

GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

Worksheet: Relative electrical charges of subatomic particles

TIME 30 min	TOTAL 30 marks	CALCULATOR Allowed	DIFFICULTY Easy, Medium
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Topics: Relative electrical charges of subatomic particles

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- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

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An atom of magnesium is represented as $^{24}_{12}\text{Mg}$.

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 Give the number of protons in this atom.

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Number of protons =

[1 mark]

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 Give the number of neutrons in this atom.

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Number of neutrons =

[1 mark]

0 1 . 3

Give the number of electrons in this atom.

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Number of electrons =

[1 mark]

0 1 . 4

Explain why this atom has no overall electrical charge.

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[1 mark]

0 2

Atoms contain protons, neutrons and electrons. A proton has a relative charge of +1.

0 2 . 1

What is the relative charge of a neutron?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

-1

☐

0

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+1

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+2

☐

[1 mark]

0 2 . 2

What is the relative charge of an electron?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

-1

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0

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+1

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+2

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[1 mark]

0 2 . 3

Explain why an atom has no overall electrical charge.

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[2 marks]

0 2 . 4

An atom of fluorine has 9 protons.
How many electrons does it have?

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[1 mark]

0 2 . 5

What name is given to the number of protons in an atom?

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[1 mark]

0 3

An atom of sodium has 11 protons.

0 3 . 1

How many electrons does an atom of sodium have?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

10

11

12

23

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[1 mark]

0 3 . 2

Which statement explains why a sodium atom has no overall charge?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

It has equal numbers of protons and neutrons.

☐

It has equal numbers of protons and electrons.

☐

Its neutrons cancel out the charge of its protons.

☐

Its electrons have no charge.

☐

[1 mark]

0 3 . 3

What name is given to the number of protons in an atom?

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Atomic number

☐

Group number

☐

Mass number

☐

Relative atomic mass

☐

[1 mark]

0 4

Table 1 shows the numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons in five particles, **A** to **E**.
Atomic numbers: sulfur = 16, chlorine = 17, argon = 18, potassium = 19

Table 1

Particle	Number of protons	Number of neutrons	Number of electrons
A	17	18	17
B	17	20	18
C	18	22	18
D	19	20	18
E	16	16	18

0 4 . 1

Which particle is a positive ion?
Give a reason for your answer.

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[2 marks]

0 4 . 2

Which **two** particles are from the same element?
Give a reason for your answer.

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[2 marks]

0 4 . 3

What is the relative charge on particle **E**?

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[1 mark]

0 4 . 4

Name the element that particle **D** was formed from.

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[1 mark]

0 4 . 5

Particle **C** is an atom.
Explain how the information in Table 1 shows this.

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[1 mark]

0 5

Table 2 shows the relative mass and relative charge of three particles, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, found in atoms.

Table 2

Particle	Relative mass	Relative charge
X	1	0
Y	very small	-1
Z	1	+1

0 5 . 1

Identify particle **X** and particle **Y**.

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[2 marks]

0 5 . 2

An atom of lithium contains 3 of particle **Z**, 4 of particle **X** and 3 of particle **Y**.
Explain why the atom has no overall charge.

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[2 marks]

0 5 . 3

Give the mass number of this lithium atom.

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Mass number =

[1 mark]

0 6

A magnesium atom has 12 protons. It can lose two electrons to form a magnesium ion.

0 6 . 1

How many electrons does a magnesium atom have?

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Number of electrons =

[1 mark]

0 6 . 2

Use the relative charges of protons and electrons to calculate the charge on a magnesium ion.
Show your working.

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[2 marks]

0 6 . 3

An oxide ion has 8 protons and a charge of 2-.
How many electrons does an oxide ion have?

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Number of electrons =

[1 mark]

0 6 . 4

Explain why a magnesium ion has almost the same mass as a magnesium atom.

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[1 mark]

END OF QUESTIONS

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Mark scheme

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Question 1 (4 marks)

01.1 [1 mark]

Answer: 12

- 12 (1)
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01.2 [1 mark]

Answer: 12

- 12 (24 – 12) (1)
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01.3 [1 mark]

Answer: 12

- 12 (1)
-

01.4 [1 mark]

Answer: It has the same number of protons as electrons, so the positive and negative charges cancel.

- it has the same number of protons (relative charge +1 each) as electrons (relative charge –1 each), so the charges cancel (1)

Notes: Do not accept 'the same number of protons and neutrons'.

Question 2 (6 marks)

02.1 [1 mark]

Correct: 0

02.2 [1 mark]

Correct: -1

02.3 [2 marks]

Answer: The number of electrons equals the number of protons, so the positive and negative charges cancel.

- number of electrons = number of protons (1)
 - so the (positive and negative) charges cancel (out) (1)
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02.4 [1 mark]

Answer: 9

- 9 (1)
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02.5 [1 mark]

Answer: atomic number

- atomic number (1)

Notes: Allow proton number.

Question 3 (3 marks)

03.1 [1 mark]

Correct: 11

03.2 [1 mark]

Correct: It has equal numbers of protons and electrons.

03.3 [1 mark]

Correct: Atomic number

Question 4 (7 marks)

04.1 [2 marks]

Answer: D, because it has more protons (19) than electrons (18).

- D (1)
- (it has) more protons than electrons / 19 protons and 18 electrons (1)

Notes: The reason mark depends on D.

04.2 [2 marks]

Answer: A and B, because they have the same number of protons (17).

- A and B (1)
- (they have the) same number of protons / both have 17 protons (1)

Notes: Allow 'same atomic number'.

04.3 [1 mark]

Answer: 2-

- 2- / -2 (1)

Notes: The sign must be shown. Do not accept 2 or 2+.

04.4 [1 mark]

Answer: potassium

- potassium (1)

Notes: Allow K.

04.5 [1 mark]

Answer: It has equal numbers of protons and electrons (18), so it has no overall charge.

- same number of protons and electrons (18) so no overall charge (1)
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Question 5 (5 marks)

05.1 [2 marks]

Answer: X: neutron; Y: electron

- X: neutron (1)
 - Y: electron (1)
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05.2 [2 marks]

Answer: The 3 positive charges of Z are balanced by the 3 negative charges of Y; X has no charge.

- $3 \times (+1)$ from Z is balanced by $3 \times (-1)$ from Y / equal numbers of Z and Y (1)
 - X has no charge (so does not affect the overall charge) (1)
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05.3 [1 mark]

Answer: 7

- $7 (3 + 4)$ (1)
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Question 6 (5 marks)

06.1 [1 mark]

Answer: 12

- 12 (1)
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06.2 [2 marks]

Answer: 2+

- $(12 \times +1) + (10 \times -1) / 12$ protons and 10 electrons (1)
- $= +2 / 2+$ (1)

Notes: A correct answer with no working scores 1 mark.

06.3 [1 mark]

Answer: 10

- 10 (1)
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06.4 [1 mark]

Answer: Electrons have a very small mass, so losing two electrons makes almost no difference to the mass.

- electrons have a very small (relative) mass, so losing 2 electrons hardly changes the mass (1)
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