



# ATOMIC STRUCTURE

## THE PLUM PUDDING MODEL

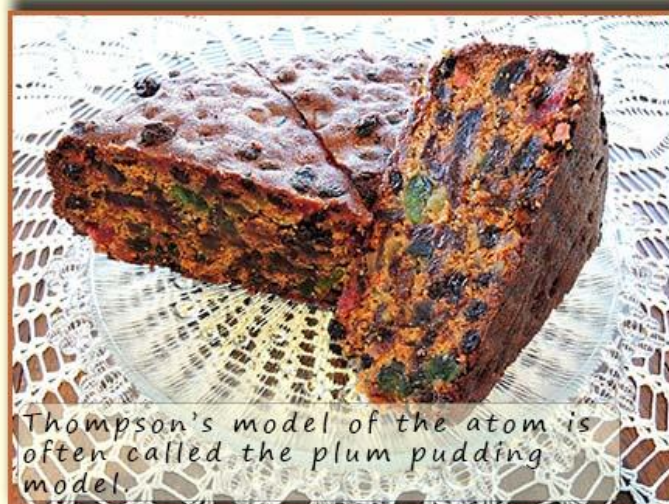
Answer all the questions below then check your answers.

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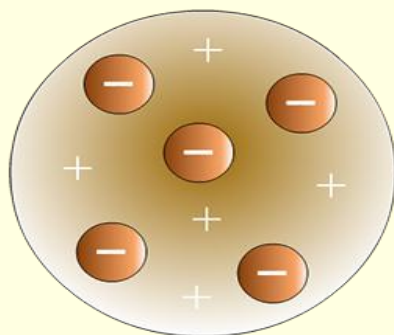
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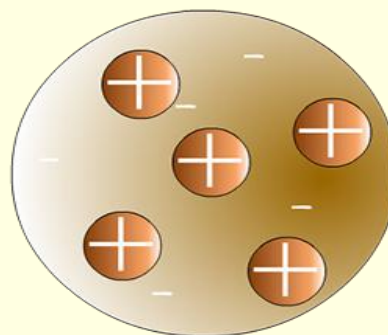
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12. Which of the 2 models shown below is an accurate description of Thompson's plum pudding model of the atom? Explain your choice.

Model A



Model B



# Plum Pudding Model of the atom

## Answers

1. Describe three main or key points in John Dalton's atomic theory. How did they contribute to the understanding of chemical reactions?

You could have included any of the following three points:

- Atoms are indivisible and indestructible.
- All atoms of a given element are identical in mass and chemical properties.
- Compounds are formed by a combination of atoms in simple whole-number ratios.

How did they contribute to the understanding of chemical reactions?

- Dalton's model helped explain the law of conservation of mass in chemical reactions. It also explained that atoms were fundamentally unchanged during chemical reactions, they simply rearranged themselves in going from the reactants to the products.

2. Describe the key points in the experiment that led to the development of J.J. Thomson's plum pudding model

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2. He observed that cathode rays (electrons) were attracted to the positive plate, indicating negatively charged particles.
3. This led to the development of the plum pudding model where electrons are embedded in a positively charged "pudding."

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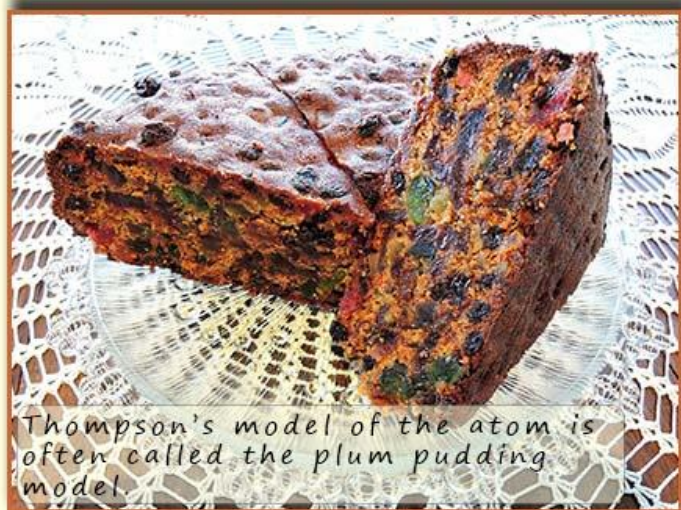
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Thompson's experiments, mainly with cathode rays had suggested to him that

atoms were not solid spheres but were in fact made up of smaller particles. His plum pudding of the atom was that atoms consist of a ball or sphere of positive charge into which was embedded negatively charged electrons- just like the currants in a plum pudding or the chocolate chips in a cookie.

11. What were Thompson's cathode rays composed of?

The cathode rays were composed of electrons



12. Which of the 2 models shown below is an accurate description of Thompson's plum pudding model of the atom? Explain your choice

Model A is an accurate description, Thompson imaged the atom as a sphere of + charge with the negative electrons stuck in it. Model B has the charges the wrong way round.

