



3.1.4.2 Period 3 elements



173 minutes



169 marks

- M1.** (a) Elements in the p block have their outer electron(s) in p orbital(s) or levels or sub-shells **(1)**
example of element **(1)**
correct electronic configuration **(1)**

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- (b) Pattern in the change in the properties of a row of elements **(1)**
OR Trend in the properties of elements across a period

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

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

atomic radius

decreases across the row **(1)**

CE if trend is wrong

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

electronegativity

increases across the row **(1)**

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

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

conductivity

decreases row **(1)**

OR significant drop from Al to Si

Na–Al metals **(1)**

OR metallic bonding or description of metallic bonding

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

OR molecular or covalent

EITHER electrons free to move (or delocalised) in metals
OR electrons unable to move in non-metals **(1)**

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[16]

M2. (a) Macromolecular **or** giant structure (1)

Accept diamond shaped lattice

Intermolecular forces / molecular lattice / comparison to graphite structure, = 'con'

Held together by covalent bonds (1)

'Giant covalent structure' earns both M1 and M2

(Much) energy needed to break bonds **Or** many bonds to be broken (1)

Mark tied to earning 'covalent' M2 If explanation is clearly of ionic bonding = CE

Vand der Waal / temporary induced dipole-dipole / London / disperse forces (1)

Forces increase with size **or** with number of electrons **or** with surface area etc. (1)

Description must be of the molecules of P and S

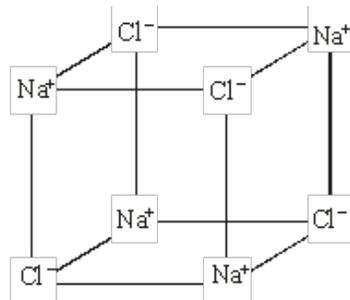
P_4 **or** $M_r = 124$ (1) S_8 **or** $M_r = 256$ (1)

If M6 (i.e. P_4) and M7 (i.e. S_8) are not attempted, allow S molecule bigger /more surface area than P molecule for 1 mark

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(b) Diagram NaCl = cubic (1)

Allow if 3 full faces shown correctly



Ions identified and placed properly (1)

If diagram shows '+' and '-' signs rather than symbols for ions, identification of the ions could be from the text

(Bonding) identified in writing as being ionic (1)

Not ionic molecule

Due to strong electrostatic attractions **or** similar description about attraction between oppositely charged ions.(1) **QoL**

Not just: 'ionic bonds are strong' / 'need much energy to break bonding'

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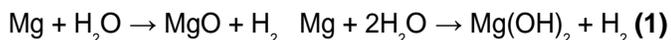
(c) Be – no reaction with water or steam (1)

Not: Be does not dissolve

Mg reacts **with steam** or reacts slowly with cold/hot water (1)

White solid (**not precipitate**) formed Bubbles (1)

or Mg glows or burns (with bright white light) Not 'fizzes' or 'gas evolved'



Condition, equation and observation marks are tied. Candidate can't mix-and-match but, when both conditions quoted, select the higher scoring option

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[15]

M3. (a) (i) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$ (1)

Allow subscripted electron numbers

(ii) p (block) (1)

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

2

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

Not +ve nuclei/centres

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

(Surrounded by) delocalised electrons (1)

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

2

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

Smaller atoms / ions (1)

Accept greater charge density for either M1 or M2

More delocalised electrons / e^- in sea of e^- / free e^- (1)

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

Max 3

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

Accept stronger 'electrostatic attraction' if phrase prescribed elsewhere

Ignore references to m/z values

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

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

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(d) (Delocalised) electrons (1)

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

Allow 'flow through metal'

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

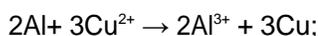
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[9]

M4. (a) $2\text{Al} + 3\text{CuCl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3 + 3\text{Cu}$;

(accept multiples/fractions)

OR



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(b) (i) increases;

1

(ii) lower than expected / lower than Mg /

1

less energy needed to ionise; e^- removed from (3)p sub-level;

1

(e^- removed may be implied)

of higher energy / further away from nucleus / shielded by 3s e^- s;

1

(c) $\text{Al}^+(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Al}^{2+}(\text{g}) + e^-$;

1

(d) trend: increases;

1

more protons / higher charge on cation / more delocalised e^- / smaller atomic/ionic radius;

stronger attraction between (cat)ions and delocalised/free/mobile e^-

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OR

stronger metallic bonding;

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[9]

- M5. (a) enthalpy/energy change/required when an electron is removed/
knocked out / displaced/ to form a uni-positive ion
(ignore 'minimum' energy) 1
- from a gaseous atom
(could get M2 from a correct equation here)
(accept 'Enthalpy/energy change for the process...'
followed by an appropriate equation, for both marks)
(accept molar definitions) 1
- (b) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$
(accept capitals and subscripts) 1
- (c) 's' block
(not a specific 's' orbital – e.g. 2s) 1
- (d) $Mg^+(g) \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g) + e^-$ or
 $Mg^+(g) + e^- \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g) + 2e^-$ or
 $Mg^+(g) - e^- \rightarrow Mg^{2+}(g)$ 1
- (e) Mg²⁺ ion smaller than Ne atom / Mg²⁺ e⁻ closer to nucleus
(Not 'atomic' radius fo Mg²⁺) 1
- Mg²⁺ has more protons than Ne / higher nuclear charge or
e⁻ is removed from a charged Mg²⁺ ion / neutral neon atom
(accept converse arguments)
(If used 'It' or Mg/magnesium/Mg³⁺ etc. & 2 correct reasons, allow
(1)) 1
- (f) (i) trend: increases
(if 'decreases', CE = 0/3) 1
- Explⁿ: more protons / increased proton number /
increased nuclear charge
(NOT increased atomic number) 1
- same shell / same shielding / smaller size 1

- (ii) QoL reference to the e^- pair in the 3p sub-level
(penalise if wrong shell, e.g. '2p', quoted)

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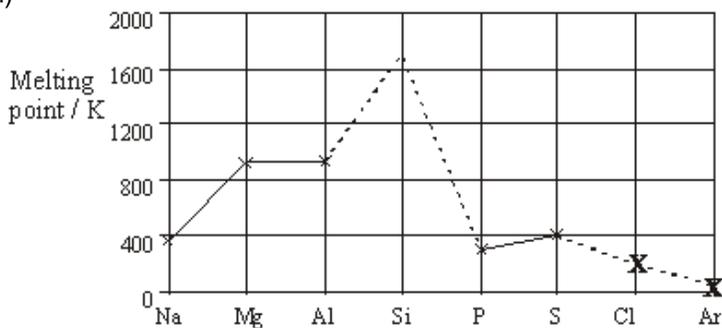
repulsion between the e^- in this e^- pair

(if not stated, ' e^- pair' must be clearly implied)
(mark M4 and M5 separately)

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[12]

M6. (a) (i)



M1 Si: cross ≥ 1200

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M2 Cl: cross below S

1

M3 Ar: cross below Cl

[allow, even if M2 wrong]

[If Cl cross missing and Ar below S, allow M3]

1

- (ii) Si is macromolecular/giant molecular/giant covalent/ giant atomic

1

Covalent bonds need to be broken/accept 'overcome'

[Not loosened/weakened]

1

Covalent bonds are strong / many covalent bonds involved/
requires much energy/hard to break

[Tied to 'break' or near miss in M2] [Not 'structure' is broken]

[Must mention 'covalent' somewhere in part (a)(ii) to earn M2/M3]

[If van der Waals'/IMF mentioned M2/M3 = CE = 0.

[If ions mentioned M1/M2/M3 = CE = 0]

1

(iii) Intermolecular force = van der Waals'/induced dipole-dipole/dispersion forces 1

QoL Sulphur has greater M_r / size / surface area/more electrons/more atoms **so** stronger intermolecular forces (comparison) [Mark separately] [Not 'more shells'] 1

(b) Trend: Decreases [If trend wrong = CE = 0] 1

Increase in size of ion/atom / more shells / decrease in charge density / decrease in charge size ratio 1

Weaker attraction for delocalised/free/sea of electrons / weaker metallic bonding [Ignore shielding] [van der Waals' etc. = CE = 0 for M2 and M3] 1

[11]

M7. (a) (i) Energy/enthalpy (change)/ ΔH /needed to remove 1 mole of electrons; Allow 1 electron Not heat alone 1

From 1 mol of gaseous atoms; From 1 gaseous atom Not mix and match moles and one electron. Allow 1 for balanced eq with ss 1

(ii) Increase; If blank mark on If incorrect CE = 0 1

Increasing nuclear charge/ increasing number of protons; Not increasing atomic number 1

Same or similar shielding /same number of shells or energy levels/ (atomic) radius decreases/electron closer to nucleus; Not same distance from nucleus. 1

(iii) Aluminium/Al;
If incorrect CE = 0 1

Electron in higher energy /p or 3p orbital;
Not 2p
Ignore shielding 1

Less energy needed to lose electron/ electron more easily
lost/ ionisation energy less; 1

(b) Silicon/Si;
If incorrect CE = 0
If silicone, silica Si₈, Si₄ mark on. 1

Macromolecular/ Giant molecular or atomic or covalent;
If IMFor ionic or metallic in Silicon then CE = 0 for explanation 1

Many or strong covalent bonds need to be broken/
lots of energy needed to break the covalent bonds;
Not loosened bonds 1

[11]

M8. (a) $2s^2 2p^6$;
If ignored the $1s^2$ given and written $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$ mark as correct
Allow capitals and subscripts 1

(b) (i) $Na^+(g) \rightarrow Na^{2+}(g) + e^{(-)}$;
One mark for equation and one mark for state symbols
 $Na^+(g) + e^{(-)} \rightarrow Na^{2+}(g) + 2e^{(-)}$;
M2 dependent on M1
Allow $Na^+(g) - e^{(-)} \rightarrow Na(g)$
Allow $X^+(g) \rightarrow X^{2+}(g) + e = 1$ mark 2

- (ii) Na⁽²⁺⁾ requires loss of e⁻ from a 2(p) orbital or 2nd energy level or 2nd shell and Mg⁽²⁺⁾ requires loss of e⁻ from a 3(s) orbital or 3rd energy level or 3rd shell / Na⁽²⁺⁾ loses e from a lower (energy) orbital/ or vice versa;
Not from 3p 1
- Less shielding (in Na);
Or vice versa for Mg 1
- e⁽⁻⁾ closer to nucleus/ more attraction (of electron to nucleus) (in Na);
M3 needs to be comparative 1
- (iii) Aluminium /Al; 1
- (c) Decreases;
If not decreases CE = 0
If blank, mark on 1
- Increasing nuclear charge/ increasing number of protons; 1
- Electrons in same shell or level/ same shielding/ similar shielding; 1
- (d) Answer refers to Na;
Allow converse answers relating to Mg.
- Na fewer protons/smaller nuclear charge/ fewer delocalised electrons;
Allow Mg is 2+ and Na is +.
If vdw CE = 0. 1
- Na is a bigger ion/ atom; 1
- Smaller attraction between nucleus and delocalised electrons;
If mentioned that charge density of Mg²⁺ is greater then allow first 2 marks.
(ie charge / size / attraction).
M3 allow weaker metallic bonding. 1
- (e) (Bent) shape showing 2 lone pairs + 2N-H bond pairs;
Atoms must be labelled.
Lone pairs can be with or without lobes. 1
- Bent / v shape/ triangular;
Not tetrahedral.
Allow non-linear.
Bent-linear = contradiction. 1

- (f) Ne has full sub-levels/ can't get any more electrons in the sub-levels/
Ne has full shells;

*Not $2s^2 2p^6$ alone.
Not stable electron configuration.*

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[16]

- M9.** (a) $2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$

*$1s^2$ can be rewritten
Allow $2s^2 2p_x^2 2p_y^2 2p_z^2 3s^1$
Allow subscripts and capitals*

1

- (b) (i) Energy/enthalpy (needed) to remove one mole of electrons
from one mole of atoms/compounds/molecules/elements

1

OR

Energy to form one mole of positive ions from one mole of atoms

OR

Energy/enthalpy to remove one electron from one atom

In the gaseous state (to form 1 mol of gaseous ions)

Energy given out loses M1

M2 is dependent on a reasonable attempt at M1

Energy needed for this change

$X(g) \rightarrow X^+(g) + e^{-} = 2$ marks

This equation alone scores one mark

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

Do not penalise MG

Not equation with X

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- (iii) Electron being removed from a positive ion (therefore need more
energy)/electron being removed is closer to the nucleus/ Mg^+
smaller (than Mg)/ Mg^+ more positive than Mg

Allow from a + particle/species

Not electron from a higher energy level/or higher sub-level

More protons = 0

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- (iv) Range from 5000 to 9000 kJ mol^{-1}

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- (c) Increase
If decrease CE = 0/3
If blank mark on 1
- Bigger nuclear charge (from Na to Cl)/more protons
 QWC 1
- electron (taken) from same (sub)shell/similar or same shielding/
 electron closer to the nucleus/smaller atomic radius
If no shielding = 0
Smaller ionic radius = 0 1
- (d) Lower
If not lower CE = 0/3
If blank mark on
Allow does not increase 1
- Two/pair of electrons in (3)p orbital or implied
 Not 2p 1
- repel (each other)
M3 dependent upon a reasonable attempt at M2 1
- (e) Boron/B or oxygen/O/O₂ 1

[13]

- M10.** (a) Macromolecular/giant covalent/giant molecular/giant atomic
If IMF/H-bonds/Ionic/metallic CE = 0/3
covalent bond between molecules CE = 0/3
If giant unqualified M1 = 0 but mark on 1
- Many/strong covalent bonds
M2 and M3 can only be scored if covalent mentioned in answer
Ignore metalloid and carbon
Ignore bp 1
- Bonds must be broken/overcome
Ignore numbers of bonds and references to energy 1

(b) (Simple) molecular

QoL

Do not allow simple covalent for M1

Giant covalent/ionic/metallic, CE = 0

If breaking covalent bonds CE= 0/3

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S bigger molecule (than P) or S₈ and P₄ references

QoL

Allow more electrons in sulfur molecule or S₈

Do not allow S is bigger than P

Allow S molecule has a bigger M_r

Do not allow contradictions

1

So more/stronger van der Waals' forces (to be broken or overcome)

Not just more energy to break

1

(c) Regular arrangement of minimum of 6 particles in minimum of 2 rows

Ignore e⁻

Do not allow ring arrangements OR structures bonded with electrons

1

+ charge in each one (of 6)

Allow +, (1+, 2+ or 3+) in ions/or in words

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Rows/planes/sheets/layers (of atoms/ions) can slide (owtte) over one another

M3 independent

If ionic bonding/molecules/IMF/vdw/covalent, penalise M3

Ignore layers of electrons sliding

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- (d) Bigger charge (3+ compared to 1+)

CE = 0 if molecules, ionic, covalent, IMF

(Allow Al^{2+})

OR smaller atom/ion in Al/more protons/bigger nuclear charge

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More free/delocalised electrons (in Al)/bigger sea of electrons in Al

Accept 2 or 3 delocalised electrons compared to 1 in Na

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Stronger metallic bonding/stronger (electrostatic) attraction between the (+) ions or nuclei and the (delocalised) electrons (or implied)

Must be implied that the electrons are the delocalised ones not the electrons in the shells.

Accept converse arguments

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[12]

- M11.** (a) 4d¹⁰ 5s² 5p¹ in any order

Allow subscripts for numbers

Allow capitals

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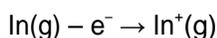
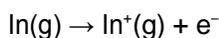
- (b) (i) Using an electron gun/(beam of) high energy/fast moving electrons

Ignore 'knocks out an electron'

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- (ii) $In(g) + e^- \rightarrow In^+(g) + 2e^-$

OR



The state symbols need not be present for the electron - but if they are they must be (g)

No need to show charge on electron

If I CE = 0

Ignore any equations using M

1

- (iii) So no more than 1 electron is knocked out/so only one electron is knocked out/prevent further ionisation

Allow stop 2+ and 3+/other ions being formed

Not to get wrong m/z

1

(iv) Any two processes from

- Accelerate (owtte)
- Deflect (owtte)
- Detect (owtte)
Ignore wrong causes of process

2 max

(c) (i) Average/mean mass of (1) atom(s) (of an element)

1

1/12 mass of one atom of ^{12}C

1

OR

(Average) mass of one mole of atoms

1/12 mass of one mole of ^{12}C

OR

(Weighted) average mass of all the isotopes

1/12 mass of one atom of ^{12}C

OR

Average mass of an atom/isotope compared to C-12 on a scale in which an atom of C-12 has a mass of 12

Not average mass of 1 molecule

Allow the wording Average mass of 1 atom of an element

compared to 1/12 mass atom of ^{12}C (or mass 1/12 atom of ^{12}C)

Allow if moles of atoms on both lines

Accept answer in words

Can have top line $\times 12$ instead of bottom line $\div 12$

If atoms/moles mixed, max = 1

(ii)
$$\frac{113x + 115y}{x + y} = 114.5$$

Allow idea that there are 4 \times 0.5 divisions between 113 and 115

1

ratio (113:115) = 1:3 **OR** 25:75 **OR** 0.5:1.5 etc

Correct answer scores M1 and M2

If 1:3 for $\ln(115):\ln(113)$, max = 1

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(d) None 1

Same no of electrons (in the outer shell)/same electron configuration
Ignore electrons determine chemical properties/ignore protons
M2 dependent on M1 being correct

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(e) 29.0%/29% O
If no O calculated, allow M2 if In and H divided by the correct A_r

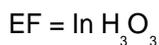
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$$\frac{69.2}{114.8/114.5} \quad \frac{1.8}{1} \quad \frac{29.0}{16}$$

1

or

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0.603 & 1.8 & 1.81 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{array}$$



Allow In(OH)₃

Do not allow last mark just for ratio 1:3:3

If InO₃H₃ given with no working then allow 3 marks

If I not In, lose M3

1

[15]

M12. (a) P = 100 000 (Pa) and V = 5.00 × 10⁻³ (m³)
M1 is for correctly converting P and V in any expression or list
Allow 100 (kPa) and 5 (dm³) for M1.

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$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{100\,000 \times 5.00 \times 10^{-3}}{8.31 \times 298}$$

M2 is correct rearrangement of PV = nRT

1

= 0.202 moles (of gas produced)
This would score M1 and M2.

Therefore $\frac{0.202}{5} = 0.0404$ moles B₂O₃

M3 is for their answer divided by 5

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$$\text{Mass of B}_2\text{O}_3 = 0.0404 \times 69.6$$

M4 is for their answer to M3 x 69.6

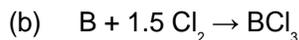
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$$= \underline{2.81} \text{ (g)}$$

M5 is for their answer to 3 sig figures.

2.81 (g) gets 5 marks.

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Accept multiples.

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3 bonds

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Pairs repel equally/ by the same amount

Do not allow any lone pairs if a diagram is shown.

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(c) (i) $43.2/117.3 (= 0.368 \text{ moles BCl}_3)$

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$$0.368 \times 3 (= 1.105 \text{ moles HCl})$$

Allow their BCl₃ moles x 3

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$$\text{Conc HCl} = \frac{1.105 \times 1000}{500}$$

Allow moles of HCl x 1000 / 500

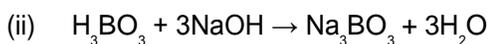
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$$= \underline{2.20 \text{ to } 2.22} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

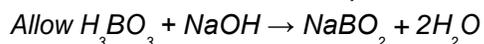
Allow 2.2

Allow 2 significant figures or more

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Allow alternative balanced equations to form acid salts.



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(d) $\frac{10.8}{120.3} (\times 100)$

Mark is for both M_r values correctly as numerator and denominator.

1

$$8.98(\%)$$

Allow 9(%)

1

Sell the HCl

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(e) Alternative method

Cl = 86.8%

$Cl = 142\text{ g}$

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B	Cl
$\frac{13.2}{10.8}$	$\frac{86.8}{35.5}$
	$\frac{B}{21.6}$
	$\frac{Cl}{142}$
	$\frac{10.8}{35.5}$

1

1.22 2.45 or ratio 1:2 or BCl_2
2:4 ratio

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BCl_2 has M_r of 81.8 so

$81.8 \times 2 = 163.6$

Formula = B_2Cl_4

B_2Cl_4

Allow 4 marks for correct answer with working shown.

Do not allow $(BCl_2)_2$

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[20]

M13. (a) Carbon / C

If M1 incorrect, CE = 0 / 3

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Fewest protons / smallest nuclear charge / least attraction between protons (in the nucleus) and electrons / weakest nuclear attraction to electrons

Allow comparative answers.

Allow converse answers for M2

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Similar shielding

Allow same shielding.

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(b) Increase

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Oxygen / O

If not oxygen, then cannot score M2, M3 and M4

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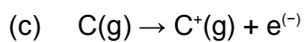
Paired electrons in a (2)p orbital

If paired electrons in incorrect p orbital, lose M3 but can award M4

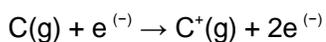
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(Paired electrons in a p orbital) repel

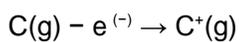
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OR



OR



Ignore state symbols for electron.

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(d) (More energy to) remove an electron from a (more) positive ion / cation

Allow electron closer to the nucleus in the positive ion.

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(e) Lithium / lithium / Li

If formula given, upper and lower case letters must be as shown.

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[10]

