

Topic 5 The Periodic Table: Periodic Trends and Group Properties

PAPER 3

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

For each question, there are four possible answers. Choose the one you consider correct and record your choice (A, B, C or D) in the brackets provided.

1. The table lists the halogens and their appearance.

halogen	appearance
fluorine	pale yellow gas
chlorine	pale yellow/green gas
bromine	brown liquid
iodine	dark purple solid
astatine	?

Astatine would be expected to be a

(2011/P3/Q10)

A brown gas. B grey liquid.
C black solid. D yellow solid.

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2. In the Periodic Table the elements are arranged in order of their

(2011/P3/Q11)

A atomic mass. B chemical reactivity.
C electron shells. D proton number.

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3. Which property of an atom determines the position of the element in the Periodic Table?

(2012/P3/Q10)

A electrons plus neutrons B electrons plus protons
C nucleon number D proton number

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4. Element X exists as diatomic molecules.

(2012/P3/Q11)

In which group of the Periodic Table is X?
A Group 0 B Group I
C Group II D Group VII

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5. Which rows shows the trends that occur when moving down Group II of the Periodic Table?

(2013/P3/Q10)

	number of valence electrons	proton number
A	decreases	decreases
B	decreases	increases
C	remains the same	decreases
D	remains the same	increases

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6. Lithium and potassium are Group I elements.

Which element has the higher melting point and which element reacts more vigorously with water?
(2013/P3/Q11)

	higher melting point	more vigorous reaction with water
A	lithium	lithium
B	lithium	potassium
C	potassium	lithium
D	potassium	potassium

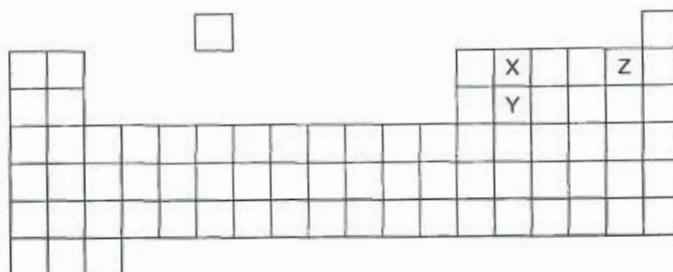
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7. Which compound contains three different non-metallic elements? (2014/P3/Q7)



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8. The diagram shows part of the Periodic Table of the Elements.



Which statement about the proton (atomic) number of X is correct? (2014/P3/Q10)

A It is one less than that of Y.
B It is sixteen less than that of Y.
C It is three less than that of Z.
D It is seven less than that of Z.

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9. Which trends in reactivity occur when moving down Group I and Group VII of the Periodic Table?
(2014/P3/Q11)

	reactivity of Group I elements	reactivity of Group VII elements
A	decrease	decrease
B	decrease	increase
C	increase	decrease
D	increase	increase

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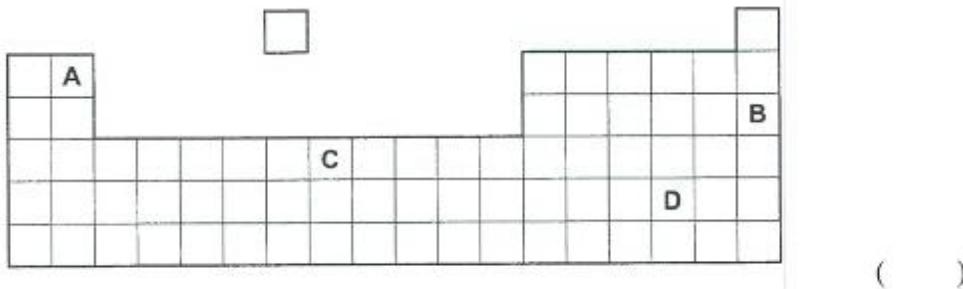
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10. How are the elements arranged in the Periodic Table? (2015/P3/Q10)
A in order of chemical reactivity
B in order of electron shells
C in order of proton number
D in order of relative atomic mass ()

11. What determines the group of an element in the Periodic Table? (2015/P3/Q11)
A the number of completely filled electron shells
B the number of electrons in the shell closest to the nucleus
C the number of electrons in the shell furthest from the nucleus
D the number of protons in the nucleus ()

12. Elements X, Y and Z are in Group VII of the Periodic Table.
X is a gas.
Y is less reactive than Z.
Z is a red liquid.
X, Y and Z are placed in order of increasing proton number.
Which order is correct? (2016/P3/Q10)
A X → Y → Z **B** X → Z → Y
C Y → X → Z **D** Y → Z → X ()

13. An atom of element R has an electronic structure of 2,8,6.
The positions in the Periodic Table of four elements are shown.
Which element will have properties most similar to R? (2016/P3/Q11)



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14. When sodium reacts with water, a solution and a gas are produced.



The solution is tested with Universal Indicator paper and the gas is tested with a splint.
Which row describes what happens to the Universal Indicator paper and to the splint?

(2017/P3/Q10)

	Universal Indicator paper	splint
A	turns blue	glowing splint relights
B	turns blue	lighted splint 'pops'
C	turns red	glowing splint relights
D	turns red	lighted splint 'pops'

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15. Three elements each have two valency electrons.

Which statement about the elements is correct?

(2017/P3/Q11)

A They are all metallic and belong to the same group of the Periodic Table.
B They are all metallic but belong to different groups of the Periodic Table.
C They are all non-metallic and belong to the same group of the Periodic Table.
D They are all non-metallic but belong to different groups of the Periodic Table. ()

16. The table shows some properties of two elements in Group VII of the Periodic Table.

element	state at 20°C	density at 20°C / g per cm ³	melting point / °C
chlorine	gas	0.0032	-101
bromine	liquid	3.1	-7

What are the properties of fluorine?

(2018/P3/Q10)

	state at 20°C	density at 20°C / g per cm ³	melting point / °C
A	gas	0.0017	-220
B	gas	0.17	-188
C	liquid	0.0017	-220
D	liquid	0.17	-188

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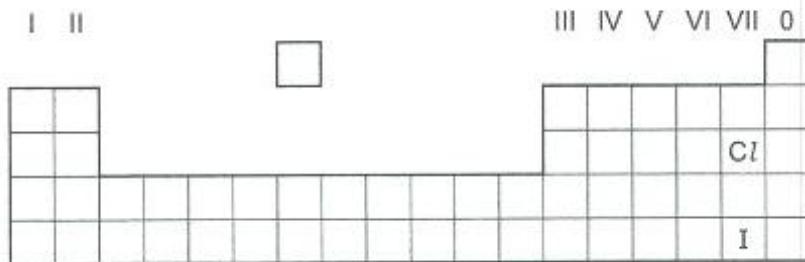
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17. Beryllium, magnesium and calcium are all in the same group of the Periodic Table. Which statement about these elements is correct? (2018/P3/Q11)

A They all have the same number of electrons in their atoms.
 B They all have the same number of electrons in their outer shell.
 C They all have the same number of protons in their atoms.
 D They all have the same total number of protons plus neutrons in the nuclei of their atoms. ()

18. The positions of two elements iodine, I, and chlorine, Cl, in the Periodic Table are shown.



How do the colours and melting points of iodine and chlorine compare? (2019/P3/Q10)

	lighter colour	higher melting point
A	iodine	iodine
B	iodine	chlorine
C	chlorine	iodine
D	chlorine	chlorine

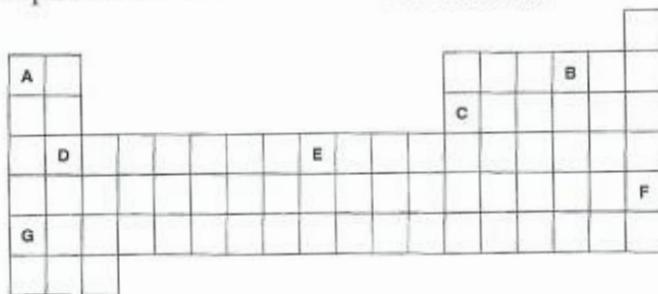
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19. Which statement about the element with relative atomic mass 16 is correct? (2019/P3/Q11)

A It forms ions with a charge of 3–.
 B It has 8 electrons in its outer shell.
 C It has 8 protons in its nucleus.
 D It is a metallic element. ()

PAPER 4**STRUCTURED QUESTIONS****Section A***Answer the following questions.*

1. The diagram shows part of the Periodic Table of the Elements.



Use the letters **A** to **G** in the diagram to answer the following questions.

(a) Which two elements are in the same Group? [1]

(b) Which is the least reactive element? [1]

(2014/P4/Q3)

2. The arrangement of electrons in the atoms of six different elements is shown in the table. The letters do not represent the chemical symbols of the elements.

element	P	Q	R	S	T	U
arrangement of electrons in the atoms	2, 4	2, 6	2, 7	2, 8, 1	2, 8, 6	2, 8, 8

Use the letters, **P**, **Q**, **R**, **S**, **T** and **U** to answer the following questions.

(a) Which element has a proton number of 8? [1]

(b) Which element forms a basic oxide? [1]

(c) Which two elements are in the same group of the Periodic Table? [1]

(2017/P4/Q1)

Section B*Answer the following questions.*

1. (a) Complete the table.

element	proton number	arrangement of electrons
lithium	3	
sodium		2, 8, 1
potassium		

[3]

(b) Use the table to explain why these three elements are in the same group of the Periodic Table. [1]

(c) Describe the trend in melting points from lithium to potassium. [1]
(2011/P4/Q6a)

2. Chlorine is a member of the group in the Periodic Table known as the halogens.

(a) Name two other members of the halogen group. [1]

(b) Arrange these three halogens in order of increasing chemical reactivity. [1]
(2013/P4/Q4ai, ii)

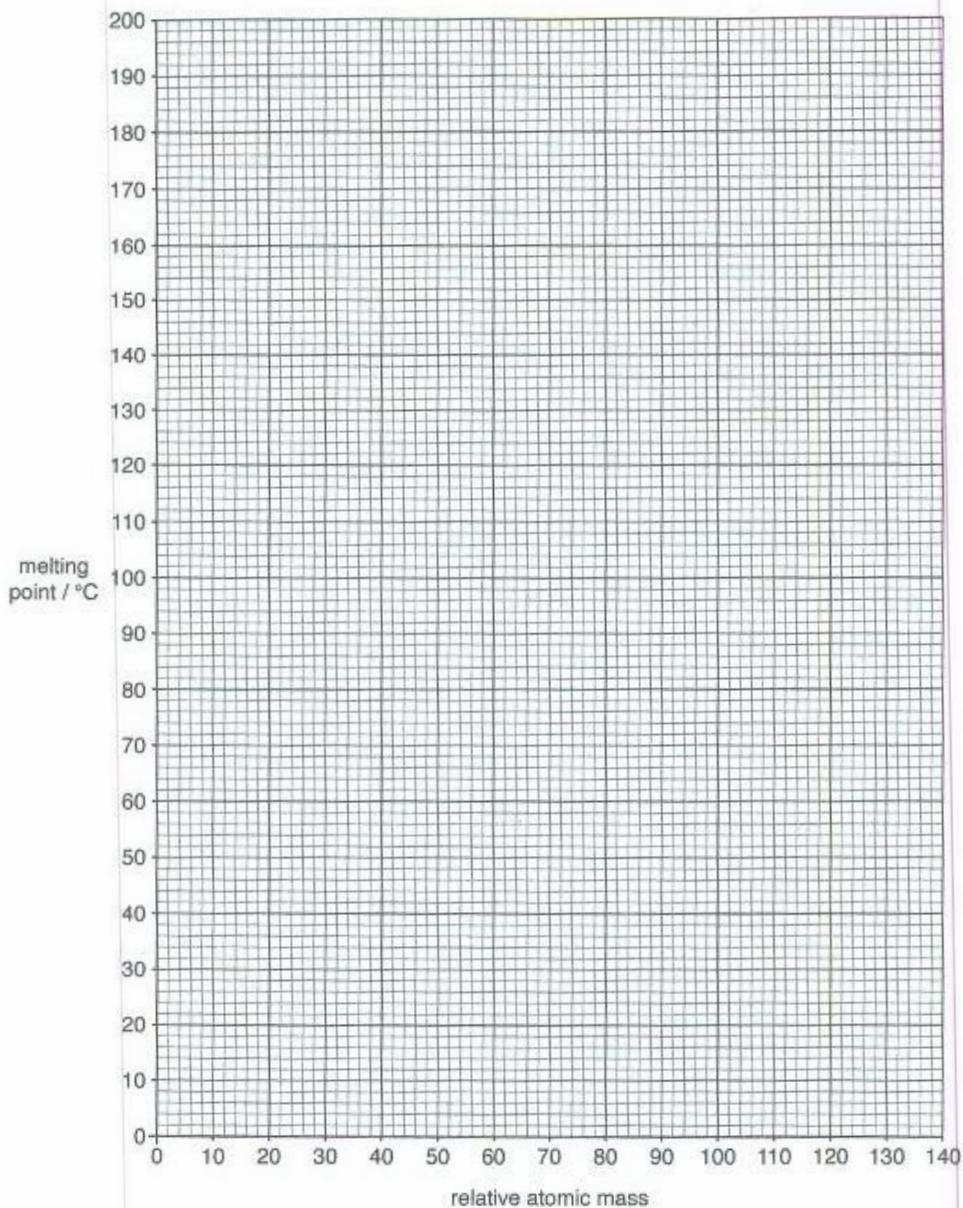
3. To which period of the Periodic Table does the element iron belong? [1]
(2015/P4/Q6a)

4. The table shows the relative atomic masses, A_r , and the melting points of some Group I metals.

metal	relative atomic mass, A_r	melting point/°C
lithium	7	181
sodium	23	98
potassium	39	
rubidium	85	39
caesium	133	28

(a) Plot a graph of melting point against relative atomic mass, marking each point with a cross (x). [1]

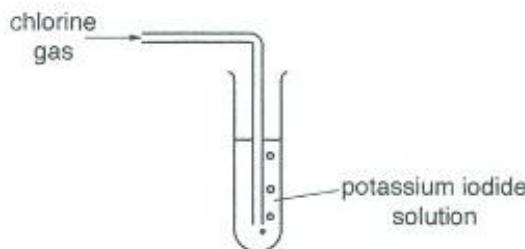
(b) Draw a curved line of best fit, taking into account all your plotted points. [1]



(c) Use your graph to predict the melting point of potassium. [1]

(d) Explain why all these elements are placed in Group I of the Periodic Table. [1]
(2016/P4/Q7a)

5. A teacher uses the apparatus below to bubble chlorine gas through a colourless potassium iodide solution in a fume cupboard.



(a) Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction that occurs between chlorine and the potassium iodide solution. [2]

(b) Describe an observation that could be made during this chemical reaction. [1]

(2017/P4/Q5b)

6. The table shows some elements from Groups II, V and VI of the Periodic Table and their electronic structures. The period of the elements is also shown.

element	beryllium	magnesium	calcium	nitrogen	phosphorus	sulfur
electronic structure	2, 2	2, 8, 2	2, 8, 8, 2	2, 5	2, 8, 5	2, 8, 6
group	II	II	II	V	V	VI
period	2	3	4	2	3	3

(a) Use the table to deduce a relationship between the electronic structure and the group in which the element is found. [1]

(b) Use the table to deduce a relationship between the electronic structure and the period in which the element is found. [1]

(c) Describe the change in character of the elements that occurs as you move from left to right across a period of the Periodic Table. [1]

(2019/P4/Q4a)