

Q1 This question is about the Period 2 elements lithium to nitrogen.

The elements in Period 2 show periodic trends similar to those in Period 3.

(a) State why carbon is classified as a p block element.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(b) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why the melting point of carbon (graphite) is very high.

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(c) Explain why there is a general increase in first ionisation energy from lithium to nitrogen.

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(d) Identify the element, from lithium to nitrogen, that does **not** follow the trend of increasing first ionisation energy.

Explain why this element does **not** follow the trend.

Element \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

(e) Identify the element, from lithium to nitrogen, that has the largest atomic radius.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(g) The nitride ion has the formula  $N^{3-}$

Give the electron configuration of the  $N^{3-}$  ion.

Give the formula of beryllium nitride.

Electron configuration \_\_\_\_\_

Formula \_\_\_\_\_

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(h) An oxide of lithium contains 30.0% lithium by mass.

What is the empirical formula of this oxide of lithium?

Tick (✓) one box.

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LiO	<input type="checkbox"/>
LiO <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Q2

Which block in the Periodic Table contains the element samarium (Sm)?

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| <b>B</b> f block | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>C</b> p block | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>D</b> s block | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Total 1 mark)

**Q3**

Which is the correct classification for the element yttrium (Y)?

- A s block
- B p block
- C d block
- D f block

(Total 1 mark)

**Q4**

Which element is in the f-block of the Periodic Table?

- A Palladium
- B Phosphorus
- C Platinum
- D Plutonium

(Total 1 mark)

**Q5**

(a) Nickel is a metal with a high melting point.

(i) State the block in the Periodic Table that contains nickel.

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- (ii) Explain, in terms of its structure and bonding, why nickel has a high melting point.

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- (iii) Draw a labelled diagram to show the arrangement of particles in a crystal of nickel.  
In your answer, include at least six particles of each type.

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- (iv) Explain why nickel is ductile (can be stretched into wires).

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- (b) Nickel forms the compound nickel(II) chloride ( $\text{NiCl}_2$ ).

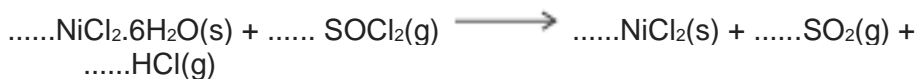
- (i) Give the full electron configuration of the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion.

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- (ii) Balance the following equation to show how anhydrous nickel(II) chloride can be obtained from the hydrated salt using  $\text{SOCl}_2$ . Identify **one** substance that could react with both gaseous products.



Substance

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(2)

(Total 9 marks)

Q6

The element rubidium exists as the isotopes  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}$

- (a) State the number of protons and the number of neutrons in an atom of the isotope  $^{85}\text{Rb}$

Number of protons

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Number of neutrons

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(2)

- (b) (i) Explain how the gaseous atoms of rubidium are ionised in a mass spectrometer

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- (ii) Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the process that occurs when the **first** ionisation energy of rubidium is measured.

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- (c) The table shows the first ionisation energies of rubidium and some other elements in the same group.

Element	sodium	potassium	rubidium
First ionisation energy / $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	494	418	402

State **one** reason why the first ionisation energy of rubidium is lower than the first ionisation energy of sodium.

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- (d) (i) State the block of elements in the Periodic Table that contains rubidium.

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- (ii) Deduce the full electron configuration of a rubidium atom.

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(1)

- (e) ATOMIC STRUCTURE: A sample of rubidium contains the isotopes  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  only.  
The isotope  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  has an abundance 2.5 times greater than that of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$

Calculate the relative atomic mass of rubidium in this sample.  
Give your answer to one decimal place.

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- (f) By reference to the relevant part of the mass spectrometer, explain how the abundance of an isotope in a sample of rubidium is determined.

Name of relevant part

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Explanation

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- (g) Predict whether an atom of  $^{88}\text{Sr}$  will have an atomic radius that is larger than, smaller than or the same as the atomic radius of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ . Explain your answer.

Atomic radius of  $^{88}\text{Sr}$  compared to  $^{87}\text{Rb}$

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Explanation

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(Total 16 marks)

Q7

The elements phosphorus, sulfur, chlorine and argon are in the p block of the Periodic Table.

- (a) State why these elements are classified as p block elements.

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- (b) State the trend in atomic radius from phosphorus to chlorine and explain the trend.

*Trend* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Explanation* \_\_\_\_\_

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- (c) In terms of structure and bonding, explain why sulfur has a higher melting point than phosphorus.

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- (d) In terms of atomic structure, explain why the van der Waals' forces in liquid argon are very weak.

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(Total 9 marks)



Q8

- (a) State the meaning of the term *first ionisation energy* of an atom.

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- (b) Complete the electron arrangement for the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion.

$1s^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

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- (c) Identify the block in the Periodic Table to which magnesium belongs.

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(1)

- (d) Write an equation to illustrate the process occurring when the **second** ionisation energy of magnesium is measured.

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(1)

- (e) The Ne atom and the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion have the same number of electrons. Give **two** reasons why the first ionisation energy of neon is lower than the third ionisation energy of magnesium.

*Reason*  
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*Reason*  
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(2)

(f) There is a general trend in the first ionisation energies of the Period 3 elements, Na – Ar

(i) State and explain this general trend.

*Trend* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Explanation* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(ii) Explain why the first ionisation energy of sulphur is lower than would be predicted from the general trend.

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(Total 12 marks)

**Q9**

(a) (i) Complete the electronic configuration of aluminium.

1s<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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(ii) State the block in the Periodic Table to which aluminium belongs.

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(b) Describe the bonding in metals.

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(c) Explain why the melting point of magnesium is higher than that of sodium.

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(d) Explain how metals conduct electricity.

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(Total 9 marks)

Q10

(c) Complete the electronic configurations for the sulphur atom, S, and the sulphide ion, S<sup>2-</sup>.

S    1s<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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S<sup>2-</sup>    1s<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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(2)

(d) State the block in the Periodic Table in which sulphur is placed and explain your answer.

*Block* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Explanation* \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) Sodium sulphide,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$ , is a high melting point solid which conducts electricity when molten. Carbon disulphide,  $\text{CS}_2$ , is a liquid which does not conduct electricity.

(i) Deduce the type of bonding present in  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  and that present in  $\text{CS}_2$

*Bonding in*  
 *$\text{Na}_2\text{S}$*  \_\_\_\_\_

*Bonding in*  
 *$\text{CS}_2$*  \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) By reference to all the atoms involved explain, in terms of electrons, how  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  is formed from its atoms.

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(iii) Draw a diagram, including all the outer electrons, to represent the bonding present in  $\text{CS}_2$

(iv) When heated with steam,  $\text{CS}_2$  reacts to form hydrogen sulphide,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , and carbon dioxide.  
Write an equation for this reaction.

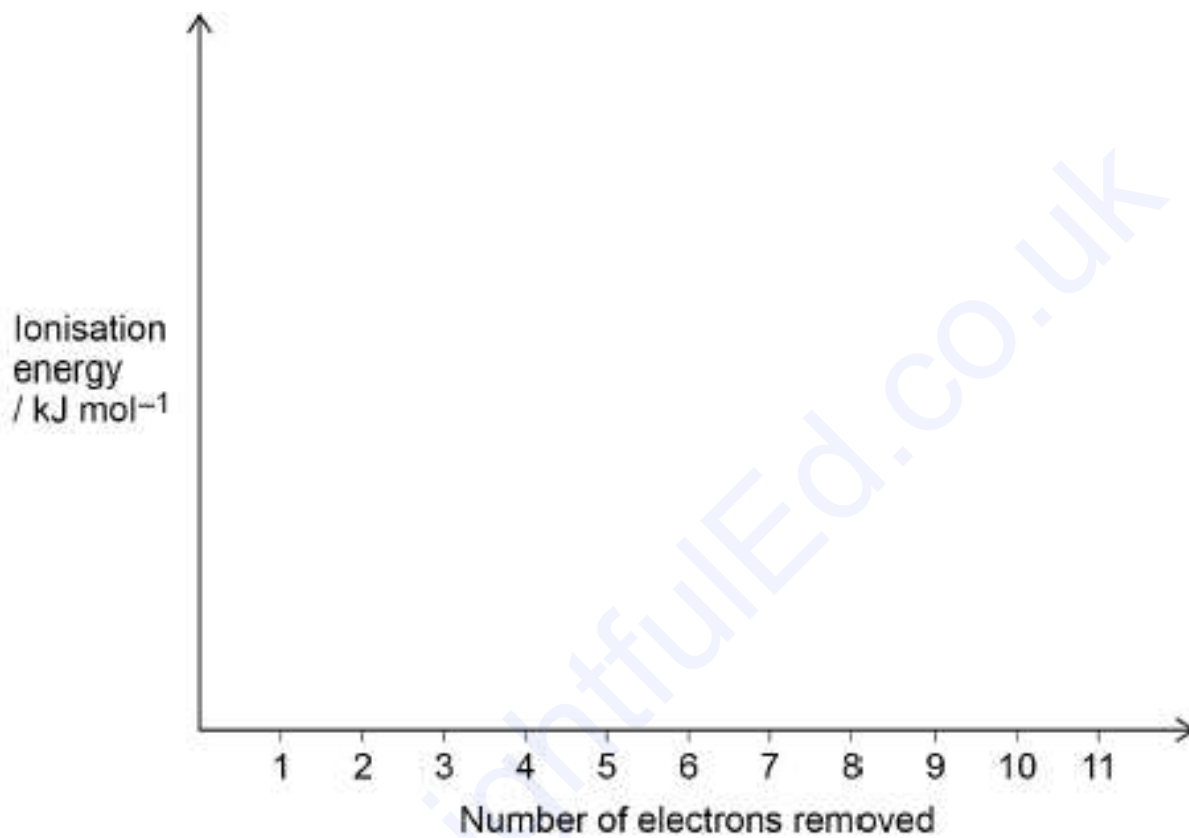
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Q12

This question is about the elements in Period 3.

- (a) On the axes, sketch a graph to show the successive ionisation energies of sodium.



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- (b) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why the melting point of magnesium is higher than the melting point of sodium.

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Magnesium can be used in the extraction of titanium.

- (c) Write an equation to show how magnesium is used to extract titanium from titanium(IV) chloride.

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(1)

- (d) After the extraction of titanium in part (c), the unreacted magnesium can be removed using an aqueous solution of sulfuric acid to form magnesium sulfate.  
The titanium does not react with the acid.

Write an equation for the reaction of magnesium with sulfuric acid.

State why magnesium sulfate can be separated easily from titanium.

Equation

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Why separated easily

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(2)

- (e) The melting point of titanium chloride is 214 K  
The melting point of sodium chloride is 1074 K

Which of the following shows the correct type of bonding in each compound?

Tick **one** (✓) box.

Titanium(IV) chloride	Sodium chloride	Tick (✓)
ionic	covalent	
ionic	ionic	
covalent	ionic	

(1)

- (f) Identify the element in Period 3 that has the highest melting point.

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(1)

- (g) Identify the element in Period 3, from sodium to chlorine, that has the largest atomic radius.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

The table shows the electronegativity values of some Period 3 elements.

	<b>Si</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Cl</b>
<b>Electronegativity</b>	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.2

- (h) State the meaning of electronegativity.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (i) Use the data in the table above to suggest the formula of the compound with the most polar bonds formed by two of these elements.

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**(Total 12 marks)**

### Q13

This question is about some elements in Period 3.

The table shows data about some elements in Period 3.

<b>Element</b>	<b>First ionisation energy / kJ mol<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>Atomic radius / nm</b>
magnesium	736	–
aluminium	577	–
silicon	786	0.117
phosphorus	1060	0.110
sulfur	1000	0.104

- (a) Explain why the first ionisation energy of aluminium is less than the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

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- (b) Explain why the first ionisation energy of sulfur is less than the first ionisation energy of phosphorus.

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- (c) Identify the element in Period 3 that has the highest **third** ionisation energy.

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- (d) Explain the decrease in atomic radius of the elements silicon, phosphorus and sulfur.

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(Total 7 marks)

Q14

This question is about the Period 3 elements Na to S and their compounds.

- (a) A small piece of sodium is added to a beaker of cold water.  
The sodium floats on the water.

Describe **two** other observations made when sodium reacts with water.

Write an equation, including state symbols, for the reaction.

Observation 1

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Observation 2

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Equation

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- (b) A Period 3 element (Na to S) reacts with oxygen to form a colourless gas. Identify the element.

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(1)

- (c) Separate samples of solid sodium chloride and liquid silicon tetrachloride are added to water.

The pH of each solution formed is measured.

	pH
sodium chloride	7
silicon tetrachloride	0

Write an equation, including state symbols, to represent the process that occurs when each substance is added to water.

Equation when sodium chloride is added to water

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Equation when silicon tetrachloride is added to water

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(2)

- (d) A small amount of phosphorus(V) oxide is added to an excess of aqueous sodium hydroxide.

Write an equation for this reaction.

Draw the structure of the anion formed in this reaction.

Equation

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Structure

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(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q15

This question is about the Period 2 elements lithium to nitrogen.

The elements in Period 2 show periodic trends similar to those in Period 3.

- (a) State why carbon is classified as a p block element.

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- (b) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why the melting point of carbon (graphite) is very high.

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- (c) Explain why there is a general increase in first ionisation energy from lithium to nitrogen.

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- (d) Identify the element, from lithium to nitrogen, that does **not** follow the trend of increasing first ionisation energy.

Explain why this element does **not** follow the trend.

Element

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Explanation

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(3)

- (e) Identify the element, from lithium to nitrogen, that has the largest atomic radius.

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- (f) Identify the element, from lithium to nitrogen, that has the largest **third** ionisation energy.

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- (g) The nitride ion has the formula  $\text{N}^{3-}$

Give the electron configuration of the  $\text{N}^{3-}$  ion.

Give the formula of beryllium nitride.

Electron configuration

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Formula

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(2)

- (h) An oxide of lithium contains 30.0% lithium by mass.  
What is the empirical formula of this oxide of lithium?

Tick (✓) one box.

Li<sub>2</sub>O

LiO

LiO<sub>2</sub>

(1)

(Total 14 marks)

**Q16**

This question is about Period 3 elements and their compounds.

- (a) State **two** observations that you would make when magnesium is burned in oxygen.

Write an equation for the reaction.

Observation 1

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Observation 2

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Equation

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(3)

- (b) A strip of magnesium is added to some cold water. At first, there is no visible change but magnesium does react very slowly with cold water.

Write an equation for the reaction.

Explain how an indicator can be used to show that a reaction is occurring.

Equation

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Explanation

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(3)

- (c) Write an equation for the reaction of aluminium oxide with aqueous potassium hydroxide.

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(1)

- (d) Draw the structure of the acid formed when phosphorus(V) oxide reacts with water.

(1)

**Q17**

This question is about the elements in Period 3 of the Periodic Table.

- (a) Write an equation, including state symbols, for the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

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- (b) Explain why the first ionisation energy of aluminium is less than the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

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- (c) Identify the element in Period 3 with the largest atomic radius.

Explain your answer.

Element

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Explanation

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- (d) Silicon has the highest melting point of the elements in Period 3.

Explain this statement in terms of structure and bonding.

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Q18

This question is about compounds of the elements in Period 3.

- (a) Phosphorus burns in air to form phosphorus(V) oxide.

Write an equation for this reaction.

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- (b) Sulfur forms two oxides,  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_3$   
Both oxides react with water to form acidic solutions.

State the formula of each acid formed and the approximate pH of a  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of each acid.

Formula of acid formed by

$\text{SO}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

pH

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Formula of acid formed by

$\text{SO}_3$  \_\_\_\_\_

pH

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- (c) Aluminium oxide can act as an acid and can act as a base.

Write an equation to show aluminium oxide acting as an acid.

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(1)

- (d) **BONDING/P3** Silicon reacts with oxygen to form  $\text{SiO}_2$  and with chlorine to form  $\text{SiCl}_4$

The table shows the melting points of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{SiCl}_4$

Compound	Melting point / °C
$\text{SiO}_2$	1710
$\text{SiCl}_4$	-69

Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why  $\text{SiO}_2$  has a very high melting point but  $\text{SiCl}_4$  has a very low melting point.

$\text{SiO}_2$  \_\_\_\_\_

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SiCl<sub>4</sub> \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4)  
 (Total 8 marks)

Q19

This question is about some Period 3 oxides and chlorides.

- (a) Suggest why silicon dioxide can be described as an acidic oxide even though it is insoluble in water.

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The table below shows the melting points of some Period 3 oxides.

	Na <sub>2</sub> O	SO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>
Melting point/K	1548	200	290

- (b) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why sodium oxide has a high melting point.

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(c) Explain why sulfur trioxide has a higher melting point than sulfur dioxide.

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A small amount of each of the Period 3 chlorides NaCl, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, AlCl<sub>3</sub> and PCl<sub>5</sub> is added to separate samples of deionised water.

The pH values of the resulting solutions are measured.

(d) State why NaCl forms a neutral solution.

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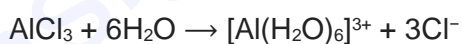
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Both AlCl<sub>3</sub> and PCl<sub>5</sub> form acidic solutions.

(e) The equation for the reaction of AlCl<sub>3</sub> with water is



Explain why the solution formed is acidic. Use an equation in your answer.

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- (f) Identify the **two** acids formed when  $\text{PCl}_5$  reacts with water.

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(Total 10 marks)

Q20

This question is about the elements in Period 2 of the Periodic Table.

- (a) Identify the element in Period 2 that has the highest electronegativity value.

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- (b) Identify the element in Period 2 that has the highest first ionisation energy.

Explain your answer.

Element

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Explanation

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(3)

- (c) Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the process that occurs when the first ionisation energy of oxygen is measured.

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(1)

- (d) Identify the element in Period 2 that has the highest melting point.

Explain your answer.

Element

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Explanation

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- (e) Draw the shape of a tetrafluoromethane molecule ( $\text{CF}_4$ ) and the shape of a chlorine trifluoride molecule ( $\text{ClF}_3$ ).

Include any lone pairs of electrons that influence the shape.

Name the shape of the  $\text{CF}_4$  molecule.

Shape of  $\text{CF}_4$

Shape of  $\text{ClF}_3$

Name of shape of  $\text{CF}_4$  \_\_\_\_\_

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- (f) Explain why the boiling point of  $\text{CF}_4$  is very low.

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- (g) A compound, which contains carbon, chlorine and fluorine only, has a relative molecular mass ( $M_r$ ) of 204.0

Elemental analysis shows that the compound contained 69.6% chlorine and 18.6% fluorine by mass.

Calculate the molecular formula of this compound.

Molecular formula \_\_\_\_\_

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(Total 17 marks)

**Mark Schemes**

**Q1**

(a) outer electrons in (2)p orbital

*allow highest energy level being filled is (2)p sub-shell*

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(b) macromolecular **or** giant covalent

*allow giant molecular or giant atomic*

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covalent bonds

**1**

strong (covalent) bonds must be broken **or** overcome **or** (covalent) bonds need a lot of energy to break

*allow many (covalent) bonds must be broken*

**1**

(c) increase in number of protons **or** increased nuclear charge

**1**

similar shielding

**or**

stronger attraction between nucleus/protons and outer shell electrons

*ignore atomic radius decreases*

**1**

(d) B **or** boron

**1**

electron removed from a (2)p orbital

**1**

that is higher in energy (so more easily lost)

**1**

*allow max. 2 marks if M1 = Al **or** aluminium*



(e) Li **or** lithium

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(g)  $1s^22s^22p^6$

1

$Be_3N_2$

1

(h) LiO

1

**Q2**

**B**

*f block*

[1]

**Q3**

**C**

[1]

**Q4**

**D**

[1]

**Q5**

(a) (i) d (block) **OR** D (block)

*Ignore transition metals / series.*

*Do not allow any numbers in the answer.*

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(ii) Contains positive (metal) ions or protons or nuclei  
and delocalised / mobile / free / sea of electrons

*Ignore atoms.*

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Strong attraction between them or strong metallic bonds

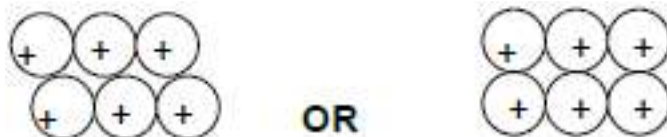
*Allow 'needs a lot of energy to break / overcome'  
instead of 'strong'.*

*If strong attraction between incorrect particles, then  
CE = 0 / 2.*

*If molecules / intermolecular forces / covalent  
bonding / ionic bonding mentioned then CE=0.*

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(iii)



*M1 is for regular arrangement of atoms / ions (min 6 metal particles).*

*M2 for + sign in each metal atom / ion.*

*Allow 2+ sign.*

2

(iv) Layers / planes / sheets of atoms or ions can slide over one another

*QoL.*

1

(b) (i)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^8 (4s^0)$

*Only.*

1

(ii)  $NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O + 6 SOCl_2 \longrightarrow NiCl_2 + 6 SO_2 + 12 HCl$

*Allow multiples.*

1

$NaOH / NH_3 / CaCO_3 / CaO$

*Allow any name or formula of alkali or base.*

*Allow water.*

1

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**Q6**

(a) 37

*These answers only.*

*Allow answers in words.*

1

48

*Ignore any sum(s) shown to work out the answers.*

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(b) (i) Electron gun / high speed/high energy electrons

*Not just electrons.*

*Not highly charged electrons.*

1

Knock out electron(s)

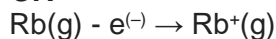
*Remove an electron.*

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(ii)  $Rb(g) \rightarrow Rb^+(g) + e^{-}$

**OR**

$Rb(g) + e^{-} \rightarrow Rb^+(g) + 2e^{-}$

**OR**

*Ignore state symbols for electron.*

1

- (c) Rb is a bigger (atom) / e further from nucleus / electron lost from a higher energy level / More shielding in Rb / less attraction of nucleus in Rb for outer electron / more shells

*Answer should refer to Rb not Rb molecule*

*If converse stated it must be obvious it refers to Na*

*Answer should be comparative.*

1

- (d) (i) s / block s / group s

*Only*

1

- (ii)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6 5s^1$

*Allow  $3d^{10}$  before  $4s^2$*

*Allow in any order.*

1

- (e) 
$$\frac{(85 \times 2.5) + 87 \times 1}{3.5}$$

*M1 is for top line*

1

1

$$= \underline{85.6}$$

*Only*

1

**OR**

$$\frac{(58 \times 5) + 87 \times 2}{7}$$

*M1  $^{85}\text{Rb}$  71.4% and  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  28.6%*

*M2 divide by 100*

1

1

$$\underline{85.6}$$

*M3 =  $\underline{85.6}$*

1

- (f) Detector

*Mark independently*

*Allow detection (plate).*

1

Current / digital pulses / electrical signal related to abundance

*Not electrical charge.*

1

(g)	Smaller		
		<i>Chemical error if not smaller, CE = 0/3</i>	
		<i>If blank mark on.</i>	1
	Bigger nuclear charge / more protons in Sr		
		<i>Not bigger nucleus.</i>	1
	Similar/same shielding		
		QWC	
		<i>(Outer) <u>electron</u> entering same shell/sub shell/orbital/same number of shells.</i>	
		<i>Do not allow incorrect orbital.</i>	1
			<b>[16]</b>
Q7			
(a)	Outer electrons are in p orbitals		1
(b)	decreases		1
	Number of protons increases		1
	Attracting outer electrons in the same shell (or similar shielding)		1
(c)	Sulfur molecules ( $S_8$ ) are larger than phosphorus ( $P_4$ )		1
	Therefore van der Waals' forces between molecules are stronger		1
	Therefore more energy needed to loosen forces between molecules		1
(d)	Argon particles are single atoms with electrons closer to nucleus		1
	Cannot easily be polarised (or electron cloud not easily distorted)		1
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## Q8

- (a) enthalpy/energy change/required when an electron is removed/  
knocked out / displaced/ to form a uni-positive ion  
(ignore 'minimum' energy)

1

from a gaseous atom

(could get M2 from a correct equation here)  
(accept 'Enthalpy/energy change for the process...'  
followed by an appropriate equation, for both  
marks)  
(accept molar definitions)

1

- (b)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$

(accept capitals and subscripts)

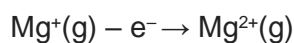
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- (c) 's' block

(not a specific 's' orbital – e.g. 2s)

1

- (d)  $Mg^+(g) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g) + e^-$  or



1

- (e) Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion smaller than Ne atom / Mg<sup>2+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> closer to nucleus

(Not 'atomic' radius fo Mg<sup>2+</sup>)

1

Mg<sup>2+</sup> has more protons than Ne / higher nuclear charge or  
e<sup>-</sup> is removed from a charged Mg<sup>2+</sup>ion / neutral neon atom

(accept converse arguments)

(If used 'It' or Mg/magnesium/Mg<sup>3+</sup> etc. & 2 correct  
reasons, allow (1))

1

- (f) (i) trend: increases

(if 'decreases', CE = 0/3)

1

Expl<sup>n</sup>: more protons / increased proton number /  
increased nuclear charge

(NOT increased atomic number)

1

same shell / same shielding / smaller size

1

- (ii) QoL reference to the e<sup>-</sup> pair in the 3p sub-level

*(penalise if wrong shell, e.g. '2p', quoted)*

1

repulsion between the e<sup>-</sup> in this e<sup>-</sup> pair

*(if not stated, 'e<sup>-</sup> pair' must be clearly implied)*

*(mark M4 and M5 separately)*

1

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Q9

(a) (i)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$  **(1)**

*Allow subscripted electron numbers*

(ii) p (block) **(1)**

*Allow upper or lower case 's' and 'p' in (a)(i) and (a)(ii)*

2

(b) Lattice of metal / +ve ions/ cations / atoms **(1)**

*Not +ve nuclei/centres*

*Accept regular array/close packed/tightly packed/uniformly arranged*

(Surrounded by) delocalised electrons **(1)**

*Note: Description as a 'giant ionic lattice' = CE*

2

(c) Greater nuclear or ionic charge or more protons **(1)**

Smaller atoms / ions **(1)**

*Accept greater charge density for either M1 or M2*

More delocalised electrons / e<sup>-</sup> in sea of e<sup>-</sup> / free e<sup>-</sup> **(1)**

Stronger attraction between ions and delocalised / free electrons etc. **(1)**

*Max 3*

*Note: 'intermolecular attraction/ forces' or covalent molecules = CE*

*Accept stronger 'electrostatic attraction' if phrase prescribed elsewhere*

*Ignore references to m/z values*

*If Mg or Na compared to Al, rather than to each other, then: **Max 2***

*Treat description that is effectively one for Ionisation Energy as a **'contradiction'***

3

- (d) (Delocalised) electrons (1)

Move / flow in a given direction (idea of moving non-randomly)  
or under the influence applied pd QoL mark (1)

Allow 'flow through metal'

Not: 'Carry the charge'; 'along the layers'; 'move through the metal'

2

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**Q10**

- (c) S:
- $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$
- (1)

Allow upper case letters

- $S^{2-}$
- :
- $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$
- (1)

If use subscript penalise once

2

- (d) Block: p (1)

Explanation: Highest energy or outer orbital is (3) p

OR outer electron, valency electron in (3) p  
NOT 2p etc.

2

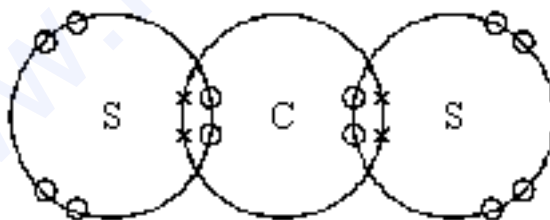
- (e) (i) Bonding in
- $Na_2S$
- : ionic (1)
- 
- Bonding in
- $CS_2$
- : covalent (1)

ignore other words such as dative / polar / co-ordinate

- (ii) Clear indication of electron transfer from Na to S (1)
- 
- 1
- $e^-$
- from each (of 2) Na atoms or 2
- $e^-$
- from 2 Na atoms (1)

QoL correct English

- (iii)



Correct covalent bonds (1)

All correct including lone pairs (1)

Allow all •s or all x's

M2 tied to M1

NOT separate e-s in S•- 2 | p

- (iv)
- $CS_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2S$
- (1)

Ignore state symbols even if wrong

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**Q11**

- (a) Elements in the p block have their outer electron(s) in p orbital(s) or levels or sub-shells **(1)**  
example of element **(1)**  
correct electronic configuration **(1)**
- (b) Pattern in the change in the properties of a row of elements **(1)**  
*OR Trend in the properties of elements across a period*

3

Repeated in the next row **(1)**

*OR element underneath (or in same group) has similar properties*

**atomic radius**

decreases across the row **(1)**

*CE if trend is wrong*

number of protons increases **(1)** (or nuclear charge increases)  
more attraction for electrons in the same shell **(1)**

**electronegativity**

increases across the row **(1)**

number of protons increases **(1)** (or nuclear charge)

atomic radius decreases **(1)** (or shielding remains the same or electrons in the same shell) more attraction for bonding or shared electrons **(1)**

**conductivity**

decreases row **(1)**

*OR significant drop from Al to Si*

Na–Al metals **(1)**

*OR metallic bonding or description of metallic bonding*

Two of Si - Ar non metals **(1)**

*OR molecular or covalent*

EITHER electrons free to move (or delocalised) in metals

OR electrons unable to move in non-metals **(1)**

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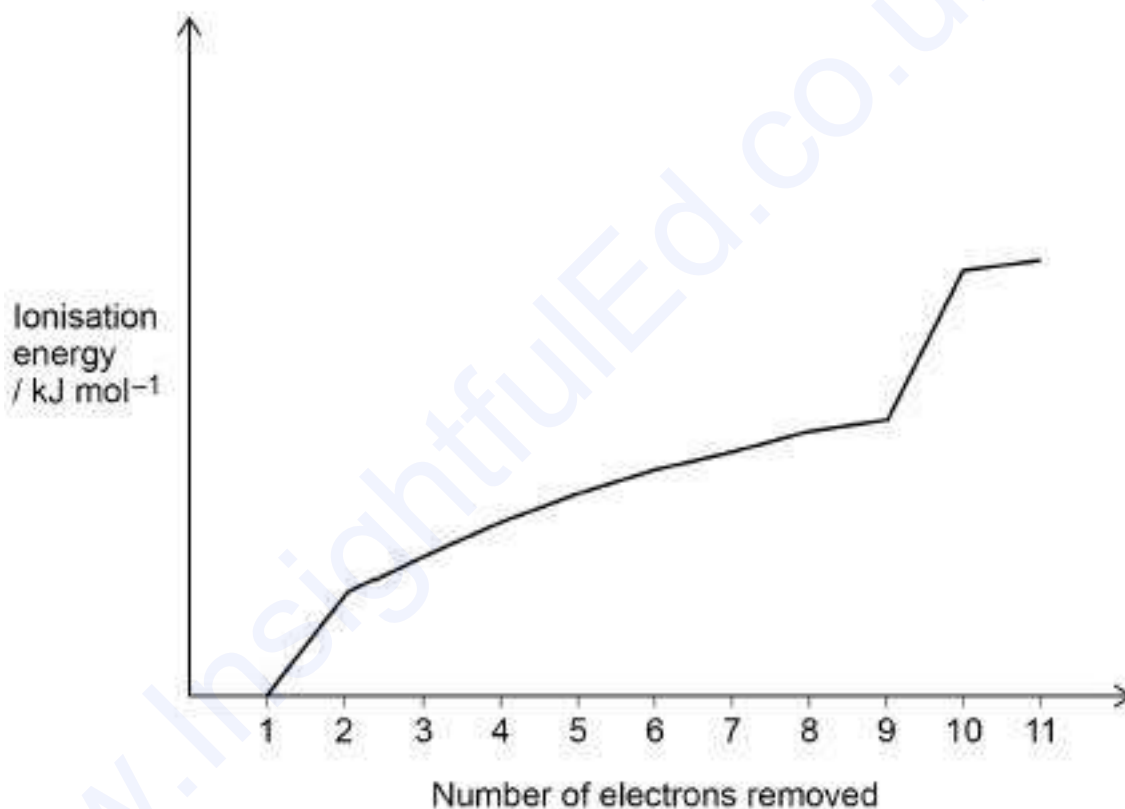


**Q12**

- (a) plot shows a general increase  
*all successive ionisation energies (IE) must be higher than the previous*  
*M2 dependent on M1*

1

plot has sharp increase between 1<sup>st</sup> IE and 2<sup>nd</sup> IE  
**and**  
 between 9<sup>th</sup> IE and 10<sup>th</sup> IE  
*M2 dependent on M1*



1

- (b) Mg has smaller ions  
**or**  
 Mg ions have bigger charge density  
**or**  
 Mg<sup>2+</sup> has a higher charge than Na<sup>+</sup>  
**or**  
 Mg atoms are smaller than Na atoms  
*must be a comparison*  
*ignore reference to nuclear charge*

1

stronger attraction with delocalised / free / sea of electrons  
*allow metallic bonding is stronger*

1

- (c)  $2 \text{Mg} + \text{TiCl}_4 \rightarrow 2 \text{MgCl}_2 + \text{Ti}$   
*allow multiples* 1
- (d)  $\text{Mg} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4 + \text{H}_2$  1
- $\text{MgSO}_4$  / it is soluble  
*allow  $\text{MgSO}_4$  is in (aqueous) solution* 1
- (e) covalent ionic 1
- (f) Si / silicon 1
- (g) Na / sodium 1
- (h) power of an atom to attract electron density / pair of electrons /  
 two electrons towards itself in a covalent bond 1
- (i)  $\text{SiCl}_4$  1

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**Q13**

- (a) (outer) electron (in aluminium) in (3)p orbital / sub-shell (sub-level)  
*do not accept p energy level / shell* 1
- (3p) higher in energy  
*allow (3)p more shielded than (3)s* 1
- (b) (outer) electrons in (3)p orbital **or** sub-shell begin to pair 1
- (paired electrons) repel 1
- (c) magnesium / Mg 1
- (d) bigger nuclear charge **or** more protons (in nucleus) 1
- electrons are added to the same shell **or** similar / same shielding 1

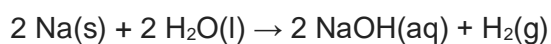
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**Q14**

(a) any **two** from:

- fizzes  
*allow yellow flame*
- moves
- molten ball
- sodium piece gets smaller / disappear  
*do not accept sodium piece dissolves*

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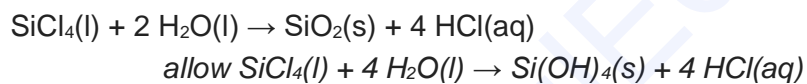


(b) sulfur / S / S<sub>8</sub>

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(c)  $\text{NaCl(s)} (+\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Na}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$   
*allow NaCl(s) (+aq) → NaCl(aq)*

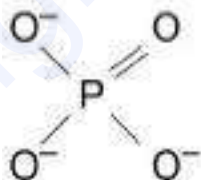
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(d)  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10} + 12 \text{NaOH} \rightarrow 4 \text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 + 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
*P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + 12 OH<sup>-</sup> → 4 PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> + 6 H<sub>2</sub>O*

1



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**Q15**

- (a) outer electrons in (2)p orbital  
*allow highest energy level being filled is (2)p sub-shell* 1
- (b) macromolecular **or** giant covalent  
*allow giant molecular or giant atomic* 1
- covalent bonds 1
- strong (covalent) bonds must be broken **or** overcome **or** (covalent) bonds need a lot of energy to break  
*allow many (covalent) bonds must be broken* 1
- (c) increase in number of protons **or** increased nuclear charge 1
- similar shielding  
**or**  
 stronger attraction between nucleus/protons and outer shell electrons  
*ignore atomic radius decreases* 1
- (d) B **or** boron 1
- electron removed from a (2)p orbital 1
- that is higher in energy (so more easily lost) 1
- allow max. 2 marks if M1 = Al **or** aluminium*
- (e) Li **or** lithium 1
- (f) Be **or** beryllium 1
- (g)  $1s^22s^22p^6$  1
- $Be_3N_2$  1
- (h) LiO 1

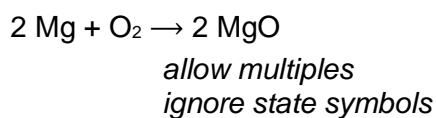
## Q16

- (a) (bright) white light / white flame  
*Not just bright light*

1

white ash / white powder / white solid  
*Not white ppt*

1



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- (b)  $\text{Mg} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{H}_2$   
*allow multiples*  
*ignore state symbols*

1

named indicator and appropriate colour (e.g. phenolphthalein turns pink)

*Ignore use of pH meter*

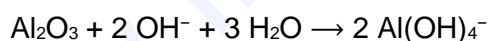
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$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  is a (weak) alkali  
OR  
 $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  is slightly soluble, so  $\text{OH}^-$  ions present  
OR  
pH = 9-10

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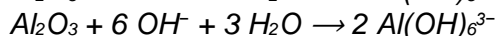
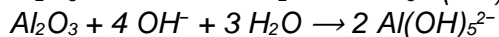
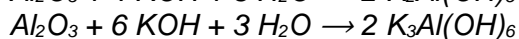
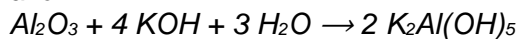
- (c)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2 \text{KOH} + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2 \text{KAl}(\text{OH})_4$

OR



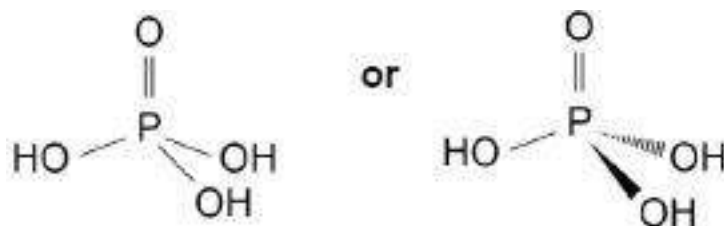
*allow multiples*  
*ignore state symbols*

*allow:*



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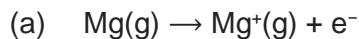
- (d)



*allow ionised forms  
does not need to be 3D*

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**Q17**



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(b) Electron removed from a (3)p orbital

1

Which is higher in energy (so more easily lost)

*Allow greater shielding (from 3s<sup>2</sup>)*

1

(c) Sodium

1

*If not sodium then CE = 0/3*

Smallest number of protons

1

All electrons in period 3 elements enter the same (3<sup>rd</sup>) principal energy level OR elements in period 3 have similar shielding

1

(d) Macromolecular/giant atomic/giant covalent molecule

1

covalent bonds

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Many/strong (covalent) bonds need to be broken or take a lot of energy to break

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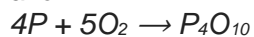
**Q18**



*allow multiples or fractions*

*ignore state symbol*

*allow*



*reject any formula for phosphorous that is not P or P<sub>4</sub>*

1

- (b) Formulae:  
 $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  **AND**  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
*If no mark awarded then award 1 mark for correct formula **and** pH for one oxide* 1

pH values  
 $\text{SO}_2$  any in range 2 to 5  
**AND**  
 $\text{SO}_3$  any in range 0 to 1 1

- (c)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{NaOH} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaAl}(\text{OH})_4$   
*ignore state symbols*  
*Allow any of:*  
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{OH}^- + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4^-$   
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 6\text{OH}^- + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6^{3-}$   
 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 6\text{NaOH} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Na}_3\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6$   
*Reject reactions with carbonates and hydrogen carbonates* 1

- (d) **M1**  $\text{SiO}_2$  giant (lattice) and covalent  
*Allow "macromolecular" for "giant lattice" and "giant covalent" for M1* 1

**M2** strong (covalent) bonds (between atoms) / require lots of energy to overcome – break  
*If  $\text{SiO}_2$  is not covalent, lose M2* 1

**M3**  $\text{SiCl}_4$  (simple) molecular 1

**M4** weak forces between molecules / weak van der Waal's forces / weak intermolecular forces  
**and**  
 require little energy to overcome  
*if breaking covalent bonds in  $\text{SiCl}_4$  then do not award M4* 1  
  
*If  $\text{SiO}_2$  stated as not covalent, do not award M1 or M2*  
*If  $\text{SiCl}_4$  stated as not covalent, do not award M3 or M4*

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**Q19**

- (a)  $\text{SiO}_2$  reacts with bases /  $\text{NaOH}$  /  $\text{CaO}$  /  $\text{CaCO}_3$  1

- (b) It is an ionic lattice / giant ionic  
*Allow giant lattice if ions mentioned in answer* 1
- Contains oppositely charged ions/ + and - ions 1
- with strong forces of attraction between the ions 1
- Allow a lot of energy to separate oppositely charged ions.  
 M3 dependent on M2  
 Max 1/3 if mention of electronegativity ie M1 only  
 CE = 0/3 if mention of atoms / molecules / metallic*
- (c) SO<sub>3</sub> is a bigger molecule than SO<sub>2</sub>  
*CE = 0 if mention of ions* 1
- so van der Waals' forces between molecules are stronger 1
- (d) no reaction or no hydrolysis or only dissolving occurs  
*Allow NaCl is the salt of a strong acid and a strong alkali* 1
- (e) Al<sup>3+</sup> small and highly charged (and weakens the O-H bond the ligand)  
*Allow Al<sup>3+</sup> is highly polarising  
 Allow Al<sup>3+</sup> weakens the O-H bond* 1
- $[Al(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + H_2O \rightarrow [Al(H_2O)_5(OH)]^{2+} + H_3O^+$   
*Accept equations with more than one H<sub>2</sub>O reacting  
 Allow formation of H<sup>+</sup>* 1
- (f) phosphoric(V) acid or H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>  
*allow phosphoric acid*

**AND**

hydrochloric acid or HCl 1

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**Q20**

(a) F/ fluorine 1

(b) Ne  
*If not neon then CE = 0 / 3. But if Ar chosen, lose M1 and allow M2+M3*  
*Allow similar shielding* 1

Large(st) number of protons / large(st) nuclear charge  
*Ignore smallest atomic radius* 1

Same amount of shielding / same number of shells / same number of energy levels  
*Allow similar shielding* 1

(c)  $O(g) \rightarrow O^+(g) + e^{-}$  1

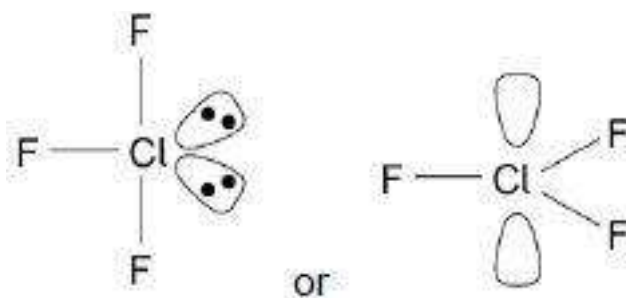
(d) C  
*If not carbon then CE = 0 / 3* 1

covalent (bonds)  
*M3 dependent on correct M2* 1

Strong or many of the (covalent) bonds need to be broken / needs a lot of energy to break the (covalent) bonds  
*Mention of ions would lose M2 and M3*  
*Ignore IMF* 1

(e)

1



1

Shape = tetrahedral

1

- (f) van der Waals / vdw forces between the molecules  
*not breaking covalent bonds*

1

that are very weak (and easily broken by heat)

1

- (g)

C	Cl	F	
<u>11.8</u> % (M1)	<u>69.6</u> %	<u>18.6</u> %	
12	35.5	19	
(= 0.983	= 1.961	= 0.980)	
1	2	1	OR CCl <sub>2</sub> F

*M1 11.8%*  
*M2 dividing by correct A<sub>r</sub>*

3

CCl<sub>2</sub>F has M<sub>r</sub> = 102

MF = C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>

*M4 correct MF*

*Allow alternative methods*

1

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