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**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

**6888/02**

Paper 2 Structured Questions

**October/November 2019**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and candidate name on the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs, tables or rough working.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Do **not** write on the barcode.

Answer **all** questions.

You may use an electronic calculator.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 17.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **17** printed pages and **3** blank pages.

- 1 Fig. 1.1 shows a liquid-in-glass thermometer being calibrated against water for reading temperature in Celsius.

Only the lower and upper fixed points are labelled.

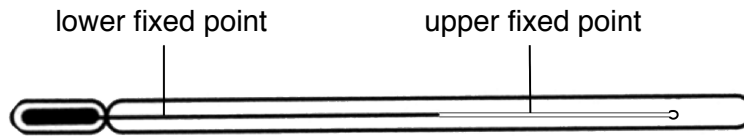


Fig. 1.1

- (a) State the value of the

(i) lower fixed point ..... [1]

(ii) upper fixed point ..... [1]

- (b) Describe how the thermometer can be calibrated using the lower and upper fixed points.

.....  
..... [2]

- (c) The liquid-in-glass thermometer in Fig. 1.1 is placed in warm water.

A similar thermometer with a larger bulb is placed in the same warm water.

- (i) Describe how the larger bulb affects sensitivity of the thermometer.

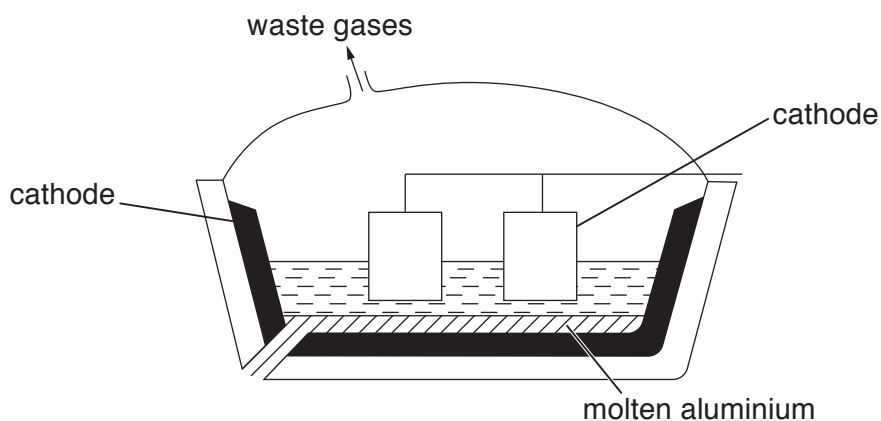
..... [1]

- (ii) Suggest how the increase in the size of the bulb affects the scale of the thermometer.

..... [1]

**2** Aluminium is extracted from its ore by electrolysis.

Fig. 2.1 shows the electrolytic cell used in the extraction of aluminium.



**Fig. 2.1**

**(a)** Name the main ore of aluminium.

..... [1]

**(b)** Label with the letter **A**, on Fig. 2.1, the electrode where oxygen gas is produced. [1]

**(c)** Explain why aluminium cannot be extracted by reduction with carbon.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

**(d)** State **two** properties of aluminium that make it suitable for the construction of aircraft bodies.

1 .....

2 ..... [2]

**3** Cell phones transmit information through radio waves.

Radio waves are part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

**(a)** State the speed of the radio waves in a vacuum.

..... [1]

**(b)** Jabu, who is in Eswatini, receives a call on her cell phone from her friend in Australia.

Calculate the frequency of the radio waves if the wavelength is 0.2 km

..... Hz [3]

**(c)** Explain why x-rays are more harmful than radio waves.

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.....  
..... [2]

- 4 Table 4.1 shows the number of sub-atomic particles of atoms **X**, **Y** and **Z**.

**Table 4.1**

| atom     | number of protons | number of electrons | number of neutrons |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>X</b> | 8                 | 8                   | 8                  |
| <b>Y</b> | 11                | 11                  | 12                 |
| <b>Z</b> | 8                 | 8                   | 9                  |

- (a) (i) Identify **X** using the Periodic Table on page 17.

..... [1]

- (ii) Explain why **Z** is an isotope of **X**.

.....  
 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (b) Hydrogen reacts with **X** to form a covalent compound with the formula,  $\text{H}_2\text{X}$ .

Draw a 'dot-and-cross' diagram for the covalent compound,  $\text{H}_2\text{X}$ .

[2]

- (c) **Y** is an atom of sodium, Na.

**X** reacts with sodium to form the ionic compound,  $\text{Na}_2\text{X}$ .

Explain the difference in the melting points of the ionic compound,  $\text{Na}_2\text{X}$ , and the covalent compound,  $\text{H}_2\text{X}$ .

.....  
 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (d) Sodium is a Group I element while copper is a transition element.

Complete Table 4.2 by stating the colour and oxidation state of sodium and copper compounds.

**Table 4.2**

| compound         | colour | oxidation state |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| sodium compounds | white  |                 |
| copper compounds |        |                 |

[3]

- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows a boy juggling with two marbles, **B** and **C**, of different diameters.

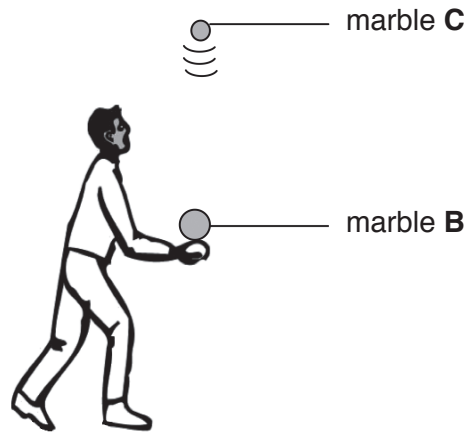


Fig. 5.1

Marble **B** is bigger than marble **C**.

- (a) Marble **B**, of mass 200 g, leaves the hand at a speed of 3 m/s.

- (i) Calculate the maximum kinetic energy that marble **B** gains during its motion.

..... [2]

- (ii) Calculate the maximum height reached by marble **B**.

..... [2]

- (iii) State **one** assumption made when calculating maximum height in (a) (ii).

.....  
 ..... [1]

- (b) Marble **C**, mass of 110 g, leaves the hand of the boy with the same speed of 3 m/s.

Compare the height reached by marble **C** to the height reached by marble **B**.

Give a reason for your answer.

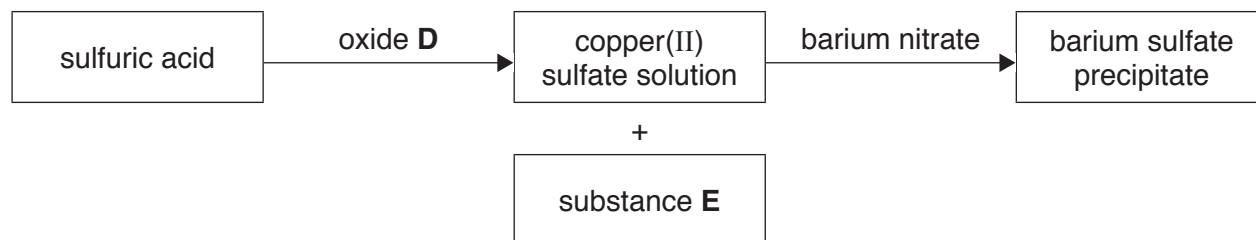
comparison .....

reason .....

..... [2]

6 Fig. 6.1 is a flow diagram.

It shows methods for preparing two salts, copper(II) sulfate and barium sulfate.



**Fig. 6.1**

(a) Identify oxide **D** ..... [1]

(b) Name the method used to prepare barium sulfate in Fig. 6.1.

..... [1]

(c) Identify substance **E**.

..... [1]

(d) Sulfur dioxide is another oxide.

Classify the type of oxide for sulfur dioxide.

Give a reason for your answer.

classification .....

reason .....

..... [2]

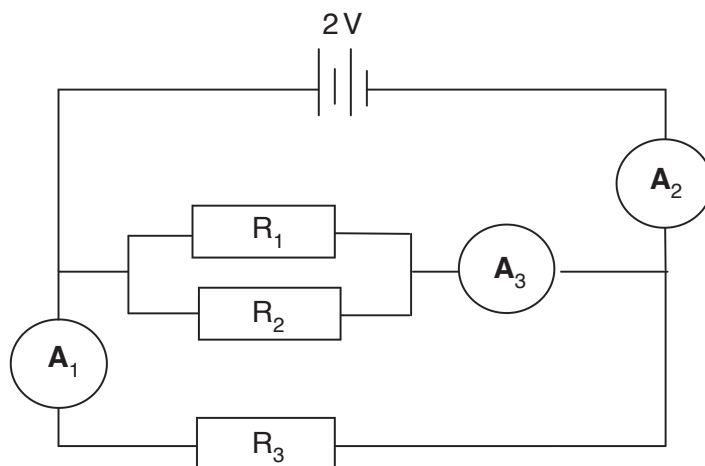
- 7 Fig. 7.1 shows a circuit consisting of 3 resistors, 3 ammeters and 2 cells.

Resistor 1 ( $R_1$ ) is  $2\Omega$

Resistor 2 ( $R_2$ ) is  $3\Omega$

Resistor 3 ( $R_3$ ) is  $6\Omega$

Ammeter  $A_3$  reading is  $1.7\text{A}$ .



**Fig. 7.1**

- (a) State the potential difference across  $R_3$ .

..... V [1]

- (b) Calculate

- (i) the current through ammeter  $A_1$ ,

..... A [2]

- (ii) the charge passing through  $R_3$  in 10 seconds,

..... C [2]

(iii) the combined resistance of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ,

.....  $\Omega$  [2]

(iv) the reading of ammeter  $A_2$ ,

..... A [1]

- 8 (a) Calcium carbonate,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , breaks down to form calcium oxide and carbon dioxide when heated.

Name the type of reaction involved when calcium carbonate is heated.

..... [1]

- (b) 20 g of calcium carbonate is heated in a kiln to form calcium oxide and carbon dioxide.

The equation for the reaction is



- (i) Calculate the relative formula mass, RFM, of calcium carbonate,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ .

[ $A_r$ : Ca: 40; C: 12; O: 16]

..... [2]

- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of calcium oxide that are produced when the 20 g calcium carbonate,  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is heated in the kiln.

..... moles [3]

- (iii) Find the number of moles of carbon dioxide gas produced when 20 g of calcium carbonate is heated in the kiln.

..... moles [1]

- (iv) The volume of carbon dioxide produced when 20 g of calcium carbonate is heated in the kiln is measured.

Calculate the volume of this gas at room temperature and pressure.

*[Use the molar gas volume as  $24\text{ dm}^3$  at r.t.p.]*

.....  $\text{dm}^3$  [2]

- (c) Describe the use of calcium carbonate in

- (i) the manufacture of glass,

..... [1]

- (ii) the extraction of iron.

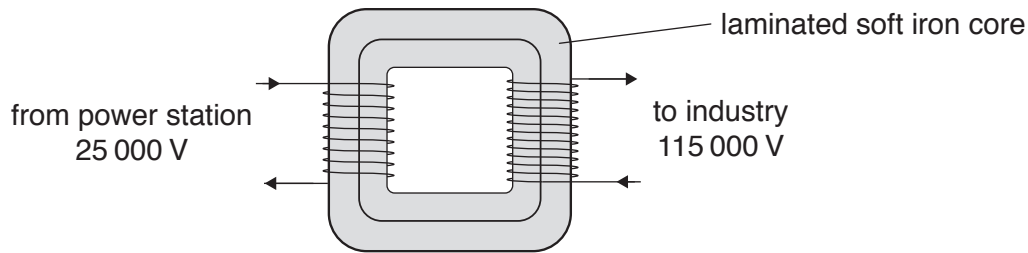
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- 9 A power station generates 21 MW, 25 000 V of electricity.

The electricity is transmitted to a transformer in a nearby sub-station.

Fig. 9.1 shows the transformer at the sub-station.



**Fig. 9.1**

- (a) State the type of transformer shown in Fig. 9.1.

..... [1]

- (b) State the purpose of the high voltage transmission of electricity.

..... [1]

- (c) Describe how the transformer converts one input value of voltage to a different output value.

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..... [3]

- (d) Calculate the output current in the transformer in Fig. 9.1.

..... [2]

10 Fig. 10.1 shows processes used to manufacture ethanol.

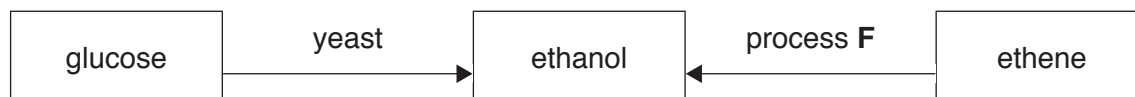


Fig. 10.1

(a) Name the constituent in yeast that will convert glucose to ethanol.

..... [1]

(b) In process F, steam is added to ethene.

Name process F.

..... [1]

(c) Ethanol is the second member of the alcohol homologous series.

Draw the structure of the fourth member of the alcohol homologous series.

[2]

(d) Describe the formation of ethanoic acid using atmospheric oxygen.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

11 The nuclide radon-222 is found to emit  $\beta$  particles to form a new nuclide.

- (a) Complete the equation to show the new nuclide after the radon-222 has undergone  $\beta$  decay. Write the new nuclide in the boxes.

(You may use the Periodic Table on page 17).



- (b) Explain why  $\beta$  particles are deflected when they pass through a magnetic field.

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 ..... [2]

- (c) State **one** method of storing the radon-222 nuclide safely.

..... [1]

- (d) Radon has a half-life of 4 days.

A 30g sample of radon is left to decay for 16 days.

Calculate the amount of the sample remaining after the 16 days.

..... [2]

DATA SHEET  
The Periodic Table of the Elements

| Group                                                   |                                                         |                                                          |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                           |                                                          |                                                        |                                                          |                                                       |                                                        |                                                         |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                          |                                                       |
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| <div>7<br/><b>Li</b><br/>Lithium</div> <div>3</div>     | <div>9<br/><b>Be</b><br/>Beryllium</div> <div>4</div>   | <div>1<br/><b>H</b><br/>Hydrogen</div> <div>1</div>      |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                           |                                                          |                                                        |                                                          |                                                       |                                                        | <div>4<br/><b>He</b><br/>Helium</div> <div>2</div>      |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                          |                                                       |
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| <div>23<br/><b>Na</b><br/>Sodium</div> <div>11</div>    | <div>24<br/><b>Mg</b><br/>Magnesium</div> <div>12</div> |                                                          |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                           |                                                          |                                                        |                                                          |                                                       |                                                        | <div>11<br/><b>B</b><br/>Boron</div> <div>5</div>       | <div>12<br/><b>C</b><br/>Carbon</div> <div>6</div>      | <div>14<br/><b>N</b><br/>Nitrogen</div> <div>7</div>    | <div>16<br/><b>O</b><br/>Oxygen</div> <div>8</div>       | <div>19<br/><b>F</b><br/>Fluorine</div> <div>9</div>     | <div>20<br/><b>Ne</b><br/>Neon</div> <div>10</div>    |
|                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                           |                                                          |                                                        |                                                          |                                                       |                                                        | <div>27<br/><b>Al</b><br/>Aluminium</div> <div>13</div> | <div>28<br/><b>Si</b><br/>Silicon</div> <div>14</div>   | <div>31<br/><b>P</b><br/>Phosphorus</div> <div>15</div> | <div>32<br/><b>S</b><br/>Sulfur</div> <div>16</div>      | <div>35.5<br/><b>Cl</b><br/>Chlorine</div> <div>17</div> | <div>40<br/><b>Ar</b><br/>Argon</div> <div>18</div>   |
| <div>39<br/><b>K</b><br/>Potassium</div> <div>19</div>  | <div>40<br/><b>Ca</b><br/>Calcium</div> <div>20</div>   | <div>45<br/><b>Sc</b><br/>Scandium</div> <div>21</div>   | <div>48<br/><b>Ti</b><br/>Titanium</div> <div>22</div>  | <div>51<br/><b>V</b><br/>Vanadium</div> <div>23</div>   | <div>52<br/><b>Cr</b><br/>Chromium</div> <div>24</div>   | <div>55<br/><b>Mn</b><br/>Manganese</div> <div>25</div>   | <div>56<br/><b>Fe</b><br/>Iron</div> <div>26</div>       | <div>59<br/><b>Co</b><br/>Cobalt</div> <div>27</div>   | <div>59<br/><b>Ni</b><br/>Nickel</div> <div>28</div>     | <div>64<br/><b>Cu</b><br/>Copper</div> <div>29</div>  | <div>65<br/><b>Zn</b><br/>Zinc</div> <div>30</div>     | <div>70<br/><b>Ga</b><br/>Gallium</div> <div>31</div>   | <div>73<br/><b>Ge</b><br/>Germanium</div> <div>32</div> | <div>75<br/><b>As</b><br/>Arsenic</div> <div>33</div>   | <div>79<br/><b>Se</b><br/>Selenium</div> <div>34</div>   | <div>80<br/><b>Br</b><br/>Bromine</div> <div>35</div>    | <div>84<br/><b>Kr</b><br/>Krypton</div> <div>36</div> |
| <div>85<br/><b>Rb</b><br/>Rubidium</div> <div>37</div>  | <div>88<br/><b>Sr</b><br/>Strontium</div> <div>38</div> | <div>89<br/><b>Y</b><br/>Yttrium</div> <div>39</div>     | <div>91<br/><b>Zr</b><br/>Zirconium</div> <div>40</div> | <div>93<br/><b>Nb</b><br/>Niobium</div> <div>41</div>   | <div>96<br/><b>Mo</b><br/>Molybdenum</div> <div>42</div> | <div>101<br/><b>Tc</b><br/>Technetium</div> <div>43</div> | <div>101<br/><b>Ru</b><br/>Ruthenium</div> <div>44</div> | <div>103<br/><b>Rh</b><br/>Rhodium</div> <div>45</div> | <div>106<br/><b>Pd</b><br/>Palladium</div> <div>46</div> | <div>108<br/><b>Ag</b><br/>Silver</div> <div>47</div> | <div>112<br/><b>Cd</b><br/>Cadmium</div> <div>48</div> | <div>115<br/><b>In</b><br/>Indium</div> <div>49</div>   | <div>119<br/><b>Sn</b><br/>Tin</div> <div>50</div>      | <div>122<br/><b>Sb</b><br/>Antimony</div> <div>51</div> | <div>128<br/><b>Te</b><br/>Tellurium</div> <div>52</div> | <div>127<br/><b>I</b><br/>Iodine</div> <div>53</div>     | <div>131<br/><b>Xe</b><br/>Xenon</div> <div>54</div>  |
| <div>133<br/><b>Cs</b><br/>Caesium</div> <div>55</div>  | <div>137<br/><b>Ba</b><br/>Barium</div> <div>56</div>   | <div>139<br/><b>La</b><br/>Lanthanum</div> <div>57</div> | <div>178<br/><b>Hf</b><br/>Hafnium</div> <div>72</div>  | <div>181<br/><b>Ta</b><br/>Tantalum</div> <div>73</div> | <div>184<br/><b>W</b><br/>Tungsten</div> <div>74</div>   | <div>186<br/><b>Re</b><br/>Rhenium</div> <div>75</div>    | <div>190<br/><b>Os</b><br/>Osmium</div> <div>76</div>    | <div>192<br/><b>Ir</b><br/>Iridium</div> <div>77</div> | <div>195<br/><b>Pt</b><br/>Platinum</div> <div>78</div>  | <div>197<br/><b>Au</b><br/>Gold</div> <div>79</div>   | <div>201<br/><b>Hg</b><br/>Mercury</div> <div>80</div> | <div>204<br/><b>Tl</b><br/>Thallium</div> <div>81</div> | <div>207<br/><b>Pb</b><br/>Lead</div> <div>82</div>     | <div>209<br/><b>Bi</b><br/>Bismuth</div> <div>83</div>  | <div>209<br/><b>Po</b><br/>Polonium</div> <div>84</div>  | <div>210<br/><b>At</b><br/>Astatine</div> <div>85</div>  | <div>222<br/><b>Rn</b><br/>Radon</div> <div>86</div>  |
| <div>223<br/><b>Fr</b><br/>Francium</div> <div>87</div> | <div>226<br/><b>Ra</b><br/>Radium</div> <div>88</div>   | <div>227<br/><b>Ac</b><br/>Actinium</div> <div>89</div>  |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                           |                                                          |                                                        |                                                          |                                                       |                                                        |                                                         |                                                         |                                                         |                                                          |                                                          |                                                       |

\* 58–71 Lanthanoid series  
† 90–103 Actinoid series

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|----------|----------------------------|
| a        | a = relative atomic mass   |
| <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> = atomic symbol   |
| b        | b = atomic (proton) number |

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| <div>140<br/><b>Ce</b><br/>Cerium</div> <div>58</div>  | <div>141<br/><b>Pr</b><br/>Praseodymium</div> <div>59</div> | <div>144<br/><b>Nd</b><br/>Neodymium</div> <div>60</div> | <div>147<br/><b>Pm</b><br/>Promethium</div> <div>61</div> | <div>150<br/><b>Sm</b><br/>Samarium</div> <div>62</div>  | <div>152<br/><b>Eu</b><br/>Europium</div> <div>63</div>  | <div>157<br/><b>Gd</b><br/>Gadolinium</div> <div>64</div> | <div>159<br/><b>Tb</b><br/>Terbium</div> <div>65</div>   | <div>163<br/><b>Dy</b><br/>Dysprosium</div> <div>66</div>  | <div>165<br/><b>Ho</b><br/>Holmium</div> <div>67</div>     | <div>167<br/><b>Er</b><br/>Erbium</div> <div>68</div>   | <div>169<br/><b>Tm</b><br/>Thulium</div> <div>69</div>      | <div>173<br/><b>Yb</b><br/>Ytterbium</div> <div>70</div> | <div>175<br/><b>Lu</b><br/>Lutetium</div> <div>71</div>    |
| <div>232<br/><b>Th</b><br/>Thorium</div> <div>90</div> | <div>231<br/><b>Pa</b><br/>Protactinium</div> <div>91</div> | <div>238<br/><b>U</b><br/>Uranium</div> <div>92</div>    | <div>237<br/><b>Np</b><br/>Neptunium</div> <div>93</div>  | <div>244<br/><b>Pu</b><br/>Plutonium</div> <div>94</div> | <div>243<br/><b>Am</b><br/>Americium</div> <div>95</div> | <div>247<br/><b>Cm</b><br/>Curium</div> <div>96</div>     | <div>247<br/><b>Bk</b><br/>Berkelium</div> <div>97</div> | <div>251<br/><b>Cf</b><br/>Californium</div> <div>98</div> | <div>252<br/><b>Es</b><br/>Einsteinium</div> <div>99</div> | <div>257<br/><b>Fm</b><br/>Fermium</div> <div>100</div> | <div>258<br/><b>Md</b><br/>Mendelevium</div> <div>101</div> | <div>259<br/><b>No</b><br/>Nobelium</div> <div>102</div> | <div>260<br/><b>Lr</b><br/>Lawrencium</div> <div>103</div> |

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm<sup>3</sup> at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).





