

WORKED ANSWERS | STEP-BY-STEP CHECKS

Emission Spectra & Threshold Energy Calculations

Use this answer key after completing the separate question set. Answers are rounded to three significant figures unless the data suggest otherwise.

Worked Answers

1. Use $c = \lambda f$: $f = c/\lambda = (3.00 \times 10^8)/(121.6 \times 10^{-9}) = 2.47 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
2. $E = hc/\lambda = [(6.63 \times 10^{-34})(3.00 \times 10^8)]/(102.6 \times 10^{-9}) = 1.94 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J per photon}$.
3. $E = hc/\lambda = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J per photon}$. Multiply by 6.02×10^{23} and divide by 1000: $1.31 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, or about 1313 kJ mol^{-1} .
4. Because E is inversely proportional to λ , species A has the larger value. A: 1497 kJ mol^{-1} . B: 998 kJ mol^{-1} .
5. $E(\text{molar}) = (hc/\lambda)N_A = [(6.63 \times 10^{-34})(3.00 \times 10^8)/(250.0 \times 10^{-9})](6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 479 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.
6. $\lambda = hc/E = [(6.63 \times 10^{-34})(3.00 \times 10^8)]/(3.40 \times 10^{-18}) = 5.85 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m} = 58.5 \text{ nm}$.
7. First convert to one atom: $E = (738 \times 10^3)/(6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 1.23 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$. Then $\lambda = hc/E = 162 \text{ nm}$.
8. $E = hf = (6.63 \times 10^{-34})(3.29 \times 10^{15}) = 2.18 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$. Molar energy = $EN_A = 1313 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

9. (a) $E = hc/\lambda = 3.98 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$. (b) $EN_A = 2395 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.
10. Yes. The photon energy is greater than the ionization energy. Excess energy = $4.00 \times 10^{-18} - 2.50 \times 10^{-18} = 1.50 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$.
11. Energy per atom = $(900 \times 10^3)/(6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 1.50 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$. Since $f = E/h$, $f = 2.25 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
12. Energy per atom = $(1200 \times 10^3)/(6.02 \times 10^{23}) = 1.99 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$. $\lambda = hc/E = 99.8 \text{ nm}$.
13. Percentage error = $|1305 - 1312|/1312 \times 100 = 0.534\%$.
14. Energy = amount $\times$ molar ionization energy = $(0.250)(1312) = 328 \text{ kJ}$.
15. At 95.0 nm: 1261 kJ mol^{-1} . At 145.0 nm: 826 kJ mol^{-1} . Difference = 435 kJ mol^{-1} .