- 1. A neutral atom with atomic number 6 will have 6 electrons and 6 protons.
- 2. The maximum number of electrons that can exist in an given atom shell n is calculated by the formula

$$N = 2n^2$$

This means that the maximum number of electronics in the third shell of an atom is

$$2 \cdot 3^2 = 2 \cdot 9 = 18$$

- 3. Materials are categorized into three groups called isolators, semiconductors, and conductors. Isolators have the largest band gap between the conduction band and valence band. Semiconductors will have a smaller band gap than isolators. Conductors have an overlap between the conduction band and the valence band.
- **4.** There are several types of atoms that have four valence electrons, for example silicon and germanium. These types of atoms are classified as semiconductors.
- **5.** A single atom in a silicon crystal forms four covalent bounds.
- **6.** Adding heat to silicon will cause valence electrons to become free electrons, this will increase the conductivity.