

## 5. Atomic Structure

1. The chemical symbol of copper is

- A C.
- B Co.
- C Cu.
- D Cp.

2. The chemical symbol of bromine is

- A B.
- B Br.
- C Bo.
- D Bm.

3.

| Element | Melting point (°C) | Boiling point (°C) |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| W       | 760                | 1 210              |
| X       | -58                | 37                 |
| Y       | -189               | -186               |
| Z       | 45                 | 96                 |

Which element is a gas at room temperature and pressure?

- A W
- B X
- C Y
- D Z

4. Which of the following substances is NOT an element?

- A Diamond
- B Glucose
- C Oxygen
- D Sodium

5. The table shows the melting points and boiling points of four substances at 1 atm pressure.

| Substance | Melting point (°C) | Boiling point (°C) |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| W         | -60                | -5                 |
| X         | -189               | -55                |
| Y         | -40                | 60                 |
| Z         | 5                  | 58                 |

Which substance exists as a liquid at  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 1 atm pressure?

- A W
- B X
- C Y
- D Z

6. Which of the following elements is a metal?
- A Phosphorus
  - B Chlorine
  - C Barium
  - D Sulphur
7. Which of the following elements has the *highest* melting point?
- A Potassium
  - B Mercury
  - C Oxygen
  - D Helium
8. Which of the following elements has the *lowest* boiling point?
- A Bromine
  - B Magnesium
  - C Nitrogen
  - D Sulphur
9. Which of the following elements is a metalloid?
- A S
  - B Ne
  - C Br
  - D Si
10. Which of the following elements is a non-metal?
- A Be
  - B B
  - C P
  - D Ag
11. Which of the following elements is a solid at room temperature and pressure?
- A Carbon
  - B Chlorine
  - C Helium
  - D Mercury

12. Which of the following combinations is correct?

|   | <u>Element</u> | <u>State at room temperature and pressure</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| A | Aluminium      | solid                                         |
| B | Sodium         | liquid                                        |
| C | Iodine         | gas                                           |
| D | Neon           | solid                                         |

13. Which of the following elements does NOT conduct electricity?

- A Bromine
- B Graphite
- C Mercury
- D Gold

14. Which of the following elements is the *best* conductor of heat?

- A Magnesium
- B Hydrogen
- C Nitrogen
- D Sulphur

15. Which of the following statements concerning copper is correct?

- A It is a poor conductor of heat.
- B It has a shiny appearance.
- C It is brittle.
- D It has a low boiling point.

16. Which of the following statements concerning silicon is INCORRECT?

- A Its properties are in between metals and non-metals.
- B It is brittle.
- C Its crystalline form can conduct electricity.
- D Its melting point is quite low.

17. An element with the chemical symbol Fe

- A is a non-metal.
- B is a solid at room temperature and pressure.
- C has a low melting point.
- D is a metalloid.

18. Consider the following properties of four elements, W, X, Y and Z.

| Property                | W             | X              | Y             | Z              |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Melting point (°C)      | -9            | 63             | 114           | -39            |
| Boiling point (°C)      | 59            | 860            | 184           | 357            |
| Electrical conductivity | Non-conductor | Good conductor | Non-conductor | Good conductor |

Which of the following elements could be mercury?

- A W
- B X
- C Y
- D Z

19. Consider the following properties of four elements, W, X, Y and Z.

| Property                | W             | X              | Y             | Z              |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Melting point (°C)      | -189          | 972            | 119           | 98             |
| Boiling point (°C)      | -186          | 2 212          | 445           | 883            |
| Electrical conductivity | Non-conductor | Good conductor | Non-conductor | Good conductor |

Which of the following elements could be sulphur?

- A W
- B X
- C Y
- D Z

20. Which of the following statements concerning elements are correct?

- (1) Elements can be classified as metals, non-metals and metalloids.
- (2) An element is a substance which cannot be broken down into anything simpler by chemical methods.
- (3) Ammonia is an element.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

21. Which of the following are metals?

- (1) Ag
- (2) K
- (3) Na

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

22. Which of the following are non-metals?

- (1) Ar
- (2) Cl
- (3) Si

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

23. Which of the following statements concerning metals are correct?

- (1) Metals are usually shiny.
- (2) Metals are good conductors of electricity.
- (3) All metals have high melting points.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

24. Which of the following are liquid elements?

- (1) Mercury
- (2) Water
- (3) Bromine

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

25. Which of the following elements is / are gas(es) at room temperature and pressure?

- (1) Chromium
- (2) Fluorine
- (3) Helium

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

26. Which of the following substances are good conductors of electricity?
- (1) Solid aluminium
  - (2) Graphite
  - (3) Molten sodium
- A (1) and (2) only  
B (1) and (3) only  
C (2) and (3) only  
D (1), (2) and (3)
27. Which of the following statements concerning metalloids is / are correct?
- (1) Germanium is a metalloid.
  - (2) Metalloids cannot conduct electricity at room temperature.
  - (3) Some metalloids are gases.
- A (1) only  
B (2) only  
C (1) and (3) only  
D (2) and (3) only
28. The symbol of an element is Al. Which of the following statements concerning the element are correct?
- (1) It is a good conductor of electricity.
  - (2) It can be hammered into shape.
  - (3) It has a shiny appearance.
- A (1) and (2) only  
B (1) and (3) only  
C (2) and (3) only  
D (1), (2) and (3)
29. Which of the following statements concerning phosphorus is / are correct?
- (1) It is a liquid at room temperature and pressure.
  - (2) It is a non-conductor of electricity.
  - (3) It is a metal.
- A (1) only  
B (2) only  
C (1) and (3) only  
D (2) and (3) only

30. Which of the following statements concerning oxygen are correct?

- (1) It is a colourless gas.
- (2) It is a non-metal.
- (3) The following hazard warning symbol should be displayed on a metal cylinder containing it.



- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

31. Which of the following statements concerning bromine and mercury are correct?

- (1) Both are liquids at room temperature and pressure.
- (2) They are good conductors of heat.
- (3) Mercury is a metal while bromine is a non-metal.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

32. Consider the following properties of three elements, X, Y and Z.

| Element | Melting point (°C) | Boiling point (°C) | Electrical conductivity |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| X       | 959                | 2 850              | good conductor          |
| Y       | -7                 | 58                 | non-conductor           |
| Z       | -210               | -196               | non-conductor           |

Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1) Element X is a metal.
- (2) Element Y is a non-metal.
- (3) Element Z is a gas at room temperature and pressure.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

33. Atoms are electrically neutral because

- A neutrons are neutral.
- B they have the same number of neutrons and protons.
- C they have the same number of protons and electrons.
- D all subatomic particles are neutral.

34. Atoms of the same element must have
- A the same number of neutrons.
  - B the same number of electrons.
  - C the same number of protons and neutrons.
  - D different number of neutrons.
35. Which of the following statements concerning an atom is INCORRECT?
- A The number of protons equals the number of electrons.
  - B The number of electrons equals the number of neutrons.
  - C The atomic number equals the number of protons.
  - D The mass number equals the number of protons plus the number of neutrons.
36. The atomic number and mass number of an atom of an element is 9 and 19 respectively. The atom contains
- A 9 electrons and 10 neutrons.
  - B 9 neutrons and 10 electrons.
  - C 9 protons and 10 electrons.
  - D 9 protons and 19 neutrons.

37. Which of the following combinations is correct?

|   | <u>Element</u> | <u>Atomic number</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| A | Boron          | 6                    |
| B | Fluorine       | 8                    |
| C | Neon           | 10                   |
| D | Silicon        | 12                   |

38. An atom has 23 electrons and 28 neutrons. Which of the following combinations concerning the atom is correct?

|   | <u>Atomic number</u> | <u>Mass number</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| A | 23                   | 28                 |
| B | 23                   | 51                 |
| C | 28                   | 51                 |
| D | 28                   | 56                 |



39. Which of the following combinations represents an atom with a mass number 40?

|   | <u>Number of protons</u> | <u>Number of neutrons</u> | <u>Number of electrons</u> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A | 18                       | 22                        | 18                         |
| B | 19                       | 21                        | 18                         |
| C | 20                       | 20                        | 18                         |
| D | 20                       | 21                        | 20                         |

40.

Which of the following combinations concerning an atom  ${}_{37}^{85}\text{X}$  is correct?

|   | <u>Number of electrons</u> | <u>Number of neutrons</u> | <u>Number of protons</u> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| A | 48                         | 48                        | 37                       |
| B | 37                         | 37                        | 48                       |
| C | 37                         | 48                        | 37                       |
| D | 48                         | 37                        | 48                       |

41. Which of the following atoms has the *smallest* number of electrons?

- A  ${}_{53}^{127}\text{W}$
- B  ${}_{36}^{84}\text{X}$
- C  ${}_{78}^{195}\text{Y}$
- D  ${}_{37}^{80}\text{Z}$

42. An atom of element X contains 57 protons and 139 neutrons. This atom can be represented as

- A  ${}_{57}^{139}\text{X}$
- B  ${}_{139}^{196}\text{X}$
- C  ${}_{57}^{196}\text{X}$
- D  ${}_{139}^{57}\text{X}$

43. The atomic number and mass number of an atom of element X are 11 and 23 respectively. Which of the following statements concerning X is correct?

- A An atom of X has 12 electrons.
- B X is a solid at room temperature and pressure.
- C X can be represented by the symbol  ${}_{11}^{23}\text{X}$ .
- D X is stored in water in the laboratory.

44. The atomic number and mass number of an atom of element X are 7 and 14 respectively. Which of the following statements concerning X is correct?

- A X can relight a glowing splint.
- B There are 21% by volume of X in air.
- C X is a colourless gas at room temperature and pressure.
- D There are 14 neutrons in an atom of X.

45. Which of the following species contains the same number of neutrons as  ${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}$  ?

- A  ${}^{25}_{12}\text{Mg}$
- B  ${}^{20}_{10}\text{Ne}$
- C  ${}^{32}_{16}\text{S}$
- D  ${}^{28}_{14}\text{Si}$

46. M is an element. An atom of M possesses 44 neutrons and 36 electrons. What is M?

- A Br
- B Kr
- C Sr
- D Ru

47. Which of the following statements concerning the zinc atom  ${}^{64}_{30}\text{Zn}$  is correct?

- A It has 30 protons.
- B Its mass number is 34.
- C It has 64 neutrons.
- D Its atomic number is 94.

48. Which of the following statements concerning an atom are correct?

- (1) Most of the mass of an atom is in its nucleus.
- (2) Electron is the lightest subatomic particle in an atom.
- (3) Electrons occupy most of the space of an atom.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

49. Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1) The mass of a hydrogen atom is nearly the same as that of a proton.
- (2) The mass of an electron is negligible when compared to the mass of a proton.
- (3) The nuclei of atoms of all elements must contain proton(s).

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

50. Which of the following statements is / are correct?

- (1) The number of neutrons in an atom of an element is determined by its atomic number.
- (2) The atomic number of an element is equal to the number of electrons in its atom.
- (3) The mass number of an atom is equal to the total number of protons and electrons in the atom.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

51. Which of the following statements concerning the atom  ${}^{63}_{29}\text{Cu}$  is / are correct?

- (1) It possesses 29 protons.
- (2) It possesses 63 neutrons.
- (3) Its mass number is 34.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

52. Consider the information of three atoms given in the table below:

|                     | Atom |   |   |
|---------------------|------|---|---|
|                     | X    | Y | Z |
| Number of protons   | 6    | 6 | 7 |
| Number of electrons | 6    | 6 | 7 |
| Number of neutrons  | 7    | 8 | 7 |

Which of the following statements about the atoms is / are correct?

- (1) X and Y have the same atomic number.
- (2) Y and Z are atoms of the same element.
- (3) X and Z have the same mass.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

53.

Which of the following statements concerning the atom  ${}_{15}^{31}\text{X}$  is / are correct?

- (1) X is a non-metal.
- (2) There are 16 electrons in an atom of X.
- (3) There are 15 neutrons in an atom of X.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

54. Which of the following statements concerning potassium are correct?

- (1) Its atomic number is 19.
- (2) Its atom contains 20 electrons.
- (3) It can be obtained by electrolysis of its molten ore.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

55. Which of the following statements concerning hydrogen are correct?

- (1) Its atom contains only 1 electron.
- (2) It gives a 'pop' sound with a glowing splint.
- (3) It can be obtained from electrolysis of water.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

56. The atomic number and mass number of an atom of element X are 17 and 35 respectively. Which of the following statements concerning X is / are correct?

- (1) An atom of X contains 17 neutrons.
- (2) X is a gas at room temperature and pressure.
- (3) X is used as a sterilizing agent.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

57. Different isotopes of an element have

- A similar chemical properties.
- B the same mass number.
- C the same physical properties.
- D the same number of electrons.

58. The species  ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U}$  and  ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$

- A have different chemical properties.
- B have the same physical properties.
- C have different number of protons.
- D have different number of neutrons.

59. Consider the following atoms:

| Atom | Atomic number | Mass number | Number of electrons |
|------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| W    | 20            | 46          |                     |
| X    | 22            | 46          |                     |
| Y    |               | 48          | 22                  |
| Z    |               | 94          | 42                  |

Which of the following pairs are isotopes?

- A W and X
- B W and Z
- C X and Y
- D Y and Z

60. Which of the following is most likely to represent an isotope of  ${}_{24}^{52}\text{X}$  ?

- A  ${}_{23}^{52}\text{X}$
- B  ${}_{24}^{52}\text{X}$
- C  ${}_{24}^{53}\text{X}$
- D  ${}_{25}^{72}\text{X}$

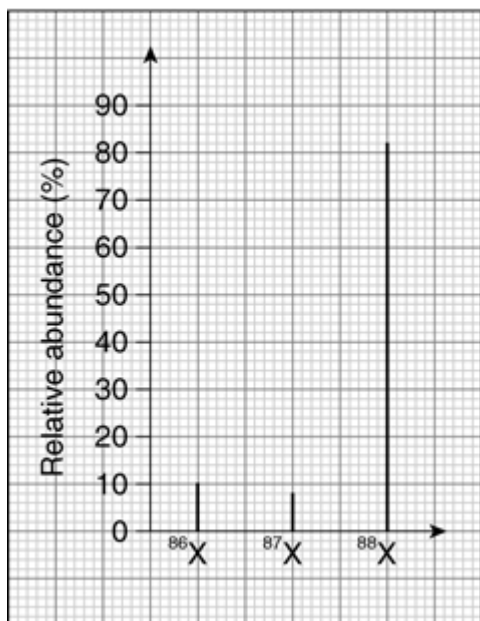
61. The following table shows the relative abundance of the isotopes of strontium (Sr):

| Isotope            | Relative abundance (%) |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| ${}^{86}\text{Sr}$ | 16.5                   |
| ${}^{87}\text{Sr}$ | 7.00                   |
| ${}^{88}\text{Sr}$ | 76.5                   |

The relative atomic mass of strontium is

- A 87.2.
- B 87.6.
- C 87.2 g.
- D 87.6 g.

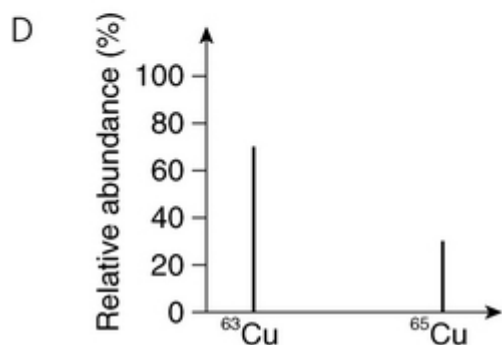
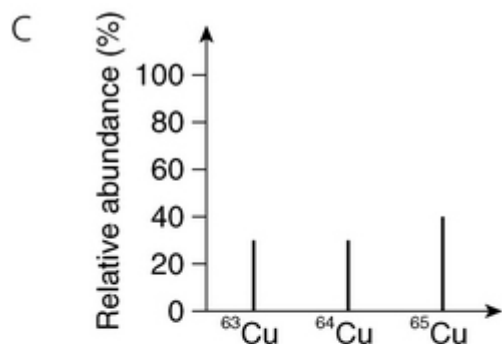
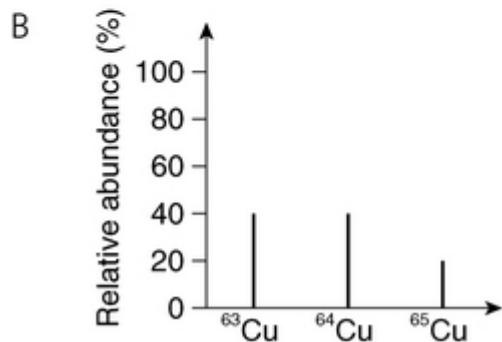
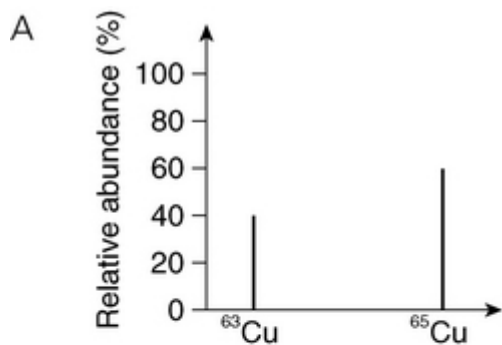
62. A sample of element X consists of 93.2% of  $^{39}\text{X}$  and 6.8% of  $^{41}\text{X}$ . The relative atomic mass of X is
- A 39.1.  
 B 39.3.  
 C 39.7.  
 D 40.1.
63. The relative atomic mass of rubidium (Rb) is 85.5. Rubidium has two isotopes:  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ . What is the percentage abundance of  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  in rubidium?
- A 24.0%  
 B 36.0%  
 C 66.0%  
 D 74.0%
64. The atomic mass of element X is 114.8. X has two isotopes,  $^{113}\text{X}$  and  $^a\text{X}$ , and the relative abundance of  $^{113}\text{X}$  is 10.0%. What is the value of a?
- A 112  
 B 114  
 C 115  
 D 116
65. Element X has three isotopes,  $^{86}\text{X}$ ,  $^{87}\text{X}$  and  $^{88}\text{X}$ . The graph below shows the relative abundance of the isotopes.



What is the relative atomic mass of X?

- A 86.7  
 B 87.1  
 C 87.7  
 D 88.1

66. The relative atomic mass of a sample of copper is 63.6. Which of the following graphs shows the relative abundance of the isotopes?



67. Which of the following statements concerning the iodine isotope  $^{127}_{53}\text{I}$  is INCORRECT?

- A Its mass number is 127.
- B It has 53 protons.
- C It has 74 neutrons.
- D It has a different number of electrons from other iodine isotopes.

68. Which of the following statements concerning  $^{107}_{47}\text{Ag}$  and  $^{109}_{47}\text{Ag}$  are correct?

- (1) They are isotopes.
- (2) They have the same chemical properties.
- (3) They have the same number of electrons.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

69. Oxygen has three isotopes. Their mass numbers are 16, 17 and 18 respectively. Which of the following statements concerning the three isotopes is / are correct?

- (1) The isotope O-16 has 16 electrons.
- (2) The isotope O-17 has 9 neutrons.
- (3) The isotope O-18 has 10 protons.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

70. Consider the information of four atoms given in the table below.

|                     | Atom |    |    |    |
|---------------------|------|----|----|----|
|                     | W    | X  | Y  | Z  |
| Number of protons   | 12   | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| Number of electrons | 12   | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| Number of neutrons  | 13   | 14 | 14 | 14 |

Which of the following statements about the atoms is / are correct?

- (1) W and X have the same mass.
- (2) W and Y are isotopes.
- (3) Y and Z have the same atomic number.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

71. What is the maximum number of electrons that the fourth electron shell of an atom can hold?

- A 8
- B 18
- C 32
- D 50



72. The number of electrons in the first two shells of a chlorine atom adds up to

- A 8.
- B 10.
- C 15.
- D 17.

73. The atomic number of an element is 19. The electronic arrangement of an atom of this element is

- A 2,8,9.
- B 2,8,8,1.
- C 2,10,7.
- D 9,8,2.

74. An atom of an element has an electronic arrangement 2,8,18,5. The atomic number of the element is

- A 5.
- B 10.
- C 28.
- D 33.

75. The following is an electron diagram of an atom of element Y:



(Only electrons in the *outermost shell* are shown.)

The atomic number of Y could be

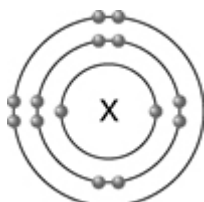
- A 5.
- B 7.
- C 11.
- D 13.

76. The atom of an element X contains 35 neutrons. The electronic arrangement of the atom is 2,8,18,2. Which of the following combinations concerning the atom is correct?

|   | <u>Atomic number</u> | <u>Mass number</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| A | 30                   | 35                 |
| B | 30                   | 65                 |
| C | 35                   | 30                 |
| D | 35                   | 65                 |

77. The electronic arrangement of an atom  ${}^9_4\text{X}$  is
- A 9.
  - B 2,2.
  - C 2,7.
  - D 4,9.

78. The following is an electron diagram of an atom of element X:



Which of the following statements concerning X is / are correct?

- (1) An atom of X contains 14 protons.
  - (2) The mass number of X is 14.
  - (3) X is a metal.
- A (1) only
  - B (2) only
  - C (1) and (3) only
  - D (2) and (3) only
79. The atomic numbers of two elements, X and Y, are  $x$  and  $(x+1)$  respectively. Which of the following deductions is / are correct?
- (1) An atom of X has one electron less than an atom of Y.
  - (2) An atom of Y has one more occupied electron shell than an atom of X.
  - (3) The mass of an atom of Y is greater than that of X.
- A (1) only
  - B (2) only
  - C (1) and (3) only
  - D (2) and (3) only
80. An isotope of chlorine has 20 neutrons. Which of the following statements concerning the chlorine isotope are correct?
- (1) There are three occupied electron shells in the isotope.
  - (2) Its mass number is 20.
  - (3) It possesses 20 protons.
- A (1) only
  - B (2) only
  - C (1) and (3) only
  - D (2) and (3) only

81. An atom of element X has an electronic arrangement 2,8,8,2. Which of the following statements concerning X is / are correct?

- (1) X is a metal.
- (2) X is stored in paraffin oil in the laboratory.
- (3) A compound of X gives a brick-red flame in flame test.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

82. Consider the information of three atoms given in the table below.

|                     | Atom |    |    |
|---------------------|------|----|----|
|                     | X    | Y  | Z  |
| Number of protons   | 16   | 16 | 18 |
| Number of electrons | 16   | 16 | 18 |
| Number of neutrons  | 20   | 18 | 18 |

Which of the following statements about the atoms are correct?

- (1) X and Y have the same electronic arrangement.
- (2) Y and Z are isotopes.
- (3) X and Z have the same mass number.

- A (1) and (2) only
- B (1) and (3) only
- C (2) and (3) only
- D (1), (2) and (3)

83. Element X has two isotopes:  $^{39}\text{X}$  and  $^{41}\text{X}$ . Which of the following statements is / are correct?

- (1) The isotopes have the same physical properties.
- (2) The isotopes have the same electronic arrangement.
- (3) The relative atomic mass of X is between 39 and 41.

- A (1) only
- B (2) only
- C (1) and (3) only
- D (2) and (3) only

## Multiple choice questions

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| 1  | C | 2  | B | 3  | C | 4  | B | 5  | A |
| 6  | C | 7  | A | 8  | C | 9  | D | 10 | C |
| 11 | A | 12 | A | 13 | A | 14 | A | 15 | B |
| 16 | D | 17 | B | 18 | D | 19 | C | 20 | A |
| 21 | D | 22 | A | 23 | A | 24 | B | 25 | D |
| 26 | D | 27 | A | 28 | D | 29 | B | 30 | A |
| 31 | B | 32 | D | 33 | C | 34 | B | 35 | B |
| 36 | A | 37 | c | 38 | B | 39 | A | 40 | C |
| 41 | B | 42 | C | 43 | B | 44 | C | 45 | D |
| 46 | B | 47 | A | 48 | D | 49 | D | 50 | B |
| 51 | A | 52 | A | 53 | A | 54 | B | 55 | B |
| 56 | D | 57 | D | 58 | D | 59 | C | 60 | C |
| 61 | B | 62 | A | 63 | D | 64 | C | 65 | C |
| 66 | D | 67 | D | 68 | D | 69 | B | 70 | B |
| 71 | C | 72 | B | 73 | B | 74 | D | 75 | B |
| 76 | B | 77 | B | 78 | A | 79 | A | 80 | A |
| 81 | C | 82 | B | 83 | D |    |   |    |   |