

## C1 Atomic Structure Homework task 2

### Q1.

Carbon can exist in a number of different structures.

- (a) What is the approximate radius of a carbon atom?

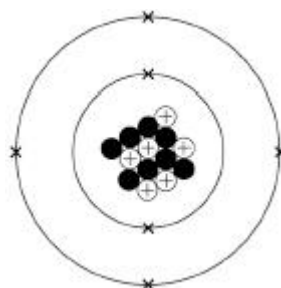
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0.1 m       0.1 mm       0.1 nm

(1)

- (b) **Figure 1** shows an atom of carbon.

**Figure 1**



Describe the atomic structure of this carbon atom.

You should include the number of electrons, neutrons and protons.

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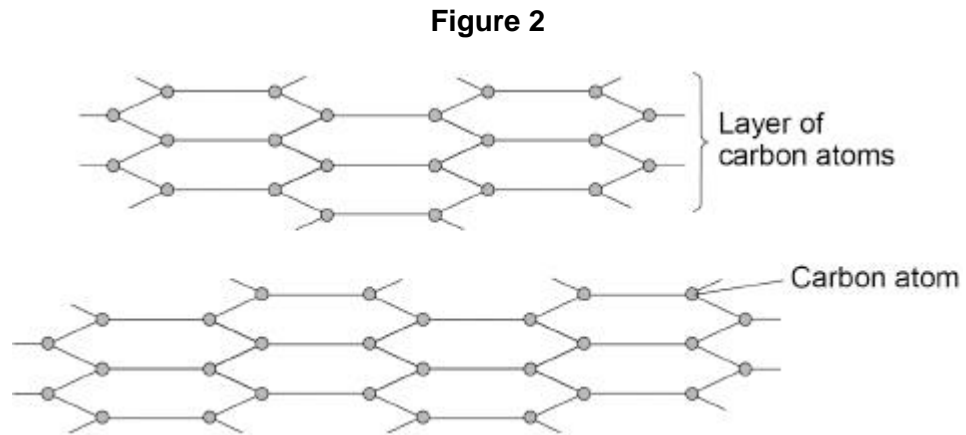
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(6)

In graphite the carbon atoms are held together by bonds.

**Figure 2** represents part of the structure of graphite.



(c) How many bonds does each carbon atom have in graphite?

Use **Figure 2**.

Tick (✓) **one** box.

1       2       3       4

(1)

(d) What type of bonds hold the carbon atoms together in graphite?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Covalent

Ionic

Metallic

(1)

(e) Lubricants allow objects to slide over each other easily.

Suggest why graphite can be used as a lubricant.

Use **Figure 2**.

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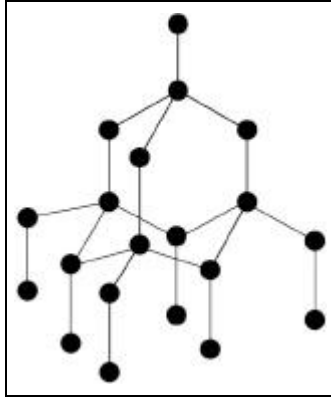
(1)

(f) The two structures represent different forms of carbon.

Draw **one** line from each structure to the form of carbon.

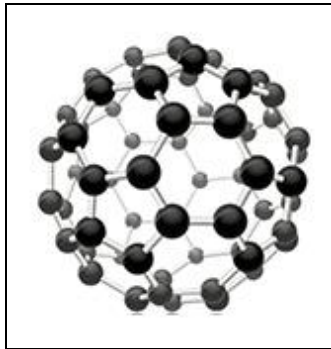
**Structure**

**Form of carbon**



Buckminsterfullerene

Diamond



Graphene

Nanotube

(2)  
(Total 12 marks)

**Q2.**

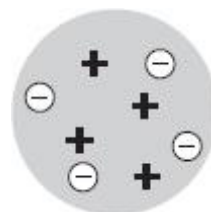
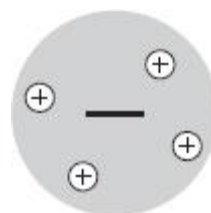
The model of the atom has changed over time. (a) Draw **one** line from each atomic model to the representation of that model.

**Atomic model**

**Representation of model**

Dalton atom

Plum pudding model



(2)

Scientists investigated the structure of the atom.

The scientists directed alpha particles at a thin sheet of gold foil.

(b) What is an alpha particle the same as?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A fast-moving electron

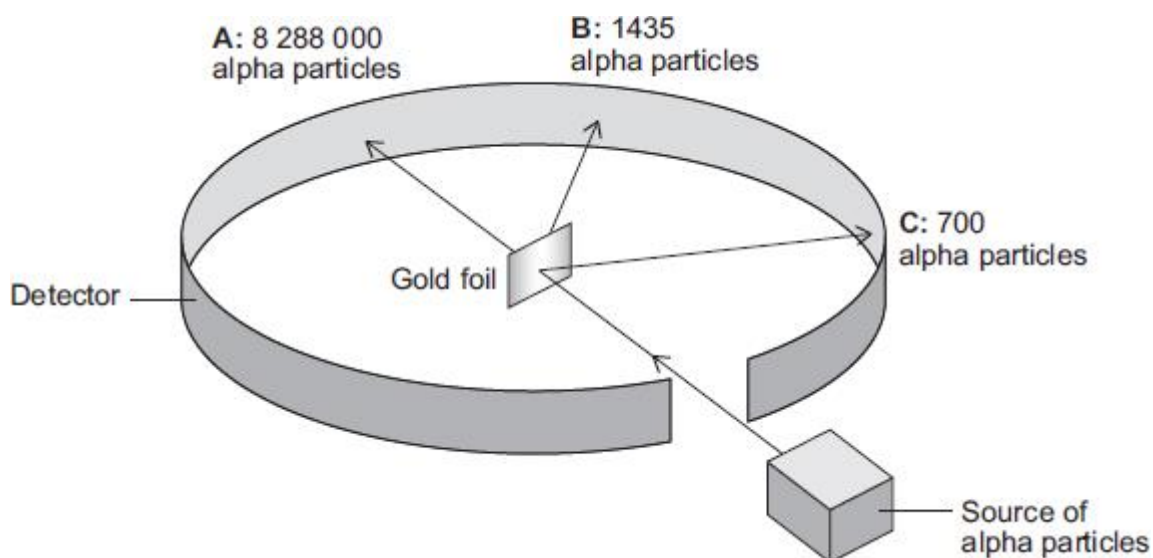
A helium nucleus

A radioactive isotope

Electromagnetic radiation

The diagram below shows:

- three of the pathways the alpha particles take
- the number of alpha particles detected at positions **A**, **B** and **C**.



- (c) Determine the simplest ratio of the number of alpha particles detected at **A** to those detected at **C**.

Use the diagram above.

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Simplest ratio of **A** : **C** = \_\_\_\_\_ : 1

(2)

The scientists concluded that a gold atom:

- is mostly empty space
- has a charged nucleus at its centre.

- (d) How do the results in the diagram above show that a gold atom is mostly empty space?

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(1)

- (e) Explain how the results in the diagram above show that a gold atom contains a charged nucleus.

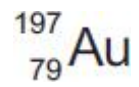
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- (f) A gold atom can be represented as:



Describe the atomic structure of this gold atom.

You should include the numbers of each type of sub-atomic particle.

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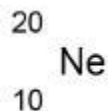
(5)  
(Total 13 marks)

## HIGHER TIER QUESTIONS

### Q3.

The diagram below shows two isotopes of neon.

Neon-20



Neon-21



- (a) Compare the number of sub-atomic particles in an atom of neon-20 and an atom of neon-21

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(2)

- (b) There are 18 neon atoms in every million particles of air.

Of these 18 neon atoms, 0.27% are neon-21 atoms.

Calculate the percentage of particles in air that are neon-21 atoms.

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\_\_\_\_\_ %

(2)

- (c) The image below shows a sign containing neon.

The sign is connected to an electrical supply.



The neon atoms gain energy when the sign is switched on.

Explain why the sign glows when the electrical supply is switched on.

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(4) (Total 8 marks)

**Q4.**

This question is about halogens.

Bromine reacts with sodium to produce sodium bromide.

- (a) Describe the structure of and bonding in sodium bromide.

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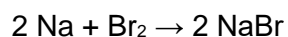
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(2)

- (b) The equation for the reaction is:



1 g of bromine reacts with sodium.

Calculate the number of bromine molecules in 1 g of bromine.

1 mole of bromine contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  bromine molecules.

Relative formula mass ( $M_r$ ) of bromine = 160

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Number of bromine molecules = \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

- (c) The table below shows the boiling points of some halogens.

Halogen	Boiling point in °C
Bromine	60
Chlorine	-34
Fluorine	-188

Explain the trend in the boiling points of the halogens.

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(4)

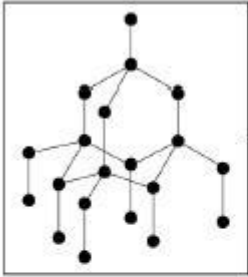

(Total 9 marks)



## Mark schemes

### Q1.

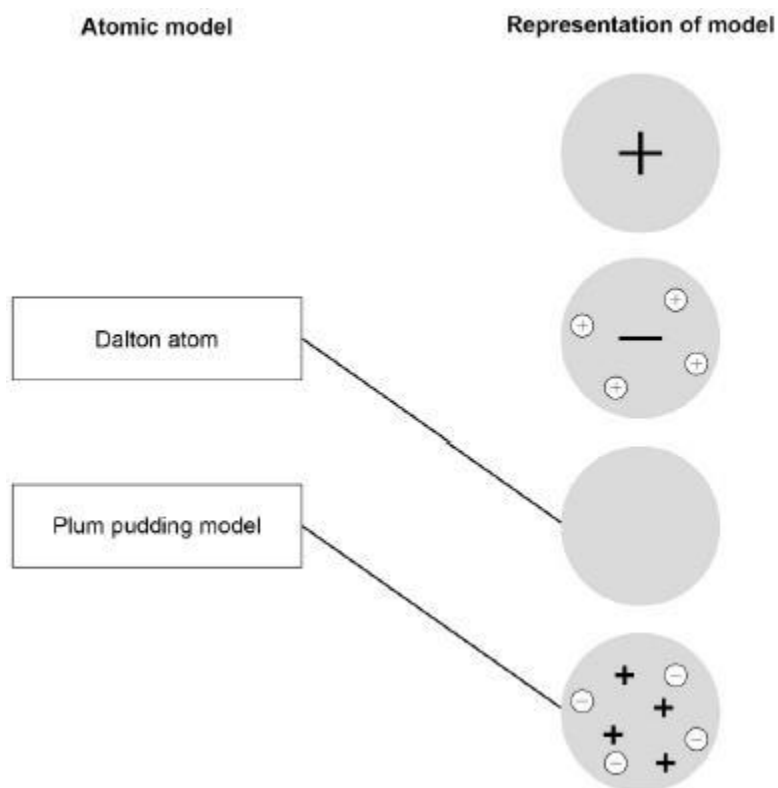
- (a) 0.1 nm 1
- (b) 6 protons 1
- 8 neutrons 1
- 6 electrons 1  
*allow electron (structure) 2,4*
- protons in nucleus 1
- neutrons in nucleus 1
- electrons (around nucleus) in energy levels / shells 1
- (c) 3 1
- (d) covalent 1
- (e) layers slide (over each other) 1  
*allow atoms slide over each other*
- (f)

Structure	Form of carbon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Buckminsterfullerene
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diamond
	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphene
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nanotube

do **not** accept more than **one** line from a box on the left

**Q2.**

(a)



do **not** accept more than one line from a box on the left

(b) a helium nucleus

(c) 
$$\frac{8\,288\,000}{700}$$

**or**

8 288 000 : 700

11 840 (:1)

(d) most of the (alpha) particles pass straight through  
*allow most of the (alpha) particles are **not** deflected / repelled / bounced back*

(e) some of the (alpha) particles bounce back  
**or**  
some of the (alpha) particles are deflected

1  
1

1

1

1

1

1

(because the charged) alpha particles were repelled (by the charged nucleus)

1

(f) 79 protons **and** 79 electrons

1

118 neutrons

1

protons in the nucleus

1

neutrons in the nucleus

1

electrons are arranged in energy levels (around the nucleus)

*allow electrons are arranged in shells (around the nucleus)*

1

[13]

### Q3.

(a) allow both have 10 electrons **and** 10 protons

1

neon-21 has 1 more neutron

**or**

neon-20 has 1 less neutron

*allow neon-20 has 10 neutrons **and** neon-21 has 11 neutrons*

*if no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for describing the number of particles in each of the isotopes*

*for max marks comparisons must be made*

1

(b) (calculation of percentage of neon atoms in air)

$$\left( \frac{18 \times 100}{1\,000\,000} \right) = 0.0018$$

1

(calculation of isotope percentage)

$$\frac{0.27}{100} = 0.0000049 (\%)$$

*allow 0.00000486 (%)*

**or**  $4.86 \times 10^{-6} (\%)$

**or**  $4.9 \times 10^{-6} (\%)$

*allow correct calculation using incorrect calculation for percentage of neon in air*

1

(c) (when the supply is switched on)

electron(s) (in neon) gain energy

1

(which) moves (electrons) to higher energy level 1

(then) electrons drop back to lower levels releasing energy 1

(that energy is) in the visible region of the spectrum 1

[8]

**Q4.**

(a) giant structure of ions 1

with strong electrostatic forces of attraction

*if no other mark awarded allow 1 mark for ionic bonding*

1

(b) (moles bromine =  $\frac{1}{160}$ )  
0.00625 1

(molecules of bromine =)  
 $0.00625 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

*allow correct use of an incorrectly calculated value for moles of bromine*

1

(molecules of bromine =)  
 $3.76 \times 10^{21}$  (molecules)  
*allow  $3.7625 \times 10^{21}$  (molecules)*

1

*allow converse*

(c) boiling point decreases up the group  
*allow boiling point decreases down the table* 1

(because) the relative formula / molecular mass decreases  
**or**  
(because) the size of the molecule decreases 1

(so) the intermolecular forces decrease (in strength)  
*allow (so) the forces between molecules decrease (in strength)* 1

(so) less energy is needed to overcome the intermolecular forces  
*allow (so) less energy is needed to separate the molecules*  
*do **not** accept a reference to breaking bonds unless specifically between molecules*

