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**PSF 1303/PSE 1303 - CHEMISTRY - LEVEL I**  
**HOME ASSIGNMENT I Answer Guide**

1 (a)

- (i) Na -  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^1$       (ii)  $Mg^{2+} - 1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6$       (iii) Cl -  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^5$   
 (iv)  $S^{2-} - 1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6$       (v) Zn -  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6, 3d^{10}, 4s^2$       (vi)  $Ni^{2+} - 1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^6, 3s^2, 3p^6, 3d^8$

- (b) (i) 4s, 4p<sub>x</sub>, 4p<sub>y</sub>, 4p<sub>z</sub>, and five 4d orbitals, Seven 4f orbitals  
 (ii) Can't it will only be in one of them  
 (iii) No for the hydrogen atom all orbitals with the same principle quantum numbers have the same energy [they are degenerate]

- (c) O -  $1s^2, 2s^2, 2p^4$



Energy required to remove an electron from completely filled or half filled electron configuration is more than that of other configurations. Once that atom has changed into a + ve ion there is a stronger attraction between the nucleus and the electron that are left [ This shown by measurement of the radii of the ions which are always smaller than their parent atoms] Hence it is more difficult to remove an electron and the ionization energy increases

- (d) Induce has the largest number of electrons the most shielding and the greatest polarizability  
 (e) Not marked  
 (f) Relative atomic mass =  $90.92 \times 20/100 + 0.26 \times 21/100 + 8.82 \times 22/100 = 20.179$

2 (a)

Atoms	Na	S	O
	29.1	40.5	30.4
	<u>23</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>
	1.265	1.265	1.90
	1.265	1.265	1.265
	1	1	1.5
	2	2	3

Empirical formula is  $Na_2S_2O_3$

- (b) (i)  $4Al + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2Al_2O_3$   
 (ii)  $P_4 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow P_4O_{10}$   
 (iii)  $Si + O_2 \longrightarrow SiO_2$

- (c)  $AlCl_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow Al(OH)_3(s) + 3HCl_{(aq)}$   
 $PCl_5 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4(aq) + 3HCl_{(aq)}$   
 $SiCl_4 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow SiO_2 + 2H_2O + 4HCl_{(aq)}$

- (d)  $2HNO_3 + Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2NaNO_3 + CO_2 + H_2O$   
 Molar mass of  $Na_2CO_3 = 23 \times 2 + 12 + 16 \times 3 = 106 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$   
 Mass of  $Na_2CO_3 = 10.6 \text{ g}$   
 Number of moles  $Na_2CO_3 = 10.6/106 = 0.1 \text{ mol}$

