

- 6 (a) Some electron energy levels in atomic hydrogen are illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

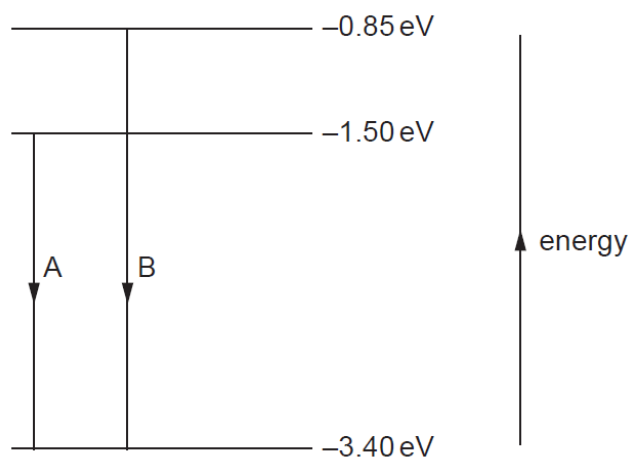


Fig. 6.1

Two possible electron transitions A and B giving rise to an emission spectrum are shown. These electron transitions cause light of wavelengths 654 nm and 488 nm to be emitted.

- (i) On Fig. 6.1, draw an arrow to show a third possible transition. [1]
- (ii) Calculate the wavelength of the emitted light for the transition in (i).

wavelength = m [2]

- (b)** Some hydrogen gas is heated so that electrons are excited to the highest energy level shown in Fig. 6.1.

Using the values of wavelength in **(a)**, state and explain the appearance of the spectrum of the emergent light from the hydrogen gas.

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- (c)** High-speed electrons are incident on a metal target. The spectrum of the emitted X-ray radiation is shown in Fig. 6.2.

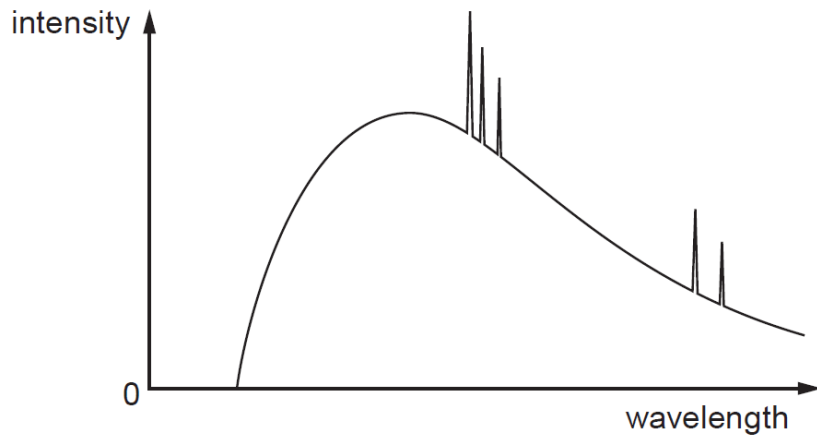


Fig. 6.2

Explain why

- (i) there is a continuous distribution of wavelengths,

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- (ii) there is a sharp cut-off at short wavelength.

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