000	2,250	3,360

- ★ 6. The table above shows the first three ionization energies for atoms of four elements from the third period of the periodic table. The elements are numbered randomly. Use the information in the table to answer the following questions.
- Which element is most metallic in character? Explain your reasoning.
 - Identify element 3. Explain your reasoning.
 - Write the complete electron configuration for an atom of element 3.
 - What is the expected oxidation state for the most common ion of element 2 ?
 - What is the chemical symbol for element 2 ?
 - A neutral atom of which of the four elements has the smallest radius?

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Answer Question 5 and Question 6. The Section II score weighting for these questions is 15 percent each.

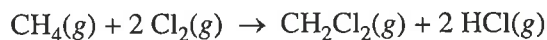
Your responses to these questions will be graded on the basis of the accuracy and relevance of the information cited. Explanations should be clear and well organized. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. Specific answers are preferable to broad, diffuse responses.

5. Using principles of atomic and molecular structure and the information in the table below, answer the following questions about atomic fluorine, oxygen, and xenon, as well as some of their compounds.

Atom	First Ionization Energy (kJ mol ⁻¹)
F	1,681.0
O	1,313.9
Xe	?

- ★ (a) Write the equation for the ionization of atomic fluorine that requires 1,681.0 kJ mol⁻¹.
- ★ (b) Account for the fact that the first ionization energy of atomic fluorine is greater than that of atomic oxygen. (You must discuss both atoms in your response.)
- ★ (c) Predict whether the first ionization energy of atomic xenon is greater than, less than, or equal to the first ionization energy of atomic fluorine. Justify your prediction.

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3. Methane gas reacts with chlorine gas to form dichloromethane and hydrogen chloride, as represented by the equation above.

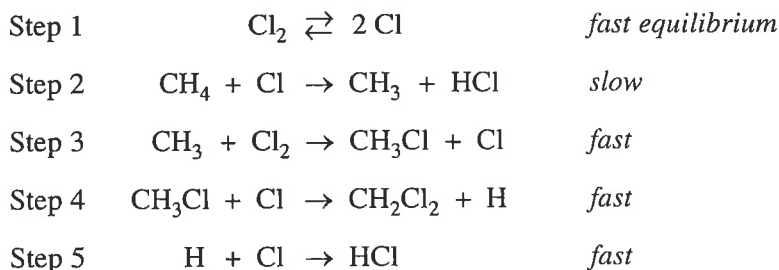
(a) A 25.0 g sample of methane gas is placed in a reaction vessel containing 2.58 mol of $\text{Cl}_2(g)$.

- (i) Identify the limiting reactant when the methane and chlorine gases are combined. Justify your answer with a calculation.
- (ii) Calculate the total number of moles of $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2(g)$ in the container after the limiting reactant has been totally consumed.

Initiating most reactions involving chlorine gas involves breaking the Cl–Cl bond, which has a bond energy of 242 kJ mol^{-1} .

- ★ (b) Calculate the amount of energy, in joules, needed to break a single Cl–Cl bond.
- ★ (c) Calculate the longest wavelength of light, in meters, that can supply the energy per photon necessary to break the Cl–Cl bond.

The following mechanism has been proposed for the reaction of methane gas with chlorine gas. All species are in the gas phase.



- (d) In the mechanism, is CH_3Cl a catalyst, or is it an intermediate? Justify your answer.
- (e) Identify the order of the reaction with respect to each of the following according to the mechanism. In each case, justify your answer.
 - (i) $\text{CH}_4(g)$
 - (ii) $\text{Cl}_2(g)$

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6. Answer the following questions related to sulfur and one of its compounds.

★ (a) Consider the two chemical species S and S²⁻.

(i) Write the electron configuration (e.g., 1s² 2s² . . .) of each species.

(ii) Explain why the radius of the S²⁻ ion is larger than the radius of the S atom.

(iii) Which of the two species would be attracted into a magnetic field? Explain.

★ (b) The S²⁻ ion is isoelectronic with the Ar atom. From which species, S²⁻ or Ar, is it easier to remove an electron? Explain.

(c) In the H₂S molecule, the H–S–H bond angle is close to 90°. On the basis of this information, which atomic orbitals of the S atom are involved in bonding with the H atoms?

(d) Two types of intermolecular forces present in liquid H₂S are London (dispersion) forces and dipole-dipole forces.

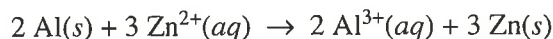
(i) Compare the strength of the London (dispersion) forces in liquid H₂S to the strength of the London (dispersion) forces in liquid H₂O. Explain.

(ii) Compare the strength of the dipole-dipole forces in liquid H₂S to the strength of the dipole-dipole forces in liquid H₂O. Explain.

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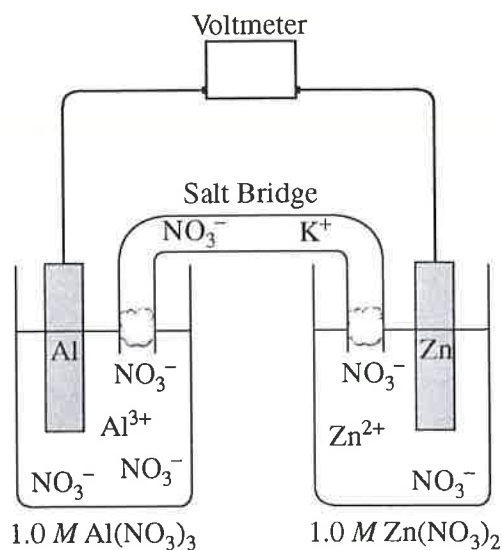
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6. Respond to the following statements and questions that relate to the species and the reaction represented above.

- ★ (a) Write the complete electron configuration (e.g., $1s^2 2s^2 \dots$) for Zn^{2+} .
- ★ (b) Which species, Zn or Zn^{2+} , has the greater ionization energy? Justify your answer.
- (c) Identify the species that is oxidized in the reaction.

The diagram below shows a galvanic cell based on the reaction. Assume that the temperature is 25°C .



- (d) The diagram includes a salt bridge that is filled with a saturated solution of KNO_3 . Describe what happens in the salt bridge as the cell operates.
- (e) Determine the value of the standard voltage, E° , for the cell.
- (f) Indicate whether the value of the standard free-energy change, ΔG° , for the cell reaction is positive, negative, or zero. Justify your answer.
- (g) If the concentration of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ in the $\text{Al}(s)/\text{Al}^{3+}(aq)$ half-cell is lowered from 1.0 M to 0.01 M at 25°C , does the cell voltage increase, decrease, or remain the same? Justify your answer.

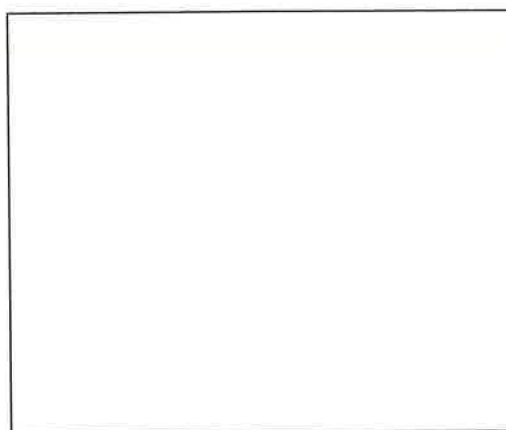
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Nonmetal	C	N	O	Ne	Si	P	S	Ar
Formula of Compound	CF ₄	NF ₃	OF ₂	No compound	SiF ₄	PF ₃	SF ₂	No compound

5. Some binary compounds that form between fluorine and various nonmetals are listed in the table above. A student examines the data in the table and poses the following hypothesis: the number of F atoms that will bond to a nonmetal is always equal to 8 minus the number of valence electrons in the nonmetal atom.
- (a) Based on the student's hypothesis, what should be the formula of the compound that forms between chlorine and fluorine?
- (b) In an attempt to verify the hypothesis, the student researches the fluoride compounds of the other halogens and finds the formula ClF₃. In the box below, draw a complete Lewis electron-dot diagram for a molecule of ClF₃.



- (c) Two possible geometric shapes for the ClF₃ molecule are trigonal planar and T-shaped. The student does some research and learns that the molecule has a dipole moment. Which of the two shapes is consistent with the fact that the ClF₃ molecule has a dipole moment? Justify your answer in terms of bond polarity and molecular structure.

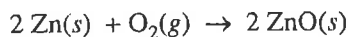
In an attempt to resolve the existence of the ClF₃ molecule with the hypothesis stated above, the student researches the compounds that form between halogens and fluorine, and assembles the following list.

Halogen	Formula(s)
F	F ₂
Cl	
Br	BrF, BrF ₃ , BrF ₅
I	IF, IF ₃ , IF ₅ , IF ₇

- ★ (d) Based on concepts of atomic structure and periodicity, propose a modification to the student's previous hypothesis to account for the compounds that form between halogens and fluorine.

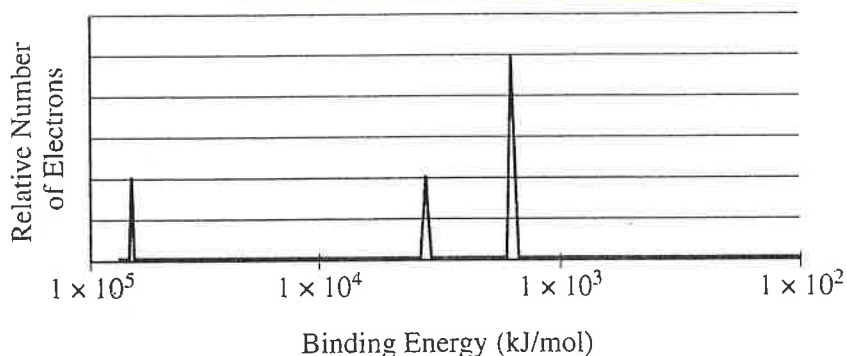
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- (a) Early forms of metal-air cells used zinc as the anode. Zinc oxide is produced as the cell operates according to the overall equation below.



- (i) Using the data in the table above, calculate the cell potential for the zinc-air cell.
- (ii) The electrolyte paste contains OH^- ions. On the diagram of the cell above, draw an arrow to indicate the direction of migration of OH^- ions through the electrolyte as the cell operates.
- (b) A fresh zinc-air cell is weighed on an analytical balance before being placed in a hearing aid for use.
- (i) As the cell operates, does the mass of the cell increase, decrease, or remain the same?
- (ii) Justify your answer to part (b)(i) in terms of the equation for the overall cell reaction.
- (c) The zinc-air cell is taken to the top of a mountain where the air pressure is lower.
- (i) Will the cell potential be higher, lower, or the same as the cell potential at the lower elevation?
- (ii) Justify your answer to part (c)(i) based on the equation for the overall cell reaction and the information above.
- (d) Metal-air cells need to be lightweight for many applications. In order to transfer more electrons with a smaller mass, Na and Ca are investigated as potential anodes. A 1.0 g anode of which of these metals would transfer more electrons, assuming that the anode is totally consumed during the lifetime of a cell? Justify your answer with calculations.
- ★ (e) The only common oxide of zinc has the formula ZnO .
- (i) Write the electron configuration for a Zn atom in the ground state.
- (ii) From which sublevel are electrons removed when a Zn atom in the ground state is oxidized?

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Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
6.72×10^4 kJ/mol	3.88×10^3 kJ/mol	1.68×10^3 kJ/mol

- ★ 6. The complete photoelectron spectrum of an unknown element is shown above. The frequency ranges of different regions of the electromagnetic spectrum are given in the table below.

Region of Electromagnetic Spectrum	Frequency Range (s^{-1})
Infrared (IR)	1×10^{12} to 4×10^{14}
Ultraviolet/visible (UV/vis)	4×10^{14} to 5×10^{16}
X-rays	5×10^{16} to 1×10^{19}
Gamma rays	$> 1 \times 10^{19}$

- (a) To generate the spectrum above, a source capable of producing electromagnetic radiation with an energy of 7×10^4 kJ per mole of photons was used. Such radiation is from which region of the electromagnetic spectrum? Justify your answer with a calculation.
- (b) A student examines the spectrum and proposes that the second ionization energy of the element is 3.88×10^3 kJ/mol. To refute the proposed interpretation of the spectrum, identify the following.
- The subshell from which an electron is removed in the second ionization of an atom of the element
 - The subshell that corresponds to the second peak of the photoelectron spectrum above
