

**Electron Configuration**

1. Write the entire electron configuration for
  - a. phosphorus ( $_{15}\text{P}$ ) in its ground state.
  - b. calcium ( $_{20}\text{Ca}$ ) in its ground state.
  - c. tin ( $_{50}\text{Sn}$ ) in its ground state.
  - d. uranium ( $_{92}\text{U}$ ) in its ground state.
  
2. Name the element that is described by each of the following condensed version of electron configuration.
  - a.  $[\text{He}] 2s^2 2p^1$
  - b.  $[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^5$
  - c.  $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1$
  - d.  $[\text{Kr}] 5s^2 4d^2$
  - e.  $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2 3d^7$
  - f.  $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^1 45d^{10} 6p^4$
  - g.  $[\text{Xe}] 6s^2 4f^1 45d^9$
  - h.  $[\text{Rn}] 7s^2 5f^7$
  - i.  $3d^4$
  - j.  $4f^7$
  - k.  $4d^9$
  - l.  $5f^2$
  - m.  $5d^4$

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  - n.  $5p^8$
  - o.  $2d^2$
  - p.  $1p^3$
  
3. Write the condensed version of electron configuration
  - a. carbon ( $_{6}\text{C}$ )
  - b. sodium ( $_{11}\text{Na}$ )
  - c. sulfur ( $_{16}\text{S}$ )
  - d. germanium ( $_{32}\text{Ge}$ )
  - e. silicon ( $_{14}\text{Si}$ )
  - f. silver ( $_{47}\text{Ag}$ )
  - g. technetium ( $_{43}\text{Tc}$ )
  - h. iron ( $_{26}\text{Fe}$ )
  - i. terbium ( $_{65}\text{Tb}$ )
  - j. curium ( $_{96}\text{Cm}$ )
  - k. borium ( $_{107}\text{Bh}$ )
  
4. Name the element that is described by the electron configuration of the highest energy orbital (the last orbital to fill) of the element in its ground state.
  - a.  $2p^5$
  - b.  $1s^1$
  - c.  $1s^2$
  - d.  $3s^2$
  - e.  $3p^6$
  - f.  $6p^3$
  - g.  $3p^1$
  - h.  $5p^2$
  - i. oxygen ( $_{8}\text{O}$ )
  - j. bromine ( $_{35}\text{Br}$ )
  - c. selenium ( $_{34}\text{Se}$ )
  - d. uranium ( $_{92}\text{U}$ )
  - e. aluminum ( $_{13}\text{Al}$ )
  - f. cesium ( $_{55}\text{Cs}$ )
  - g. gold ( $_{79}\text{Au}$ )
  - h. lead ( $_{82}\text{Pb}$ )
  - i. tungsten ( $_{74}\text{W}$ )
  - j. sodium ( $_{11}\text{Na}$ )
  - k. antimony ( $_{51}\text{Sb}$ )
  - l. xenon ( $_{54}\text{Xe}$ )
  - m. osmium ( $_{76}\text{Os}$ )
  - n. bismuth ( $_{83}\text{Bi}$ )
  - o. ruthenium ( $_{44}\text{Ru}$ )
  - p. berkelium ( $_{97}\text{Bk}$ )

**ANSWERS**

- 1 a P  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^3$   
 b Ca  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$   
 c Sn  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^2$   
 d U  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^2 4d^{10} 5p^6 6s^2 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6p^6 7s^2 5f^4$

- 2 a B  
 b Cl  
 c K  
 d Zr  
 e Co  
 f Po  
 g Au  
 h Am
- 5 a  $2p^4$   
 b  $4p^5$   
 c  $4p^4$   
 d  $5f^4$   
 e  $3p^1$   
 f  $6s^1$
- 3 a C [He]  $2s^2 2p^2$   
 b Na [Ne]  $3s^1$   
 c S [Ne]  $3s^2 3p^4$   
 d Ge [Ar]  $4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^2$   
 e Si [Ne]  $3s^2 3p^2$   
 f Ag [Kr]  $5s^2 4d^9$   
 g Tc [Kr]  $5s^2 4d^5$   
 h Fe [Ar]  $4s^2 3d^6$   
 i Tb [Xe]  $6s^2 4f^9$   
 j Cm [Rn]  $7s^2 5f^8$   
 k Bh [Rn]  $7s^2 5f^{14} 6d^5$
- g  $5d^9$   
 h  $6p^2$   
 i  $5d^4$   
 j  $3s^1$   
 k  $5p^3$   
 l  $5p^6$   
 m  $5d^6$   
 n  $6p^3$   
 o  $4d^6$   
 p  $5f^9$

- 4 a  ${}_9F$   
 b  ${}_1H$   
 c  ${}_2He$   
 d  ${}_{12}Mg$   
 e  ${}_{18}Ar$   
 f  ${}_{83}Bi$   
 g  ${}_{13}Al$   
 h  ${}_{50}Sn$   
 i  ${}_{24}Cr$   
 j  ${}_{63}Eu$   
 k  ${}_{47}Ag$   
 l  ${}_{90}Th$   
 m  ${}_{74}W$
- n does not exist – there are only 6 possible electrons in the p subset  
 o does not exist – no 2 d orbitals  
 p does not exist – no 1p orbitals