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- (i) State and explain the group number of element Y.

group number 7

explanation There is a large difference between the seventh and eighth ionization energy as compared to others. [1]

- (ii) State and explain the general trend in first ionisation energies across the third period.

Ionization energy increases along the period because the nuclear charge increases whereas the shielding effect remains same. So, attraction between nucleus and outer electrons increases. [2]

- (iii) Complete the electronic configuration of element X.

1s² 2s² 2p⁶ 3s² 3p⁶ [1]

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0.2

- (i) Calculate the abundance of the third isotope.

$$100 - (99.76 + 0.04) = 0.2\%$$

abundance = 0.2 % [1]

- (ii) The relative atomic mass of this sample of oxygen is 16.0044.

Calculate the mass number of the third isotope. You must show your working.

$$\frac{(16 \times 99.76) + (17 \times 0.04) + (0.2x)}{100} = 16.0044$$

$$1596.84 + 0.2x = 1600.44$$

$$0.2x = 3.6$$

$$x = \frac{3.6}{0.2} = 18$$

mass number = 18 [2]

[Total: 11]

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group number 3 VII...

explanation The fifth, sixth, seventh ionisation energies increase steadily but the eighth has big energy gap.

[1]

- (ii) State and explain the general trend in first ionisation energies across the third period.

There is a general increase in ionisation energies. This is because nuclear charge increases, number of protons increase so force of attraction increases making it hard to remove electron.

[2]

- (iii) Complete the electronic configuration of element X.

1s² 2s² 2p¹ [1]

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$$100 - (99.76 + 0.04)$$

$$\text{abundance} = \dots 0.28 \dots \% [1]$$

- (ii) The relative atomic mass of this sample of oxygen is 16.0044.

Calculate the mass number of the third isotope. You **must** show your working.

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$$x = 12.86$$

$$\text{mass number} = \dots 12.86 \dots [2]$$

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- (i) State and explain the group number of element Y.

group number 6th or sixth

explanation There is huge change in ionisation energy which tell us that there are six valence electron
[1]

- (ii) State and explain the general trend in first ionisation energies across the third period.

Across the third period the ionisation energy increases because of same atomic radius and the nuclear charges increase due to more number of proton
[2]

- (iii) Complete the electronic configuration of element X.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total} &= 100\% \\ \text{So, } &100 - 99.76 - 0.04 \\ &= 0.20 \end{aligned}$$

abundance = 0.20 % [1]

- (ii) The relative atomic mass of this sample of oxygen is 16.0044.

Calculate the mass number of the third isotope. You must show your working.

$$\begin{aligned} 16.0044 &= \frac{16 \times 99.76 + 0.04 \times 17 + 0.2 \times x}{100} \\ 1600.44 &= 1596.84 + 0.2x \\ 3.6 &= 0.2x \\ \frac{3.6}{0.2} &= x \end{aligned}$$

mass number = 18.0 [2]

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