Exercise 93

Convert the boiling temperature of gold, 2966 °C, into degrees Fahrenheit and kelvin.

Solution

The Fahrenheit temperature is

$${}^{\circ}\mathrm{F} = \frac{9}{5}({}^{\circ}\mathrm{C}) + 32.0$$
$$= \frac{9}{5}(2966) + 32.0$$
$$\approx 5339 + 32.0 \quad (\text{rounded to four significant figures})$$
$$\approx 5371 \quad (\text{rounded to the ones place}),$$

and the Kelvin temperature is

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{K} &= ^{\circ}\mathbf{C} + 273.15 \\ &= 2966 + 273.15 \\ &\approx 3239 \quad \text{(rounded to the ones place)}. \end{split}$$