General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry, 4e (Timberlake) Chapter 3 Atoms and Elements

- 3.1 Multiple-Choice Questions
- 1) The primary substances of which all other things are composed are
- A) molecules.
- B) compounds.
- C) elements.
- D) electrons.
- E) protons.
- Answer: C

Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 2) Au is the symbol for
- A) gold.
- B) silver.
- C) argon.
- D) aluminum.
- E) sodium.

Answer: A Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

Select the correct symbol for the element.

- 3) aluminum
- A) Al
- B) Am
- C) Au
- D) Sn
- E) Ag

Answer: A Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 4) iron
- A) Ir
- B) Fs
- C) Fe
- D) In
- E) FE

Answer: C Objective: 3.1

- 5) sodium
- A) So
- B) Na
- C) No
- D) Sm
- E) Au

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 6) potassium
- A) P
- B) Po
- C) Pt
- D) K
- E) Ko

Answer: D Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 7) silver
- A) S
- B) Si
- C) Ag
- D) Au
- E) AG

Answer: C Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 8) Ca is the symbol for
- A) calcium.
- B) carbon.
- C) cobalt.
- D) copper.
- E) cadmium.

Answer: A Objective: 3.1

- 9) What elements are in hydroxyapatite, Ca₅(PO₄)₃OH, a major compound in human bones and teeth?
- A) carbon, potassium, oxygen, hydrogen
- B) calcium, phosphorus, oxygen, hydrogen
- C) carbon, phosphorus, oxygen, helium
- D) calcium, phosphorus, oxygen, helium
- E) carbon, potassium, oxygen, helium

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 10) Which of the following is a characteristic of the modern periodic table?
- A) A group is a horizontal row on the periodic table.
- B) A period is a column on the periodic table.
- C) The elements in each group have similar chemical properties.
- D) The B groups contain the representative elements.
- E) The A groups contain the transition elements.

Answer: C Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 11) Which of the following properties is NOT a characteristic of the Group 1A(1) elements (alkali metals)?
- A) They are shiny.
- B) They are good conductors of heat.
- C) They react vigorously with water.
- D) Most of them are liquids at room temperature.
- E) They are good conductors of electricity.

Answer: D
Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 12) The Group 8A(18) elements
- A) are unreactive and are rarely found in combination with other elements.
- B) are good conductors of electricity.
- C) melt at high temperatures.
- D) are liquids at room temperature.
- E) react vigorously with water.

Answer: A Objective: 3.2

- 13) Which of the following elements is a metal?
- A) nitrogen
- B) fluorine
- C) argon
- D) strontium
- E) phosphorus

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 14) Which of the following is a characteristic of nonmetals?
- A) shiny
- B) malleable
- C) good conductors of heat
- D) low melting points
- E) good conductors of electricity

Answer: D Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 15) Which of the following elements is a nonmetal?
- A) nitrogen
- B) sodium
- C) iron
- D) silver
- E) calcium

Answer: A

Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 16) Which of the following elements is a noble gas?
- A) oxygen
- B) chlorine
- C) bromine
- D) argon
- E) nitrogen

Answer: D

Objective: 3.2

17) Which element would have physical and chemical properties similar to chlorine? A) Ar B) Br C) S D) O E) P Answer: B Objective: 3.2 Global Outcomes: GO2
18) What is the symbol of the element in Group 4A(14) and Period 2? A) Be B) Mg C) Ca D) C E) Si Answer: D Objective: 3.2 Global Outcomes: GO2
19) What is the symbol of the element in Period 4 and Group 2? A) Be B) Mg C) Ca D) C E) Si Answer: C Objective: 3.2 Global Outcomes: GO2
20) Identify the noble gas in the following list. A) helium B) nitrogen C) oxygen D) gold E) chlorine Answer: A Objective: 3.2 Global Outcomes: GO2

- 21) Identify the metalloid in the following list.
- A) sulfur
- B) fluorine
- C) silver
- D) copper
- E) germanium

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 22) Semiconductors are located in the periodic table on (or in) the
- A) left side of the table.
- B) right side of the table.
- C) line dividing metals from nonmetals in the table.
- D) first period of the table.
- E) last period of the table.

Answer: C Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 23) The element in this list with chemical properties similar to magnesium is
- A) sodium.
- B) boron.
- C) carbon.
- D) strontium.
- E) chlorine.

Answer: D
Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 24) The smallest particle of an element that retains the characteristics of the element is a(n)
- A) electron.
- B) neutron.
- C) proton.
- D) atom.
- E) nucleus. Answer: D Objective: 3.3

- 25) According to the Atomic Theory,
- A) all atoms are different.
- B) atoms are neither created nor destroyed during a chemical reaction.
- C) atoms of the same element combine to form compounds.
- D) all matter is made up of tiny particles called electrons.
- E) a compound can contain different numbers of atoms as long as it has the same kinds of atoms.

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 26) Which of the following descriptions of a subatomic particle is correct?
- A) A proton has a positive charge and a mass of approximately 1 amu.
- B) An electron has a negative charge and a mass of approximately 1 amu.
- C) A neutron has no charge and its mass is negligible.
- D) A proton has a positive charge and a negligible mass.
- E) A neutron has a positive charge and a mass of approximately 1 amu.

Answer: A Objective: 3.3

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 27) In an atom, the nucleus contains
- A) an equal number of protons and electrons.
- B) all the protons and neutrons.
- C) all the protons and electrons.
- D) only neutrons.
- E) only protons.

Answer: B Objective: 3.3

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 28) The atomic number of an atom is equal to the number of
- A) nuclei.
- B) neutrons.
- C) neutrons plus protons.
- D) electrons plus protons.
- E) protons. Answer: E Objective: 3.4

- 29) The number of neutrons in an atom is equal to
- A) the atomic number.
- B) the mass number.
- C) the mass number + the atomic number.
- D) the mass number the atomic number.
- E) the number of protons.

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 30) The mass number of an atom can be calculated from
- A) the number of electrons.
- B) the number of protons plus neutrons.
- C) the number of protons.
- D) the number of electrons plus protons.
- E) the number of neutrons.

Answer: B Objective: 3.4

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 31) What is the mass number of an atom of potassium that has 20 neutrons?
- A) 15
- B) 19
- C) 35
- D) 39
- E) 59

Answer: D
Objective: 3.4

Global Outcomes: GO4

- 32) Consider a neutral atom with 30 protons and 34 neutrons. The atomic number of the element is
- A) 30.
- B) 32.
- C) 34.
- D) 64.
- E) 94.

Answer: A Objective: 3.4

33) Consider a neutral atom with 30 protons and 34 neutrons. The mass number for this atom is A) 30. B) 32. C) 34. D) 64. E) 94. Answer: D Objective: 3.4 Global Outcomes: GO4
34) Consider a neutral atom with 30 protons and 34 neutrons. The number of electrons in this atom is A) 30. B) 32. C) 34. D) 64. E) 94. Answer: A Objective: 3.4 Global Outcomes: GO4
35) How many protons are in an isotope of sodium with a mass number of 25? A) 11 B) 14 C) 15 D) 25 E) 32 Answer: A Objective: 3.4 Global Outcomes: GO4
36) Consider an isotope of sodium with a mass number of 25. The number of neutrons in this isotope of sodium is A) 11. B) 14. C) 16. D) 25. E) 32. Answer: B Objective: 3.4 Global Outcomes: GO4

- 37) Which of the following gives the correct numbers of protons, neutrons, and electrons in a neutral atom of $^{118}_{50}$ Sn?
- A) 118 protons, 50 neutrons, 118 electrons
- B) 118 protons, 118 neutrons, 50 electrons
- C) 50 protons, 68 neutrons, 50 electrons
- D) 68 protons, 68 neutrons, 50 electrons
- E) 50 protons, 50 neutrons, 50 electrons

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 38) Isotopes are atoms of the same element that have
- A) different atomic numbers.
- B) the same atomic numbers but different numbers of protons.
- C) the same atomic numbers but different numbers of electrons.
- D) the same atomic number but different numbers of neutrons.
- E) the same atomic mass but different numbers of protons.

Answer: D Objective: 3.5

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 39) The correct symbol for the isotope of potassium with 22 neutrons is
- A) $\frac{41}{19}$ K.
- B) $\frac{19}{41}$ K.
- C) $\frac{37}{15}$ P.
- D) $\frac{15}{37}$ P.
- E) $^{22}_{19}$ K.

Answer: A Objective: 3.5

- 40) Given the following: $\frac{41}{19}X$, $\frac{39}{19}X$, $\frac{41}{20}X$, and $\frac{39}{18}X$. Which are isotopes of each other?
- A) $\frac{41}{19}$ X and $\frac{41}{20}$ X are isotopes of each other; and $\frac{39}{19}$ X and $\frac{39}{18}$ X are isotopes of each other.
- B) $\frac{41}{19}$ X and $\frac{39}{19}$ X are isotopes of each other.
- C) $_{19}^{41}$ X, $_{19}^{39}$ X, $_{20}^{41}$ X, and $_{18}^{39}$ X are isotopes of each other.
- D) None are isotopes of each other.

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 41) The atomic mass of an element is equal to
- A) its mass number.
- B) its atomic number.
- C) one-twelfth of the mass of a carbon-12 atom.
- D) a weighted average mass of all of the naturally occurring isotopes of the element.
- E) the average mass of all of the naturally occurring isotopes of the element.

Answer: D
Objective: 3.5

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 42) A sample of chlorine has two naturally occurring isotopes. The isotope Cl-35 (mass 35.0 amu) makes up 75.8% of the sample, and the isotope Cl-37 (mass = 37.0 amu) makes up 24.3% of the sample. What is the average atomic mass for chlorine?
- A) 36.0 amu
- B) 35 amu
- C) 36.6 amu
- D) 35.5 amu
- E) 35.521 amu

Answer: D Objective: 3.5

Global Outcomes: GO4

- 43) A sample of silicon has three naturally occurring isotopes: Si-28 (mass 28.0 amu); Si-29 (mass 29.0 amu) and Si-30 (mass = 30.0 amu). If the average atomic mass of silicon is 28.1 amu, which isotope is the most abundant?
- A) Si-28
- B) Si-29
- C) Si-30
- D) All isotopes have the same natural abundance.

Answer: A Objective: 3.5

- 44) Which of the following is NOT true for the atoms 13N, 14N, and 15N?
- A) They all have the same mass number.
- B) They are isotopes.
- C) They all have the same atomic number.
- D) They all have 7 protons.
- E) They all have 7 electrons.

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 45) The elements lithium, sodium, and potassium
- A) are isotopes of each other.
- B) are in the same period of elements.
- C) have the same number of neutrons.
- D) are in the same group.
- E) have the same mass number.

Answer: D

Objective: 3.2, 3.5 Global Outcomes: GO7

- 46) The elements sodium, magnesium, and silicon
- A) are isotopes of each other.
- B) are in the same period of elements.
- C) have the same number of neutrons.
- D) are in the same group.
- E) have the same mass number.

Answer: B

Objective: 3.2, 3.5 Global Outcomes: GO7

- 47) The electron arrangement of any particular atom shows
- A) the number of isotopes possible.
- B) a description of the shape of each energy level.
- C) the number of electrons in each energy level.
- D) a diagram of an atomic nucleus.
- E) the maximum number of electrons each energy level can hold.

Answer: C Objective: 3.6

- 48) The number of electron levels in a magnesium atom is
- A) 1.
- B) 2.
- C) 3.
- D) 4.
- E) 5.

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 49) The maximum number of electrons that may occupy the third energy level is
- A) 2.
- B) 8.
- C) 10.
- D) 18.
- E) 32.

Answer: D Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO4

- 50) What is the element with the electron configuration $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^5$?
- A) Be
- B) C1
- C) F
- D) S
- E) Ar

Answer: B Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 51) What is the electron configuration for aluminum?
- A) $1 s^2 2 s^2 2 p^6 3 s^2 3 p^1$
- B) $1 s^2 2 s^2 2 p^6 3 s^2 3 p^3$
- C) $1 s^2 2 s^2 2 p^6 3 s^2 3 p^5$
- D) $1 s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$
- E) 1 s²2 ²2p⁶3s²3p⁸

Answer: A Objective: 3.7

- 52) Which of the following electron configurations is impossible?
- A) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^1$
- B) $1s^22 s^42p^63s^23p^3$
- C) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^5$
- D) 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶
- E) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^3$

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 53) What is the electron configuration for potassium (atomic number 19)?
- A) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^7$
- B) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^53d^2$
- C) $1s^22s^22p^83s^23p^5$
- D) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^64s^1$
- E) $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^54s^1$

Answer: D Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 54) What element has the electron configuration 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p²?
- A) carbon
- B) oxygen
- C) sulfur
- D) iron
- E) silicon Answer: E

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 55) The number of electrons in the outer energy level of a neutral atom of boron (atomic number
- 5) is
- Á) 2.
- B) 3.
- C) 5. D) 8.
- E) 10.

Answer: B Objective: 3.7

- 56) What is the correct electron configuration for the lithium atom?
- A) $1s^3$
- $B) 2s^1$
- C) $1s^{1}2s^{2}$
- D) $1s^22s^1$
- E) $1s^22s^5$

Answer: D

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 57) What is the abbreviated electron configuration for nickel (atomic number 28)?
- A) $[He]2s^22p^3$
- B) $[Ar]4s^23d^8$
- C) $[Kr]4s^23d^8$
- D) $[Ar]4s^24p^4$
- E) $[Ar]3d^{8}$

Answer: B

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 58) What is the element with the abbreviated electron configuration [Kr]5s²4d⁸?
- A) Ni
- B) Pd
- C) Pt
- D) Kr
- E) Xe

Answer: B Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 59) The number of valence electrons found in an atom of a Group A element is equal to
- A) its atomic number.
- B) its mass number.
- C) its group number.
- D) eight.
- E) eight minus the group number.

Answer: C Objective: 3.8

- 60) Valence electrons are electrons located
- A) in the outermost energy level of an atom.
- B) in the nucleus of an atom.
- C) in the innermost energy level of an atom.
- D) throughout the atom.
- E) in the first three shells of an atom.

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 61) In an electron-dot structure of an element, the dots are used to represent
- A) all of the electrons in the atom.
- B) the valence electrons.
- C) the electron arrangement.
- D) only the electrons that will participate in bond formation.
- E) the electrons that the element will gain when it forms a compound.

Answer: B Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 62) How many valence electrons are in the electron-dot structures for the elements in group 3A(13)?
- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4
- E) 6

Answer: C Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO4

- 63) The number of dots in the electron dot structure of nitrogen is
- A) one.
- B) two.
- C) three.
- D) four.
- E) five.

Answer: E Objective: 3.8

- 64) The number of dots in the electron dot structure of carbon is
- A) one.
- B) two.
- C) three.
- D) four.
- E) five.

Global Outcomes: GO4

- 65) Which of the following is the correct electron-dot structure for carbon?
- A) : C
- B) ·c:
- C) c•
- D):C:
- E) · ...

Answer: C Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 66) The atomic size of atoms
- A) increases going across a period.
- B) decreases going across a period.
- C) decreases going down within a group.
- D) does not change going across a period.
- E) None of the above.

Answer: B Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO7

- 67) The ionization energy of atoms
- A) decreases going across a period.
- B) decreases going down within a group.
- C) increases going down within a group.
- D) does not change going down within a group.
- E) None of the above.

Answer: B Objective: 3.8

- 68) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na., the element with the largest atomic radius is A) B.
 B) C.
 C) F.
 D) Li.
- E) Na. Answer: E Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 69) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na, the element with the smallest atomic radius is
- A) B.
- B) C.
- C) F.
- D) Li.
- E) Na.
- Answer: C Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 70) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na. The element with the highest ionization energy is
- A) B.
- B) C.
- C) F.
- D) Li.
- E) Na.

Answer: C Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

- 71) Ionization energy is
- A) the energy an ion acquires from an electron.
- B) the energy needed to remove the least tightly bound electron.
- C) highest for metals in Group 1A (1).
- D) higher for potassium than for lithium.
- E) None of the above.

Answer: B Objective: 3.8

- 72) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na. The element with the smallest ionization energy is
- A) B.
- B) C.
- C) F.
- D) Li.
- E) Na.
- Answer: E Objective: 3.8
- Global Outcomes: GO7
- 73) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na. The element with the most metallic character is
- A) B.
- B) C.
- C) F.
- D) Li.
- E) Na.
- Answer: E
- Objective: 3.8
- Global Outcomes: GO7
- 74) Of the elements: B, C, F, Li, and Na. The element with the least metallic character is
- A) B.
- B) C.
- C) F.
- D) Li.
- E) Na.
- Answer: C Objective: 3.8
- Global Outcomes: GO6

3.2 Short Answer Questions

Write in the electronic configuration for the atom shown.

1) Sodium

Answer: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s¹

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO7

2) Chlorine

Answer: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁵

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO7

3) Argon

Answer: $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^6$

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO7

4) Sulfur

Answer: $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^4$

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO7

5) Magnesium

Answer: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²

Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO7

6) Phosphorus

Answer: $1s^22s^22p^63s^23p^3$

Objective: 3.7

3.3 True/False Questions

1) The symbol for potassium is P.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

2) The symbol for gold is Au.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

3) Sulfur is a nonmetal.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

4) Chromium is a metal.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

5) Radon is a metal.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

6) Mercury is a metal.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO3

7) Iodine is a metal.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

8) An electron has a positive charge.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.3

Global Outcomes: GO2

9) Protons and neutrons are located in the nucleus of an atom.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.3

10) Sulfur has 16 valence electrons.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.4

Global Outcomes: GO2

11) Isotopes have the same atomic number but different mass numbers.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.5

Global Outcomes: GO2

12) Potassium has one valence electron.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

13) The electron configuration of potassium is $1s^22s^22 p^63s^1$.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.7

Global Outcomes: GO2

14) A lithium atom is larger than a potassium atom.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

15) A sodium atom is larger than a silicon atom.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

16) Chlorine has a higher ionization energy than aluminum.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

17) Chlorine has a higher ionization energy than fluorine.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

18) Ionization energy increases going down a group.

Answer: FALSE Objective: 3.8

19) Atomic size decreases going from left to right within a period.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

20) Chlorine has more metallic character than fluorine.

Answer: TRUE Objective: 3.8

Global Outcomes: GO2

3.4 Matching Questions

Do the following represent elements in a group, a period, or neither?

- A) period
- B) neither
- C) group
- 1) Li, C, F Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

2) F, S, P

Objective: 3.2

3) O, S, Se Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

4) He, H, I Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

Answers: 1) A 2) B 3) C 4) B

Match the correct symbols with the names of elements.

- A) C
- B) Co
- C) Cu
- D) C1
- E) Ca
- 5) calcium Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

6) copper Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

7) carbon Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

8) chlorine Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

9) cobalt Objective: 3.1

Global Outcomes: GO2

Answers: 5) E 6) C 7) A 8) D 9) B

Give the correct number of electrons.

- A) one
- B) seven
- C) two
- D) eight
- E) five
- 10) in the second energy level of magnesium

Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

11) in the highest occupied energy level of chlorine

Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

12) in the outer energy level of nitrogen

Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

13) in the first energy level of chlorine

Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

14) in the third energy level of sodium

Objective: 3.6

Global Outcomes: GO2

Answers: 10) D 11) B 12) E 13) C 14) A

Classify the following elements.

- A) noble gas
- B) alkali metal
- C) nonmetal
- D) alkaline earth metal
- E) transition element
- F) halogen
- 15) sodium Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

16) argon

Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

17) bromine Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

18) copper Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

19) magnesium Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

20) phosphorus Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

Answers: 15) B 16) A 17) F 18) E 19) D 20) C

Classify the following elements as metals, nonmetals or metalloids.

- A) nonmetal
- B) metal
- C) metalloid
- 21) chlorine Objective: 3.2

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22) cobalt Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

23) sulfur Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

24) silicon Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

25) nickel Objective: 3.2

Global Outcomes: GO2

Answers: 21) A 22) B 23) A 24) C 25) B