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## **Grade 9 Science: Investigating and Understanding Concepts**

### **STRAND C: Chemistry: The Nature of Matter**

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### **🌟 Engage: Introduction to the Atom**

#### Welcome to the fascinating world of atoms—the fundamental units that make up everything around us. Reflect on this question: What do you think makes an atom so special? Write down your thoughts and consider how different elements form the objects you use every day.

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### **🔍 Explore: The Bohr-Rutherford Model**

#### Using the interactive online simulation provided, create your own model of an atom. The Bohr-Rutherford model portrays the atom as a small, positively charged nucleus surrounded by electrons that travel in circular orbits. Pay attention to the arrangement of electrons, protons, and neutrons as you manipulate the model.

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### **📖 Explain: Subatomic Particles and Their Properties**

#### **Understanding the Building Blocks of Matter**

#### Atoms are composed of three primary types of subatomic particles, each playing a crucial role in the atom's properties and behavior:

#### **Protons** (⚛️): These positively charged particles reside in the nucleus and define the atomic number of an element.

#### **Neutrons** (⚫): Neutrally charged, they also reside in the nucleus and contribute to the mass of the atom but not its charge.

#### **Electrons** (🌀): Negatively charged and significantly lighter than protons or neutrons, electrons orbit the nucleus and are essential for chemical bonding and electricity.

#### **Mass and Charge Relationships**

#### Protons and neutrons have similar masses, which are substantially heavier than that of electrons, influencing the atom's overall mass.

#### The number of protons determines an element's identity, while electrons influence its chemical reactivity.

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### **🌐 Elaborate: Connecting Atomic Structure to Real-World Applications**

#### Understanding atomic structure opens up a world of applications. Here are individual tasks to help you explore this further:

#### **Research Task**: Investigate how the atomic structure of carbon leads to its ability to form a vast number of compounds, including plastics and pharmaceuticals.

#### **Critical Thinking**: Analyze how the atomic structure affects the physical properties of metals such as conductivity and malleability.

#### These tasks will demonstrate the relevance of atomic theory in everyday materials and technological advancements.

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### **✅ Evaluate: Checking Your Understanding**

#### To conclude, complete an online quiz focusing on the location, mass, and charge of subatomic particles using the Bohr-Rutherford model. This will test your knowledge on:

#### Identifying and labeling subatomic particles in various atomic models.

#### Describing how atomic number and mass number are derived from the number of protons, neutrons, and electrons.

#### **Reflection Question:**

#### Reflect on how understanding the atomic structure can help predict the properties and uses of new materials.

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## **Grade 9 Chemistry Quiz: The Nature of Matter**

### **🌱 Easy Questions**

#### **What is the charge of an electron?**

#### A) Positive

#### B) Negative

#### C) Neutral

#### D) Variable **Answer: B**

#### **Which subatomic particle is found in the nucleus of an atom?**

#### A) Electron

#### B) Proton

#### C) Neutron

#### D) Both B and C **Answer: D**

#### **What does the atomic number of an element represent?**

#### A) Number of electrons

#### B) Number of protons

#### C) Number of neutrons

#### D) Total number of protons and neutrons **Answer: B**

#### **Which model of the atom do we use to describe electron orbits?**

#### A) Dalton's Model

#### B) Thomson's Model

#### C) Bohr-Rutherford Model

#### D) Quantum Mechanical Model **Answer: C**

#### **Electrons have a \_ mass compared to protons and neutrons.**

#### A) Higher

#### B) Lower

#### C) Equal

#### D) Variable **Answer: B**

#### **Where are electrons located in an atom?**

#### A) In the nucleus

#### B) Around the nucleus

#### C) Inside protons

#### D) Floating freely in the atom **Answer: B**

#### **The Bohr-Rutherford model of the atom helps to visualize:**

#### A) The exact pathways of electrons

#### B) The random motion of electrons

#### C) Electrons in fixed orbits around the nucleus

#### D) Neutrons outside the nucleus **Answer: C**

#### **An atom’s reactivity is primarily determined by its:**

#### A) Neutrons

#### B) Nucleus

#### C) Electrons

#### D) Protons **Answer: C**

#### **Which part of the atom carries a positive charge?**

#### A) Neutron

#### B) Electron

#### C) Proton

#### D) Both A and C **Answer: C**

#### **The majority of an atom’s mass resides in its:**

#### A) Electrons

#### B) Neutrons

#### C) Protons

#### D) Nucleus **Answer: D**

### **📘 Moderate Questions**

#### **Which statement best describes neutrons?**

#### A) They have a negative charge.

#### B) They have no charge and are found in the nucleus.

#### C) They orbit the nucleus in energy levels.

#### D) They are the lightest subatomic particle. **Answer: B**

#### **What role do electrons play in chemical reactions?**

#### A) They are ignored as they don’t participate.

#### B) They help in the nuclear fusion process.

#### C) They determine the chemical properties by participating in bonds.

#### D) They stabilize the nucleus during reactions. **Answer: C**

#### **The Bohr-Rutherford model is different from Dalton’s atomic theory because it includes:**

#### A) Electrons only.

#### B) Protons only.

#### C) Electrons in specific orbits.

#### D) Atoms as indivisible particles. **Answer: C**

#### **How does the atomic number relate to an element’s position on the periodic table?**

#### A) It determines the row.

#### B) It determines the column.

#### C) It is unrelated.

#### D) It determines both the row and column. **Answer: B**

#### **The relative mass of a proton compared to an electron is approximately:**

#### A) 10 times greater.

#### B) 100 times greater.

#### C) 1000 times greater.

#### D) 1836 times greater. **Answer: D**

#### **How do isotopes of the same element differ?**

#### A) Different number of electrons.

#### B) Different number of protons.

#### C) Different number of neutrons.

#### D) Different atomic numbers. **Answer: C**

#### **Which best describes the energy levels of electrons?**

#### A) Electrons move to higher energy levels by losing energy.

#### B) Electrons can move between energy levels without energy changes.

#### C) Electrons move to higher energy levels by absorbing energy.

#### D) Electrons in higher energy levels are less stable and emit energy constantly. \*\*Answer: C

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#### **What is the importance of the valence electrons in an atom?**

#### A) They determine the atom’s size.

#### B) They participate in forming chemical bonds.

#### C) They are involved in nuclear reactions.

#### D) They determine the atom's color. **Answer: B**

#### **In the Bohr-Rutherford model, which statement is true about electron orbits?**

#### A) Electrons have fixed paths known with certainty.

#### B) Electron paths are predicted with probabilities.

#### C) Electrons can jump between orbits when excited.

#### D) Both A and C are correct. **Answer: D**

#### **A chemical element’s identity is defined by its:**

#### A) Number of neutrons.

#### B) Number of electrons.

#### C) Number of protons.

#### D) Total mass of subatomic particles. **Answer: C**

### **🔬 Hard Questions**

#### **Comparing the mass and charge of protons and electrons, which statement is accurate?**

#### A) Protons are less massive than electrons.

#### B) Electrons and protons have the same charge but opposite polarity.

#### C) Electrons are more massive than protons.

#### D) Protons and electrons have no charge. **Answer: B**

#### **The atomic mass of an element is calculated primarily from the sum of the masses of:**

#### A) Protons and electrons.

#### B) Electrons and neutrons.

#### C) Protons and neutrons.

#### D) All subatomic particles. **Answer: C**

#### **Which subatomic particle plays the most significant role in chemical bonding?**

#### A) Proton

#### B) Neutron

#### C) Electron

#### D) All of the above **Answer: C**

#### **What determines the chemical properties of an element?**

#### A) The number of neutrons in the nucleus.

#### B) The total number of subatomic particles.

#### C) The arrangement of electrons in energy levels.

#### D) The size of the nucleus. **Answer: C**

#### **In the Bohr-Rutherford model, what is the significance of electron orbits?**

#### A) They determine the atom's magnetic field.

#### B) They dictate the atom's stability and chemical reactivity.

#### C) They are purely theoretical and have no practical significance.

#### D) They indicate the physical size of the atom. **Answer: B**

#### **How do electron configurations influence atomic interactions?**

#### A) They determine the atom’s phase of matter at room temperature.

#### B) They dictate how atoms will bond with each other.

#### C) They affect the atom’s color and odor.

#### D) They determine the atom’s magnetic properties. **Answer: B**

#### **What is the role of valence electrons in determining an element’s column on the periodic table?**

#### A) They define the element's atomic mass.

#### B) They influence the element’s chemical reactivity and group placement.

#### C) They determine the number of isotopes an element has.

#### D) They are unrelated to the periodic table’s organization. **Answer: B**

#### **Why are isotopes of an element chemically similar?**

#### A) They have the same number of protons.

#### B) They have the same number of electrons.

#### C) They have the same number of neutrons.

#### D) Both A and B are correct. **Answer: D**

#### **What effect does the number of neutrons have on an atom’s chemical properties?**

#### A) It changes the chemical properties drastically.

#### B) It has no effect on chemical properties.

#### C) It changes the atomic number.

#### D) It affects the electron configuration. **Answer: B**

#### **The concept of atomic orbitals is integrated into which atomic model?**

#### A) Dalton's Model

#### B) Thomson's Model

#### C) Bohr's Model

#### D) Quantum Mechanical Model **Answer: D**