Marks • The relative atomic mass of magnesium is reported as 24.3. Show how this figure is calculated given the natural abundances of the following isotopes of magnesium: <sup>24</sup>Mg (79.0 %); <sup>25</sup>Mg (10.0 %); <sup>26</sup>Mg (11.0 %).

The relative atomic mass of magnesium is the weighted average of the masses of its isotopes:

$$\left(24 \times \frac{79.0}{100}\right) + \left(25 \times \frac{10.0}{100}\right) + \left(26 \times \frac{11.0}{100}\right) = 24.3 \,\mathrm{g}\,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$$

• With examples, briefly explain what allotropes are.

Allotropes are different structural arrangements of the same atoms of an element.

Carbon occurs naturally as either graphite, which consists of sheets of planar hexagonal rings, and diamond, a three dimensional structure with tetrahedrally coordinated carbon. carbon. Oxygen exists as either the gaseous diatomic O<sub>2</sub> molecule or the gaseous triatomic O<sub>3</sub> (ozone).

• Complete the following table.

Formula	Name
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	sodium carbonate
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	iron(III) oxide
PCl <sub>3</sub>	phosphorus trichloride
NH <sub>3</sub>	ammonia

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