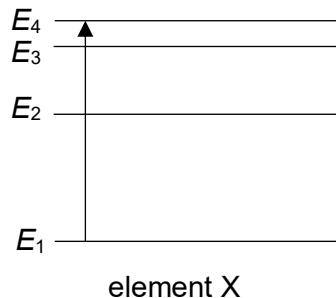


- 28** A beam of electrons of energy  $E$  excite atoms of element X from ground state  $E_1$  to an excited state  $E_4$  as shown.



Photons emitted from element X interact with atoms of another element Y at their ground state. Three emission spectral lines are obtained from element Y.

The process is then repeated with atoms of element Y at ground state being excited by the same beam of electrons of energy  $E$ . Photons emitted from element Y now interact with atoms of element X at their ground state.

Which of the following is **not** a possible number of emission spectral lines obtained from element X following this interaction?

**A** 0

**B** 3

**C** 4

**D** 6