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

(a) State the element in Period 3 that has the highest melting point.
Explain your answer.

Element ....

Explanation ....

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(b) State the element in Period 3 that has the highest first ionisation energy.
Explain your answer.

Element ....

Explanation ....

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(c) Suggest the element in Period 3 that has the highest electronegativity value.

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(d) Chlorine is a Period 3 element.
Chlorine forms the molecules ClF_3 and CCl_2

(i) Use your understanding of electron pair repulsion to draw the shape of ClF_3 and the shape of CCl_2
Include any lone pairs of electrons that influence the shape.

Shape of ClF_3 Shape of CCl_2

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(ii)   Name the shape of CCl_2

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(iii)   Write an equation to show the formation of one mole of ClF_3 from its elements.

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(Total 11 marks)

2   Which one of the following statements is correct?

A   The first ionisation energies of the elements in Period 3 show a general decrease from sodium to chlorine.

B   The electronegativities of Group 2 elements decrease from magnesium to barium.

C   The strength of the intermolecular forces increases from hydrogen fluoride to hydrogen chloride.

D   The ability of a halide ion to act as a reducing agent decreases from fluoride to iodide.

(Total 1 mark)

3   Which of these elements has the highest second ionisation energy?

A   Na   ▭

B   Mg   ▭

C   Ne   ▭

D   Ar   ▭

(Total 1 mark)

4 (a) Explain why the atomic radii of the elements decrease across Period 3 from sodium to chlorine.

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(b) Explain why the melting point of sulfur (S_8) is greater than that of phosphorus (P_4).

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(c) Explain why sodium oxide forms an alkaline solution when it reacts with water.

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(d) Write an ionic equation for the reaction of phosphorus(V) oxide with an excess of sodium hydroxide solution.

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5 (a) State the meaning of the term *electronegativity*.

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(b) State and explain the trend in electronegativity values across Period 3 from sodium to chlorine.

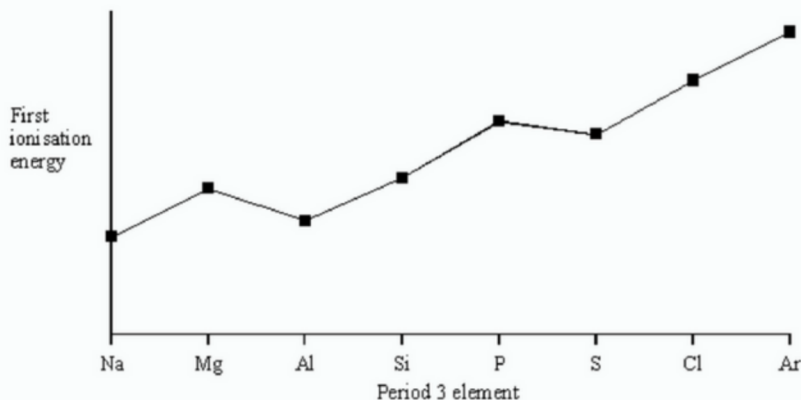*Trend* ....

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(c) What is meant by the term *first ionisation energy*?

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(d) The diagram below shows the variation in first ionisation energy across Period 3.

(i) What is the maximum number of electrons that can be accommodated in an s sub-level?

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(ii)   What evidence from the diagram supports your answer to part (d)(i)?

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(iii)   What evidence from the diagram supports the fact that the 3p sub-level is higher in
energy than the 3s?

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(iv)   What evidence from the diagram supports the fact that no more than three unpaired
electrons can be accommodated in the 3p sub-level?

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Nickel forms the compound nickel(II) chloride ($NiCl_2$).

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

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(ii) Balance the following equation to show how anhydrous nickel(II) chloride can be obtained from the hydrated salt using $SOCl_2$
Identify **one** substance that could react with both gaseous products.

......$NiCl_2.6H_2O(s)$ + ... $SOCl_2(g)$ $\longrightarrow$ ......$NiCl_2(s)$ + ...$SO_2(g)$ + ...$HCl(g)$

Substance ....

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(Total 9 marks)

7 The elements in Period 2 show periodic trends.

(a) Identify the Period 2 element, from carbon to fluorine, that has the largest atomic radius. Explain your answer.

Element ....

Explanation ....

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(b) State the general trend in first ionisation energies from carbon to neon. Deduce the element that deviates from this trend and explain why this element deviates from the trend.

Trend ....

Element that deviates ....

Explanation ....

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(c) Write an equation, including state symbols, for the reaction that occurs when the first ionisation energy of carbon is measured.

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(d) Explain why the second ionisation energy of carbon is higher than the first ionisation energy of carbon.

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8 The element rubidium exists as the isotopes ^{85}Rb and ^{87}Rb

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

Number of protons ....

Number of neutrons ....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of relevant part ....

Explanation ....

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

Atomic radius of ^{88}Sr compared to ^{87}Rb ....

Explanation ....

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(Total 16 marks)

9 Trends in physical properties occur across all Periods in the Periodic Table.
This question is about trends in the Period 2 elements from lithium to nitrogen.

(a) Identify, from the Period 2 elements lithium to nitrogen, the element that has the largest atomic radius.

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(b) (i) State the general trend in first ionisation energies for the Period 2 elements lithium to nitrogen.

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(ii)   Identify the element that deviates from this general trend, from lithium to nitrogen, and explain your answer.

Element ....

Explanation ....

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(c)   Identify the Period 2 element that has the following successive ionisation energies.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
Ionisation energy / kJ mol^{-1}	1090	2350	4610	6220	37 800	47 000

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(d)   Draw a cross on the diagram to show the melting point of nitrogen.
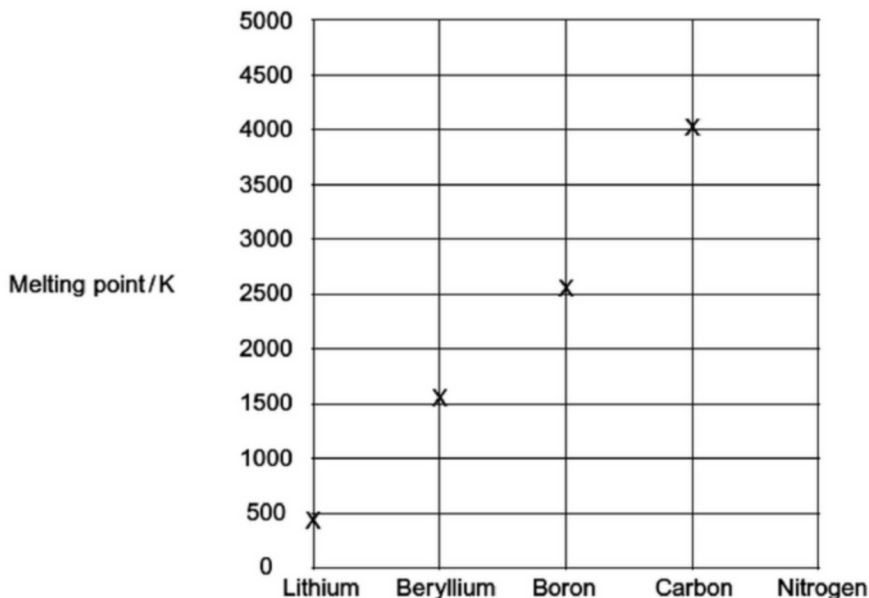
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(e)   Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why the melting point of carbon is high.

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10 This question is about the first ionisation energies of some elements in the Periodic Table.

(a) Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the reaction that occurs when the first ionisation energy of lithium is measured.

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(b) State and explain the general trend in first ionisation energies for the Period 3 elements aluminium to argon.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(c) There is a similar general trend in first ionisation energies for the Period 4 elements gallium to krypton.

State how selenium deviates from this general trend and explain your answer.

How selenium deviates from this trend ....

Explanation ....

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(d) Suggest why the first ionisation energy of krypton is lower than the first ionisation energy of argon.

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(e)   The table below gives the successive ionisation energies of an element.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Ionisation energy / kJ mol^{-1}	590	1150	4940	6480	8120

Deduce the group in the Periodic Table that contains this element.

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(f)   Identify the element that has a 5+ ion with an electron configuration of
$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10}$

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(Total 10 marks)

11   Indium is in Group 3 in the Periodic Table and exists as a mixture of the isotopes ^{113}In and ^{115}In.

(a)   Use your understanding of the Periodic Table to complete the electron configuration of
indium.

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6$ ....

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(b)   A sample of indium must be ionised before it can be analysed in a mass spectrometer.

(i)   State what is used to ionise a sample of indium in a mass spectrometer.

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(ii)   Write an equation, including state symbols, for the ionisation of indium that requires
the minimum energy.

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(iii) State why more than the minimum energy is **not** used to ionise the sample of indium.

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(iv) Give two reasons why the sample of indium must be ionised.

Reason 1 ....

Reason 2 ....

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(c) A mass spectrum of a sample of indium showed two peaks at m/z = 113 and m/z = 115. The relative atomic mass of this sample of indium is 114.5

(i) Give the meaning of the term *relative atomic mass*.

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(ii) Use these data to calculate the ratio of the relative abundances of the two isotopes.

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(d) State and explain the difference, if any, between the chemical properties of the isotopes ^{113}In and ^{115}In

Difference in chemical properties ....

Explanation ....

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(e) Indium forms a compound **X** with hydrogen and oxygen. Compound **X** contains 69.2% indium and 1.8% hydrogen by mass.
Calculate the empirical formula of compound **X**.

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(Total 15 marks)

12 The following table gives the melting points of some elements in Period 3.

Element	Na	Al	Si	P	S
Melting point / K	371	933	1680	317	392

(a) State the type of structure shown by a crystal of silicon.
Explain why the melting point of silicon is very high.

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(b) State the type of structure shown by crystals of sulfur and phosphorus.
Explain why the melting point of sulfur is higher than the melting point of phosphorus.

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(c) Draw a diagram to show how the particles are arranged in aluminium and explain why aluminium is malleable.
(You should show a minimum of six aluminium particles arranged in two dimensions.)

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(d) Explain why the melting point of aluminium is higher than the melting point of sodium.

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

$1s^2$ ....

(ii) State the block in the Periodic Table to which aluminium belongs.

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

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(d)   Explain how metals conduct electricity.

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(Total 9 marks)

14   The following diagram shows the first ionisation energies of some Period 3 elements.
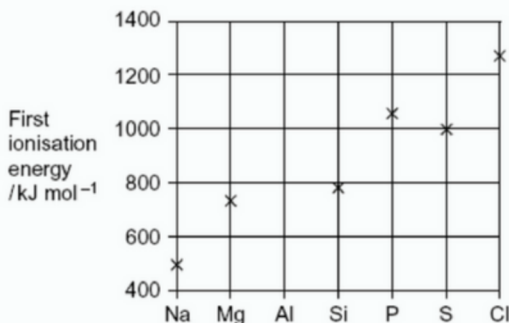
(a)   Draw a cross on the diagram to show the first ionisation energy of aluminium.

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(b)   Write an equation to show the process that occurs when the first ionisation energy of aluminium is measured.

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(2)

(c)   State which of the first, second or third ionisations of aluminium would produce an ion with the electron configuration $1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^1$

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(1)

(d)   Explain why the value of the first ionisation energy of sulfur is less than the value of the first ionisation energy of phosphorus.

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(2)

(e)   Identify the element in Period 2 that has the highest first ionisation energy and give its electron configuration.

Element ....

Electron configuration ....

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(f)   State the trend in first ionisation energies in Group 2 from beryllium to barium.
Explain your answer in terms of a suitable model of atomic structure.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(Total 11 marks)

Particle	Relative charge	Relative mass
Proton		
Neutron		
Electron		

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(b)   An atom of element **Z** has two more protons and two more neutrons than an atom of $^{34}_{16}S$. Give the symbol, including mass number and atomic number, for this atom of **Z**.

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(c)   Complete the electronic configurations for the sulphur atom, S, and the sulphide ion, S^{2-}.

S $1s^2$ ....

S^{2-} $1s^2$ ....

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

Block ....

Explanation ....

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(e)   Sodium sulphide, Na_2S, is a high melting point solid which conducts electricity when molten. Carbon disulphide, CS_2, is a liquid which does not conduct electricity.

(i)   Deduce the type of bonding present in Na_2S and that present in CS_2

Bonding in Na_2S ....

Bonding in CS_2...

(ii)   By reference to all the atoms involved explain, in terms of electrons, how Na_2S is formed from its atoms.

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CS_2

(iv) When heated with steam, CS_2 reacts to form hydrogen sulphide, H_2S, and carbon dioxide.
Write an equation for this reaction.

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(Total 16 narks)

16 (a) **P** and **Q** are oxides of Period 3 elements.

Oxide **P** is a solid with a high melting point. It does not conduct electricity when solid but does conduct when molten or when dissolved in water. Oxide **P** reacts with water forming a solution with a high pH.

Oxide **Q** is a colourless gas at room temperature. It dissolves in water to give a solution with a low pH.

(i) Identify **P**. State the type of bonding present in **P** and explain its electrical conductivity. Write an equation for the reaction of **P** with water.

(ii) Identify **Q**. State the type of bonding present in **Q** and explain why it is a gas at room temperature. Write an equation for the reaction of **Q** with water.

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(b) **R** is a hydroxide of a Period 3 element. It is insoluble in water but dissolves in both aqueous sodium hydroxide and aqueous sulphuric acid.

(i) Give the name used to describe this behaviour of the hydroxide.

(ii) Write equations for the reactions occurring.

(iii)   Suggest why **R** is insoluble in water.

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(Total 15 marks)

17 (a)   Explain why certain elements in the Periodic Table are classified as p-block elements. Illustrate your answer with an example of a p-block element and give its electronic configuration.

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(b)   Explain the meaning of the term *periodicity* as applied to the properties of rows of elements in the Periodic Table. Describe and explain the trends in atomic radius, in electronegativity and in conductivity for the elements sodium to argon.

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(Total 16 marks)

18   Ionisation energies provide evidence for the arrangement of electrons in atoms.

(a)   Complete the electron configuration of the Mg^+ ion.

$1s^2$ ....

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(b)   (i)   State the meaning of the term *first ionisation energy*.

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(ii)   Write an equation, including state symbols, to show the reaction that occurs when the **second** ionisation energy of magnesium is measured.

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(iii)   Explain why the second ionisation energy of magnesium is greater than the first ionisation energy of magnesium.

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(iv)   Use your understanding of electron arrangement to complete the table by suggesting a value for the third ionisation energy of magnesium.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Ionisation energies of magnesium / kJ mol^{-1}	736	1450		10 500	13 629

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(c)   State and explain the general trend in the first ionisation energies of the Period 3 elements sodium to chlorine.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(d)   State how the element sulfur deviates from the general trend in first ionisation energies across Period 3. Explain your answer.

How sulfur deviates from the trend ....

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Explanation ....

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(e) A general trend exists in the first ionisation energies of the Period 2 elements lithium to fluorine. Identify **one** element which deviates from this general trend.

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(Total 13 marks)

19 (a) Complete the electronic configuration for the sodium ion, Na^+

$1s^2$ ....

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(b) (i) Write an equation, including state symbols, to represent the process for which the energy change is the second ionisation energy of sodium.

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(ii) Explain why the second ionisation energy of sodium is greater than the second ionisation energy of magnesium.

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(3)

(iii) An element **X** in Period 3 of the Periodic Table has the following successive ionisation energies.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Ionisation energies / kJ mol^{-1}	577	1820	2740	11600

Deduce the identity of element **X**.

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(c) State and explain the trend in atomic radius of the Period 3 elements from sodium to chlorine.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(d) Explain why sodium has a lower melting point than magnesium.

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(e) Sodium reacts with ammonia to form the compound $NaNH_2$ which contains the NH_2^- ion.
Draw the shape of the NH_2^- ion, including any lone pairs of electrons.
Name the shape made by the three atoms in the NH_2^- ion.

Shape of NH_2^-

Name of shape ....

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(f) In terms of its electronic configuration, give **one** reason why neon does not form compounds with sodium.

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(Total 16 marks)

20 (a) When aluminium is added to an aqueous solution of copper(II) chloride, $CuCl_2$, copper metal and aluminium chloride, $AlCl_3$, are formed. Write an equation to represent this reaction.

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(b) (i) State the general trend in the first ionisation energy of the Period 3 elements from Na to Ar.

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(ii) State how, and explain why, the first ionisation energy of aluminium does not follow this general trend.

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(c) Give the equation, including state symbols, for the process which represents the second ionisation energy of aluminium.

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(d) State and explain the trend in the melting points of the Period 3 metals Na, Mg and Al.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(Total 9 marks)

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

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

$1s^2$ ....

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

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

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

Reason 1 ....

Reason 2 ....

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

    (i)   State and explain this general trend.

       Trend ……...

       Explanation ....

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

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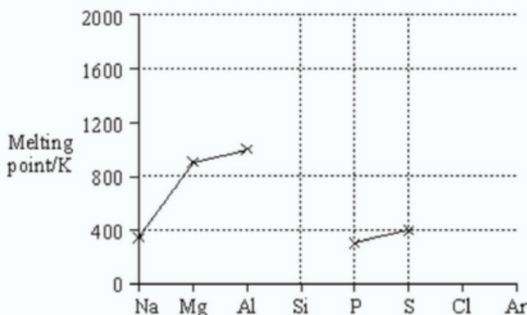
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22   (a)   The diagram below shows the melting points of some of the elements in Period 3.

    (i)   On the diagram, use crosses to mark the approximate positions of the melting points for the elements silicon, chlorine and argon. Complete the diagram by joining the crosses.

(ii)   By referring to its structure and bonding, explain your choice of position for the melting point of silicon.

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(iii)   Explain why the melting point of sulphur, S_8, is higher than that of phosphorus, P_4

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(b)   State and explain the trend in melting point of the Group II elements Ca–Ba.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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23   This question is about the elements in Period 3 from Na to P

(a)   (i)   Explain the meaning of the term *first ionisation energy*.

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(ii)   State and explain the general trend in first ionisation energies for the elements Na to P

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(iii)   State which one of the elements from Na to P deviates from this general trend and explain why this occurs.

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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(b)   State which one of the elements from Na to P has the highest melting point and explain your answer.

Element ....

Explanation ....

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(Total 11 marks)

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

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

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

Trend ....

Explanation ....

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

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

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