

## Chapter 2: Atoms and the Periodic Table

1. Which element is a nonmetal?  
A) K B) Co C) Br D) Al  
Ans: C Difficulty: Easy
2. Which element is a metal?  
A) Li  
B) Si  
C) Cl  
D) Ar  
E) More than one of the elements above is a metal.  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
3. Which element is a metalloid?  
A) B B) C C) Ar D) Al  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
4. What is the mass number of the isotope with the symbol  ${}_{17}^{37}\text{Cl}$ ?  
A) 17 B) 18 C) 35.45 D) 37  
Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
5. What is the atomic number of the isotope with the symbol  ${}_{17}^{37}\text{Cl}$ ?  
A) 17 B) 18 C) 35.45 D) 37  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
6. How many protons are in the isotope with the symbol  ${}_{17}^{37}\text{Cl}$ ?  
A) 17 B) 18 C) 35.45 D) 37  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
7. Silicon has three naturally occurring isotopes: Si-28, Si-29 and Si-30. If the average atomic mass of silicon is 28.09, which isotope has the highest isotopic abundance?  
A) Si-28  
B) Si-29  
C) Si-30  
D) All isotopes have the same isotopic abundance.  
Ans: A Difficulty: Difficult

8. The active ingredient in the drug Fosamax is a compound with the chemical formula  $C_4H_{18}NNaO_{10}P_2$ . Which statement concerning the chemical formula of this compound is false?

- A) Atoms of six different elements make up this compound.
- B) Carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, sodium, oxygen, and potassium atoms are present in this compound.
- C) The ratio of carbon atoms to oxygen atoms is 4:10.
- D) There is only one atom of nitrogen present in this compound.

Ans: B Difficulty: Medium

9. Which element is a transition metal in period 4?

- A) K
- B) Hf
- C) Sn
- D) Sc

Ans: D Difficulty: Medium

10. Which element is a noble gas?

- A) H
- B) Ne
- C) Pr
- D) Ra
- E) More than one of the elements listed is a noble gas.

Ans: B Difficulty: Easy

11. Which element is not an alkali metal?

- A) Li
- B) K
- C) Rb
- D) H
- E) All of the above elements are alkali metals.

Ans: D Difficulty: Medium

12. Which element is not an alkali metal?

- A) Li
- B) Kr
- C) Rb
- D) Na
- E) All of the above elements are alkali metals.

Ans: B Difficulty: Easy

13. Which of the following determines the chemical reactivity of an element?

- A) The number of protons in an atom of the element
- B) The number of valence electrons in an atom of the element
- C) The number of neutrons in an atom of the element
- D) The number of protons and neutrons in an atom of the element

Ans: B Difficulty: Easy

14. The element symbol for manganese is  
A) M B) Ma C) Mg D) Mn  
Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
15. The element symbol for sulfur is  
A) S B) Su C) Sf D) Sl  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
16. Which statement is not part of the modern description of the electronic structure of an atom?  
A) Electrons occupy discrete energy levels.  
B) Electrons move freely in space.  
C) The energy of electrons is quantized.  
D) The energy of electrons is restricted to specific values.  
Ans: B Difficulty: Difficult
17. What is the maximum number of electrons that can occupy the third ( $n=3$ ) shell?  
A) 2 B) 3 C) 6 D) 8 E) 18  
Ans: E Difficulty: Difficult
18. Which of the following properly represents the order of orbital filling based on the relative energy of the orbitals?  
A)  $1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d, 4s, 4p$   
B)  $1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 2p, 3p, 4p, 3d$   
C)  $1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 4s, 3d, 4p$   
D)  $1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3d, 3p, 4s, 4p$   
Ans: C Difficulty: Difficult
19. Which atom has the largest atomic radius?  
A) K B) Ga C) Br D) Rb  
Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
20. Which atom has the smallest atomic radius?  
A) K B) Ga C) Br D) Rb  
Ans: C Difficulty: Medium
21. Which element has the smallest ionization energy?  
A) K B) Ga C) Br D) Rb  
Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
22. How many protons are in the isotope  ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U}$ ?  
A) 238 B) 146 C) 92 D) 330  
Ans: C Difficulty: Medium
23. How many neutrons are in the isotope  ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U}$ ?  
A) 238 B) 146 C) 92 D) 330  
Ans: B Difficulty: Difficult

24. How many electrons are in the isotope  ${}^{238}_{92}\text{U}$  ?  
 A) 238 B) 146 C) 92 D) 330  
 Ans: C Difficulty: Medium
25. Which isotope is not possible?  
 A)  ${}^1_1\text{H}$   
 B)  ${}^4_9\text{Be}$   
 C)  ${}^{241}_{95}\text{Am}$   
 D)  ${}^2_1\text{H}$   
 E) More than one of the above isotopes is not possible.  
 Ans: B Difficulty: Difficult
26. An atom of the isotope chlorine-37 consists of how many protons, neutrons, and electrons? (p = proton, n = neutron, e = electron)  
 A) 18 p, 37 n, 18 e D) 37 p, 37 n, 17 e  
 B) 17 p, 20 n, 17 e E) 37 p, 20 n, 37 e  
 C) 17 p, 20 n, 18 e  
 Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
27. The elements in a column of the periodic table are collectively referred to as  
 A) Metals B) A period C) A group D) A series E) Metalloids  
 Ans: C Difficulty: Easy
28. Which element is most likely to be a good conductor of electricity?  
 A) Ar B) N C) F D) Ni E) O  
 Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
29. Which element is chemically similar to lithium?  
 A) Sulfur B) Magnesium C) Iron D) Lanthanum E) Potassium  
 Ans: E Difficulty: Medium
30. Which element is chemically similar to chlorine?  
 A) Sulfur B) Calcium C) Oxygen D) Bromine E) Argon  
 Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
31. Which element is an s block element?  
 A) S  
 B) Ar  
 C) He  
 D) La  
 E) None of these elements is an s block element.  
 Ans: C Difficulty: Difficult

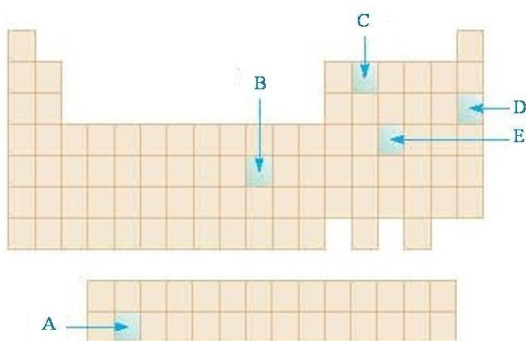
32. Which element is a *d* block element?  
 A) S  
 B) Ar  
 C) Ag  
 D) As  
 E) None of these elements is a *d* block element.  
 Ans: C Difficulty: Medium

33. The proper electron-dot symbol for aluminum is  
 A)  $\cdot\text{Al}\cdot$  B)  $\cdot\text{Al}$  C)  $\cdot\ddot{\text{Al}}$  D)  $\text{Al}\cdot$   
 Ans: A Difficulty: Easy

34. The electron configuration of chlorine is  $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^5$ . Which statement about chlorine is incorrect?  
 A) Chlorine has five valence electrons  
 B) Chlorine's valence shell is the third shell  
 C) Chlorine has five electrons in the 3p subshell  
 D) Chlorine has 17 total electrons  
 Ans: A Difficulty: Medium

35. What is the symbol for the isotope with  $A = 31$  and  $Z = 15$ ?  
 A)  $^{15}_{31}\text{P}$  B)  $^{46}_{15}\text{P}$  C)  $^{31}_{15}\text{Ga}$  D)  $^{31}_{15}\text{P}$   
 Ans: D Difficulty: Medium

36. In the diagram below, which highlighted element is an *f* block element?



- A) A B) B C) C D) D E) E  
 Ans: A Difficulty: Easy

37. Which statement describing atoms is false?
- A) The number of protons in an atom is referred to as the atomic number of the atom.
  - B) The total number of protons, neutrons, and electrons in an atom is referred to as the mass number of the atom.
  - C) Protons and neutrons are located in the nucleus of an atom.
  - D) Electrons are located in the space outside the nucleus called the electron cloud.
- Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
38. Antimony is a metalloid containing 51 protons that is alloyed with lead and used in car batteries. What is the element symbol for antimony?
- A) A B) An C) At D) Sb E) Cr
- Ans: D Difficulty: Medium
39. Which statement concerning the elements fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine is incorrect?
- A) These elements are all halogens.
  - B) These elements all have the same valence shell.
  - C) These elements are all nonmetals.
  - D) These elements all have the same number of valence electrons.
- Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
40. A sulfur atom has a larger atomic radius than an oxygen atom. Which statement best explains why?
- A) Sulfur contains more electrons than oxygen does.
  - B) Sulfur contains more protons than oxygen does.
  - C) The valence shell of sulfur is farther away from the nucleus than the valence shell of oxygen is.
  - D) The larger number of protons in an oxygen atom pulls its electrons closer to the nucleus than a sulfur atom.
- Ans: C Difficulty: Difficult
41. Zirconium (Zr) is an element classified as a metal. Which property cannot be assumed based on its classification as a metal?
- A) Zr has a relatively high density
  - B) Zr is a trace element in the body
  - C) Zr is a good conductor of electricity
  - D) Zr is a shiny solid
- Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
42. Protons and electrons reside in the nucleus of an atom.
- A) True B) False
- Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
43. Electrons are negatively charged and have the smallest mass of the three subatomic particles.
- A) True B) False
- Ans: A Difficulty: Medium

44. The nucleus contains most of the mass of an atom and is positively charged.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
45. All atoms of the same element contain the same number of protons.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
46. An alloy is a mixture of two or more elements that has metallic properties.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
47. Fl is the element symbol for fluorine.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
48. The element symbol S represents sodium.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
49. Hydrogen is located in group 1A but it is not considered an alkali metal.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
50. The element symbol for iron is Fe.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
51. Helium is an *s* block element.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Difficult
52. Nonmetals have a shiny appearance, and they are generally poor conductors of heat and electricity.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
53. All elements have at least two naturally occurring isotopes.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
54. Oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen are called the building-block elements because they make up the majority of the mass of the human body.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium

55. A compound is a pure substance formed by chemically combining two or more elements together.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
56. The farther a shell is from the nucleus, the larger its volume becomes, and the more electrons it can hold.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
57. The mass of a neutron is equal to the mass of a proton plus the mass of an electron.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
58. The  $5s$  orbital is lower in energy than the  $4d$  orbital.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
59. The electron-dot symbol for barium is  $\text{Ba}\cdot$ .  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
60. All of the elements in group 2A are metals.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
61. All of the elements in group 6A are nonmetals.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
62. All metals are solids at room temperature.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
63. The maximum number of electrons that can occupy the  $3d$  subshell is ten (10).  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
64. Phosphorus has 15 valence electrons.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
65. A bromine atom is smaller than a potassium atom.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium



66. Iodine has smaller ionization energy than chlorine.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
67. The electron configuration for calcium is  $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^64s^2$ .  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
68. When orbitals are equal in energy, one electron is added to each orbital until the orbitals are half-filled, before any orbital is completely filled.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
69. When two electrons occupy the same orbital they have paired spins—that is, the spins are opposite in direction.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
70. Group 6A elements have the general electron configuration of  $ns^2np^6$ .  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
71. The electron cloud contains most of the volume of an atom.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Easy
72. Bromine is abbreviated by the two-letter symbol BR.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
73. A column in the periodic table is called a period.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Easy
74. An atom with  $A = 21$  and  $Z = 10$  is an isotope of an atom with  $A = 20$  and  $Z = 10$ .  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Difficult
75. The atomic weight of an element is the sum of the masses of the naturally occurring isotopes of the element.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium

76. Strontium and barium have similar chemical properties.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: A Difficulty: Medium
77. The number of electrons that an orbital can contain depends on the type of orbital.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
78. Fluorine has higher ionization energy than neon.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
79. An iodine atom is larger than both a krypton atom and a tellurium atom.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Difficult
80. Radium is a noble gas.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
81. The chemical formula  $S_8$  represents a compound.  
A) True B) False  
Ans: B Difficulty: Medium
82. The ground state electron configuration for \_\_\_\_\_ is  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^1$ .  
Ans: potassium or K  
Difficulty: Medium
83. The electron configuration of aluminum using the noble gas notation is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans:  $[Ne]3s^2 3p^1$   
Difficulty: Medium
84. The electrons in the outermost shell of an atom are called the \_\_\_\_\_ electrons.  
Ans: valence  
Difficulty: Medium
85. The name of the halogen in period 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans: chlorine  
Difficulty: Medium
86. The isotope  ${}^{49}_{22}\text{Ti}$  has  $A =$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $Z =$  \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans: 49, 22  
Difficulty: Medium

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87. Isotopes of the same element have the same number of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans: protons  
Difficulty: Easy
88. Elements in the same group have the same number of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ans: valence electrons  
Difficulty: Easy
89. Iron-56 contains \_\_\_\_\_ neutrons.  
Ans: 30 or thirty  
Difficulty: Medium
90. Tungsten is a metal containing 74 protons that is widely used in the electronics industry.  
What is the elemental symbol for tungsten?  
Ans: W  
Difficulty: Medium