

5. (a) Express the atomic units of energy in electron volts

$$1 \text{ a.u. of energy (1 Hartree)} = \frac{e^2}{a_0}$$

$$= \frac{(4.8032 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu})^2}{0.52918 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}} = 43.597 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$$

$$1 \text{ VC} = 1 \text{ J} (10^7 \text{ erg})$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ V} = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$= 1.6022 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$$

$$\therefore 1 \text{ a.u.} = \frac{43.597 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}}{1.6022 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg eV}^{-1}} = 27.21 \text{ eV}$$

(b) Calculate the ground state energy of positronium in electron volts, and atomic units.

$$E = -\frac{\mu e^4}{2 \hbar^2}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} m_e \text{ why?}$$

$$= -\frac{m_e e^4}{4 \hbar^2} = -\frac{9.1094 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g} \times (4.8032 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu})^4}{4 \times (1.0546 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg s})^2}$$

$$= 1089.9 \times 10^{-14} \text{ erg}$$

$$= \frac{1089.9 \times 10^{-14}}{1.6022 \times 10^{-12}} \text{ eV} = 6.802 \text{ eV}$$

$$= 0.25 \text{ a.u.}$$

Do these calculations in SI units!