

# Atomic Structure — NEET Exam-1: Solutions

Q1. For  $\text{Li}^{2+}$  ion,  $r_2 : r_5$  is?

**Conceptual Approach:** For a hydrogenic ion, the radius in level  $n$  is  $r_n = \frac{n^2 a_0}{Z}$ . Ratios cancel  $a_0$  and  $Z$ .

**Steps:**  $r_2 : r_5 = \frac{4}{Z} : \frac{25}{Z} = 4 : 25$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{4 : 25}$  (Option B)

Q2. KE of an electron is increased four times. What happens to its de Broglie wavelength?

**Conceptual Approach:**  $\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mK}} \Rightarrow \lambda \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}$ .

**Steps:**  $K \mapsto 4K \Rightarrow \lambda \mapsto \lambda/2$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\text{Half}}$  (Option B)

Q3. Maximum number of electrons in a subshell?

**Conceptual Approach:** A subshell with azimuthal quantum number  $\ell$  contains  $(2\ell + 1)$  orbitals; each holds  $2 e^-$ .

**Steps:** Max electrons =  $2(2\ell + 1) = 4\ell + 2$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{4\ell + 2}$  (Option B)

Q4. Orbital angular momentum of an  $s$  electron?

**Conceptual Approach:**  $L = \sqrt{\ell(\ell + 1)} \hbar$ . For  $s$  ( $\ell = 0$ ),  $L = 0$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{0}$  (Option C)

Q5. Correct quantum numbers for an electron in  $4f$ ?

**Conceptual Approach:**  $4f \Rightarrow n = 4, \ell = 3, m_\ell \in \{-3, \dots, +3\}, s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{n = 4, \ell = 3, m_\ell = +1, s = +\frac{1}{2}}$  (Option D)

Q6. Correct set for the 19th electron of Cr?

**Conceptual Approach:** After  $[\text{Ar}]$  ( $18 e^-$ ), the 19th electron enters  $4s$  (aufbau);  $\Rightarrow n = 4, \ell = 0, m_\ell = 0, s = +\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{n = 4, \ell = 0, m_\ell = 0, s = \frac{1}{2}}$  (Option C)

Q7. In which electronic arrangement are *all three* rules (Aufbau, Pauli, Hund) invalid?

**Conceptual Approach:** In option-3

before completely filling s orbital p orbital is filled so Aufbau's rule is violated

Hund's rule is not followed as first electron should be filled singly

same spin so Pauli's rule is violated.

**Final Answer:**

Q8. Order of orbital energies for H-atom:

**Conceptual Approach:** For hydrogen, energies depend only on  $n$  (degenerate within a shell). Thus  $3s = 3p = 3d < 4s = 4p$ .

**Final Answer:**  (Option C)

Q9. Most  $\alpha$ -particles pass undeflected in Rutherford's experiment because:

**Conceptual Approach:** The nucleus occupies an extremely small fraction of the atom's volume; the chance of close approach is tiny.

**Final Answer:**  (Option D)

Q10. A dipositive metal has electronic configuration 2, 8, 14 and atomic weight 56. Neutrons?

**Conceptual Approach:**  $M^{2+}$  has 24  $e^- \Rightarrow Z = 26$  for the neutral atom. Neutrons =  $A - Z$ .

**Steps:**  $A = 56, Z = 26 \Rightarrow N = 56 - 26 = 30$ .

**Final Answer:**  (Option A)

Q11. Wavelength = 400 nm. Wavenumber?

**Conceptual Approach:** Wavenumber  $\tilde{\nu} = 1/\lambda$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; convert  $\lambda$  to cm.

**Steps:**  $400 \text{ nm} = 4.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 4.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$ ;

$\tilde{\nu} = 1/(4.00 \times 10^{-5}) = 2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Final Answer:**  (Option A)

Q12. Correct graphical representation (photoelectric effect)?

**Conceptual Approach:**

**I Incorrect.**  $K_{\max}$  shown constant with frequency  $\nu$ . In reality,  $K_{\max} = h\nu - \phi = h(\nu - \nu_0)$ , so it *increases linearly* with  $\nu$  above the threshold  $\nu_0$ .

**II Correct.**  $K_{\max}$  vs  $\nu$  is a straight line cutting the  $\nu$ -axis at  $\nu_0$ :  $K_{\max} = h(\nu - \nu_0)$ .

**III Incorrect.**  $K_{\max}$  vs *intensity* should be horizontal (independent of intensity) for fixed  $\nu > \nu_0$ ; intensity affects number of electrons, not their maximum KE.

**IV Correct.** Number of photons  $\propto$  *intensity* (for fixed  $\nu$ ), hence a straight line through the origin.

**Correct option:**  4 — (II & IV).

**Final Answer:**  Option-4 (II and IV)

**Q13.** Which is *not* among shortcomings of Bohr's model?

**Conceptual Approach:** Bohr failed for multi-electron spectra, fine structure and Zeeman effect; but it *does* give discrete energy levels.

**Final Answer:**  Statement 4 is NOT a shortcoming (Bohr did give energy levels).

**Q14.**  $n_1$  for Paschen series:

**Conceptual Approach:** Paschen series corresponds to transitions ending at  $n_1 = 3$ .

**Final Answer:**  3 (Option C)

**Q15.** I:  $\ell$  identifies subshell and shape. II: Each subshell type has  $(2\ell + 1)$  orbitals.

**Conceptual Approach:** Both statements are standard results from quantum mechanics of atoms.

**Final Answer:**  Both I and II are correct (Option A)

**Q16.** Match the Column-I/II (figure based).

**Conceptual Approach:**

**Diffraction & interference** need the **wave nature** of EM radiation (superposition creates fringes).

The **visible spectrum** from white light is a **continuous spectrum** (no gaps in wavelengths).

**Bohr's frequency rule:**  $\nu = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{h}$  (photon frequency equals energy gap divided by  $h$ ).

**Emission spectra of gaseous atoms** are **discontinuous line spectra** (only specific quantized wavelengths).

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{-(a-r), (b-s), (c-q), (d-p)}$  (Option A)

**Q17.** Assertion–Reason: In H atom,  $E_{4s} > E_{3d}$ ; Reason: lower ( $n$ )  $\Rightarrow$  lower energy.

**Conceptual Approach:** For hydrogen, energy depends only on  $n$ :  $E_{3d} < E_{4s}$ , so Assertion is true. The ( $n + \ell$ ) rule applies to multi-electron atoms, not H; here it would even predict  $4s < 3d$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{(A) \text{ correct}, (R) \text{ correct (for multi-electron species)}}$  (Option A)

**Q18.** Match the Column–I/II (figure based).

**Conceptual Approach:**

- (a)  $\rightarrow$  (p) The orbital wave function  $\psi$  has **no direct physical meaning**; only  $|\psi|^2$  is measurable (probability density).
- (b)  $\rightarrow$  (q) **Total nodes** in a hydrogenic orbital = radial + angular =  $(n - \ell - 1) + \ell = n - 1$ .
- (c)  $\rightarrow$  (r) For **1s**,  $|\psi|^2$  is **maximum at the nucleus** ( $r = 0$ ) and decreases rapidly with  $r$ .
- (d)  $\rightarrow$  (s) **Nodal surfaces**: loci where  $|\psi|^2 = 0$  (probability density vanishes).

**Correct option:**  $\boxed{4}$  — (a-p), (b-q), (c-r), (d-s).

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\text{option-D.}}$

**Q19.** Binding energy of H ground state = 13.6 eV. Energy to remove  $e^-$  from first excited state of  $\text{Li}^{2+}$ ?

**Conceptual Approach:** Hydrogenic levels:  $|E_n| = 13.6 \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$  eV. For  $\text{Li}^{2+}$ ,  $Z = 3$ , first excited  $n = 2$ .

**Steps:**  $|E_2| = 13.6 \times \frac{9}{4} = 30.6$  eV.

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{30.6 \text{ eV}}$  (Option B)

**Q20.** Third line from the red end in the Bohr (Balmer) series corresponds to?

**Conceptual Approach:** Red end is H- $\alpha$  ( $3 \rightarrow 2$ ). Counting lines:  $3 \rightarrow 2$  (H $\alpha$ ),  $4 \rightarrow 2$  (H $\beta$ ),  $5 \rightarrow 2$  (H $\gamma$ ).

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{5 \rightarrow 2}$  (Option B)

**Q21.** Golf ball  $m = 40$  g = 0.04 kg,  $v = 45$  m s $^{-1}$ , 2% speed accuracy. Uncertainty in position?

**Conceptual Approach:** Heisenberg:  $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$ . With  $\Delta p = m \Delta v$ ,  $\Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2m \Delta v}$ .

**Steps:**  $\Delta v = 0.02 \times 45 = 0.9$  m s $^{-1}$ ;

$$\Delta x \geq \frac{1.054 \times 10^{-34}}{2 \times 0.04 \times 0.9} \approx 1.46 \times 10^{-33} \text{ m.}$$

**Final Answer:**  $1.46 \times 10^{-33} \text{ m}$  (Option A)

**Q22.** Ionization energy of  $\text{Na(g)} = 495.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . Lowest frequency to ionize a Na atom?

**Conceptual Approach:**  $E = h\nu$ . Convert molar energy to per-atom: divide by  $N_A$ , then  $\nu = E/h$ .

**Steps:**  $E_{\text{atom}} = \frac{495.5 \times 10^3}{6.022 \times 10^{23}} \approx 8.23 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J};$

$$\nu = \frac{8.23 \times 10^{-19}}{6.626 \times 10^{-34}} \approx 1.24 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $1.24 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (Option C)