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• In the spaces provided, briefly explain the meaning of the following terms.		
Effective nuclear charge		
The force of attraction experienced by the outer electrons of an atom. It's a combination of the magnitude of the nuclear charge mitigated by shielding by the inner electrons. Effective nuclear charge increases to the top right of the periodic table.		
Atomic emission spectrum		
Unique for each element, the spectrum represents emission of light of disctrete frequencies corresponding to the energy differences between electron energy levels in an atom It results from the movement of electrons from a higher energy level to a lower one.		
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Marks • Silicon and carbon are both in Group 14 and form dioxides. Carbon dioxide is a gas at room temperature while silicon dioxide (sand) is a solid with a high melting point. Describe the bonding in these two materials and explain the differences in properties they show.

CO₂ contains discrete molecules. Carbon makes four bonds by making two C=O double bonds. The C=O double bonds have strong σ and π components. Although these bonds are quite polar, these molecules are linear and do not possess dipole moments. Only very weak dispersion intermolecular forces hold the molecules together and CO_2 is a gas at room temperature.

SiO₂ is a network covalent solid. Each silicon makes four bonds by making four Si-O single bonds. The covalent network leads to a very strongly bonded solid with a very high melting point.

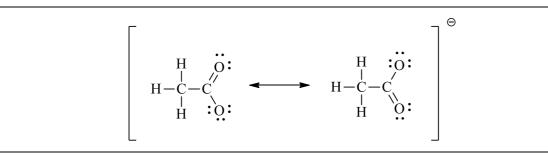
Complete the following nuclear equations by filling in the missing particle. •

$${}^{14}_{7}N + {}^{1}_{1}p \rightarrow {}^{11}_{6}C + {}^{4}_{2}He$$
$${}^{11}_{6}C \rightarrow {}^{11}_{5}B + {}^{0}_{1}e^{+}$$

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• Draw the Lewis structure of the acetate ion (CH₃COO⁻) showing all appropriate resonance structures.

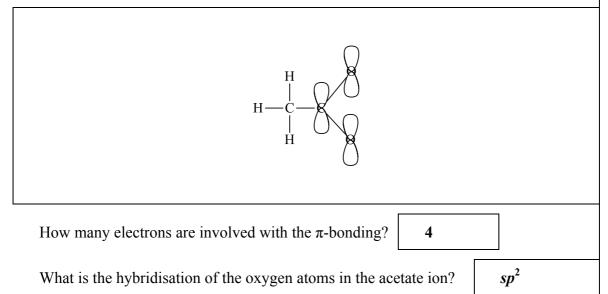
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Indicate the hybridisation, molecular geometry and approximate bond angle about each of the carbon atoms in the acetate ion.

	-CH ₃	-COO ⁻
Hybridisation of C	sp ³	sp ²
Molecular geometry about C	tetrahedral	trigonal planar
Approximate bond angles about C	109°	120°

The actual structure of the acetate ion is a weighted combination of all resonance structures. Sketch the σ -bond framework of the acetate ion and indicate the *p*-orbitals that are involved in the π -bonding of the acetate ion.



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• The yellow light emitted from an excited sodium atom has a wavelength of 590 nm. What is the energy of one photon of this light and one mole of photons? Specify appropriate units with your answers.

The energy of a photon is related to its wavelength through Planck's equation:

 $E = hc / \lambda$ = (6.626 × 10⁻³⁴ J s) × (2.998 × 10⁸ m s⁻¹) / (590 × 10⁻⁹ m) = 3.4 × 10⁻¹⁹ J

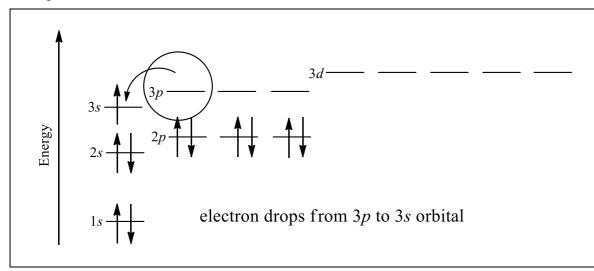
The energy of 1 mol is therefore:

$$E = (3.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}) = 200 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

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of 1 mol of photons: **200 kJ mol**⁻¹

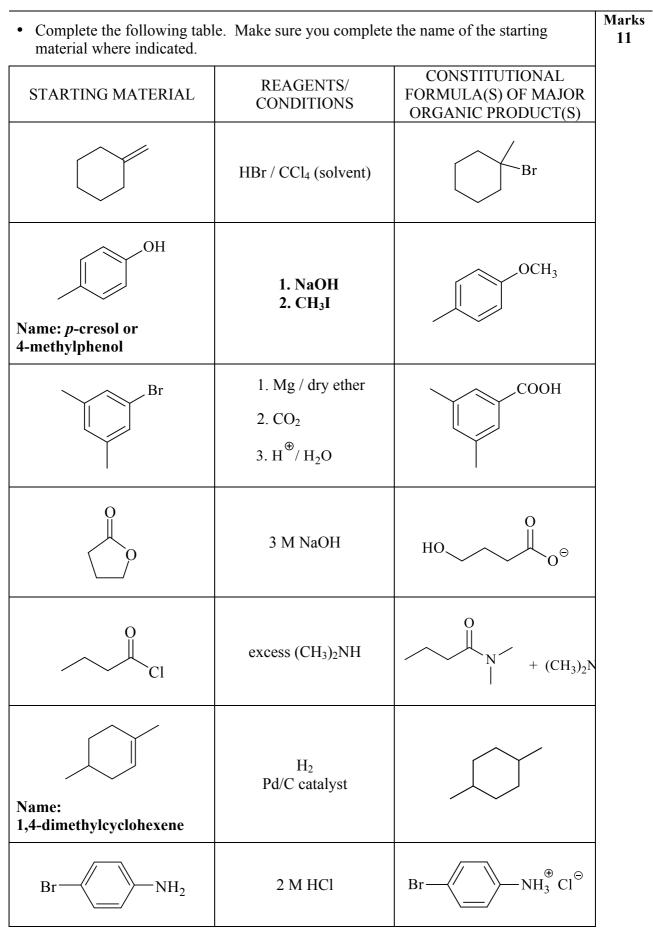
The yellow light is associated with the longest wavelength transition as the atom returns to the ground state electron configuration. Fill in the following energy level diagram for sodium and indicate the transition associated with the emission of yellow light.

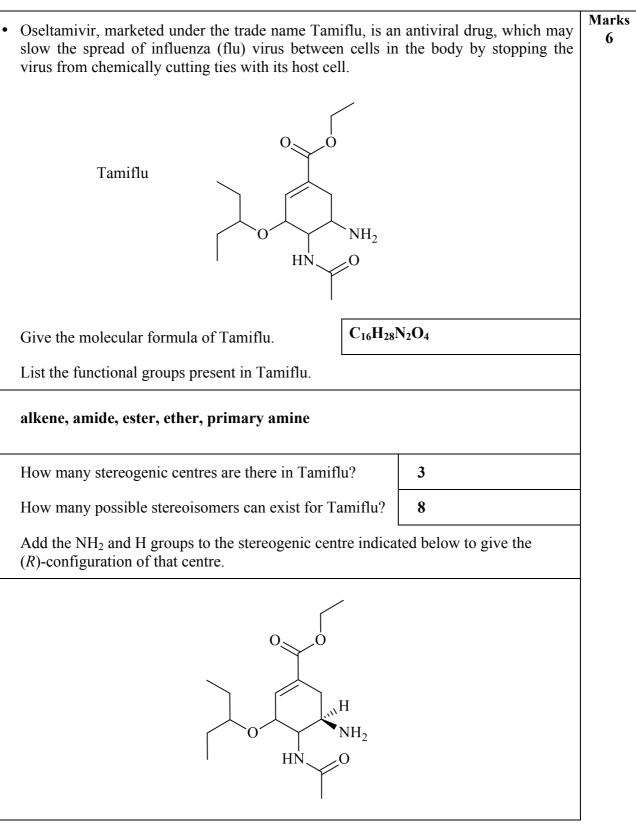


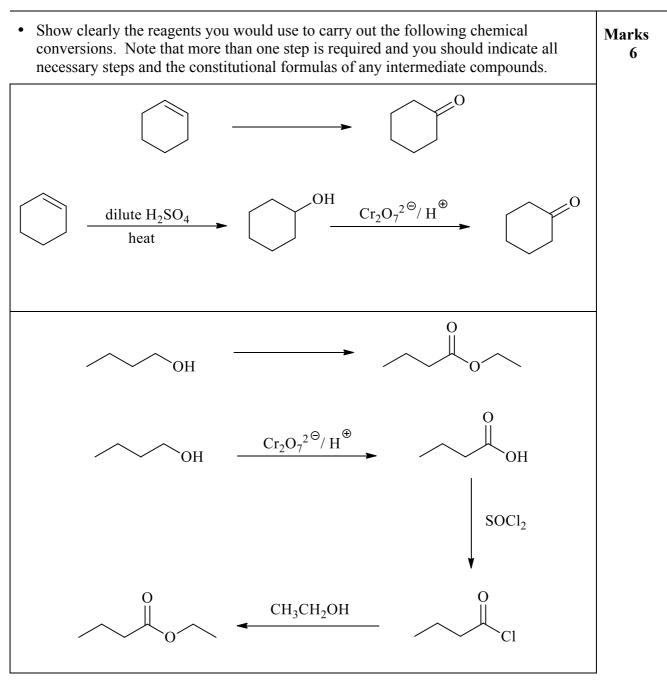
A quantum mechanical model of an atom can explain the emission spectrum of sodium, but the Bohr model of the atom cannot. Why?

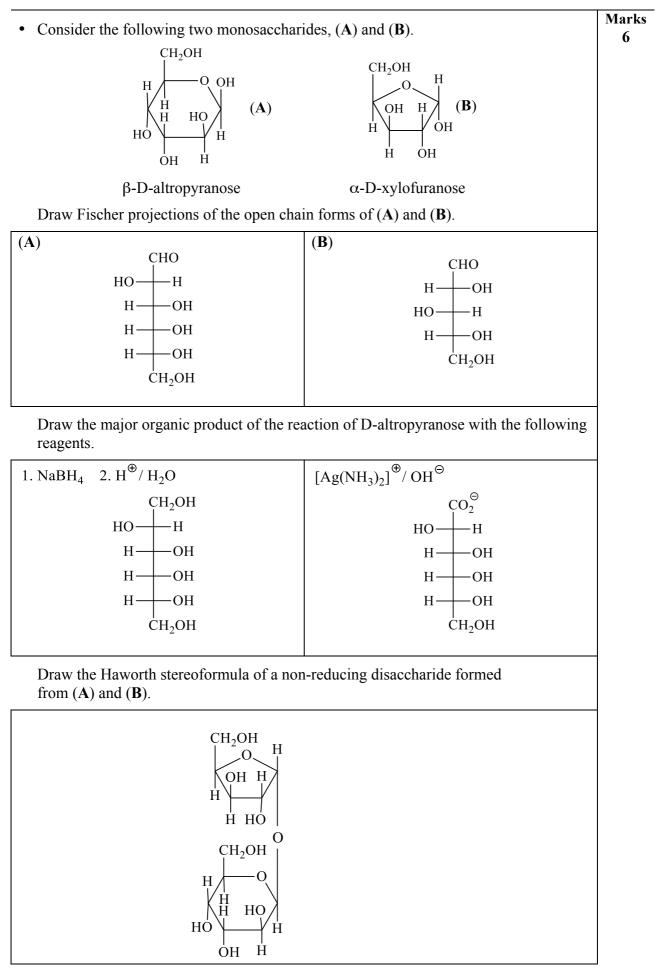
A quantum mechanical model includes subshells, but a Bohr model does not. The yellow light is associated with electron movement between subshells.

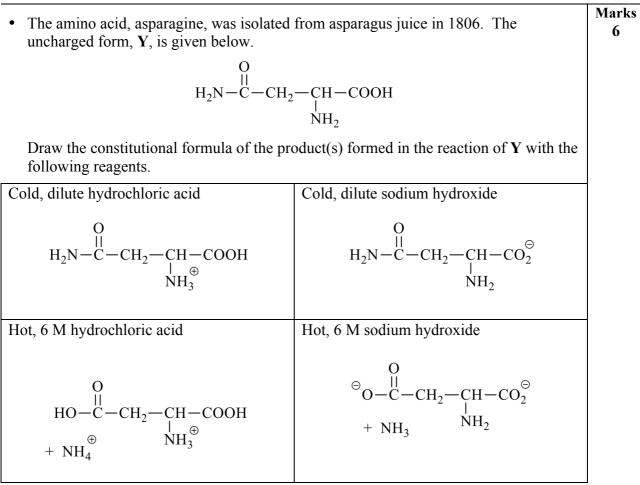
The emission spectrum of sodium contains many more lines than would be predicted from Bohr's model.





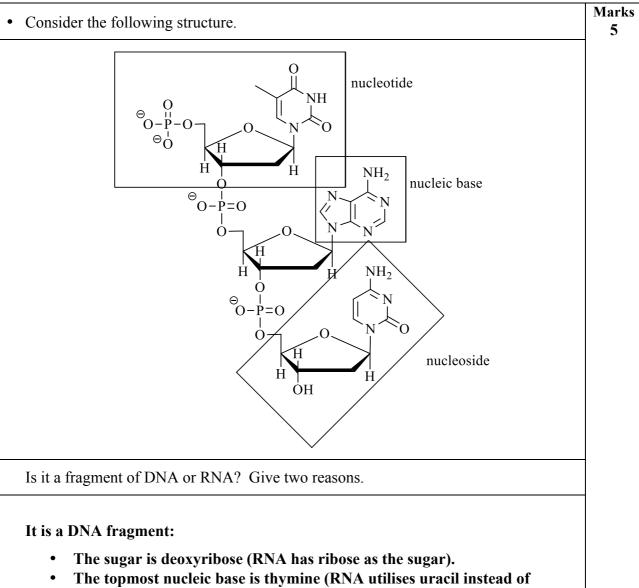






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- Alanine $(R = CH_3)$ and lysine $(R = CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2)$ are two common amino 6 acids. Using *ala* and *lys* to represent the two amino acids, represent all constitutional isomers of the tripeptide formed from one *ala* and two *lys* units. ala-lys-lys lys-ala-lys lys-lys-ala Comment, giving your reason(s), on whether the tripeptide(s) will be acidic, neutral or basic in character. The alanine side chain is neutral whilst the lysine side chain is basic. The tripeptide will therefore be basic. The pK_a values of lysine are 1.82 (α -COOH), 8.95 (α -NH₃^{\circ}) and 10.53 (side chain). What is the value of the isoelectric point of lysine? Fully protonated, lysine has a –COOH group and two NH_3^+ groups. It has a +2 charge. To get a neutral form, both $=NH_3^+$ groups must be deprotonated. The isoelectric point is thus the mean of the pK_a values for these two groups: $pI = \frac{1}{2}(8.95 + 10.53) = 9.74$ pI = **9.74** Draw the Fischer projection of the zwitterionic form of lysine. $\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ H_2N - & H \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_3^{\oplus} \end{array}$



thymine).

Clearly identify on the above structure one example of each of the following subunits.

nucleic base **- see above** nucleoside **- see above** nucleotide **- see above**