

18 (a) In an experiment to demonstrate the photoelectric effect, ultraviolet light is incident on a metal plate.

- (i) Photoelectrons are released from the plate with a maximum speed of  $3.51 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the energy of these photoelectrons in eV.

(3)

Energy = ..... eV

- (ii) The table shows typical values of work function for four different metals.

Metal	Work function / $10^{-19} \text{ J}$
Magnesium	5.89
Aluminium	6.53
Zinc	6.88
Iron	7.20

The ultraviolet light used in the experiment had a wavelength of 310 nm.

Deduce which of the metals was most likely to have been used as the metal plate.

(4)



- (b) Photoelectrons are only emitted from a given metal surface if the frequency of the incident radiation is above a particular value.

Explain why.

(4)

- (c) A student makes the following statement.

'It does not matter what the value of the work function is for a particular metal. Photoelectrons can always be released if the intensity of the incident light is high enough.'

Criticise the student's statement.

(2)

(Total for Question 18 = 13 marks)