

Mark schemes

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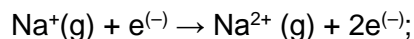
(a) $2s^2 2p^6$;

*If ignored the $1s^2$ given and written $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$ mark as correct
Allow capitals and subscripts*

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(b) (i) $Na^+(g) \rightarrow Na^{2+}(g) + e^{-}$;

One mark for equation and one mark for state symbols



M2 dependent on M1

Allow $Na^+(g) - e^{-} \rightarrow Na(g)$

Allow $X^+(g) \rightarrow X^{2+}(g) + e = 1$ mark

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(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

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Less shielding (in Na);

Or vice versa for Mg

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e^{-} closer to nucleus/ more attraction (of electron to nucleus) (in Na);

M3 needs to be comparative

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(iii) Aluminium /Al;

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(c) Decreases;

If not decreases CE = 0

If blank, mark on

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Increasing nuclear charge/ increasing number of protons;

1

Electrons in same shell or level/ same shielding/ similar shielding;

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(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.

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Na is a bigger ion/ atom;

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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.

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(e) (Bent) shape showing 2 lone pairs + 2N-H bond pairs;

Atoms must be labelled.

Lone pairs can be with or without lobes.

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Bent / v shape/ triangular;

Not tetrahedral.

Allow non-linear.

Bent-linear = contradiction.

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

Ne has full shells;

Not 2s² 2p⁶ alone.

Not stable electron configuration.

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(a) (i) Energy/enthalpy (change)/ ΔH / needed to remove 1 mole of electrons;

Allow 1 electron

Not heat alone

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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

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(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 IMF for 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

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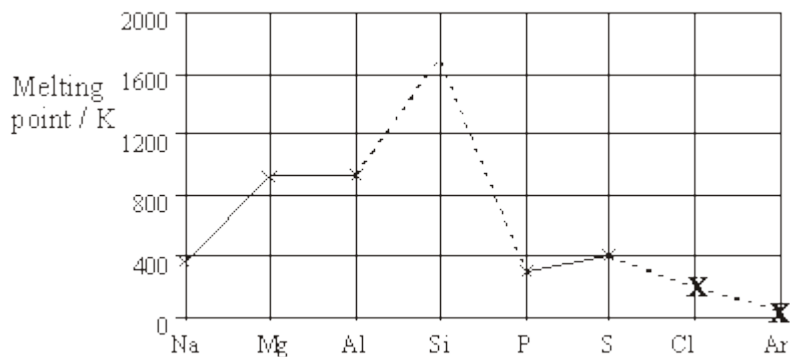
(a) Outer electrons are in p orbitals 1

- (b) decreases 1
- Number of protons increases 1
- Attracting outer electrons in the same shell (or similar shielding) 1
- (c) Sulfur molecules (S_8) are larger than phosphorus (P_4) 1
- Therefore van der Waals' forces between molecules are stronger 1
- Therefore more energy needed to loosen forces between molecules 1
- (d) Argon particles are single atoms with electrons closer to nucleus 1
- Cannot easily be polarised (or electron cloud not easily distorted) 1

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(a) (i)



M1 Si: cross ≥ 1200 1

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

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

(ignore 'minimum' energy)

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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)

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

(accept capitals and subscripts)

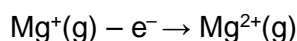
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- (c) 's' block

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

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



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- (e) Mg²⁺ ion smaller than Ne atom / Mg²⁺ e⁻ closer to nucleus

(Not 'atomic' radius fo Mg²⁺)

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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))

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- (f) (i) trend: increases

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

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Explⁿ: more protons / increased proton number /
increased nuclear charge

(NOT increased atomic number)

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same shell / same shielding / smaller size

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- (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)

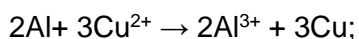
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- (a) $2\text{Al} + 3\text{CuCl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3 + 3\text{Cu}$;
(accept multiples/fractions)

OR



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- (b) (i) increases;

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- (ii) lower than expected / lower than Mg /

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

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(e⁻ removed' may be implied)

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

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

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(d) trend: increases;

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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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