

Calculate the smallest wavelength of radiation that may be emitted by (a) hydrogen, (b)  $\text{He}^+$  and (c)  $\text{Li}^{++}$ .

Small wave length is emitted i.e. longest energy

$$n_1 = 1, n_2 = \infty$$

$$\text{a) } \frac{1}{\lambda} = R \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1.1 \times 10^7 \left( \frac{1}{1 - \infty} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{1.1 \times 10^7} = \frac{1}{1.1} \times 10^{-7} = 0.909 \times 10^{-7} = 90.9 \times 10^{-9} = 91 \text{ nm.}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{1}{\lambda} = z^2 R \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{1.1 \times 10^7 z^2} = \frac{91 \text{ nm}}{4} = 23 \text{ nm}$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{1}{\lambda} = z^2 R \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{91 \text{ nm}}{z^2} = \frac{91}{9} = 10 \text{ nm}$$