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Quantum Number Practice Worksheet

1. Summarize:

The principal quantum number, n , can have the values of: 1 2 3 4 5, etc.
 The angular momentum quantum number, l , can have integer values from 0 to $n-1$.
 The magnetic quantum number, m_l , can have integer values from $-l$ to $+l$.

2. When $n = 3$, l can have values of 0, 1, 2.
 For the 3d sublevel, l has a value of 2.

When $n = 4$, l can have values of 0, 1, 2, 3.
 For the 4p sublevel, l has a value of 1.

When $n = 2$, l can have values of 0, 1.
 For the 2s sublevel, l has a value of 0.

3. Summarize:

orbital	s	p	d	f
value of l	0	1	2	3

4. There are five 4d orbitals. List the quantum numbers for each orbital.

n	l	m_l
4	2	-2
4	2	-1
4	2	0
4	2	1
4	2	2

5. Rank the following orbitals in order of increasing energy: 3s, 2s, 2p, 4s, 3p, 1s, and 3d.

1s 2s 2p 3s 3p 4s 3d

6. How many orbitals in an atom can have the following quantum number or designation?

a) 3p 3e) 5d 5b) 4p 3f) 5f 7c) 4p_x 1g) $n = 5$ 25d) 6d 5h) 7s 1

7. Answer the following questions:

a) The quantum number n describes the energy of an atomic orbital.b) The shape of an atomic orbital is given by the quantum number l .d) The maximum number of orbitals that may be associated with the set of quantum numbers $n=4$ and $l=3$ is 7.e) The maximum number of orbitals that may be associated with the quantum number set $n=3$, $l=2$, and $m_l = -2$ is 1.f) When $n=5$, the possible values of l are 0 1 2 3 4.g) The maximum number of orbitals that can be assigned to the $n=4$ shell is 16.

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8. (a) For $n = 4$, what are the possible values of l ? 0 1 2 3
 (b) For $l = 3$, what are the possible values of m_l ? -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3

9. Give the values of n, l, m_l (a) for each orbital in the 4f sublevel, (b) for each orbital in the $n = 2$ shell.
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| A) | $\begin{matrix} n & l & m \\ 4 & 3 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} n & l & m \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} n & l & m \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} n & l & m \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$ |
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10. Which of the following sets of quantum numbers are allowed for an electron in an orbital of a hydrogen atom:

- (a) $n = 1, l = 1, m_l = 0$ NO
 (b) $n = 3, l = 0, m_l = 0$ Yes 3s
 (c) $n = 4, l = 1, m_l = -1$ Yes 4p
 (d) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = 2$ NO

Write the designation for the sublevel to which the orbital belongs.

11. What is the maximum number of electrons that can occupy each of the following subshells:

- (a) 3d 10
 (b) 4s 2
 (c) 2p 6
 (d) 5f 14

12. What is the maximum number of electrons in an atom that can have the following quantum numbers:

- (a) $n = 3$ 18
 (b) $n = 4, l = 2$ 10
 (c) $n = 4, l = 3, m_l = 2$ 2
 (d) $n = 2, l = 1, m_l = 0, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$ 1

13. The quantum numbers listed below are for four different electrons in the same atom. Arrange them in order of increasing energy. Indicate whether any two have the same energy.

- (a) $n = 4, l = 0, m_l = 0, m_s = \frac{1}{2}$
 (b) $n = 3, l = 2, m_l = 1, m_s = \frac{1}{2}$
 (c) $n = 3, l = 2, m_l = -2, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$
 (d) $n = 3, l = 1, m_l = 1, m_s = -\frac{1}{2}$

- 1) (d)
 2) (A)
 3) b or c
 4) c or b

c + b have very similar energies, but ~~are~~ not exactly the same.