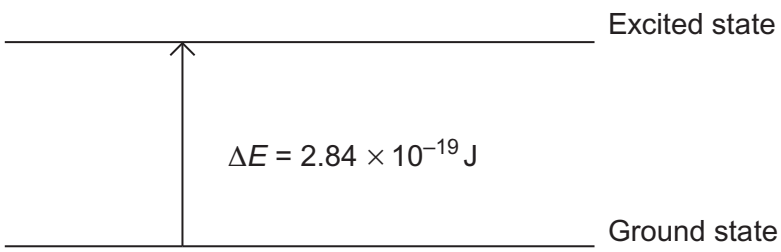
6 This diagram represents the energy change that occurs when a d electron in a transition metal ion is excited by visible light.



6 (a) Give the equation that relates the energy change ΔE to the Planck constant h and the frequency of the visible light v.

Use this equation and the information in the diagram to calculate a value for the frequency of the visible light, and state the units.
The Planck constant $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ J s.

Equation .....

Calculation .....

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(2 marks)

6 (b) Explain why this electron transition causes a solution containing the transition metal ion to be coloured.

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(2 marks)

6 (c) The energy change shown in the diagram represents the energy of red light and leads to a solution that appears blue.
Blue light has a higher frequency than red light.

Suggest whether the energy change ΔE will be bigger, smaller or the same for a transition metal ion that forms a red solution. Explain your answer.

Energy change .....

Explanation .....

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(2 marks)

6 (d) State **three** different features of transition metal complexes that cause a change in the value of ΔE, the energy change between the ground state and the excited state of the d electrons.

Feature 1 .....

Feature 2 .....

Feature 3 .....

(3 marks)

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Turn over for the next question