

# C1: PARTICLES - SUMMARY

1. particulate nature of matter.

Demonstrate understanding of the terms atom and molecule

**ATOM:** The basic unit of a chemical element.

- consists of a tiny, dense positively charged nucleus + cloud of electrons.

**MOLECULE:** A group of atoms bonded together. The smallest unit of a chemical compound.

3.1 Atoms, elements & compounds

Identify physical & chemical changes, and understand the differences between them.

**Chemical:** Involves making or breaking of bonds between atoms.

**Physical:** Does not involve above.

3.2

Describe the differences & demonstrate understanding of element, compound, and mixture.

**Element:** Substance containing only one type of atom; atoms of only one proton number.

**Compound:** A chemically bonded group of different atoms.

**Mixture:** A substance consisting of varying types of constituents.

3.3

Describe the structure of an atom in terms of electrons and a nucleus.

- Nucleus consists of protons (+) and neutrons (0).

- Surrounded by cloud of electrons (-)

Describe the build-up of electrons in 'shells' and understand the significance of the noble gas electronic structures and of valency electrons

**Generally:** Number of shells = Period number

Electrons in outermost shell = Group number.

Maximum electrons / shell  $\rightarrow 2, 8, 18, 32 \dots$

Noble gas config = full shells (outermost).

Valency electrons = outermost-shell electrons

Protons, Neutrons, Electrons.  
Relative masses, Relative charges.

Protons	: Mass	1	Charge	(+)
Neutrons	: Mass	1	Charge	(0)
Electrons	: Mass	1/1836	Charge	(-)

Define Proton number and nucleon number.

**Proton number:** The number of protons in the nucleus of an atom.

**Nucleon number:** Total number of protons and neutrons.

Use proton number & the simple structure of atoms to explain the basis of the Periodic table.

Group number  $\rightarrow$  valence electrons.

Period number  $\rightarrow$  number of electron shells.

Elements organised in order of proton number.

Define Isotopes

**Isotopes:** Different forms of the same element, ie. with same proton but different nucleon number.