

12. In a hydrogen atom, if the energy of an electron in the ground state is 13.6 eV, then that in the 2nd excited state is

- (1) 1.51 eV
- (2) 3.4 eV
- (3) 6.04 eV
- (4) 13.6 eV

Solution:

The 3rd energy level is the 2nd excited state.

$$n=3$$

$$E_n = 13.6/n^2 = 13.6/9 = 1.5 \text{ eV}$$

Hence option (1) is the answer.