

Mass Number and Isotopes

Question paper 2

Level	A Level
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Exam Board	AQA
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Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	75%	70%	60%	55%	50%	<50%

Q1. The element rubidium exists as the isotopes ^{85}Rb and ^{87}Rb

- (a) State the number of protons and the number of neutrons in an atom of the isotope ^{85}Rb

Number of protons

Number of neutrons

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- (b) (i) Explain how the gaseous atoms of rubidium are ionised in a mass spectrometer

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- (ii) Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the process that occurs when the **first** ionisation energy of rubidium is measured.

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- (c) The table shows the first ionisation energies of rubidium and some other elements in the same group.

Element	sodium	potassium	rubidium
First ionisation energy / kJ mol^{-1}	494	418	402

State **one** reason why the first ionisation energy of rubidium is lower than the first ionisation energy of sodium.

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- (d) (i) State the block of elements in the Periodic Table that contains rubidium.

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- (ii) Deduce the full electron configuration of a rubidium atom.

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- (e) A sample of rubidium contains the isotopes ^{85}Rb and ^{87}Rb only.
The isotope ^{85}Rb has an abundance 2.5 times greater than that of ^{87}Rb

Calculate the relative atomic mass of rubidium in this sample.
Give your answer to one decimal place.

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- (f) By reference to the relevant part of the mass spectrometer, explain how the abundance of an isotope in a sample of rubidium is determined.

Name of relevant part

Explanation

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- (g) Predict whether an atom of ^{88}Sr will have an atomic radius that is larger than, smaller than or the same as the atomic radius of ^{87}Rb . Explain your answer.

Atomic radius of ^{88}Sr compared to ^{87}Rb

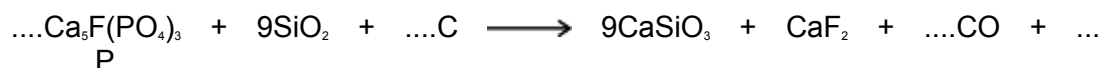
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Q2. The manufacture of food grade phosphoric acid for use in cola drinks begins with the production of pure white phosphorus from the mineral fluoroapatite, $\text{Ca}_5\text{F}(\text{PO}_4)_3$

(a) Complete the following equation for the manufacture of phosphorus.



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(b) As the phosphorus cools, it forms white phosphorus, P_4

Give the oxidation state of phosphorus in each of the following.

P_4

H_3PO_4

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(c) Fertiliser grade phosphoric acid is manufactured from sulfuric acid and calcium phosphate.

Use the following precise relative atomic mass data to show how mass spectrometry can be used to distinguish between pure sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) and pure phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) which both have $M_r = 98$ to two significant figures.

Atom	Precise relative atomic mass
^1H	1.00794
^{16}O	15.99491

^{31}P	30.97376
^{32}S	32.06550

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- (d) Concentrated phosphoric acid is used as a catalyst in the hydration of propene to form the alcohol $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ as the main organic product. The industrial name for this alcohol is isopropyl alcohol.

- (i) State the meaning of the term *catalyst*.

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- (ii) State the meaning of the term *hydration*.

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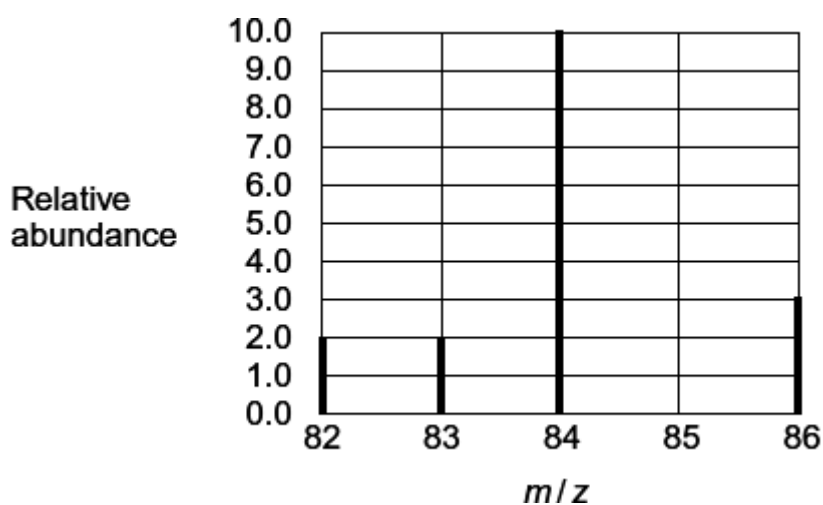
- (iii) Write an equation for the hydration of propene to form isopropyl alcohol. Give the IUPAC name for isopropyl alcohol.

Equation

IUPAC name

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(Total 8 marks)

Q3. The mass spectrum of a sample of krypton taken from a meteorite is shown below.



- (a) Use this spectrum to calculate the relative atomic mass of this sample of krypton. Give your answer to one decimal place.

Explain why the value you have calculated is slightly different from the relative atomic mass given in the Periodic Table.

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- (b) State how krypton is ionised in the mass spectrometer.

Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the reaction that occurs when the **first** ionisation energy of Kr is measured.

Sometimes the mass spectrum of Kr has a very small peak with an m/z value of 42. Explain the occurrence of this peak.

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- Q4.** (a) Define the term *relative atomic mass*.

An organic fertiliser was analysed using a mass spectrometer. The spectrum showed that the nitrogen in the fertiliser was made up of 95.12% ^{14}N and 4.88% ^{15}N

Calculate the relative atomic mass of the nitrogen found in this organic fertiliser. Give your answer to two decimal places.

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- (b) In a mass spectrometer, under the same conditions, $^{14}\text{N}^+$ and $^{15}\text{N}^+$ ions follow different paths. State the property of these ions that causes them to follow different paths.

State **one** change in the operation of the mass spectrometer that will change the path of an ion.

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- (c) Organic fertilisers contain a higher proportion of ^{15}N atoms than are found in synthetic fertilisers.

State and explain whether or not you would expect the chemical reactions of the nitrogen compounds in the synthetic fertiliser to be different from those in the organic fertiliser. Assume that the nitrogen compounds in each fertiliser are the same.

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Q5. Define the term *mass number* of an atom.

The mass number of an isotope of nitrogen is 15. Deduce the number of each of the fundamental particles in an atom of ^{15}N

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Q6. Mass spectrometry can be used to identify isotopes of elements.

(a) (i) In terms of fundamental particles, state the difference between isotopes of an element.

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(ii) State why isotopes of an element have the same chemical properties.

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

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(c) The mass spectrum of element **X** has four peaks. The table below gives the relative abundance of each isotope in a sample of element **X**.

<i>m/z</i>	64	66	67	68
Relative abundance	12	8	1	6

(i) Calculate the relative atomic mass of element **X**.
Give your answer to one decimal place.

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(ii) Use the Periodic Table to identify the species responsible for the peak at *m/z* = 64

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(d) Suggest **one** reason why particles with the same mass and velocity can be deflected by different amounts in the same magnetic field.

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- (e) Explain how the detector in a mass spectrometer enables the abundance of an isotope to be measured.

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