

Q11 [Uncertainty principle] The statements in the key are related to wave packets and the uncertainty principle. Select from the key the two *correct* statements, and pencil across *two* cells in row 11.

KEY for Q11

A A wave packet can only be used to describe a particle if the particle's momentum is known exactly.

B The more localized a wave packet is, the larger is the range of wavelengths from which it is constructed.

C If the position of the x -component of a particle has an uncertainty $\Delta x = 10^{-9}$ m, the x -component of its momentum can, in principle, simultaneously be known to a precision of 10^{-26} kg m s $^{-1}$.

D A non-zero uncertainty Δy in the y -component of the position of an electron in the ground state of a hydrogen atom means that there is a limit to which its total energy can be simultaneously known.

E If the energy of a particle is measured at a time that is known with an uncertainty of 10^{-10} s, then the uncertainty in the measured energy cannot be greater than 10^{-24} J.

F An uncertainty Δp_x in the x -component of a particle's momentum places no restriction on the limits to which p_y and p_z , the y - and z -components of its momentum are known.

Q12 [Three-dimensional infinite well] An electron is confined inside a cubic container with impenetrable walls, each of whose sides has length D . The potential energy of the confined electron is always zero, and, according to quantum mechanics, its energy levels are given by

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \frac{h^2}{8m_e D^2} (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2)$$

where $n_1 = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $n_2 = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $n_3 = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

When the electron makes a transition from its third lowest energy level to its lowest energy level, a photon of electromagnetic radiation is emitted. What is the frequency associated with this photon? Choose the *one* correct statement from the key, and pencil across *one* cell in row 12.

KEY for Q12

A $\frac{3h^2}{4m_e D^2}$

B $\frac{9h}{8m_e D^2}$

C $\frac{8m_e D^2}{3h}$

D $\frac{3h}{4m_e D^2}$

E $\frac{4m_e D^2}{3h}$

F $\frac{3h}{8m_e D^2}$

G $\frac{9h^2}{8m_e D^2}$

H $\frac{3h^2}{8m_e D^2}$

PART D

The questions in this part relate to Unit 15.

Q13 [Schrödinger's theory] The key contains seven statements about the Schrödinger equation, and its application to the hydrogen atom. Which *two* statements are wrong? Pencil across *two* cells in row 13.

KEY for Q13

A Quantum mechanics could, in principle, be used to study the motion of a satellite orbiting around the Moon.

B A particle confined to an infinite one-dimensional square well, can, according to Schrödinger's equation, occupy any one of an infinite number of energy levels.

C It is possible for a particle bound in this vicinity of a potential well of finite height and depth to be detected outside the well, even though its total energy is less than the potential energy at the top of the well.

D One of the triumphs of Schrödinger's equation is that it predicts that *four* quantum numbers, n , l , m_l and m_s , are needed to specify each quantum state of an electron in a hydrogen atom.

E In general, the higher energy levels of an electron in a hydrogen atom are more closely spaced in energy than the lower energy levels.

F According to the Schrödinger theory, the $4f$ state of

a hydrogen atom is split into 7 different energy levels in the presence of an external magnetic field. (You may ignore the effects of electron spin.)

G In a hydrogen atom, the principal quantum number, n , determines the value of the electron's energy levels under all circumstances.

Q14 [Heavy atoms] Titanium has an atomic number of $Z = 22$, and one of its isotopes has a mass number $A = 60$. Which *two* statements in the key are correct? Pencil across *two* cells in row 14.

KEY for Q14

A All isotopes of titanium contain 38 protons.

B Titanium is in the same period of the Periodic Table as cobalt, Co.

C The three outer shells of titanium have structure $3p^6 4s^2 3d^2$.

D A titanium atom in its ground state does not have an electron in a state with $n > 3$.

E The electron energy levels in titanium are identical to those of all other atoms with $A = 60$.

F The positive charge on the nucleus of the titanium isotope that has mass number $A = 60$ is smaller by 6.4×10^{-19} C than that on the isotope $^{56}_{22}\text{Ti}$.

G A titanium atom in its ground state has at least one electron with an orbital angular momentum quantum number equal to 3.