

Study Questions

- Why does iron rust, but aluminum doesn't?
- Why are metals shiny?
- What chemicals would be useful for cleaning my tub/unclogging my drain?
- Determine Oxidation State of these compounds
- Why isn't Gold attracted to magnets? (hint: look at electrons!)
- How do you obtain copper metal from Copper Sulfide?
- What is the chemical formula, what will 2 compounds make?
- What dictates the hardness of a metal?
- What part of the earth is the main source of raw materials for chemical production?
- Name the six main classes of minerals discussed in lecture
- What is the difference between a mineral, an ore, and a rock?
- Which metals might be found naturally in an uncombined state?
- True or False: Carbon is among the top 5 most abundant elements in the earth's crust.
- Define the following terms: gangue, roasting, smelting.
- Describe 3 methods for concentration of an ore. Under what circumstances might each method be used?
- Provide chemical equations for the following processes:
 - Production of sulfuric acid from S₈
 - Production of lime from limestone
- What natural resource serves as the raw material for the production of sodium hydroxide? Show the chemical equation.
- What is the effective Nuclear charge of an electron in the n=3 shell of sulfur?
- Calculate Z_{eff} for the following:
 - An electron in the 2p orbital of boron ($Z=5$)
 - An electron in the 2p orbital of oxygen ($Z=8$)
 - From this, what would you conclude about the trend in Z_{eff} as you move from left to right across a period?
- Arrange the atoms and ions in each series below in order from smallest to largest radius:
 - Ca²⁺, S²⁻, K⁺, Cl⁻, Ar
 - Sr, Mg, Ca, Be, Ba, Ra
- Calculate the Z_{eff} for Na⁺, Na, and Na⁻ then compare these values.
- Looking at phosphorus and sulfur:
 - Which has a higher Z_{eff} ?
 - Based on the Z_{eff} alone, which would you expect to have a higher ionization energy?
 - In reality, which has a higher ionization energy? Why? Use an orbital energy level diagram to support your argument.
- Use concepts of ionization energy and electron affinity to determine which of the following is more energetically favorable
 - Adding an electron to Na
 - Removing an electron from Na
- Is adding an electron to Si more or less favorable than adding an electron to P? Use orbital energy level diagrams to support your argument.
- Based on your qualitative understanding of ionization energies, which do you predict will react more vigorously with water: potassium or lithium?
- Calculate Z_{eff} for the following electrons:
 - A 2p electron of B ($Z=5$)
 - A 2p electron of O ($Z=8$)
- From this, what would you conclude about the trend in Z_{eff} when you move from left to right across a period?
- Arrange the atoms and ions of each series below in the order from smallest to largest atomic radius:
 - Ca²⁺, S²⁻, K⁺, Cl⁻, Ar
 - Sr, Mg, Ca, Be, Ba, Ra
- Why do atoms combine with other atoms?
- Why do some substances conduct heat and electricity better than others?
- Why do some solids absorb moisture from the air and others do not?
- CH₃OH a lewis acid or base?