

For the ground state, the electron in the H-atom has an angular momentum =? according to the simple Bohr model. Angular momentum is a vector, and hence there will be infinitely many orbits with the vector pointing in all possible directions. In actuality, this is not true,

- A. because Bohr model gives incorrect values of angular momentum.
- B. because only one of these would have a minimum energy.
- C. angular momentum must be in the direction of spin of electron.
- D. because electrons go around only in horizontal orbits.

Answer:

Option (a) is the correct answer as -

Neil Bohr proposed that the magnitude of electron's angular momentum is quantized

$$\text{i.e } L = mv_n r_n = n \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right) \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

each value of n corresponds to a permitted value of the orbit radius.

r_n = Radius of n^{th} , v_n = corresponding speed

Angular momentum given by the Bohr's model is a vector quantity, and the model only give the magnitude of the angular momentum. Therefore, angular momentum is not described to a full extent by the Bohr's model. So, the

values given of the angular momentum of revolving electron by the Bohr's model are not correct.