

2008 AP[®] CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Answer Question 5 and Question 6. The Section II score weighting for these questions is 15 percent each.

Your responses to these questions will be graded on the basis of the accuracy and relevance of the information cited. Explanations should be clear and well organized. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. Specific answers are preferable to broad, diffuse responses.

5. Using principles of atomic and molecular structure and the information in the table below, answer the following questions about atomic fluorine, oxygen, and xenon, as well as some of their compounds.

Atom	First Ionization Energy (kJ mol ⁻¹)
F	1,681.0
O	1,313.9
Xe	?

- (a) Write the equation for the ionization of atomic fluorine that requires 1,681.0 kJ mol⁻¹.
- (b) Account for the fact that the first ionization energy of atomic fluorine is greater than that of atomic oxygen. (You must discuss both atoms in your response.)
- (c) Predict whether the first ionization energy of atomic xenon is greater than, less than, or equal to the first ionization energy of atomic fluorine. Justify your prediction.