

Chemguide – questions

ELECTRONIC STRUCTURES OF IONS

You will need a copy of the Periodic Table for these questions.

- Write down the electronic structures of the following ions, showing all the orbitals separately. For example, Ca^{2+} would be given as $1s^2 2s^2 2p_x^2 2p_y^2 2p_z^2 3s^2 3p_x^2 3p_y^2 3p_z^2$.
 - Li^+
 - Cl^-
 - Al^{3+}
 - S^{2-}
 - Na^+
 - Mg^{2+}
 - F^-
 - K^+
 - O^{2-}
 - N^{3-}
- Write down the electronic structures of the following d block elements. To save time, you can use the notation [Ar] to represent the electronic structure of argon, so that Fe^{2+} would be [Ar] $3d^6$.
 - Cr^{3+}
 - Co^{2+}
 - Fe^{3+}
 - Ni^{2+}
 - Cu^{2+}
- Write down the outer electronic structures of the following ions. In each case, you need only show the electrons in the s and p orbitals in the outermost energy level. For example, Cs^+ would be $5s^2 5p_x^2 5p_y^2 5p_z^2$. Caesium atoms have the outer structure $6s^1$. If you remove the 6s electron in making the ion, the outer electrons are now in the 5s and 5p levels.
 - Rb^+ (Rb atomic number: 37)
 - Pb^{2+} (Pb atomic number: 82)
 - I^- (I atomic number: 53)
 - Sr^{2+} (Sr atomic number: 38)
 - Sn^{4+} (Sn atomic number: 50)
- The following structures may be atoms or ions. Write the symbol for the atom or ion. If it is an ion, don't forget to write the correct charge.
 - Atomic number: 54; electronic structure: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p_x^2 5p_y^2 5p_z^2$
 - Atomic number: 52; electronic structure: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p_x^2 5p_y^2 5p_z^2$
 - Atomic number: 50; electronic structure: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2$