AQA GCSE Chemistry | 8462

SPECIFICATION POINT 4.1.2.1

The periodic table

Past-paper questions

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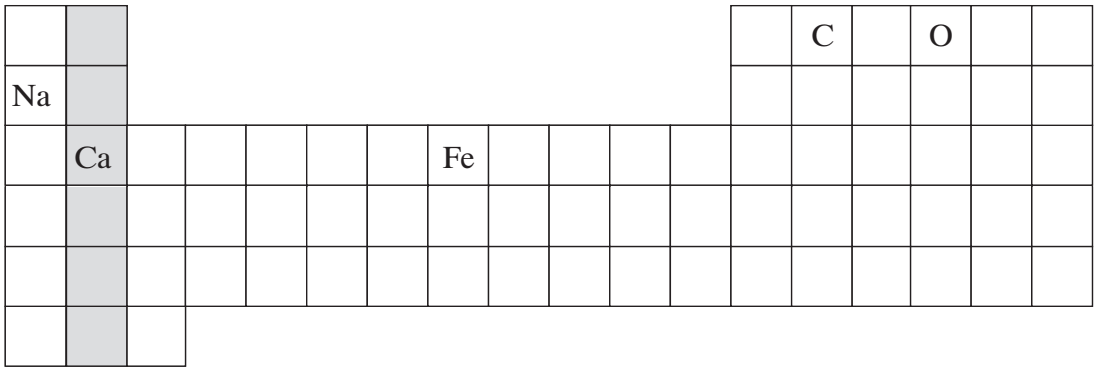
Question 01

March 2007 | CHY1A | Original Q4 | Legacy

QUESTION FOUR

The diagram shows part of the periodic table.

One vertical column has been shaded in.



Match words, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the sentences.

A compounds

B elements

C groups

D properties

Some of the substances shown in the periodic table can react together to form . . . **1** . . . .

The substances in the periodic table are . . . **2** . . . .

Substances in the same vertical column have similar chemical . . . **3** . . . .

The vertical columns are called . . . **4** . . . .

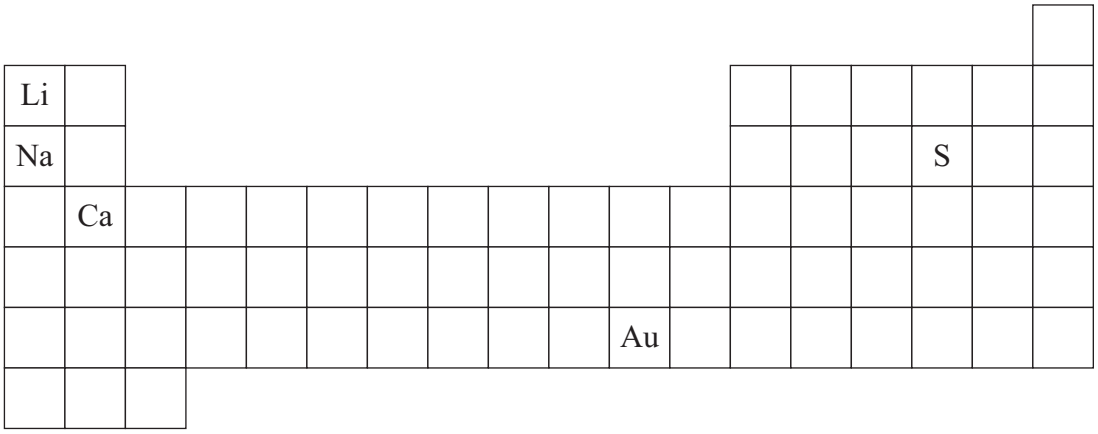
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Question 02

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QUESTION TWO

The diagram shows the position of some elements in the periodic table.



Match elements, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A gold (Au)

B lithium (Li)

C calcium (Ca)

D sulfur (S)

	What we can say about the element
1	It is combined with the element oxygen in quicklime.
2	It is in a compound that produces acid rain.
3	It is an unreactive transition metal.
4	It has similar chemical properties to sodium.

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Question 03

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QUESTION FOUR

The list below shows the first five noble gases, in the order in which they appear in Group 0 of the periodic table, and their boiling points.

Noble gas	Boiling point in °C
Helium	–269
Neon	–246
Argon	–186
Krypton	–152
Xenon	–107

Match words, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the sentences.

A boiling point

B colour

C density

D reactivity

Argon is used in filament lamps because of its low chemical . . . **1** . . . .

In electric discharge tubes, used for advertisement signs, each noble gas glows with a different . . . **2** . . . .

Helium is used in balloons because it has a low . . . **3** . . . .

Xenon is the noble gas in the list that has the highest . . . **4** . . . .

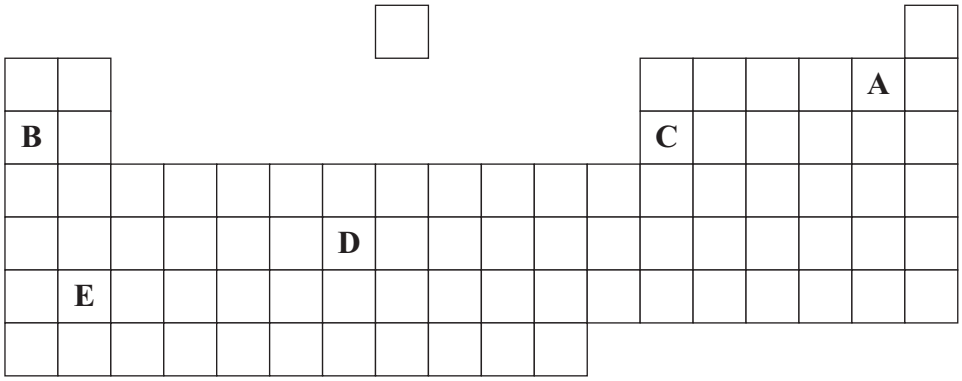
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Question 04

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1 (a) The periodic table on the Data Sheet may help you to answer this question.

Part of the periodic table is shown below.



Choose your answers **only** from the letters shown in the periodic table above.

Which letter, **A** to **E**, represents:

(i) sodium Letter .....

(1 mark)

(ii) a non-metal Letter .....

(1 mark)

(iii) a Group 2 element Letter .....

(1 mark)

(iv) a transition element? Letter .....

(1 mark)

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Question 04 · continued

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(b) Complete these sentences by drawing a ring around the correct answer.

(i) Attempts to classify the elements into a periodic table were made

by [Arrhenius and Dalton / Brønsted and Lowry / Mendeleev and Newlands] .

(1 mark)

(ii) They arranged the elements in order of their [atomic weight / melting point / reactivity] .

(1 mark)

(iii) They put elements in the same Group if they had similar [boiling points / chemical reactions / electrical conductivities] .

(1 mark)

(iv) We now know that elements in the same Group have the same number of

[electrons / neutrons / protons] in their outer shell (energy level).

(1 mark)

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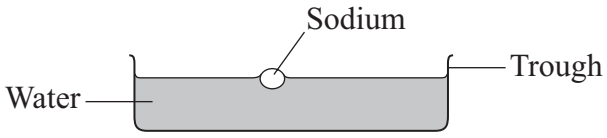
Question 05

June 2008 | CHY3F | Original Q2 | Legacy

2 (a) Read a student's report about the reaction between sodium and water.

The reaction between sodium and water

A small piece of sodium was added to some water in a trough.



The sodium floated and started to react.

The sodium moved along the surface of the water and melted to give a ball of molten metal.

The ball became smaller and smaller until it had all gone.

A gas was given off and a colourless solution was left.

The word equation for this reaction is:

sodium + water → sodium hydroxide + hydrogen

Use the information from the student's report to answer these questions.

2 (a) (i) Which information shows that sodium has a low density?

.....

(1 mark)

2 (a) (ii) Which information shows that the reaction is exothermic?

.....

(1 mark)

2 (a) (iii) Name the gas given off.

.....

(1 mark)

2 (b) The periodic table on the Data Sheet may help you to answer these questions.

2 (b) (i) Sodium is in Group 1.

Name a Group 1 element that is more reactive than sodium.

.....

(1 mark)

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Question 05 · continued

for mark

2 (b) (ii) Here are some statements about Group 1 elements.
Only **two** of these statements are correct.
Put a tick (✓) next to the **two** correct statements.

Statement	(✓)
They are halogens	
They are metals	
They form covalent compounds	
They form ions with a +1 charge	

(2 marks)

2 (c) Dimitri Mendeleev put forward his periodic table in 1869.

Complete these sentences by drawing a ring around the correct answer.

2 (c) (i) Mendeleev arranged the elements in order of their [atomic weight / density / reactivity] .

(1 mark)

2 (c) (ii) The table is called a periodic table because elements with [identical / the same / similar] properties occur at regular intervals.

(1 mark)

2 (c) (iii) The vertical columns are known as [groups / periods / rows] .

(1 mark)

2 (d) How did Mendeleev overcome the problem of undiscovered elements when he designed his table?

.....

(1 mark)

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Question 06

November 2008 | CHY1AP | Original Q2 | Legacy

QUESTION TWO

This question is about elements.

Match words, **A**, **B**, **C**, and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the sentences.

A a nucleus

B a compound

C a group

D an element

An atom consists of electrons orbiting . . . **1** . . . .

A substance that is made up of only one kind of atom is called . . . **2** . . . .

In the periodic table, a vertical column is called . . . **3** . . . .

When two or more elements combine together, they form . . . **4** . . . .

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Question 07

November 2008 | CHY1BP | Original Q5 | Legacy

QUESTION FIVE

This question is about some gases found in the Earth's atmosphere.

Match gases, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A carbon dioxide

B helium

C nitrogen

D oxygen

1	It is in Group 0 of the periodic table.
2	It makes up about 80 % of the atmosphere.
3	It is found in today's atmosphere in much smaller amounts than in Earth's early atmosphere.
4	It is used when fossil fuels burn.

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Question 08

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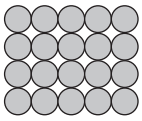
QUESTION THREE

The diagrams show the arrangement of atoms in each of four substances, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, at room temperature (20 °C).

Substance **A**



Substance **B**



Substance **C**



Substance **D**



Key

- An atom of oxygen
- An atom of carbon
- An atom of iron
- An atom of hydrogen

Match substances, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

	Description of the substance
1	It is an element that is a gas.
2	It is an element that is a solid.
3	It is a compound that is a gas.
4	It is a compound that is a liquid.

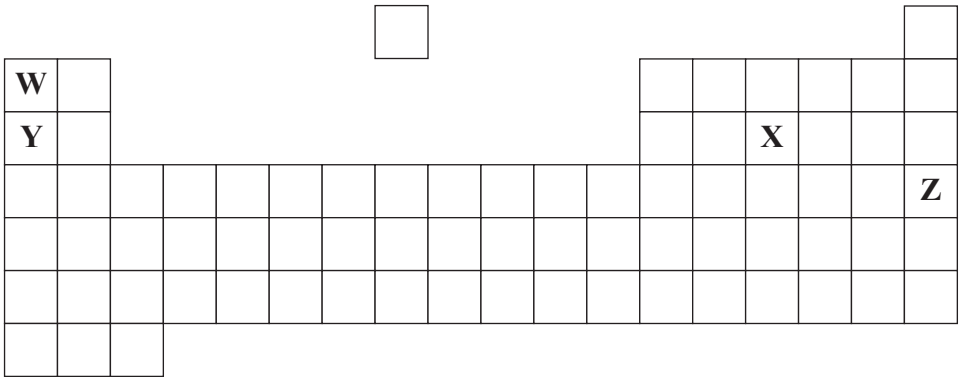
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Question 09

March 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

QUESTION EIGHT

The diagram represents the periodic table.



Four elements, **W**, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, are shown. The letters representing these elements are **not** their chemical symbols.

8A Which elements have chemical properties similar to element **W**?

1 both elements **X** and **Y**

2 only element **X**

3 only element **Y**

4 only element **Z**

8B What are the vertical columns called in the periodic table?

1 compounds

2 groups

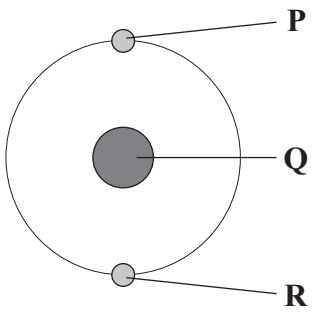
3 periods

4 tables

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Question 09 · continued

8C The diagram shows an atom.



Which row in the table is correct?

	P	Q	R
1	electron	nucleus	electron
2	electron	nucleus	nucleus
3	nucleus	electron	electron
4	nucleus	nucleus	electron

8D In a chemical reaction, . . .

1 new types of atom are produced.

2 more atoms are produced.

3 the atoms rearrange themselves.

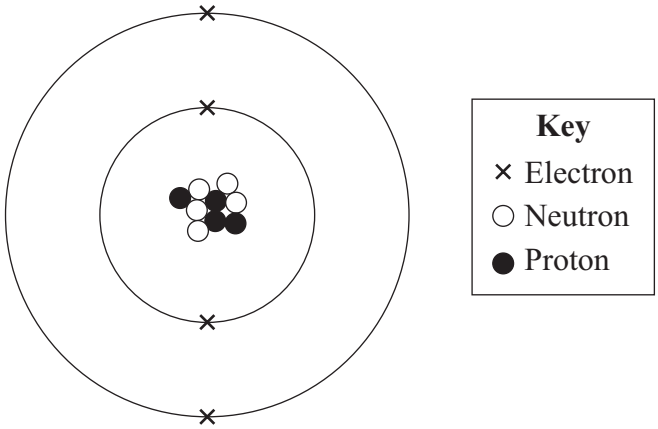
4 some atoms are lost.

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Question 10

June 2009 | CHY2F | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 The diagram represents an atom of beryllium.



Use a number from the box to complete each sentence.

4	7	9	12

1 (a) The atomic number (proton number) of this atom is ☐ .

(1 mark)

1 (b) The mass number of this atom is ☐ .

(1 mark)

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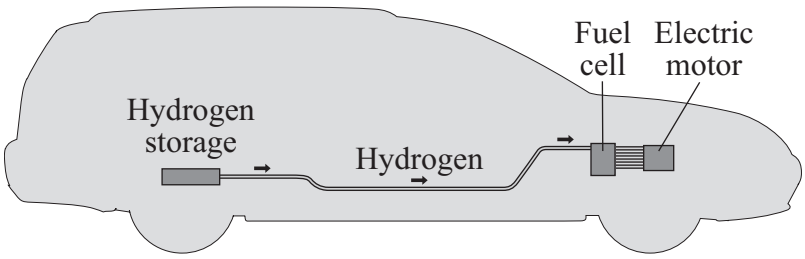
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Question 11

June 2009 | CHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

6 Read the article and then answer the questions that follow.

Hydrogen fuel for cars?



Hydrogen is an excellent fuel. On combustion it reacts with oxygen from the air to release a large amount of energy. The only product of combustion is water which does not cause pollution. Hydrogen gas can be stored under pressure in a cylinder but a leak of the gas could cause an explosion.

It has been found that lithium nitride can absorb and then release large volumes of hydrogen. Hydrogen stored in lithium nitride will not explode.

The problem is that the rate at which hydrogen is absorbed and then released from normal sized particles of lithium nitride is slow.

Recently scientists have made 'nanosized' particles of lithium nitride. The 'nanosized' particles have the advantage that they absorb and release the hydrogen much faster when needed in the fuel cell.

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Question 11 · continued

for mark

6 (a) Use information from the article to help you to answer these questions.

6 (a) (i) Give **two** reasons why hydrogen is an excellent fuel.

1 .....

.....

2 .....

.....

(2 marks)

6 (a) (ii) Hydrogen stored in lithium nitride is safer in an accident than a cylinder full of hydrogen gas.

State why.

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.....

(1 mark)

6 (a) (iii) What is the advantage of using 'nanosized' particles of lithium nitride instead of normal sized particles for storing hydrogen?

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(1 mark)

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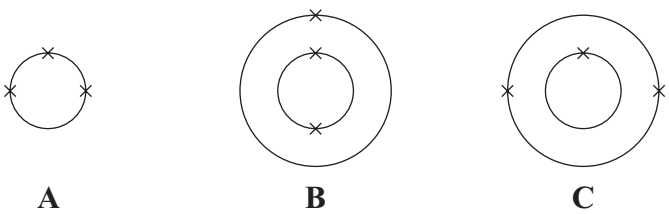
Question 11 · continued

for mark

6 (b) Lithium nitride is an ionic compound that contains lithium ions (Li^+) and nitride ions (N^{3-}).

6 (b) (i) The periodic table on the Data Sheet may help you to answer this question.

Which diagram, **A**, **B** or **C**, represents the electronic structure of a lithium atom?
Write your answer in the box.



A **B** **C**

Diagram ☐

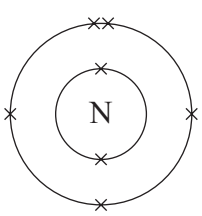
(1 mark)

6 (b) (ii) Tick (✓) the statement which describes how a lithium atom (Li) changes into a lithium ion (Li^+).

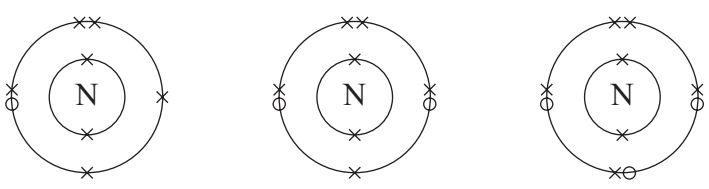
Statement	Tick (✓)
A lithium atom loses a neutron.	
A lithium atom loses an electron.	
A lithium atom loses a proton.	

(1 mark)

6 (b) (iii) The diagram shows the electronic structure of a nitrogen atom.



Which diagram, **A**, **B** or **C**, represents the electronic structure of a nitride ion (N^{3-})?
Write your answer in the box.



A **B** **C**

Diagram ☐

(1 mark)

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Question 11 · continued June 2009 | CHY2F | Original Q6 | Legacy

for mark

6 (c) The equation for the reaction of lithium nitride with hydrogen is:

$$Li_3N + 2H_2 \rightleftharpoons LiNH_2 + 2LiH$$

What does the $\rightleftharpoons$ symbol mean?

Draw a ring around your answer.

reversible reaction **endothermic reaction** **neutralisation**

(1 mark)

6 (d) Draw a ring around the correct answer in each box to complete the sentences.

6 (d) (i) 'Nanosized' particles of lithium nitride will be

much larger
a little larger
much smaller

than normal sized particles of lithium nitride. *(1 mark)*

6 (d) (ii) One of the reasons why 'nanosized' particles have different properties from normal sized particles is that they have a greater

density
mass
surface area

than normal sized particles of lithium nitride. *(1 mark)*

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Question 12

November 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q2 | Legacy

QUESTION TWO

This question is about metals.

Match substances, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A metal ore

B reactive metal

C transition metal

D metal alloy

1	a substance that contains enough metal to make it worth extracting
2	a mixture of metals
3	a metal that is found in the central block of the periodic table
4	a metal that cannot be extracted by reduction using carbon

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Question 13

November 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q3 | Legacy

QUESTION THREE

The formula of hydrogen sulfide is H_2S.

Match words, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the sentences.

A atoms

B electrons

C compounds

D elements

Hydrogen and sulfur are in the periodic table because they are . . . **1** . . . .

Hydrogen and sulfur are combined together in hydrogen sulfide, which is one of many known . . . **2** . . . .

The bonds in hydrogen sulfide are formed by shared pairs of . . . **3** . . . .

The formula of hydrogen sulfide contains a total of three . . . **4** . . . .

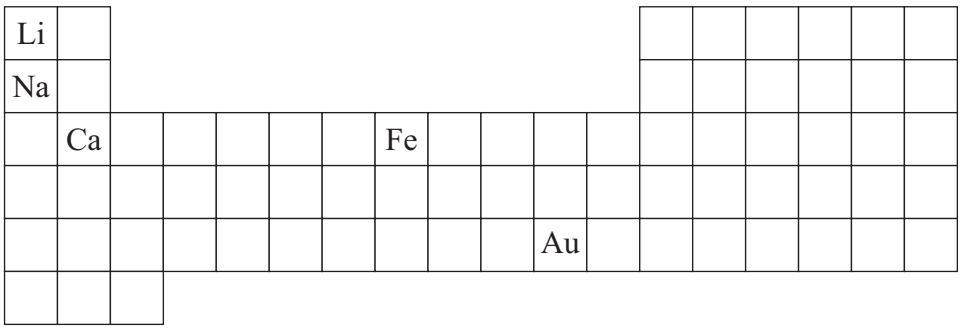
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Question 14

November 2009 | CHY1AP | Original Q5 | Legacy

QUESTION FIVE

The diagram shows part of the periodic table.



Match elements, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table below.

A Calcium (Ca)

B Lithium (Li)

C Gold (Au)

D Iron (Fe)

1	It will not react with oxygen or water even at high temperatures.
2	It forms the oxide known as quicklime.
3	It has properties most similar to those of sodium (Na).
4	It is a transition element found in the Earth as an oxide.

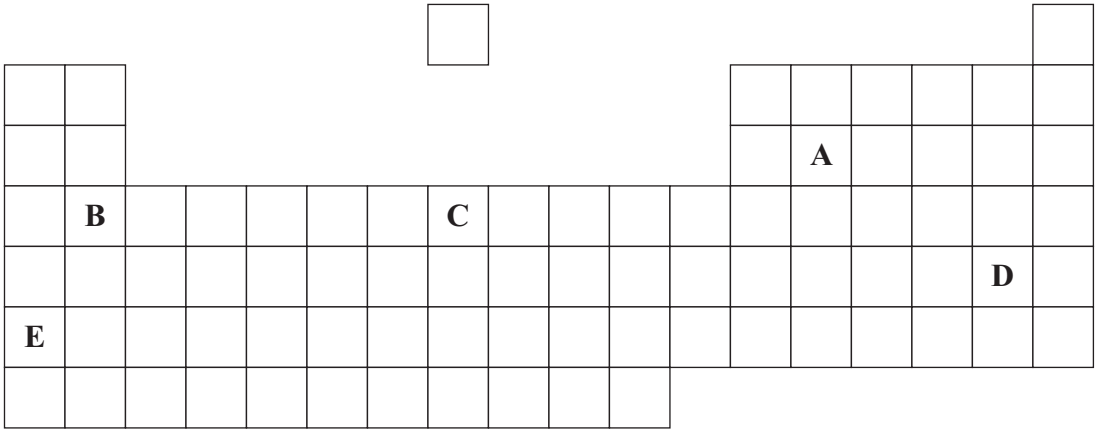
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Question 15

January 2019 | CHY3F | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 (a) The periodic table on the Data Sheet may help you to answer these questions.

Part of the periodic table is shown below.



The letters are **not** the symbols of these elements.

Choose your answers **only** from the letters shown in the periodic table above.

Which letter, **A, B, C, D** or **E**, represents:

1 (a) (i) an alkali metal Letter ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (ii) the element calcium Letter ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (iii) a transition element Letter ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (iv) a Group 4 element? Letter ☐

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 15 · continued

for mark

1 (b) A chemistry teacher demonstrated the reaction between sodium and water to some students. One of the students wrote the following notes.

The reaction between sodium and water

A piece of sodium was cut easily into smaller pieces with a knife.

The sodium was added to water in a trough.

The sodium:
- floated
- melted quickly to give a silvery ball
- moved on the surface of the water
- fizzed.

Use the information in the box to help you to answer these questions.

What evidence is there that:

1 (b) (i) sodium has a low melting point

.....

.....

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) sodium is soft

.....

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(1 mark)

1 (b) (iii) a gas was produced?

.....

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(1 mark)

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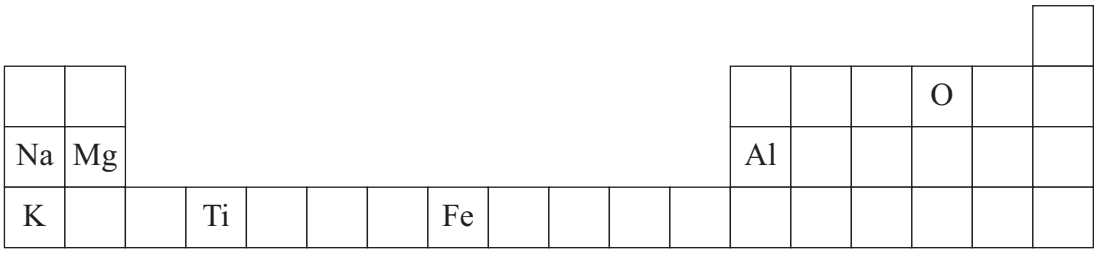
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Question 16

March 2010 | CHY1AP | Original Q8 | Legacy

QUESTION EIGHT

This is part of the periodic table.



8A What do the metals Fe (iron) and Ti (titanium) have in common?

1 They belong to the same group in the periodic table.

2 They are transition metals.

3 They do **not** conduct electricity.

4 They are resistant to corrosion.

8B When Fe (iron) and O (oxygen) react, iron atoms join with oxygen atoms to form iron oxide, Fe_2O_3

When this happens, . . .

1 the nuclei from iron and oxygen atoms join together.

2 electrons are lost and new atoms form.

3 electrons are transferred and chemical bonds hold the atoms together.

4 the nuclei are transferred and new atoms form.

8C Fe (iron) and O (oxygen) are in the periodic table but Fe_2O_3 (iron oxide) is not.

This is because iron oxide is . . .

1 an alloy.

2 a compound.

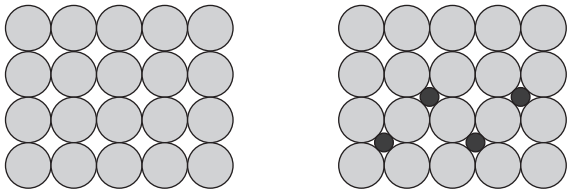
3 an ore.

4 a gas.

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Question 16 · continued

8D The diagram shows the arrangement of atoms in pure iron and in steel.



Pure iron **Steel**

Which row in the table shows the metal that is harder **and** correctly explains why it is harder?

	Harder metal	Explanation
1	Pure iron	It contains only one type of atom.
2	Steel	The atoms cannot easily slide over each other.
3	Pure iron	The atoms cannot easily slide over each other.
4	Steel	It contains only one type of atom.

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Question 17

March 2010 | CHY1BP | Original Q1 | Legacy

QUESTION ONE

This question is about gases.

Match gases, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the table.

A oxygen

B nitrogen

C carbon dioxide

D helium

1	It makes up about 20% of the Earth's atmosphere today.
2	It is locked up as carbonates in sedimentary rocks.
3	It is found in Group 0 of the periodic table.
4	It makes up about 80% of the Earth's atmosphere today.

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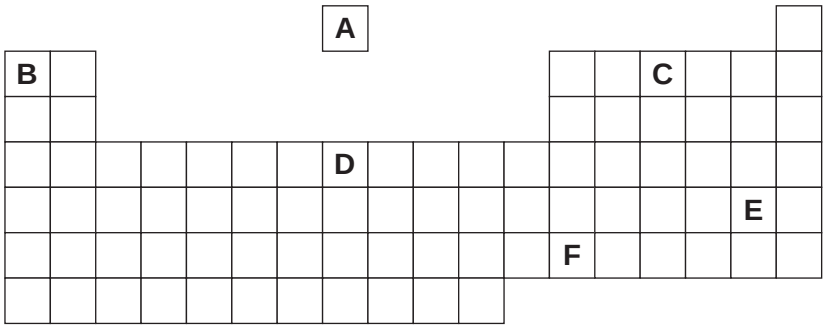
Question 18

June 2010 | CHY3F | Original Q3 | Legacy

3 (a) Use the periodic table on the Data Sheet to help you answer these questions.

Part of the periodic table is shown below.

The letters are **not** the symbols of the elements.



Choose your answers **only** from the letters shown in the periodic table above.

Which letter, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E** or **F**, represents

3 (a) (i) hydrogen Letter ☐

(1 mark)

3 (a) (ii) a Group 3 element Letter ☐

(1 mark)

3 (a) (iii) a halogen Letter ☐

(1 mark)

3 (a) (iv) the element with atomic (proton) number of 7 Letter ☐

(1 mark)

3 (a) (v) an element with one electron in its outer shell? Letter ☐

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 18 · continued

3 (b) The table shows the melting points of the Group 1 metals arranged in alphabetical order.

Group 1 metal		
Name	**Symbol**	**Melting point in °C**
Caesium	Cs	29
Francium	Fr	27
Lithium	Li	180
Potassium	K	64
Rubidium	Rb	39
Sodium	Na	98

3 (b) (i) Arrange these metals in order of increasing melting point. Three have been done for you.

Fr Cs Li

Lowest ⟶ Highest

(1 mark)

3 (b) (ii) Use the periodic table on the Data Sheet **and** your answer in part (b)(i) above to complete this sentence about how the melting points change.

Going down Group 1, the melting points ..... .

(1 mark)

3 (c) The transition metals are a block of elements between Groups 2 and 3 of the periodic table. Transition metals have different properties to Group 1 metals.

Put ticks (✓) next to the **three** correct statements about transition metals in the table below.

Statement	(✓)
They are harder than Group 1 metals	
They have lower densities than Group 1 metals	
They have higher melting points than Group 1 metals	
They are more reactive with water than Group 1 metals	
They often form coloured compounds but Group 1 compounds are usually white	

(3 marks)

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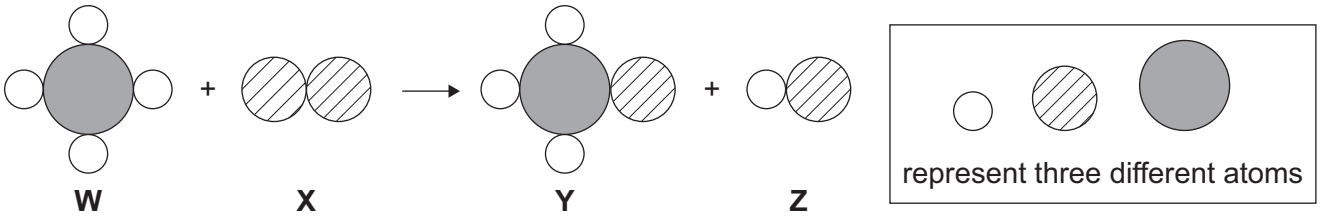
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Question 19

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QUESTION EIGHT

The diagram shows the reaction between substances **W** and **X** to produce two new substances **Y** and **Z**.



8A Which statement about substance **Y** is correct?

1 It is a mixture of **W** and **X**.

2 It will have the same chemical properties as **W**.

3 It is a compound.

4 It has a total of 3 atoms.

8B In the formation of substances **Y** and **Z** from substances **W** and **X**, which statement is correct?

1 There is a decrease in mass.

2 There is an increase in mass.

3 No new chemical bonds are formed.

4 There is sharing or transfer of electrons.

8C Which substance would be found in the periodic table?

1 substance **W**

2 substance **X**

3 substance **Y**

4 substance **Z**

8D Which of the following statements is correct?

1 The total number of atoms stays the same during the reaction.

2 The reaction is an example of thermal decomposition.

3 Only atoms in substance **X** contain a nucleus.

4 Substance **W** contains five different elements.

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 20

7 Calamine lotion is used to treat itching. The main ingredients are two metal oxides.



7 (a) One of the metal oxides has a relative formula mass (M_r) of 81.

The formula of this metal oxide is MO.
(M is **not** the correct symbol for the metal.)

The relative atomic mass (A_r) of oxygen is 16.

7 (a) (i) Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of metal M.

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.....

.....

Relative atomic mass (A_r) = ...

(2 marks)

7 (a) (ii) Use your answer to part (a)(i) and the periodic table on the Data Sheet to name metal M.

The name of metal M is ..... .

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 20 · continued

7 (b) The other metal oxide is iron(III) oxide.

This contains iron(III) ions (Fe^{3+}) and oxide ions (O^{2-}).

7 (b) (i) Explain in terms of electrons how an iron atom (Fe) can change into an iron(III) ion (Fe^{3+}).

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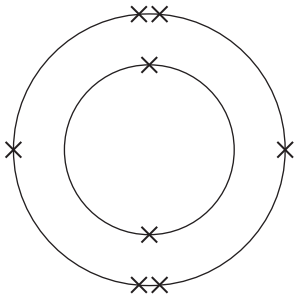
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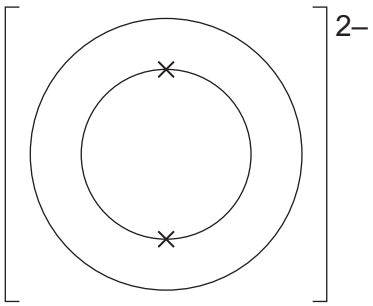
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(2 marks)

7 (b) (ii) The diagram below represents the electronic structure of an oxygen atom (O).



Complete the diagram below to show the electronic structure of an oxide ion (O^{2-}).



(1 mark)

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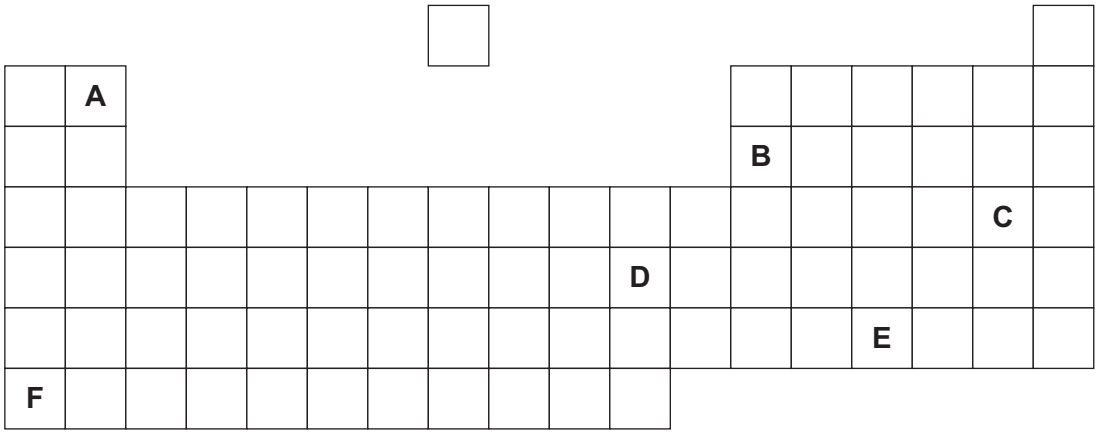
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Question 21

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1 The periodic table on the Data Sheet may help you to answer these questions.

1 (a) Part of the periodic table is shown below.



The letters are **not** the symbols of the elements.

Choose your answers **only** from the letters shown in the periodic table above.

Which letter, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E** or **F**, represents

1 (a) (i) aluminium ☐ *(1 mark)*

1 (a) (ii) a Group 5 element ☐ *(1 mark)*

1 (a) (iii) an alkali metal ☐ *(1 mark)*

1 (a) (iv) the element with atomic (proton) number of 47 ☐ *(1 mark)*

1 (a) (v) an element with seven electrons in its outer shell? ☐ *(1 mark)*

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Question 21 · continued

1 (b) The table shows the boiling points of the Group 7 elements.

The elements are arranged **in alphabetical order**.

Group 7 element		
Name	**Symbol**	**Boiling point in °C**
Astatine	At	337
Bromine		58
Chlorine	Cl	–34
Fluorine	F	–188
Iodine	I	184

1 (b) (i) The symbol for bromine is missing from the table.

What is the symbol for bromine? Symbol = ...

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) Arrange these elements in order of **decreasing** boiling point. The first one and the last one have been done for you.

At .... F

Highest boiling point ⟶ Lowest boiling point

(1 mark)

1 (c) The table shows some statements about Group 7 elements.

Tick (✓) the **two** correct statements.

	Tick (✓)
They are halogens.	
They are metals.	
They become less reactive down Group 7.	
They are compounds.	

(2 marks)

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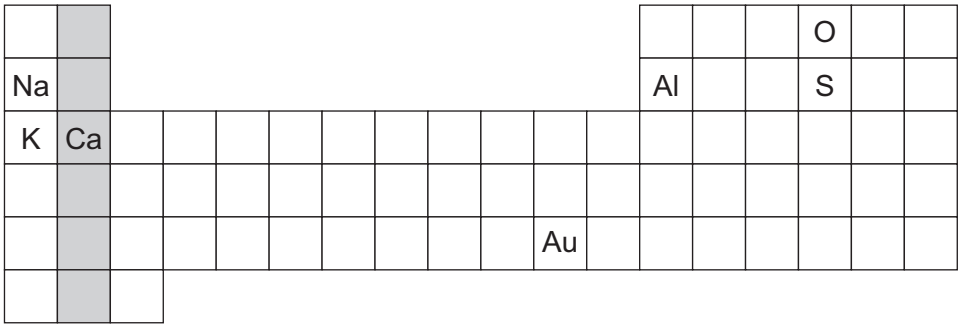
Question 22

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QUESTION TWO

The diagram shows part of the periodic table.

One vertical column has been shaded.



Match words, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, with the numbers **1–4** in the sentences.

A compounds

B groups

C properties

D symbols

The elements in the periodic table are represented by . . . **1** . . . .

The vertical columns in the periodic table are called . . . **2** . . . .

Na (sodium) and K (potassium) have similar chemical . . . **3** . . . .

Some of the elements react together to form . . . **4** . . . .

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Question 23

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1 Use the periodic table on the Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

1 (a) The following is a list of symbols of some elements.

Sb	**Se**	**Si**	**Sn**	**Sr**

Choose your answers **only** from the symbols shown in the box above.

Which symbol represents

1 (a) (i) a Group 5 element ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (ii) the element in the same group as oxygen (O) ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (iii) the element with atomic (proton) number of 50 ☐

(1 mark)

1 (a) (iv) silicon? ☐

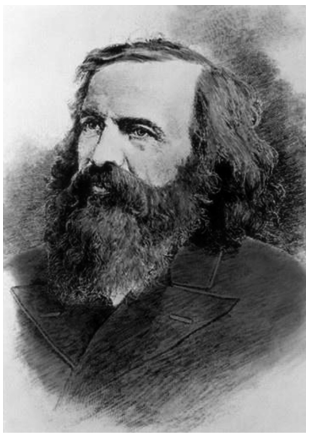
(1 mark)

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Question 23 · continued

1 (b)



Mendeleev suggested his version of the periodic table in 1869.

Part of Mendeleev's table is shown below.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
H						
Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl
K Cu	Ca Zn	# #	Ti #	V As	Cr Se	Mn Br

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Question 23 · continued

There are differences between Mendeleev's table and the periodic table on the Data Sheet.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentences.

1 (b) (i) Mendeleev left gaps (shown by #) in his table.

Mendeleev left gaps for [compounds / elements / mixtures] that had not been discovered.

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) Mendeleev put copper (Cu) in the same box as [bromine (Br). / chromium (Cr). / potassium (K).]

(1 mark)

1 (b) (iii) Mendeleev did **not** have a Group [0. / 3. / 5.]

(1 mark)

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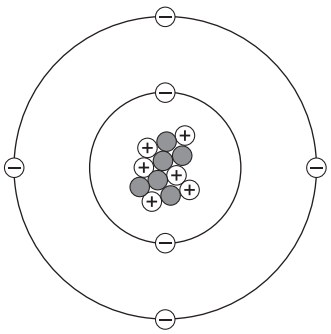
Question 24

January 2012 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 The picture shows a diamond ring.



1 (a) Diamond is a form of carbon. The diagram represents a carbon atom.



Complete the table to show the name and charge of each type of particle in the carbon atom.

Name of particle	Charge
proton	
neutron	0
	–1

(2 marks)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 24 · continued

1 (b) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

1 (b) (i) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

Gold and carbon are

- compounds.
- elements.
- mixtures.

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) Complete the sentence.

Gold and carbon have different properties because gold is a metal and carbon is a ..... .

(1 mark)

1 (c) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

Pure gold is not used to make the ring because pure gold is too

- hard.
- reactive.
- soft.

The gold ring is made by mixing pure gold with other metals to form

- a compound.
- an atom.
- an alloy.

(2 marks)

Question 1 continues on the next page

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Question 24 · continued

1 (d) The data in the table shows some information about the three metals in the gold ring.

Name of metal	Atomic number	Percentage (%) of metal
gold	79	
silver	47	16
copper	29	9

Draw **one** line from each question to its correct answer.

Question	Answer
What is the percentage of gold in this ring?	29
	61
How many electrons are there in a copper atom?	75
How many neutrons are in an atom of silver with a mass number of 108?	79

(3 marks)

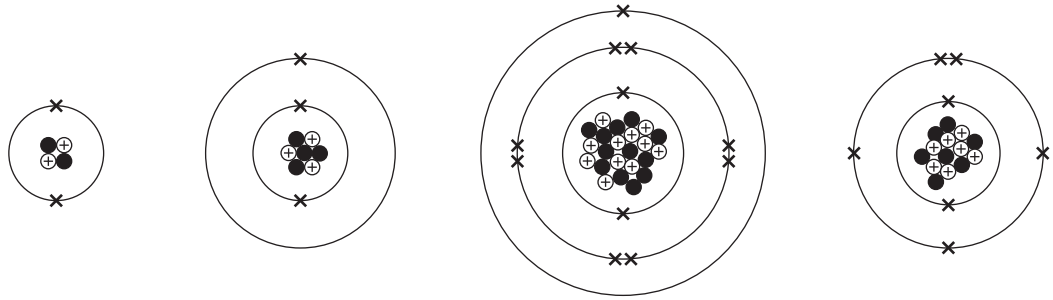
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Question 25

June 2012 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 The diagrams show the sub-atomic particles in four different atoms.



Atom A **Atom B** **Atom C** **Atom D**

Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

1 (a) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (a) (i) The centre of each atom is called the

energy level.
molecule.
nucleus.

(1 mark)

1 (a) (ii) The centre of each atom contains neutrons and

bonds.
electrons.
protons.

(1 mark)

1 (b) Complete the sentence.

There is no overall electrical charge on each atom because the

number of ..... is equal to the number of ..... .

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 25 · continued

1 (c) What is the name of the element represented by atom **D**? .....
(1 mark)

1 (d) Which **two** of the atoms, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, are in the same group of the periodic table?

Give a reason for your answer.

Atom ☐ and atom ☐

Reason .....

.....
(2 marks)

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Turn over for the next question

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 26

June 2012 | CH2FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

2 Gold and gold ions are used as catalysts.

2 (a) An atom of gold is represented as:

$$^{197}_{79}Au$$

Complete the sentences.

The atomic number of gold is ..... .

The number of electrons in an atom of gold is ..... .

(2 marks)

2 (b) Scientists have found that gold nanoparticles are very good catalysts.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

A gold nanoparticle contains a few | hundred / thousand / million | atoms.

(1 mark)

2 (c) The formation of a gold ion (Au^{3+}) from a gold atom (Au) is shown in the symbol equation.

$$Au \rightarrow Au^{3+} + 3e^-$$

2 (c) (i) Complete the sentence.

The particles lost when a gold atom becomes a gold ion

are called ..... .

(1 mark)

2 (c) (ii) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

The number of these particles lost when a gold atom becomes a gold ion is | one. / two. / three. |

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 26 · continued

2 (d) Gold ions are used as a catalyst in the reaction to make chloroethene.

How does a catalyst help a reaction?

.....

(1 mark)

2 (e) Chloroethene can react to make a thermosoftening polymer.

2 (e) (i) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

When heated, a thermosoftening polymer will

dissolve.

melt.

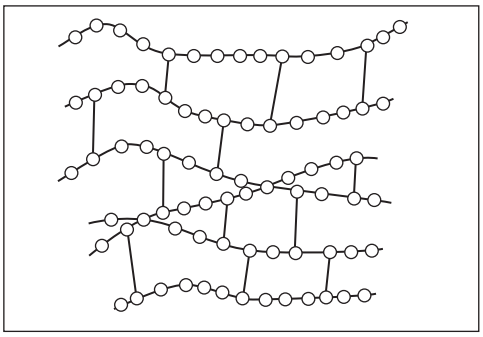
solidify.

(1 mark)

2 (e) (ii) Polymer **B** is a different type of polymer.

The diagram shows the structure of polymer **B**.

Polymer B



How can you tell from the diagram that polymer **B** is **not** thermosoftening?

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(1 mark)

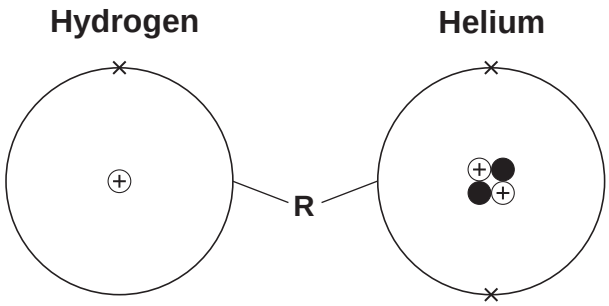
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Question 27

January 2013 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 The Sun is mainly hydrogen and helium.
The diagrams show an atom of hydrogen and an atom of helium.



1 (a) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (a) (i) The centre of each atom is called the

molecule.

nucleus.

shell.

(1 mark)

1 (a) (ii) The circle (labelled **R**) around the centre of each atom is called

a bond.

an electrical charge.

an energy level (shell).

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 27 · continued

1 (b) Use the diagrams on page 2 to help you to answer these questions.

Draw **one** line from each question to its correct answer.

Question	Answer
How many protons are there in the hydrogen atom?	1
How many electrons are there in the helium atom?	2
What is the mass number of the helium atom?	3
	4

(3 marks)

1 (c) The Sun is 73% hydrogen and 25% helium. The rest is other elements.

What is the percentage of other elements in the Sun? ..... %

(1 mark)

1 (d) One of the other elements in the Sun is neon.
Neon is in the same group of the periodic table as helium.

Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

1 (d) (i) How many protons are there in a neon atom?

.....

(1 mark)

1 (d) (ii) Which group of the periodic table are helium and neon in?

.....

(1 mark)

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 28

June 2013 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 Magnesium burns in oxygen.



1 (a) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer this question.

The word equation for magnesium burning is:

magnesium + oxygen ⟶ magnesium oxide

Draw **one** line from each substance to its correct description.

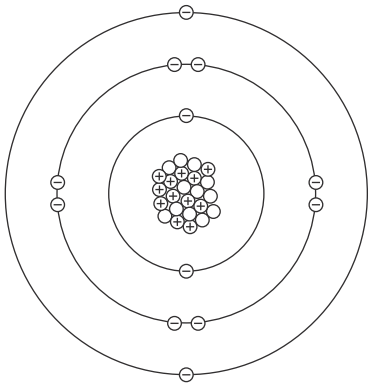
Substance	Description
magnesium	compound
magnesium oxide	metal
oxygen	mixture
	non-metal

(3 marks)

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Question 28 · continued

1 (b) The diagram represents a magnesium atom.



Complete the table to show the name of each particle and the charge of each particle in the magnesium atom.

Name of particle	Charge
proton	+1
neutron	.....
.....	–1

(2 marks)

1 (c) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (c) (i) In a magnesium atom, the protons and neutrons are in the

core.
nucleus.
shell.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (ii) The number of protons in a magnesium atom is the

atomic number.
mass number.
group number.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (iii) The sum of the protons and neutrons in a magnesium atom is the

atomic number.
mass number.
group number.

(1 mark)

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Question 29

June 2013 | CH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about lithium and sodium.

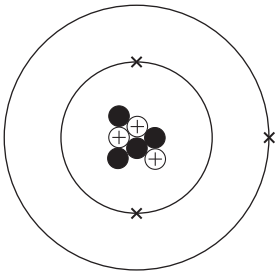
1 (a) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer this question.

In which group of the periodic table are lithium and sodium? Group ☐

(1 mark)

1 (b) A lithium atom can be represented as $^{7}_{3}Li$

The diagram represents the lithium atom.



1 (b) (i) Some particles in the nucleus have a positive charge.

What is the name of these particles? .....

(1 mark)

1 (b) (ii) Some particles in the nucleus have no charge.

What is the name of these particles? .....

(1 mark)

1 (b) (iii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

3	4	7

The mass number of this atom of lithium is ☐

(1 mark)

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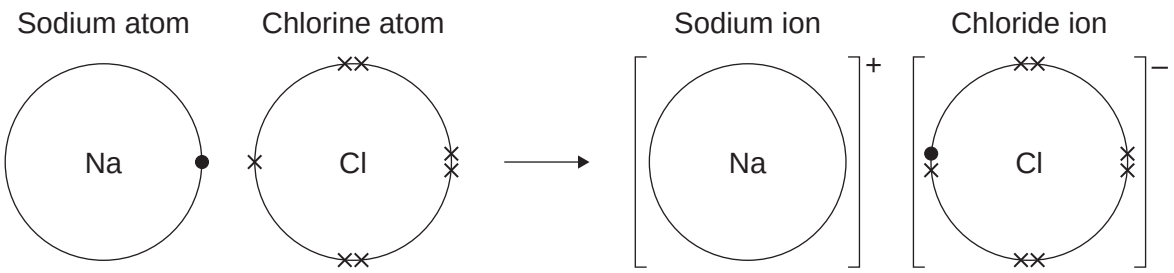
Question 29 · continued

1 (c) Sodium reacts with chlorine to produce sodium chloride.

sodium + chlorine ⟶ sodium chloride

The diagram shows how the reaction happens.

Only the outer electrons are shown.



Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (c) (i) A sodium atom changes into a sodium ion by [gaining / losing / sharing] an electron.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (ii) A sodium ion has [a negative / no / a positive] charge.

(1 mark)

1 (c) (iii) The ions in sodium chloride are held together by strong [covalent / electrostatic / magnetic] forces.

(1 mark)

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 29 · continued

1 (d) Sodium chloride is an ionic compound.

Tick (✓) **two** properties of ionic compounds.

Property	Tick (✓)
Do **not** dissolve in water	
High melting points	
Low boiling points	
Strong bonds	

(2 marks)

1 (e) (i) The formula of sodium chloride is NaCl

Calculate the relative formula mass of sodium chloride.

Relative atomic masses: Na = 23; Cl = 35.5

.....

.....

Relative formula mass = ...

(1 mark)

1 (e) (ii) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete the sentence.

The relative formula mass of a substance, in grams, is one ion / isotope / mole of the substance.

(1 mark)

1 (f) Nanoparticles of sodium chloride (salt) are used to flavour crisps.

What are nanoparticles?

.....

.....

(1 mark)

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 30

June 2013 | CH3FP | Original Q3 | Legacy

3 This question is about the periodic table.

Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you answer these questions.

3 (a) Complete the sentences.

Elements in the periodic table are arranged in order of atomic ..... .

The elements in Group ..... are called the noble gases.

(2 marks)

3 (b) Calcium (Ca) is in Group 2.

Name **one** other element in Group 2.

.....

(1 mark)

3 (c) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

3 (c) (i) Sodium (Na) is

an alkali metal.

a non-metal.

a transition metal.

(1 mark)

3 (c) (ii) Nickel (Ni) is

an alkali metal.

a non-metal.

a transition metal.

(1 mark)

3 (d) In 1869 Mendeleev produced his periodic table.

Why did Mendeleev leave gaps in his periodic table?

.....

.....

(1 mark)

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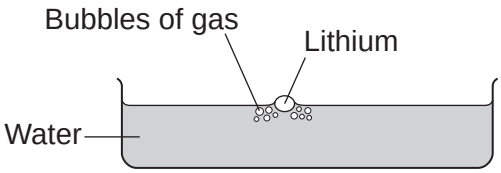
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 31

June 2013 | CH3FP | Original Q7 | Legacy

7 Lithium is in Group 1 of the periodic table.

Lithium reacts with water to produce a gas and an alkaline solution.



7 (a) (i) Name the gas produced.

.....

(1 mark)

7 (a) (ii) Which ion causes the solution to be alkaline?

.....

(1 mark)

7 (b) Potassium is also in Group 1 of the periodic table.
Potassium reacts with water in a similar way to lithium.

Write down **two** differences you would see between the reactions of potassium and lithium with water.

1 .....

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2 .....

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(2 marks)

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

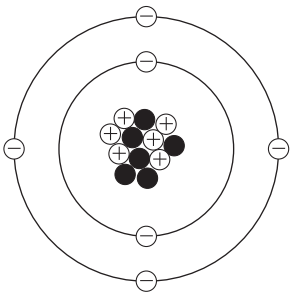
Question 32

June 2014 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 Fossil fuels contain carbon.

1 (a) **Figure 1** represents a carbon atom.

Figure 1



Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (a) (i) The name of the particle with a positive charge is

an electron.
a neutron.
a proton.

[1 mark]

1 (a) (ii) The centre of the atom is called the

energy level.
molecule.
nucleus.

[1 mark]

1 (a) (iii) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer this question.

Use the correct number from the box to complete each sentence.

[2 marks]

4	6	8	10	12

The mass number of this carbon atom is ☐

In the periodic table, carbon is in Group ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 32 · continued

1 (b) Coal is a fossil fuel.

A piece of coal contains:

- 80% carbon
- 9% oxygen
- 1% sulfur
- 5% hydrogen.

The rest of the coal is other elements.

1 (b) (i) What is the percentage of other elements in this piece of coal?

[1 mark]

..... %

1 (b) (ii) Coal burns in air to produce carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and water.

Draw **one** line from each product to the type of pollution caused by each product.

[3 marks]

Product	Type of pollution
Carbon dioxide	Acid rain
Sulfur dioxide	Global dimming
Water	Global warming
	No pollution

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 33

June 2014 | CH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about the periodic table of elements.

Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you to answer these questions.

In 1869 Dmitri Mendeleev produced an early version of the periodic table.

1 (a) Draw a ring around the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1 (a) (i) Mendeleev first arranged the elements in order of their

atomic weight.

date of discovery.

electron number.

[1 mark]

1 (a) (ii) Mendeleev then placed elements with similar properties in columns called

groups.

periods.

shells.

[1 mark]

1 (a) (iii) When the next element did not fit the pattern,

Mendeleev

ignored the element.

left a gap.

put the element at the end of the row.

[1 mark]

1 (a) (iv) Mendeleev was not able to include the noble gases (Group 0) in his periodic table

because the noble gases

are not elements.

are not reactive.

had not been discovered by 1869.

[1 mark]

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Question 33 · continued

1 (b) Use the correct word from the box to complete each sentence.

[2 marks]

electrons	molecules	neutrons	protons

In the modern periodic table elements are arranged in order of the number of ..... in their nucleus. Elements in the same group have the same number of ..... in their highest energy level (outer shell).

1 (c) Sodium (Na) is in Group 1 of the periodic table.

Nickel (Ni) is a transition element.

Tick (✓) **two** correct statements about sodium and nickel.

[2 marks]

Statement	Tick (✓)
Sodium and nickel are both metals.	
Sodium has a higher melting point than nickel.	
Sodium is more reactive than nickel.	
Sodium is harder than nickel.	

1 (d) Chlorine, bromine and iodine are in Group 7 of the periodic table.

Chlorine is more reactive than bromine.

1 (d) (i) Complete the word equation for the reaction between chlorine and sodium bromide.

[1 mark]

chlorine + sodium bromide ⟶ ..... + sodium chloride

1 (d) (ii) Why does iodine **not** react with sodium bromide solution?

[1 mark]

.....

.....

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 34

June 2015 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about metals.

1 (a) Which unreactive metal is found in the Earth as the metal itself?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

aluminium ☐

gold ☐

magnesium ☐

1 (b) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

Aluminium is an element because aluminium is made of

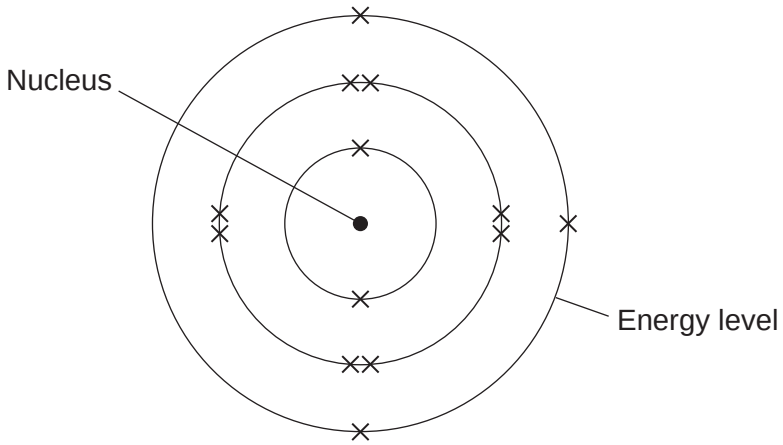
only one type of ..... .

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Question 34 · continued

1 (c) **Figure 1** shows the electronic structure of an aluminium atom.

Figure 1



1 (c) (i) Use the correct words from the box to complete the sentence.

[2 marks]

electrons	**ions**	**protons**	**neutrons**	**shells**

The nucleus of an aluminium atom contains ..... and ..... .

1 (c) (ii) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

In the periodic table, aluminium is in Group ..... .

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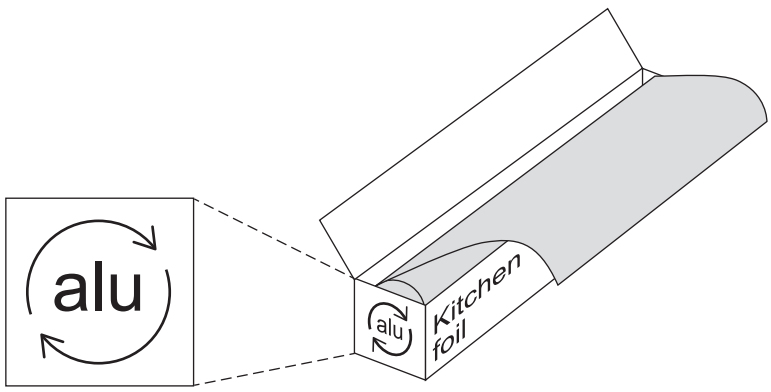
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 34 · continued

1 (d) Aluminium is used for kitchen foil.

Figure 2 shows a symbol on a box of kitchen foil.

Figure 2



The symbol means that aluminium can be recycled. It does not show the correct chemical symbol for aluminium.

1 (d) (i) What is the correct chemical symbol for aluminium? ..... .

[1 mark]

1 (d) (ii) Give **two** reasons why aluminium should be recycled.

[2 marks]

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1 (e) Aluminium has a low density, conducts electricity and is resistant to corrosion.

Which **one** of these properties makes aluminium suitable to use as kitchen foil?
Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 35

June 2015 | CH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

2 Copper is a transition metal.

2 (a) (i) Where is copper in the periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- in the central block ☐
- in Group 1 ☐
- in the noble gas group ☐

2 (a) (ii) What is a property of copper?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- breaks easily ☐
- conducts electricity ☐
- does not conduct heat ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 35 · continued

2 (b) Copper ores are quarried by digging large holes in the ground, as shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3



Give **two** reasons why quarrying is bad for the environment.

[2 marks]

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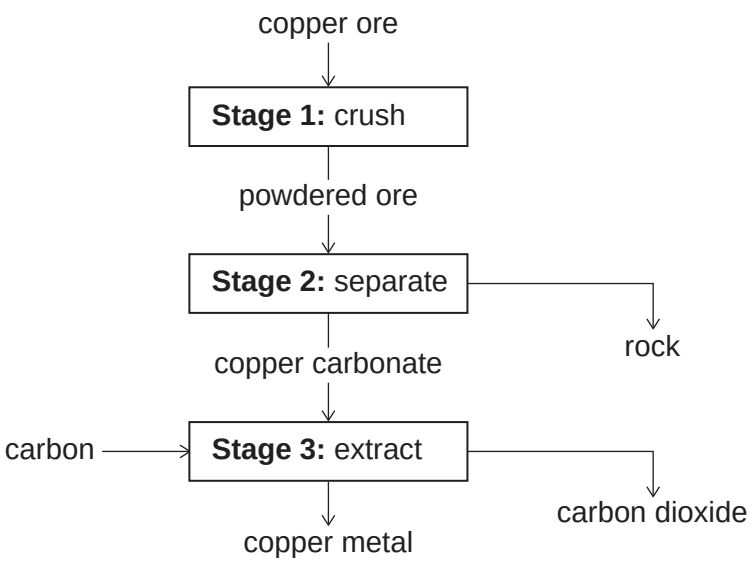
2 (c) Some copper ores contain only 2% copper.

Most of the ore is rock that is not needed.

In one ore, the main compound is copper carbonate ($CuCO_3$).

Figure 4 shows the stages used in the extraction of copper from this ore.

Figure 4



2 (c) (i) Why is **Stage 2** important?

[1 mark]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 35 · continued

2 (c) (ii) The equation for the reaction in **Stage 3** is:

$$2\,CuCO_3 + C \longrightarrow 2\,Cu + 3\,CO_2$$

From the symbol equation a company calculated that 247 tonnes of copper carbonate are needed to produce 127 tonnes of copper and 132 tonnes of carbon dioxide are released.

Calculate the mass of carbon needed to make 127 tonnes of copper.

[2 marks]

copper carbonate	+	carbon	⟶	copper	+	carbon dioxide
247 tonnes		..... tonnes		127 tonnes		132 tonnes

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2 (c) (iii) Suggest **one** reason why it is important for the company to calculate the mass of reactants in **Stage 3**.

[1 mark]

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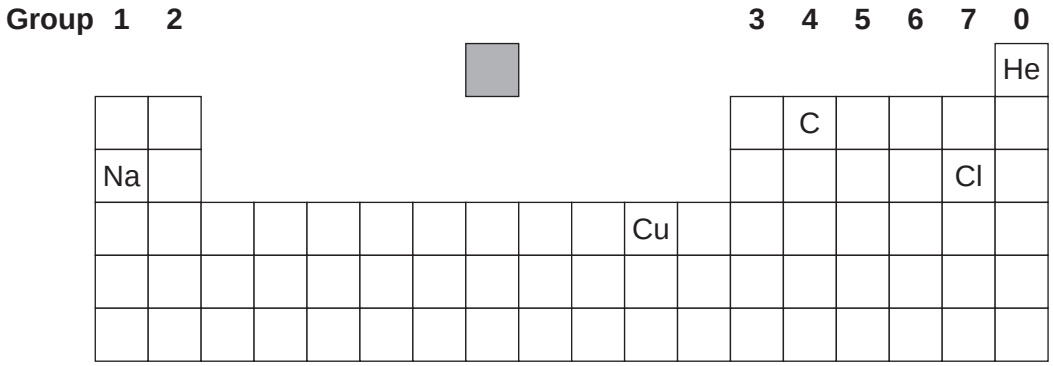
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 36

June 2015 | CH3FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

2 **Figure 2** shows the chemical symbols of five elements in the periodic table.

Figure 2



2 (a) Choose the correct chemical symbol from **Figure 2** to complete each sentence.

2 (a) (i) The element that is an alkali metal is ..... .

[1 mark]

2 (a) (ii) The element that is a transition metal is ..... .

[1 mark]

2 (a) (iii) The element in Group 4 is ..... .

[1 mark]

2 (a) (iv) The element with a full outer energy level (shell) of electrons is ..... .

[1 mark]

2 (b) Which other element goes in the shaded box in **Figure 2**? .....

[1 mark]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 37

June 2015 | CH3FP | Original Q8 | Legacy

8 In 1866 John Newlands produced an early version of the periodic table.

Part of Newlands' periodic table is shown in **Figure 6**.

Figure 6

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	H	Li	Be	B	C	N	O
	F	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S
	Cl	K	Ca	Cr	Ti	Mn	Fe

Newlands' periodic table arranged all the known elements into columns in order of their atomic weight.

Newlands was trying to show a pattern by putting the elements into columns.

8 (a) Iron (Fe) does **not** fit the pattern in column 7.

Give a reason why.

[1 mark]

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8 (b) In 1869 Dmitri Mendeleev produced his version of the periodic table.

Why did Mendeleev leave gaps for undiscovered elements in his periodic table?

[1 mark]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 37 · continued

8 (c) Newlands and Mendeleev placed the elements in order of atomic weight.

Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

The modern periodic table places the elements in order of ..... .

8 (d) Lithium, sodium and potassium are all in Group 1 of the modern periodic table.

Explain why.

[2 marks]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

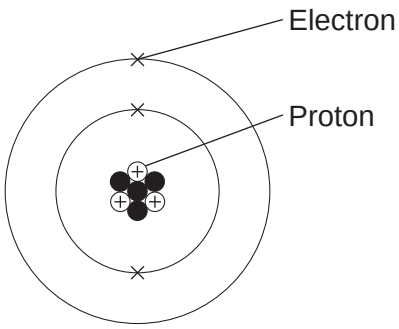
Question 38

June 2016 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 There are eight elements in the second row (lithium to neon) of the periodic table.

1 (a) **Figure 1** shows a lithium atom.

Figure 1



1 (a) (i) What is the mass number of the lithium atom in **Figure 1**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

3 ☐

4 ☐

7 ☐

1 (a) (ii) What is the charge of an electron?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

–1 ☐

0 ☐

+1 ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 38 · continued

June 2016 | CH1FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 (a) (iii) Protons are in the nucleus.

Which other sub-atomic particles are in the nucleus?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

ions ☐

molecules ☐

neutrons ☐

1 (b) What is **always** different for atoms of different elements?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

number of neutrons ☐

number of protons ☐

number of shells ☐

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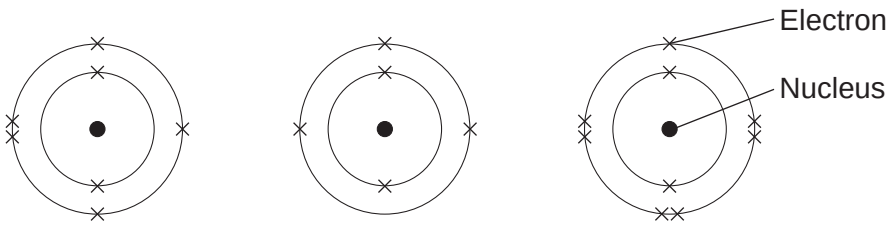
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 38 · continued

1 (c) **Figure 2** shows the electron arrangements of three different atoms, **X**, **Y** and **Z**.

These atoms are from elements in the second row (lithium to neon) of the periodic table.

Figure 2



Atom X **Atom Y** **Atom Z**

Which atom is from an element in Group 3 of the periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

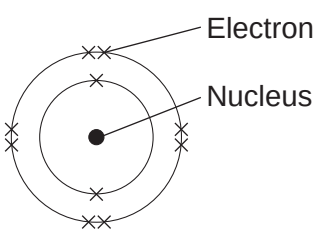
Atom X ☐

Atom Y ☐

Atom Z ☐

1 (d) **Figure 3** shows the electron arrangement of a different atom from an element in the second row of the periodic table.

Figure 3



1 (d) (i) Give the chemical symbol of this element.

[1 mark]

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1 (d) (ii) Why is this element unreactive?

[1 mark]

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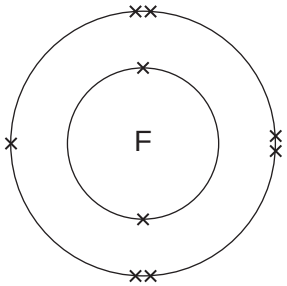
Question 39

June 2016 | CH2FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about fluorine.

1 (a) **Figure 1** shows the arrangement of electrons in a fluorine atom.

Figure 1



1 (a) (i) In which group of the periodic table is fluorine?

[1 mark]

Group _____

1 (a) (ii) Complete **Table 1** to show the particles in an atom and their relative masses.

[2 marks]

Table 1

Name of particle	Relative mass
Proton	
Neutron	1
	Very small

1 (a) (iii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

alkalis	**alloys**	**isotopes**

Atoms of fluorine with different numbers of neutrons are called _____ .

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 39 · continued

1 (b) Sodium reacts with fluorine to produce sodium fluoride.

1 (b) (i) Complete the word equation for this reaction.

[1 mark]

sodium + _____ ⟶ _____

1 (b) (ii) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

Substances in which atoms of two or more different elements are chemically combined are called _____ .

1 (b) (iii) The relative formula mass (M_r) of sodium fluoride is 42.

Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

ion	mole	molecule

The relative formula mass (M_r), in grams, of sodium fluoride is one _____ of the substance.

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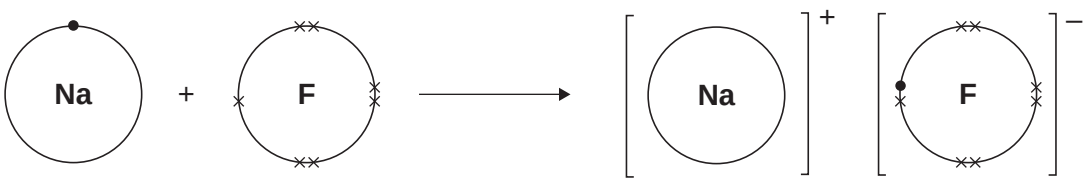
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 39 · continued

1 (b) (iv) **Figure 2** shows what happens to the electrons in the outer shells when a sodium atom reacts with a fluorine atom.

The dots (•) and crosses (×) represent electrons.

Figure 2



Use **Figure 2** to help you answer this question.

Describe, as fully as you can, what happens when sodium reacts with fluorine to produce sodium fluoride.

[4 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 39 · continued

1 (b) (v) Sodium fluoride is an ionic substance.

What are **two** properties of ionic substances?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Dissolve in water ☐
- Gas at room temperature ☐
- High melting point ☐
- Low boiling point ☐

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Turn over for the next question

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Question 40

June 2016 | CH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about elements and the periodic table.

1 (a) Use the correct answers from the box to complete the sentences.

[3 marks]

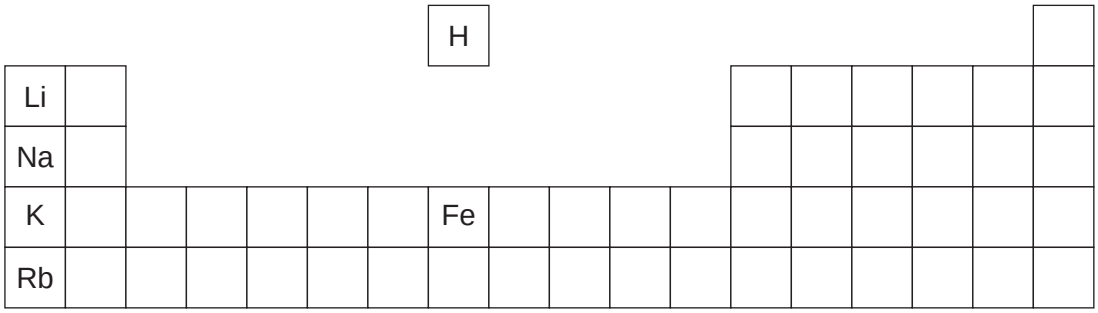
atoms	**atomic weights**	**electrons**	**proton numbers**

Newlands' and Mendeleev's periodic tables show the elements in order of their _____ .

Following the discovery of protons and _____, the modern periodic table shows the elements in order of their _____ .

1 (b) **Figure 1** shows the position of six elements in the modern periodic table.

Figure 1



1 (b) (i) Which **one** of these six elements has the lowest boiling point?

[1 mark]

_____

1 (b) (ii) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

In the periodic table, rubidium (Rb) is in Group _____ .

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 40 · continued

1 (b) (iii) Which of these three elements is the most reactive?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Lithium (Li) ☐

Sodium (Na) ☐

Potassium (K) ☐

1 (b) (iv) Which **two** statements are correct?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

Iron has a higher density than potassium. ☐

Iron is softer than potassium. ☐

Iron reacts vigorously with water. ☐

Iron forms ions that have different charges. ☐

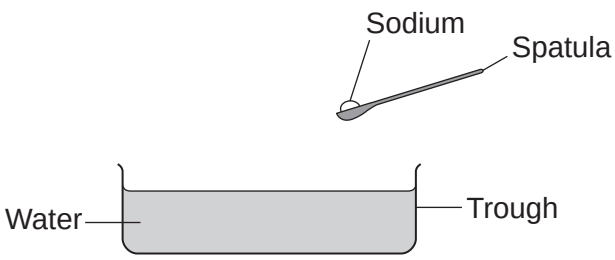
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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 40 · continued

1 (c) **Figure 2** shows sodium being put into water.

Figure 2



Describe **three** observations that can be seen when sodium is put into water.

[3 marks]

1 _____

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2 _____

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3 _____

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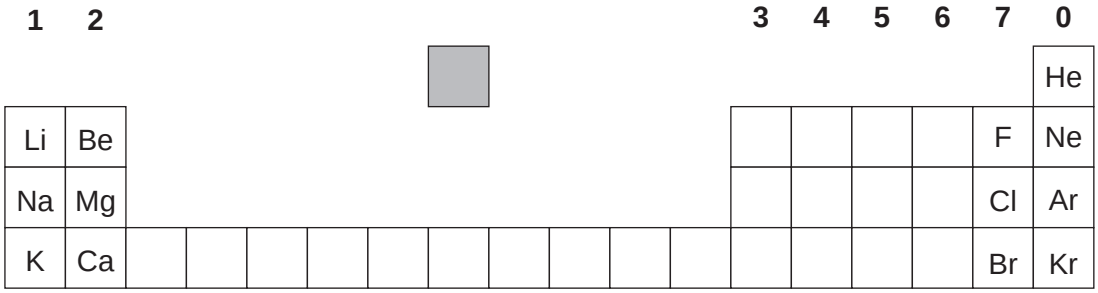
Question 41

June 2017 | CH1FP | Original Q2 | Legacy

2 Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you answer this question.

Figure 2 shows part of the periodic table.

Figure 2



2 (a) Give the name of the element that should be in the shaded box.

[1 mark]

_____

2 (b) How many different elements are there in the complete periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

About 36 ☐

About 100 ☐

About 500 ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 41 · continued

2 (c) What are **two** reasons why lithium, sodium and potassium are in the same group of the periodic table?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Low melting points ☐
- Same number of electrons in the outer shell ☐
- Similar atomic (proton) numbers ☐
- Similar chemical reactions ☐
- Two electrons in the innermost shell ☐

2 (d) Complete each sentence.

[2 marks]

The elements in Group 0 are called _____ gases.

The elements in the central block are known as _____ metals.

2 (e) Use the correct word from the box to complete each sentence.

[2 marks]

alloys	ions	molecules	polymers	protons

Atoms of fluorine gain electrons to form fluoride _____ .

Atoms of fluorine share electrons to form fluorine _____ .

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Question 42

June 2017 | CH3FP | Original Q1 | Legacy

1 This question is about elements and compounds.

1 (a) (i) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

densities	numbers	weights

The elements in the modern periodic table are arranged in order of their atomic _____ .

1 (a) (ii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

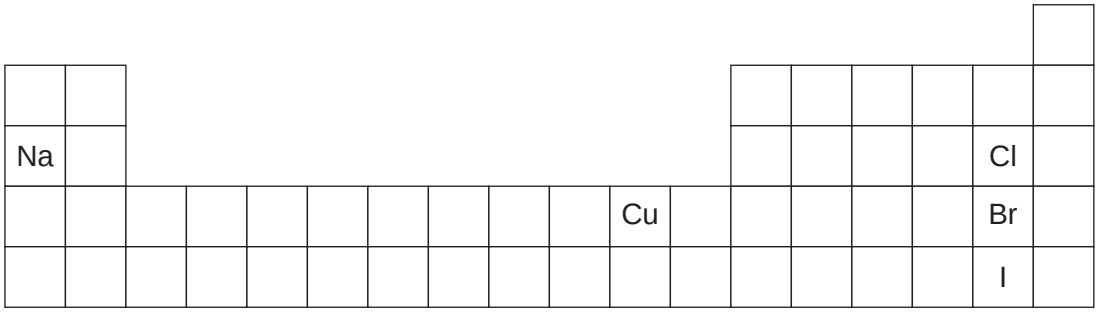
[1 mark]

electrons	neutrons	protons

The outer shells of atoms of elements in the same group have the same number of _____ .

1 (b) **Figure 1** shows the position of five elements in the modern periodic table.

Figure 1



1 (b) (i) Which **one** of the elements in **Figure 1** is a gas at room temperature?

[1 mark]

_____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 42 · continued

1 (b) (ii) Which **one** of the elements in **Figure 1** is a transition metal?

[1 mark]

_____

1 (b) (iii) Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

In the modern periodic table, bromine (Br) is in Group _____ .

1 (c) Bromine reacts with sodium iodide to produce iodine.

The word equation for the reaction is:

bromine + sodium iodide ⟶ iodine + sodium bromide

1 (c) (i) What type of reaction is this?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Combustion ☐

Displacement ☐

Neutralisation ☐

1 (c) (ii) Use the Chemistry Data Sheet to help you answer this question.

Which halogen would react with sodium chloride solution to produce chlorine?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Bromine ☐

Fluorine ☐

Iodine ☐

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 42 · continued

1 (d) Silver nitrate in the presence of dilute nitric acid is used to test for iodide ions.

What colour precipitate is produced?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Cream ☐

White ☐

Yellow ☐

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Question 42 · continued

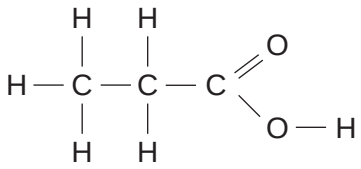
1 (e) Propanoic acid is a compound containing carbon atoms.

1 (e) (i) **Figure 2** shows the displayed structure of propanoic acid.

Draw a ring around the functional group of propanoic acid in **Figure 2**.

[1 mark]

Figure 2



1 (e) (ii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

carbon dioxide	hydrogen	oxygen

Propanoic acid reacts with carbonates to produce _____ .

1 (e) (iii) Use the correct answer from the box to complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

alkalis	esters	fuels

Propanoic acid reacts with alcohols to produce pleasant smelling compounds called _____ .

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Question 43

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q3

0 3 This question is about the structure of the atom.

0 3 . 1 Complete the sentences.

Choose answers from the box.

Each word may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

[5 marks]

electron	**ion**	**neutron**
	nucleus	**proton**

The centre of the atom is the _____.

The two types of particle in the centre of the atom are the proton and the _____.

James Chadwick proved the existence of the _____.

Niels Bohr suggested particles orbit the centre of the atom. This type of particle is the _____.

The two types of particle with the same mass are the neutron and the _____.

Table 2 shows information about two isotopes of element **X**.

Table 2

	Mass number	Percentage (%) abundance
Isotope 1	63	70
Isotope 2	65	30

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 43 · continued

0 3 . 2 Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **X** using the equation:

$$A_r = \frac{\text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope 1 + (mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope 2}}{100}$$

Use **Table 2**.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[2 marks]

A_r = _____

0 3 . 3 Suggest the identity of element **X**.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Element **X** is _____

0 3 . 4 The radius of an atom of element **X** is 1.2×10^{-10} m

The radius of the centre of the atom is $\frac{1}{10\,000}$ the radius of the atom.

Calculate the radius of the centre of an atom of element **X**.

Give your answer in standard form.

[2 marks]

Radius = _____ m

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Question 44

June 2018 | 8462/1F | Original Q7

0 7 This question is about elements in Group 1.

A teacher burns sodium in oxygen.

0 7 . 1 Complete the word equation for the reaction.

[1 mark]

sodium + oxygen → _____

0 7 . 2 What is the name of this type of reaction?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

- Decomposition ☐
- Electrolysis ☐
- Oxidation ☐
- Precipitation ☐

0 7 . 3 The teacher dissolves the product of the reaction in water and adds universal indicator.

The universal indicator turns purple.

What is the pH value of the solution?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

1 ☐	4 ☐	7 ☐	13 ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 44 · continued

0 7 . 4 The solution contains a substance with the formula NaOH

Give the name of the substance.

[1 mark]

0 7 . 5 All alkalis contain the same ion.

What is the formula of this ion?

[1 mark]

Tick **one** box.

H^+ ☐

Na^+ ☐

OH^- ☐

O^{2-} ☐

0 7 . 6 A solution of NaOH had a concentration of 40 g/dm^3

What mass of NaOH would there be in 250 cm^3 of the solution?

[2 marks]

Mass = _____ g

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 44 · continued

0 7 . 7 The melting points of the elements in Group 1 show a trend.

Table 6 shows the atomic numbers and melting points of the Group 1 elements.

Table 6

Element	Atomic number	Melting point in °C
Lithium	3	181
Sodium	11	98
Potassium	19	63
Rubidium	37	**X**
Caesium	55	29

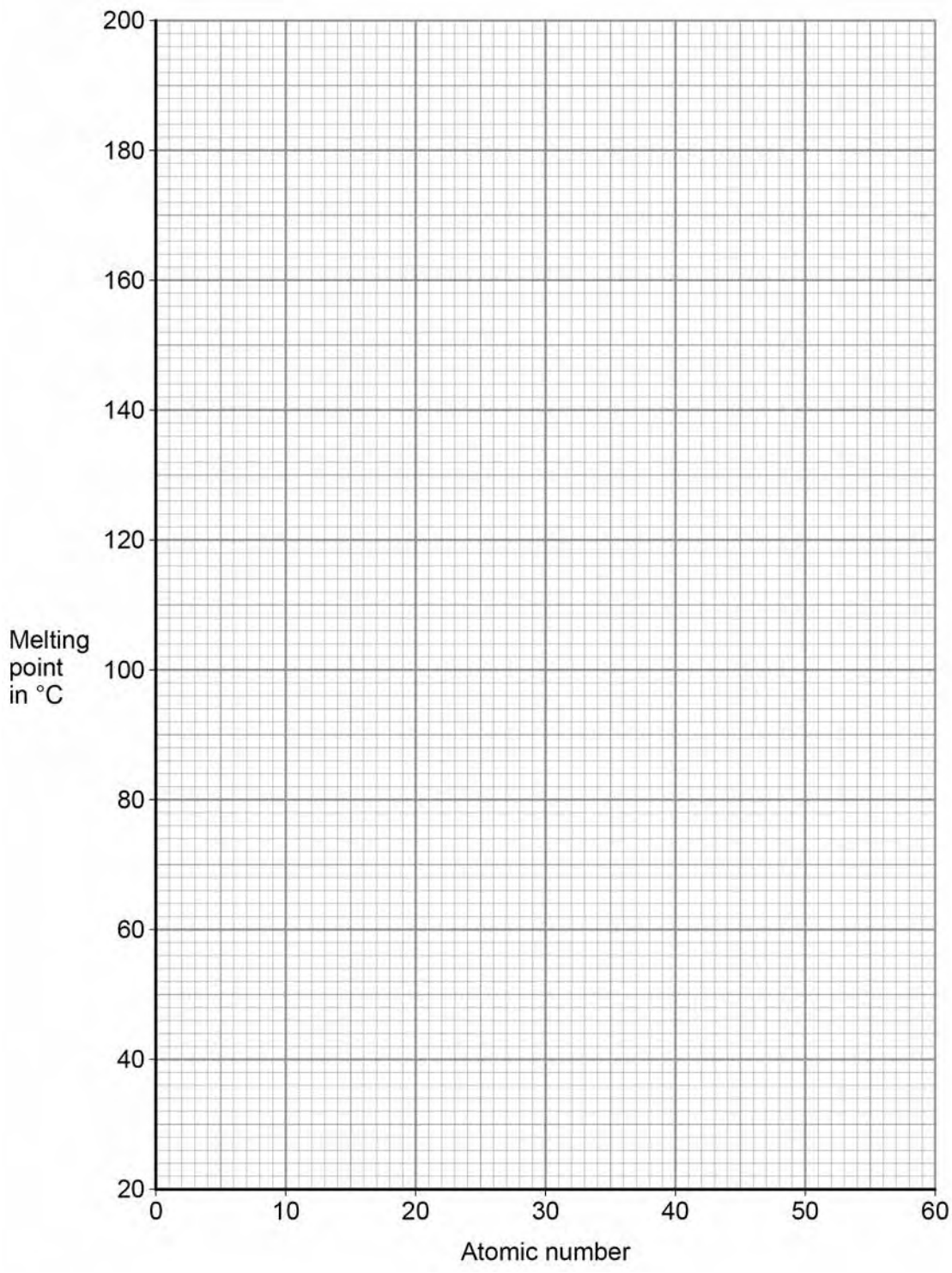
Plot the data from **Table 6** on **Figure 11**.

[2 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 44 · continued

Figure 11



0 7 . 8 Predict the melting point, **X**, of rubidium, atomic number 37

Use **Figure 11**.

[1 mark]

Melting point = _____ °C

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

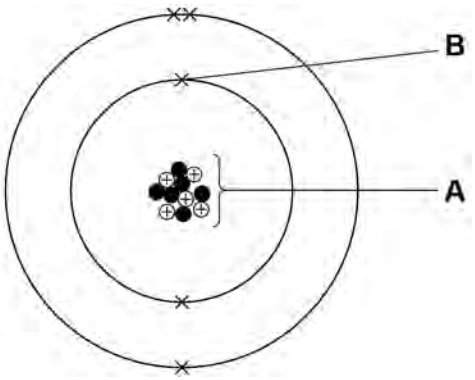
Question 45

June 2019 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about atomic structure.

Figure 1 represents an atom of element **Z**.

Figure 1



0 1 . 1 Name the parts of the atom labelled **A** and **B**.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

electron	**neutron**	**nucleus**	**proton**

A _____

B _____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 45 · continued

0 1 . 2 Which particle has the lowest mass?

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

electron	**neutron**	**nucleus**	**proton**

0 1 . 3 Which group of the periodic table contains element **Z**?

Use **Figure 1**.

[1 mark]

Group _____

0 1 . 4 Give the atomic number and the mass number of element **Z**.

Use **Figure 1**.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

1	**5**	**6**	**11**	**16**

Atomic number _____

Mass number _____

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 45 · continued

Bromine has two different types of atom.

The atoms have a different number of neutrons but the same number of protons.

0 1 . 5 What is the name for this type of atom?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Compound ☐
- Ion ☐
- Isotope ☐
- Molecule ☐

0 1 . 6 The different types of bromine atom can be represented as $^{79}_{35}Br$ and $^{81}_{35}Br$

The relative atomic mass (A_r) of bromine is 80

Which statement is true about the number of each type of atom in bromine?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- There are fewer $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms than $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐
- There are more $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms than $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐
- There are the same number of $^{79}_{35}Br$ atoms and $^{81}_{35}Br$ atoms. ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 46

0 8 This question is about the periodic table.

In the 19th century, some scientists tried to classify the elements by arranging them in order of their atomic weights.

Figure 11 shows the periodic table Mendeleev produced in 1869.

His periodic table was more widely accepted than previous versions.

Figure 11

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Period 1	H						
Period 2	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F
Period 3	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl
Period 4	K Cu	Ca Zn	* *	Ti *	V As	Cr Se	Mn Br
Period 5	Rb Ag	Sr Cd	Y In	Zr Sn	Nb Sb	Mo Te	* I

0 8 . 1 The atomic weight of tellurium (Te) is 128 and that of iodine (I) is 127

Why did Mendeleev reverse the order of these two elements?

[1 mark]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 46 · continued

0 8 . 2 Mendeleev left spaces marked with an asterisk *

He left these spaces because he thought missing elements belonged there.

Why did Mendeleev's periodic table become more widely accepted than previous versions?

[3 marks]

0 8 . 3 Mendeleev arranged the elements in order of their atomic weight.

What is the modern name for atomic weight?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Atomic number ☐
- Mass number ☐
- Relative atomic mass ☐
- Relative formula mass ☐

0 8 . 4 Complete the sentence.

[1 mark]

In the modern periodic table, the elements are arranged in order of

_____.

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 46 · continued

Chlorine, iodine and astatine are in Group 7 of the modern periodic table.

0 8 . 5 Astatine (At) is below iodine in Group 7.

Predict:

- the formula of an astatine molecule
- the state of astatine at room temperature.

[2 marks]

Formula of astatine molecule _____

State at room temperature _____

0 8 . 6 Sodium is in Group 1 of the modern periodic table.

Describe what you would see when sodium reacts with chlorine.

[2 marks]

_____

_____

_____

_____

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 47

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about the elements in Group 7 of the periodic table.

Table 1 shows the melting points and boiling points of some of the elements.

Table 1

Element	Melting point in °C	Boiling point in °C
Fluorine	–220	–188
Chlorine	–101	–35
Bromine	–7	59

0 1 . 1 What is the state of bromine at 100 °C?

Use **Table 1**.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Gas ☐

Liquid ☐

Solid ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 47 · continued

0 1 . 2 What temperature does chlorine gas condense at to form a liquid?

Use **Table 1**.

[1 mark]

Temperature = _____ °C

0 1 . 3 Complete the sentences.

[2 marks]

Going down Group 7 the melting points _____.

This is because the size of the molecules increases so the

intermolecular forces _____.

Question 1 continues on the next page

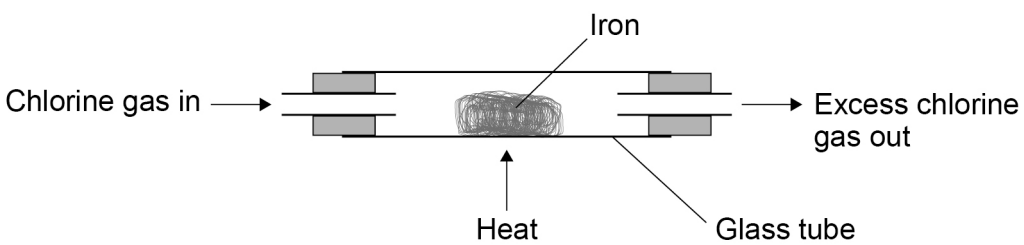
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 47 · continued

A teacher investigated the reaction of iron with chlorine.

Figure 1 shows the apparatus used.

Figure 1



0 1 . 4 Why did the teacher do the investigation in a fume cupboard?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Chlorine gas is coloured. ☐

Chlorine gas is flammable. ☐

Chlorine gas is toxic. ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 47 · continued

0 1 . 5 The word equation for the reaction is:

iron + chlorine → iron chloride

Iron chloride is a solid.

The teacher weighed the glass tube and contents:

- before the reaction
- after the reaction.

What happened to the mass of the glass tube and contents during the reaction?

Give **one** reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

The mass of the glass tube and contents _____.

Reason _____

_____

Question 1 continues on the next page

Question 47 · continued

The teacher repeated the investigation with bromine gas and with iodine gas.

Table 2 shows the results.

Table 2

Element	Observation
Chlorine	Iron burns vigorously with an orange glow
Bromine	Iron burns with an orange glow
Iodine	Iron slowly turns darker

0 1 . 6 Fluorine is above chlorine in Group 7.

Predict what you would observe when fluorine gas reacts with iron.

Use **Table 2**.

[1 mark]

0 1 . 7 Balance the equation for the reaction between iron and bromine.

[1 mark]

$$2Fe + _____ Br_2 \rightarrow 2FeBr_3$$

0 1 . 8 Calculate the relative formula mass (M_r) of $FeBr_3$

Relative atomic masses (A_r): Fe = 56 Br = 80

[2 marks]

Relative formula mass (M_r) = _____

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 48

November 2020 | 8462/1F | Original Q2

0 2 This question is about models of the atom.

0 2 . 1 Atoms were first thought to be tiny spheres that could not be divided.

Which particle was discovered to change this model of the atom?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

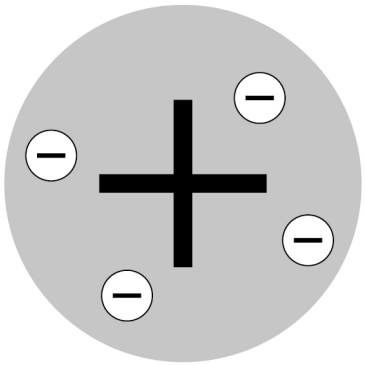
Electron ☐

Neutron ☐

Proton ☐

0 2 . 2 **Figure 2** shows another model of the atom.

Figure 2



What is the name of this model of the atom?

[1 mark]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 48 · continued

0 2 . 3 A scientist fired particles at gold atoms.

Some of these particles were scattered.

The results led to a different model of the atom.

Which type of particle was fired at the gold atoms?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Alpha ☐
- Electron ☐
- Neutron ☐
- Proton ☐

0 2 . 4 Which scientist first suggested that electrons orbit the nucleus at specific distances?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Bohr ☐
- Chadwick ☐
- Mendeleev ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 48 · continued

0 2 . 5 The model of the atom used today has three subatomic particles:

- electrons
- neutrons
- protons.

Complete the sentences.

[3 marks]

Atoms of the same element have the same atomic number because they have the same number of _____.

Atoms of the same element can have different mass numbers because they have different numbers of _____.

Atoms have no overall charge because they have the same number of _____ and _____.

0 2 . 6 The radius of a nucleus is approximately 1×10^{-14} m

The radius of an atom is approximately 1×10^{-10} m

A teacher uses a ball of radius 1 cm to represent the nucleus.

What could represent the atom on the same scale?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- A ball of radius 10 cm ☐
- A sports arena of radius 100 m ☐
- An island of radius 10 km ☐
- A planet of radius 1000 km ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 49

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about elements, compounds and mixtures.

0 1 . 1 Substance **A** contains only one type of atom.

Substance **A** does **not** conduct electricity.

Which type of substance is **A**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Compound ☐
- Metallic element ☐
- Mixture ☐
- Non-metallic element ☐

0 1 . 2 Substance **B** contains two types of atoms.

The atoms are chemically combined together in fixed proportions.

Which type of substance is **B**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Compound ☐
- Metallic element ☐
- Mixture ☐
- Non-metallic element ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 49 · continued

0 1 . 3 What is the name of the elements in Group 0 of the periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Alkali metals ☐
- Halogens ☐
- Noble gases ☐
- Transition metals ☐

0 1 . 4 Which statement about the elements in Group 0 is correct?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- All elements in the group are very reactive. ☐
- All elements in the group form negative ions. ☐
- The boiling points increase down the group. ☐
- The relative atomic masses (A_r) decrease down the group. ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 49 · continued

0 1 . 5 Neon is in Group 0.

What type of particles are in a sample of neon?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

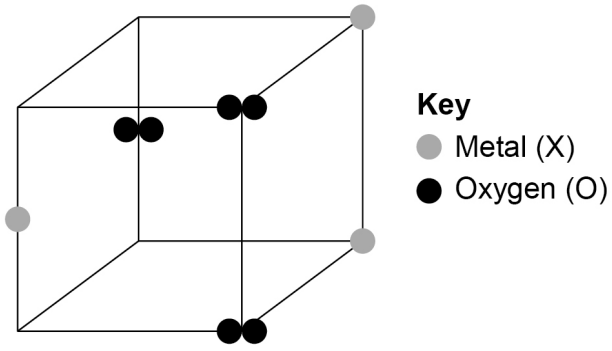
Atoms ☐

Ions ☐

Molecules ☐

0 1 . 6 **Figure 1** represents part of the structure of an oxide of a metal.

Figure 1



Determine the empirical formula of this oxide.

[1 mark]

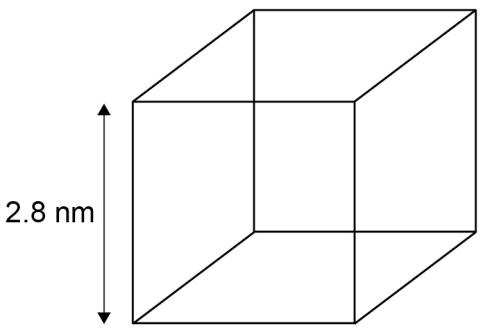
Empirical formula = XO

Question 49 · continued

A nanoparticle of a metallic element is a cube.

Figure 2 shows a diagram of the nanoparticle.

Figure 2



0 1 . 7 The surface area of a cube is given by the equation:

surface area = (length of side)^2 × 6

Calculate the surface area of the cube in **Figure 2**.

Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

[3 marks]

Surface area (2 significant figures) = _____ nm^2

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 49 · continued

0 1 . 8 Fine and coarse particles of the metallic element are also cubes.

The length of a fine particle cube is 10 times smaller than the length of a coarse particle cube.

How does the surface area to volume ratio of the fine particle cube compare with that of the coarse particle cube?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Both surface area to volume ratios are the same. ☐

The surface area to volume ratio of the fine particle is 10 times greater. ☐

The surface area to volume ratio of the fine particle is 10 times smaller. ☐

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Turn over for the next question

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 50

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q3

0 3 This question is about Group 1 elements.

0 3 . 1 Complete **Table 2** to show the electronic structure of a potassium atom.

[1 mark]

Table 2

Atom	Number of electrons	Electronic structure
Sodium	11	2,8,1
Potassium	19	

0 3 . 2 Why do Group 1 elements have similar chemical properties?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- They have the same number of electron shells. ☐
- They have the same number of outer shell electrons. ☐
- They have two electrons in the first shell. ☐

0 3 . 3 What is the type of bonding in sodium?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Covalent ☐
- Ionic ☐
- Metallic ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 50 · continued

Table 3 shows observations made when lithium, potassium and rubidium react with water.

Table 3

Element	Observations
Lithium	Bubbles slowly Floats Moves slowly
Sodium	1 _____ 2 _____
Potassium	Bubbles very quickly Melts into a ball Floats Moves very quickly Flame
Rubidium	Sinks Melts into a ball Explodes with a flame

0 3 . 4 Give **two** observations you could make when sodium reacts with water.

Write your answers in **Table 3**.

[2 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 50 · continued

0 3 . 5 How does the reactivity of the elements change going down Group 1?

[1 mark]

0 3 . 6 Give **two** ways in which the observations in **Table 3** show the change in reactivity going down Group 1.

[2 marks]

1

2

0 3 . 7 Which gas is produced when Group 1 elements react with water?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Carbon dioxide ☐
- Hydrogen ☐
- Nitrogen ☐
- Oxygen ☐

Question 50 · continued

0 3 . 8 Sodium fluoride is an ionic compound.

Figure 5 shows dot and cross diagrams for a sodium atom and a fluorine atom.

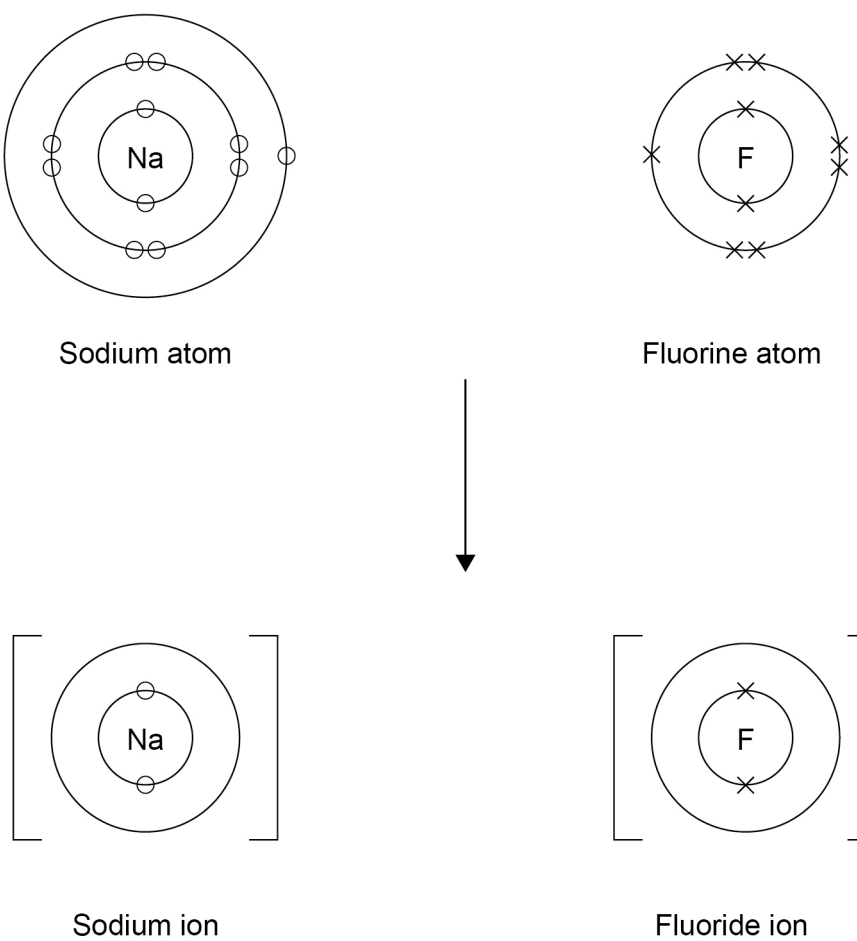
Complete **Figure 5** to show what happens when a sodium atom and a fluorine atom react to produce sodium fluoride.

You should:

- complete the electronic structures of the sodium ion and the fluoride ion
- give the charges on the sodium ion and the fluoride ion.

[3 marks]

Figure 5



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Question 51

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 This question is about atomic structure and the periodic table.

Gallium (Ga) is an element that has two isotopes.

0 9 . 1 Give the meaning of 'isotopes'.

You should answer in terms of subatomic particles.

[2 marks]

0 9 . 2 **Table 8** shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of gallium.

Table 8

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
69	60
71	40

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of gallium.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[2 marks]

Relative atomic mass (1 decimal place) = _____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 51 · continued

Gallium (Ga) is in Group 3 of the modern periodic table.

0 9 . 3 Give the numbers of electrons and neutrons in an atom of the isotope $^{69}_{31}Ga$

[2 marks]

Number of electrons _____

Number of neutrons _____

0 9 . 4 What is the most likely formula of a gallium ion?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Ga^{+} ☐
- Ga^{-} ☐
- Ga^{3+} ☐
- Ga^{3-} ☐

0 9 . 5 Gallium was discovered six years after Mendeleev published his periodic table.

Give **two** reasons why the discovery of gallium helped Mendeleev's periodic table to become accepted.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

_____

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 52

November 2021 | 8462/1F | Original Q10

1 0 This question is about the extraction of metals.

Element **R** is extracted from its oxide by reduction with hydrogen.

The equation for the reaction is:

$$3\,H_2 + \mathbf{R}O_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} + 3\,H_2O$$

1 0 . 1 The sum of the relative formula masses (M_r) of the reactants ($3\,H_2$ + $\mathbf{R}O_3$) is 150

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of **R**.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): H = 1 O = 16

[2 marks]

Relative atomic mass (A_r) of **R** = _____

1 0 . 2 Identify element **R**.

You should use:

- your answer to **question 10.1**
- the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Identity of **R** = _____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 52 · continued

1 0 . 3 Carbon is used to extract tin (Sn) from tin oxide (SnO_2).

The equation for the reaction is:

$$SnO_2 + C \rightarrow Sn + CO_2$$

Calculate the percentage atom economy for extracting tin in this reaction.

Relative atomic masses (A_r): C = 12 O = 16 Sn = 119

[3 marks]

Percentage atom economy = _____ %

Question 10 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 52 · continued

1 0 . 4 Tungsten (W) is a metal.

Tungsten is extracted from tungsten oxide (WO_3).

All other solid products from the extraction method must be separated from the tungsten.

Table 9 shows information about three possible methods to extract tungsten from tungsten oxide.

Table 9

Method	Reactant	Relative cost of reactant	Products
1	Carbon	Low	Tungsten solid Carbon dioxide gas Tungsten carbide solid
2	Hydrogen	High	Tungsten solid Water vapour
3	Iron	Low	Tungsten solid Iron oxide solid

Evaluate the three possible methods for extracting tungsten from tungsten oxide.

[4 marks]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

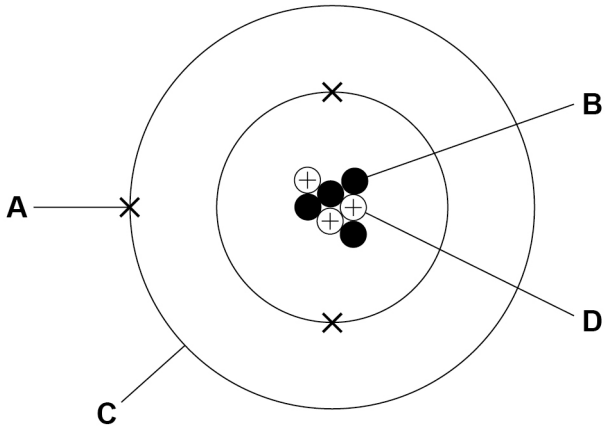
Question 53

June 2022 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about atoms.

0 1 . 1 **Figure 1** represents an atom of an element.

Figure 1



Draw **one** line from each name to the correct label.

[2 marks]

Name	Label
	A
Neutron	B
Proton	C
	D

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 53 · continued

0 1 . 2 An atom of element **Y** has:

- an atomic number of 9
- a mass number of 19.

Give the number of electrons and the number of neutrons in this atom.

Choose answers from the box.

[2 marks]

1	**9**	**10**	**19**	**28**

Number of electrons _____

Number of neutrons _____

Question 1 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 53 · continued

Table 1 shows information about two isotopes of element **Z**.

Table 1

	Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
Isotope **A**	39	93.3
Isotope **B**	41	6.7

0 1 . 3 Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **Z**.

Use **Table 1** and the equation:

$$A_r = \frac{\text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope } \mathbf{A} + \text{(mass number} \times \text{percentage) of isotope } \mathbf{B}}{100}$$

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

[3 marks]

A_r (3 significant figures) = _____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 53 · continued

0 1 . 4 Suggest the identity of element **Z**.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Element **Z** _____

0 1 . 5 Complete the sentence.

Choose the answer from the box.

[1 mark]

electrons	**neutrons**	**protons**

Isotopes of the same element have different mass numbers because the isotopes have different numbers of _____.

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 54

0 4 This question is about the periodic table.

Figure 6 shows an early version of the periodic table published by a scientist.

Figure 6

H							
Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	
K Cu	Ca Zn	? ?	Ti ?	V As	Cr Se	Mn Br	Fe Co Ni
Rb Ag	Sr Cd	Y In	Zr Sn	Nb Sb	Mo Te	? I	Ru Rh Pd

0 4 . 1 The scientist left gaps in the periodic table in **Figure 6**.

Each gap is represented by a question mark (**?**).

Give **one** reason why the scientist left gaps in this periodic table.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 2 Which scientist published the periodic table in **Figure 6**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Bohr ☐

Chadwick ☐

Mendeleev ☐

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 54 · continued

0 4 . 3 The modern periodic table is different from the periodic table in **Figure 6**.

One extra group of elements has been added.

What is the name of the extra group of elements in the modern periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Alkali metals ☐

Halogens ☐

Noble gases ☐

0 4 . 4 Why do the elements in Group 1 of the modern periodic table have similar chemical properties?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

The elements all form negative ions. ☐

The elements all have one electron in the outer shell. ☐

The elements all have the same number of shells. ☐

Question 4 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 54 · continued

0 4 . 5 **Table 3** shows the melting points of the first five elements going down Group 1.

Table 3

Element	Melting point in °C
Lithium	181
Sodium	98
Potassium	**X**
Rubidium	39
Caesium	29

Predict value **X**.

[1 mark]

X = _____ °C

0 4 . 6 Give **one** observation you would see when a small piece of potassium is added to water.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 54 · continued

0 4 . 7 **Table 4** shows information about the first five elements going down Group 7.

Table 4

Element	State at 150 °C	Symbol	Formula of the compound with hydrogen
Fluorine	gas	F	HF
Chlorine	_____	Cl	HCl
Bromine	gas	Br	HBr
Iodine	liquid	I	HI
Astatine	solid	At	_____

Complete **Table 4**.

[2 marks]

0 4 . 8 The elements in Group 7 consist of molecules.

What is the formula of a molecule of bromine?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Br ☐

Br_2 ☐

Br^2 ☐

2Br ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

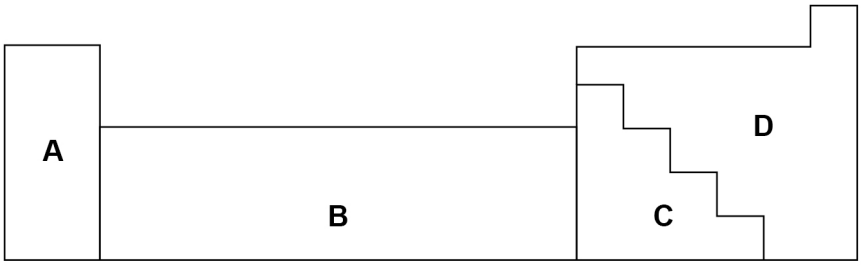
Question 55

June 2022 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 This question is about metals and non-metals.

Figure 15 shows an outline of part of the periodic table.

Figure 15



0 9 . 1 Element **Q** is a dull solid with a melting point of 44 °C.

Element **Q** does not conduct electricity.

Which section of the periodic table in **Figure 15** is most likely to contain element **Q**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 9 . 2 Element **R** forms ions of formula R^{2+} and R^{3+}

Which section of the periodic table in **Figure 15** is most likely to contain element **R**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 9 . 3 Give **two** differences between the physical properties of the elements in Group 1 and those of the transition elements.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

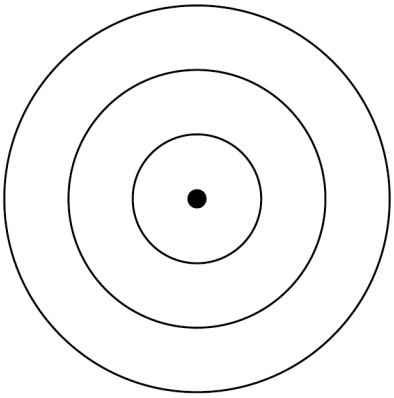
Question 55 · continued

0 9 . 4 Complete **Figure 16** to show the electronic structure of an aluminium atom.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Figure 16



0 9 . 5 Aluminium is a metal.

Describe how metals conduct electricity.

Answer in terms of electrons.

[3 marks]

0 9 . 6 Name the type of bonding in compounds formed between metals and non-metals.

[1 mark]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 55 · continued

0 9 . 7 Magnesium oxide is a compound formed from the metal magnesium and the non-metal oxygen.

Describe what happens when a magnesium atom reacts with an oxygen atom.

You should refer to electrons in your answer.

[4 marks]

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 56

June 2023 | 8462/1F | Original Q1

0 1 This question is about atoms.

Atoms contain three types of particle:

- electrons
- neutrons
- protons.

0 1 . 1 Which particle has no electrical charge?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Electron ☐

Neutron ☐

Proton ☐

0 1 . 2 Which particles have the same relative mass?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

An electron and a neutron ☐

An electron and a proton ☐

A neutron and a proton ☐

0 1 . 3 The formula of a compound is N_2O

How many of each type of atom are in one molecule of N_2O?

[2 marks]

Nitrogen _____

Oxygen _____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 56 · continued

An atom of element **Z** contains:

- 3 electrons
- 4 neutrons
- 3 protons.

0 1 . 4 Give the name of element **Z**.

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

_____

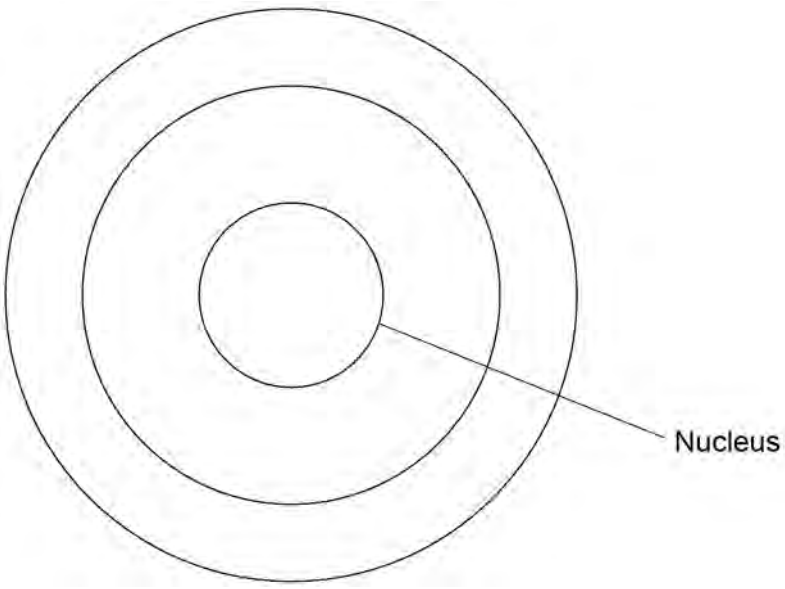
0 1 . 5 Complete **Figure 1** to show the position of the particles in an atom of element **Z**.

Use the symbols:

× = electron
● = neutron
○ = proton

[4 marks]

Figure 1



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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 57

June 2023 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

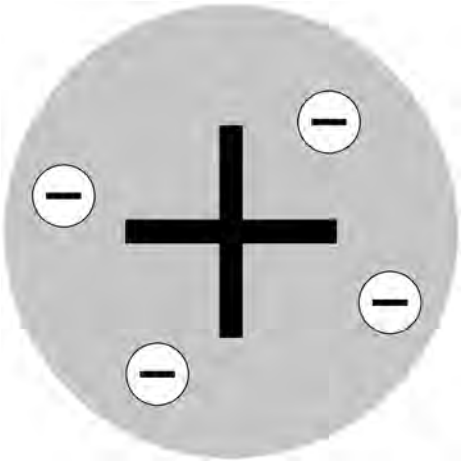
0 9 Discoveries in chemistry led to a better understanding of atomic structure.

0 9 . 1 Atoms were originally thought to be tiny spheres that could not be divided.

The plum pudding model of the atom was then developed.

Figure 10 represents the plum pudding model of the atom.

Figure 10



Describe the plum pudding model of the atom.

[2 marks]

0 9 . 2 Atoms contain electrons, neutrons and protons.

Write these three particles in order of their discovery.

[1 mark]

Earliest _____

_____

Latest _____

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Question 57 · continued

Very few atoms of the element tennessine (Ts) have ever been identified.

The atomic number of tennessine is 117

0 9 . 3 Predict the number of outer shell electrons in an atom of tennessine.

Give **one** reason for your answer.

Use the periodic table.

[2 marks]

Number of outer shell electrons _____

Reason _____

_____

0 9 . 4 Tennessine was first identified by a small group of scientists in 2010.

Suggest **one** reason why tennessine was **not** accepted as a new element by other scientists until 2015.

[1 mark]

_____

_____

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Question 57 · continued

0 9 . 5 The discovery of isotopes explained why some relative atomic masses are not whole numbers.

Element **R** has two isotopes.

Table 5 shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of element **R**.

Table 5

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
6	7.6
7	92.4

Calculate the relative atomic mass (A_r) of element **R**.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

[3 marks]

Relative atomic mass (1 decimal place) = _____

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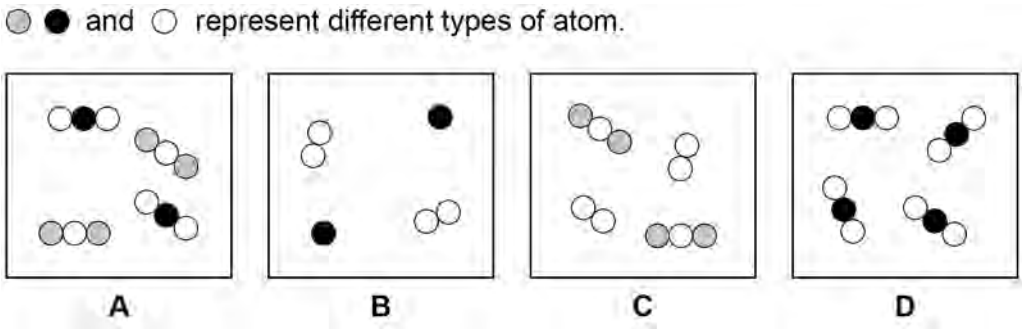
Question 58

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0 1 This question is about elements, compounds and mixtures.

Figure 1 shows diagrams which represent the atoms and molecules in different substances.

Figure 1



0 1 . 1 Which diagram in **Figure 1** represents a pure compound?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

0 1 . 2 Which diagram in **Figure 1** represents a mixture of an element and a compound?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

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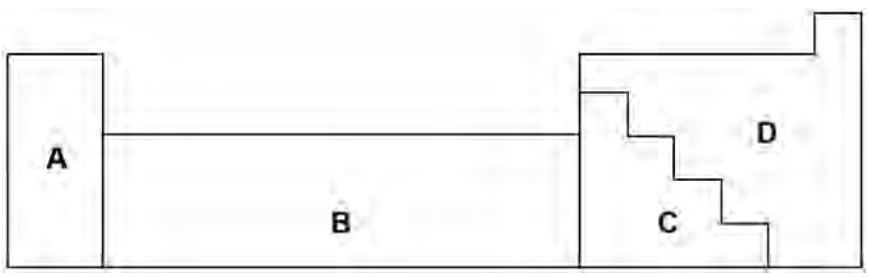
Question 58 · continued

0 1 . 3 Elements are metals or non-metals.

Figure 2 shows an outline of the periodic table.

The periodic table is divided into sections.

Figure 2



Where are metals found in the periodic table?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Section **A** only ☐

Sections **A**, **B** and **C** ☐

Sections **B**, **C** and **D** ☐

Section **D** only ☐

Question 58 · continued

0 1 . 4 Which **two** of the following are typical properties of a transition metal?

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- Can be bent and shaped ☐
- Good conductor of electricity ☐
- Low density ☐
- Low melting point ☐
- Poor conductor of heat ☐

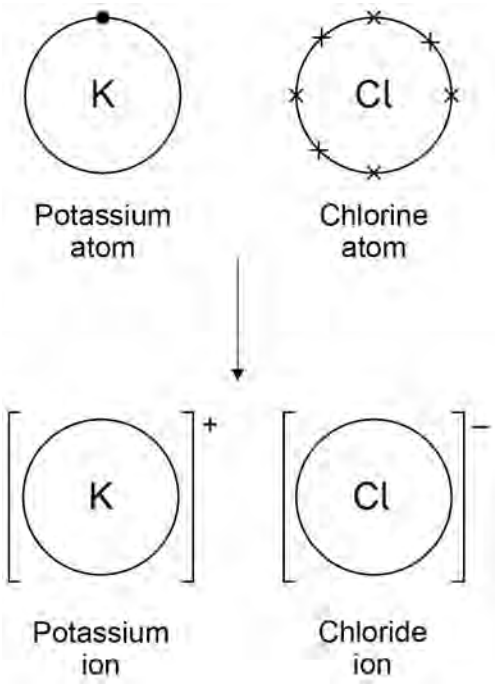
0 1 . 5 Potassium and chlorine react to produce potassium chloride.

An atom of potassium loses an electron to form a potassium ion.

An atom of chlorine gains an electron to form a chloride ion.

Complete the dot and cross diagram.

[2 marks]



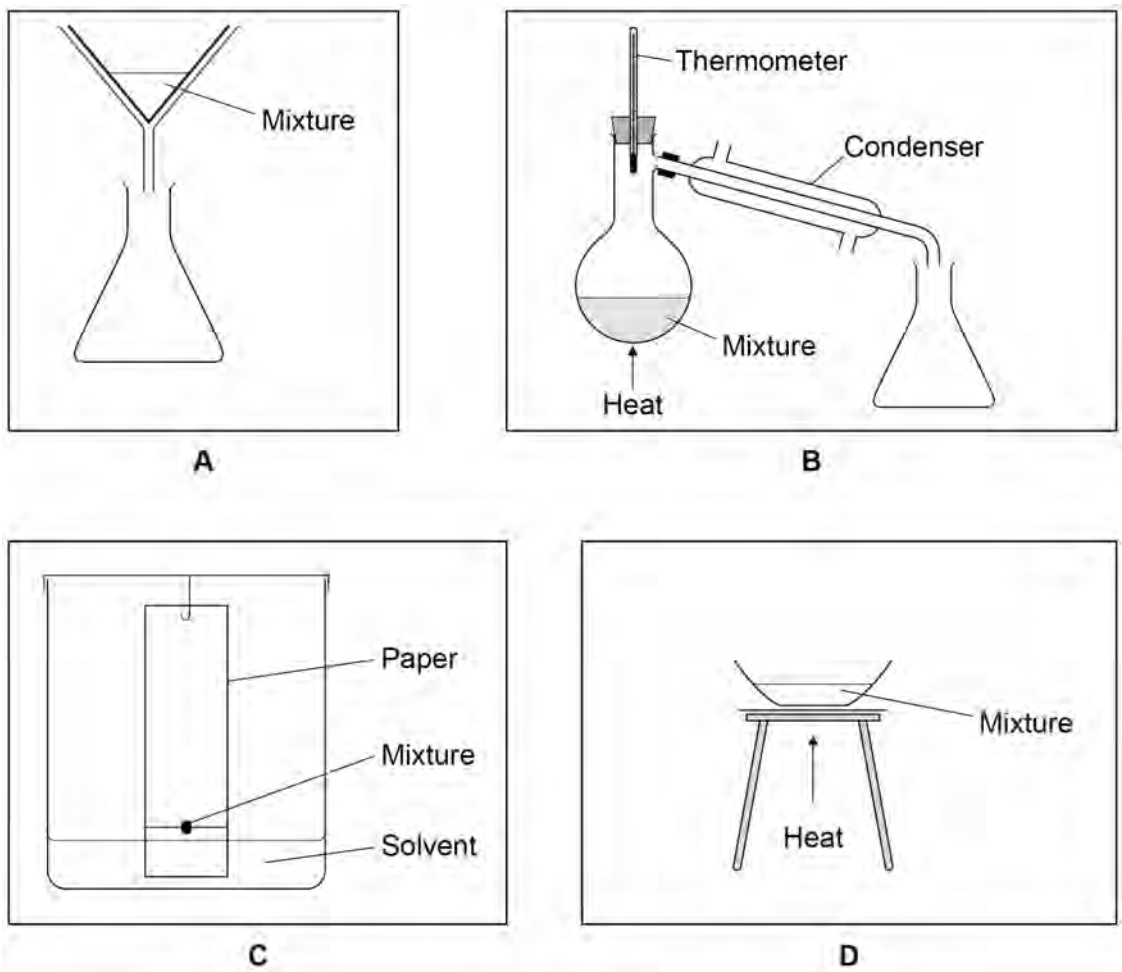
4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 58 · continued

Mixtures are separated by different methods.

Figure 3 shows the apparatus for separating four different types of mixture.

Figure 3



4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 58 · continued

0 1 . 6 Which apparatus could be used to collect water from sodium chloride solution?

Use **Figure 3**.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

0 1 . 7 Which apparatus shows filtration?

Use **Figure 3**.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 59

0 4 This question is about small particles.

0 4 . 1 What is the approximate number of atoms in a nanoparticle?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- A few hundred atoms ☐
- A few thousand atoms ☐
- A few million atoms ☐
- A few billion atoms ☐

0 4 . 2 Nanoparticles of some elements can be used as catalysts.

Which element is most likely to be used as a catalyst?

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Aluminium ☐
- Iron ☐
- Magnesium ☐

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Question 59 · continued

0 4 . 3 Nanoparticles are used in sun creams and in wound dressings.

A wound dressing is placed next to the skin to prevent infection.

Figure 8 shows a wound dressing.

Figure 8



Table 2 shows some information about substances used in the form of nanoparticles.

Table 2

Substance	Property
Carbon	Strong
Silicon dioxide	Hard
Silver	Kills bacteria
Titanium dioxide	Blocks light

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 59 · continued

Draw **one** line from each use to the best substance for that use.

[2 marks]

Use	Substance
	Carbon
Sun creams	Silicon dioxide
Wound dressings	Silver
	Titanium dioxide

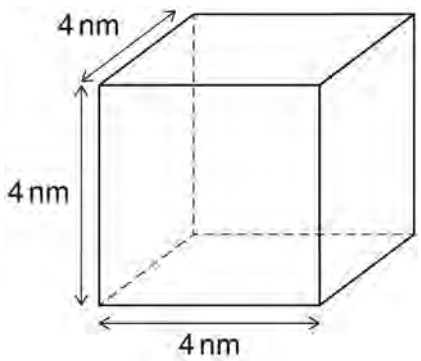
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Question 59 · continued

0 4 . 4 **Figure 9** shows a cubic nanoparticle.

Figure 9



Calculate:

- the surface area of the cubic nanoparticle
- the volume of the cubic nanoparticle
- the simplest whole number ratio of surface area : volume for the cubic nanoparticle.

Use the equation:

surface area of cubic nanoparticle = 6 × surface area of one face

[6 marks]

Surface area of cubic nanoparticle = _____ nm^2

Volume of cubic nanoparticle = _____ nm^3

Simplest whole number ratio of surface area: volume = _____ : _____

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Question 60

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0 9 This question is about the periodic table.

Sodium and potassium are in Group 1 of the periodic table.

0 9 . 1 Give **one** similarity and **one** difference between the electronic structures of sodium and potassium.

[2 marks]

Similarity _____

_____

Difference _____

_____

Group 1 elements react with water.

0 9 . 2 Give **two** observations made when potassium reacts with water.

[2 marks]

1 _____

_____

2 _____

_____

0 9 . 3 Potassium hydroxide solution is produced when potassium reacts with water.

What is the colour of universal indicator when added to potassium hydroxide solution?

Give **one** reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Colour of universal indicator _____

Reason _____

_____

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 60 · continued

Table 4 shows the densities of some of the elements in Group 0 of the periodic table.

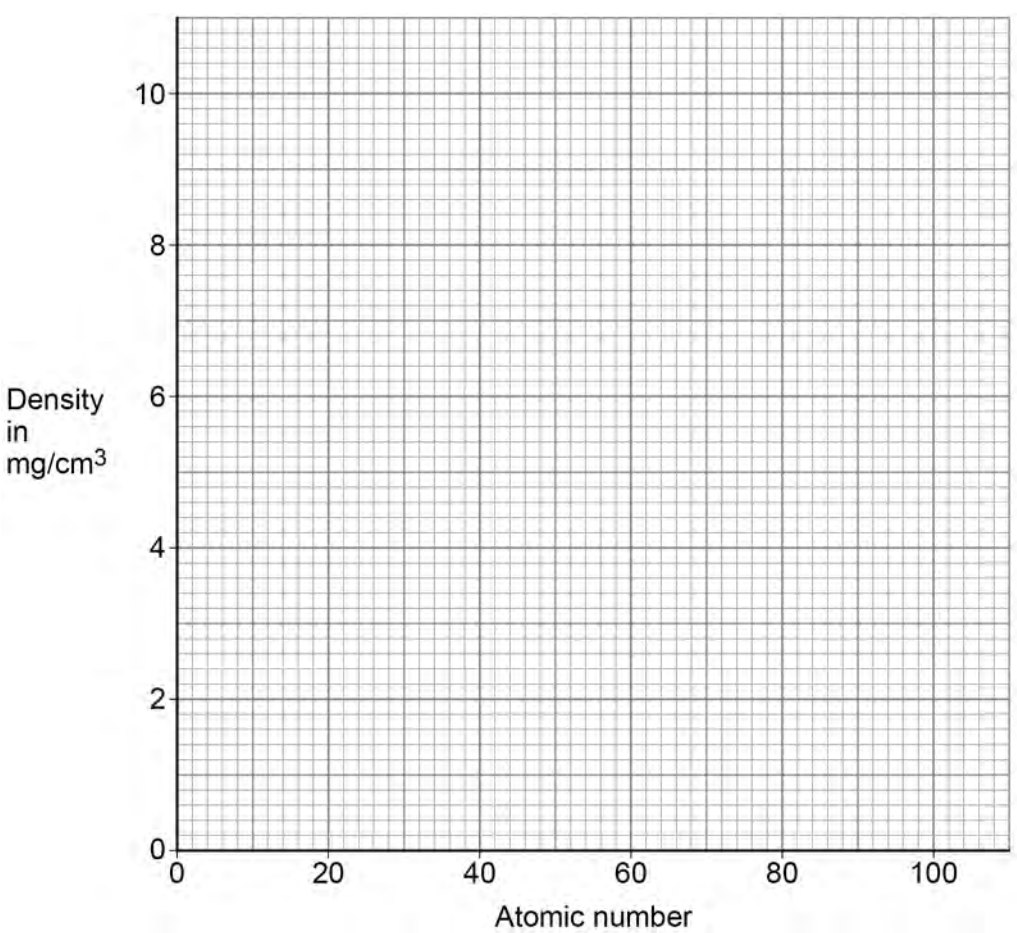
Table 4

Element	Atomic number	Density in mg/cm^3
Helium	2	0.2
Neon	10	0.8
Argon	18	1.6
Krypton	36	**X**
Xenon	54	5.4
Radon	86	9.1

0 9 . 4 Plot the data from **Table 4** on **Figure 15**.

[2 marks]

Figure 15



4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 60 · continued

0 9 . 5 Estimate the density (**X**) of krypton.

Use **Figure 15** and **Table 4**.

[1 mark]

Density = _____ mg/cm^3

0 9 . 6 The elements in Group 7 are called the halogens.

A more reactive halogen can displace a less reactive halogen from a solution of its salt.

Which combination of solutions will produce a reaction when mixed?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Chlorine and potassium fluoride ☐
- Chlorine and potassium bromide ☐
- Bromine and potassium fluoride ☐
- Bromine and potassium chloride ☐

0 9 . 7 Which of the following describes the trends going down Group 7?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Relative molecular mass decreases and boiling point decreases. ☐
- Relative molecular mass decreases and boiling point increases. ☐
- Relative molecular mass increases and boiling point decreases. ☐
- Relative molecular mass increases and boiling point increases. ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 61

0 1 This question is about elements and compounds.

0 1 . 1 What is the name of the compound with the formula $ZnBr_2$?

Use the periodic table.

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Zinc bromide ☐

Zinc chloride ☐

Zinc iodide ☐

0 1 . 2 A compound has the formula C_2H_6O

Table 1 shows information about a molecule of C_2H_6O

Table 1

Symbol of element	Name of element	Number of atoms of the element in a molecule of C_2H_6O
C		2
H	Hydrogen	
	Oxygen	1

Complete **Table 1**.

Use the periodic table.

[3 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 61 · continued

0 1 . 3 Potassium and sulfur react to produce potassium sulfide.

Write the word equation for this reaction.

[1 mark]

_____ + _____ → _____

0 1 . 4 Aluminium reacts with fluorine to produce aluminium fluoride.

Balance the equation for this reaction.

[2 marks]

_____ Al + _____ F_2 → 2 AlF_3

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Question 62

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q8

0 8 This question is about elements in the periodic table.

0 8 . 1 Describe where the non-metallic elements are found in the periodic table.

[1 mark]

0 8 . 2 Gallium (Ga) is a metallic element in Group 3.

Which of these properties of gallium is **not** typical of most metals?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- A boiling point above 1000 °C ☐
- A melting point below 100 °C ☐
- Conducts electricity when solid ☐
- Forms positive ions ☐

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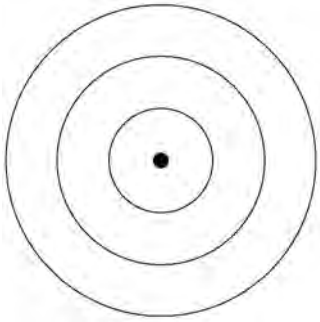
Question 62 · continued

0 8 . 3 A sodium atom can be represented as $^{23}_{11}Na$

Complete **Figure 12** to show the electronic structure of a sodium atom.

[1 mark]

Figure 12



0 8 . 4 Mendeleev created an early periodic table.

Mendeleev placed most of the elements in order of atomic weight.

Tellurium and iodine were not placed in order of atomic weight.

Why did Mendeleev **not** place tellurium and iodine in order of atomic weight?

[1 mark]

0 8 . 5 Argon is an element in Group 0 of the periodic table.

Explain why argon is unreactive.

[2 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 62 · continued

An element **X** consists of two isotopes.

0 8 . 6 What is meant by 'isotopes'?

Answer in terms of subatomic particles.

[2 marks]

0 8 . 7 **Table 5** shows the mass numbers and percentage abundances of the isotopes of **X**.

Table 5

Mass number	Percentage abundance (%)
113	4
115	96

Which is the closest estimate to the relative atomic mass of **X**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

~113 ☐ ~114 ☐ ~115 ☐

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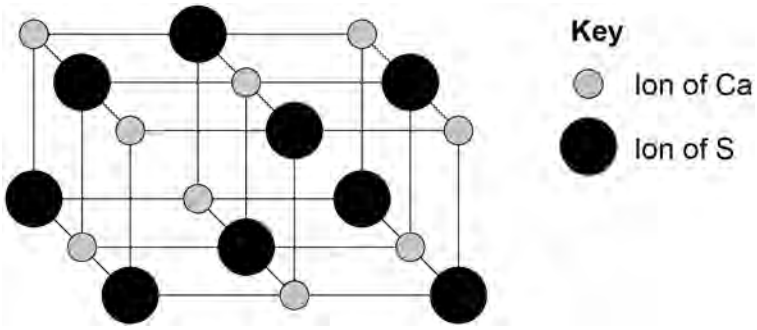
Question 63

0 9 This question is about structure and bonding.

Calcium sulfide is an ionic compound.

Figure 13 represents the structure of calcium sulfide.

Figure 13



0 9 . 1 Determine the empirical formula of calcium sulfide.

[1 mark]

Empirical formula _____

Question 9 continues on the next page

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 63 · continued

0 9 . 2 Calcium is in Group 2 of the periodic table.

Sulfur is in Group 6 of the periodic table.

Describe what happens when a calcium atom reacts with a sulfur atom.

Answer in terms of electrons and ions.

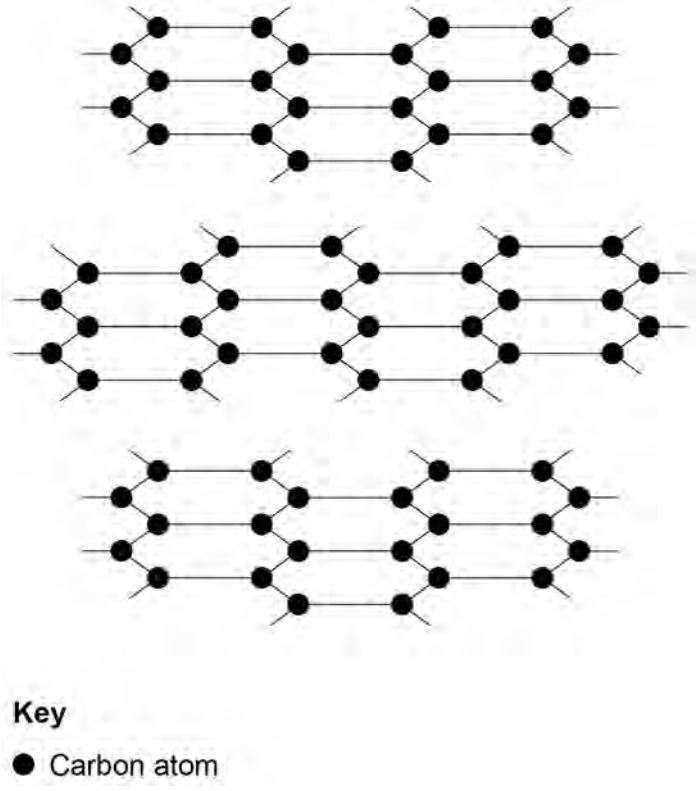
[4 marks]

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 63 · continued

Figure 14 shows the structure of graphite.

Figure 14



0 9 . 3 Describe the structure and bonding of graphite.

[4 marks]

Extra space

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Question 63 · continued

June 2025 | 8462/1F | Original Q9

0 9 . 4 Substances that consist of small molecules do **not** conduct electricity.

Give **one** reason why.

[1 mark]

0 9 . 5 Methane consists of small molecules.

Poly(ethene) is a polymer.

Why does poly(ethene) have a higher melting point than methane?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Poly(ethene) has more covalent bonds to break than methane. ☐
- Poly(ethene) has no intermolecular forces to overcome. ☐
- Poly(ethene) has stronger covalent bonds to break than methane. ☐
- Poly(ethene) has stronger intermolecular forces to overcome than methane. ☐

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4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 64

June 2025 | 8462/2F | Original Q4

0 4 Ammonia is produced in the Haber process.

The word equation for the reaction to produce ammonia is:

nitrogen + hydrogen ⇌ ammonia

0 4 . 1 Draw **one** line from each element to a source of that element.

[2 marks]

Element	Source of element
Nitrogen	Air
Hydrogen	Clay
	Limestone
	Natural gas
	Sand

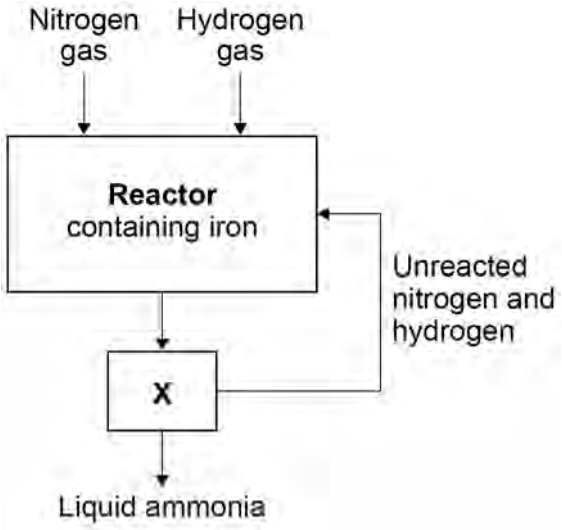
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Question 64 · continued

Ammonia is a gas at room temperature.

Figure 3 shows how ammonia is produced from nitrogen and hydrogen.

Figure 3



0 4 . 2 Which process takes place at **X** in **Figure 3**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Cooling ☐

Filtering ☐

Melting ☐

0 4 . 3 Complete the sentence.

Use **Figure 3**.

[1 mark]

The iron in the reactor is used as a _____.

Question 64 · continued

Table 1 shows the world production of ammonia between 1990 and 2020.

Table 1

Year	World production of ammonia in arbitrary units
1990	120
2000	130
2010	155
2020	165

0 4 . 4 How did the world production of ammonia change between 1990 and 2020?

Use **Table 1**.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 5 Determine the mean change in mass of ammonia produced per year between 2000 and 2020.

Use **Table 1** and the equation:

$$\text{mean change in mass produced per year} = \frac{\text{change in mass produced between 2000 and 2020}}{\text{number of years}}$$

[4 marks]

Change in mass = _____ arbitrary units

Number of years = _____

Mean change = _____ arbitrary units per year

4.1.2.1 The periodic table

Question 64 · continued

Most of the ammonia produced in the Haber process is used to make fertilisers.

0 4 . 6 Which is a reason for the change in the world production of ammonia shown in **Table 1**?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

- Change in amount of acid rain ☐
- Change in global temperatures ☐
- Change in world population ☐

0 4 . 7 Fertilisers produced using ammonia contain nitrogen.

Which **two** compounds used in fertilisers contain nitrogen?

Use the periodic table.

[2 marks]

Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

- $Ca(NO_3)_2$ ☐
- $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ ☐
- KCl ☐
- K_2SO_4 ☐
- $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ ☐

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