



IB Chemistry – SL

Topic 3 Answers

1. D [1]
2. B [1]
3. C [1]
4. B [1]
5. B [1]
6. C [1]
7. B [1]
8. C [1]
9. B [1]
10. A [1]
11. C [1]
12. A [1]
13. C [1]
14. D [1]
15. D [1]
16. D [1]
17. D [1]
18. A [1]
19. B [1]

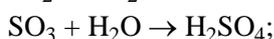


20. D [1]

21. C [1]

22. C [1]

23. oxides of: Na, Mg: basic;
Al: amphoteric;
Si to Cl: acidic;
Ar: no oxide;
All four correct [2], two or three correct [1].



4

Must be balanced for marks.

Award marks for alternative correct equations such as SO_3 with NaOH .

[4]

24. *alkali metals:*
metallic bonding/a bed of cations in a sea of electrons;
as radius increases down the group, valence electrons are further away from nucleus (and strength of metallic bonding decreases);

halogens:

non-polar/van der Waals' forces between molecules;
as size increases van der Waals' forces increase (and melting point increases);

period 3 elements:

increase in melting points of metals (Na, Mg, Al) due to increase in number of valence electrons **and** decrease in size/the way atoms are packed as solids;
Award mark just for "increased number of delocalized or valence electrons".

silicon:

network covalent solid (with very high melting point);
Award mark also for "many or strong covalent bonds".

P → Ar:

simple molecular (atomic in case of Ar) substances with weak van der Waals' forces (and lower melting points);
trend in P_4 , S_8 , Cl_2 , Ar due to size/mass of particles;

8

*Award mark for "decreasing mass or size".
Molecular formulae not necessary.*

[8]

25. (i) and (ii) marked together.

K less than Na because

electron removed (from K) is from higher energy level/further from nucleus/in $n = 4$ compared to $n = 3$;



this is more important than the extra 8 protons in K/OWTTE;
increase repulsion by extra shell of electrons/greater shielding effect;
so less strongly attracted by nucleus;

K less than Ar because

electron removed (from K) is from higher energy level/further from nucleus/
in $n = 4$ compare to $n = 3$;
and has only one more proton;
increase repulsion by extra shell of electrons/greater shielding effect;
so less strongly attracted by nucleus;

Mg greater than Na because

(Mg has) greater nuclear charge/one more proton/12 protons compare to 11;
electron removed is in same (main) higher energy level/shell;
smaller (atomic) radius;
so more strongly attracted by nucleus;

7

Accept opposite worded arguments, i.e. why Na is greater than K.

Award [7] for any seven correct but accept less/more strongly attracted to nucleus once only.

(iii) second electron in Na removed from $n = 2$, whereas second electron in Mg removed from $n = 3$

1

[8]

26. (i) period is a horizontal row in the periodic table and a group is a vertical column/OWTTE;

1

(ii) 2,5;
electrons in two energy levels/shells;
five outer/valence electrons;

3

[4]

27. (i) atomic radius of $N > O$ because O has greater nuclear charge; greater attraction for the outer electrons/OWTTE;

2

(ii) atomic radius of $P > N$ because P has outer electrons in an energy level further from the nucleus/OWTTE;

1

(iii) $N^{3-} > N$ /ionic radius $>$ atomic radius because N^{3-} has more electrons than protons; so the electrons are held less tightly/OWTTE;

2

Award [1] for greater repulsion in N^{3-} due to more electrons (no reference to protons).

[5]

28. (i) *Li to Cs*
atomic radius increases;
because more full energy levels are used or occupied/outer electrons further from nucleus/outer electrons in a higher shell;
ionization energy decreases;
because the electron removed is further from the nucleus/increased repulsion by inner-shell electrons;

4

Accept increased shielding effect.



- (ii) *Na to Cl*
atomic radius decreases;
because nuclear charge increases **and** electrons are added to same
main (outer) energy level;
ionization energy increases;
because nuclear charge increases **and** the electron removed is closer to the
nucleus/is in the same energy level;

4

Accept "core charge" for "nuclear charge".

In (i) and (ii) explanation mark dependent on correct trend.

[8]

29. (i) *similarities [3 max]*
the metal floats/moves on the surface;
fizzing/effervescence/bubbles; (*accept sound is produced*)
solution gets hot;
solution becomes alkaline/basic;
they react to form the metal hydroxide;
hydrogen is evolved;
- differences [1 max]*
flame/hydrogen burns with potassium (and not with lithium)
/reaction faster/more vigorous with potassium/slower or
less vigorous with lithium;

4

- (ii) $2\text{Li} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Li}^+ + 2\text{OH}^- + \text{H}_2$ / $2\text{K} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{K}^+ + 2\text{OH}^- + \text{H}_2$;
Accept LiOH/KOH.

pH \geq 11;

LiOH/KOH is a strong base/strong alkali/high concentration of OH^- ;

3

[7]

30. (a) (i) *aluminium oxide*
amphoteric;
- (ii) *sodium oxide*
basic;
- (iii) *sulfur dioxide*
acidic;

3

- (b) (i) $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Na}^+ + 2\text{OH}^-$;

- (ii) $\text{SO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$;

2

Accept NaOH and $\text{H}^+ + \text{HSO}_3^-$ / $2\text{H}^+ + \text{SO}_3^{2-}$.

[5]

31. (a) sulfur is (simple) molecular;
(contains) covalent bonds/no delocalized electrons/all (outer) electrons used
in bonding;
aluminium contains positive ions and delocalized electrons;
(delocalized) electrons move (when voltage applied or current flows);

4



- (b) silicon dioxide is macromolecular/giant covalent;
many/strong covalent bonds must be broken; 2
Award max [1] if no mention of covalent.
Do not accept weakened instead of broken. [6]
32. (i) electron removed from higher energy level/further from nucleus/
greater atomic radius;
increased repulsion by extra inner shell electrons/increased shielding
effect; 2
- (ii) Mg has twice as many/more delocalized electrons (compared to Na);
the ionic charge is twice as big/greater in Mg (than Na);
(electrostatic) attraction between ions and electrons is much greater; 3 [5]
33. oxides of Na, Mg are basic
Al is amphoteric
Si, P, S and Cl are acidic
Award 7 correct [3], 6/5 correct [2] and 4/3 correct [1].
- $\text{SO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3/\text{SO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/$
- $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4/\text{P}_4\text{O}_6 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3;$
- $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH}/\text{MgO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2;$ 5
Accept equation using P_2O_3 or P_2O_5 . [5]
34. (i) (chlorine has) an extra proton/more protons/greater nuclear charge/
17+ compared to 16+;
outer electrons attracted more strongly; 2
- (ii) ability of atom to attract bonding pair of electrons/electrons in a
covalent bond;
chlorine has a smaller radius/(electrons) closer to nucleus/in lower
energy level;
repelled by fewer inner electrons/decreased shielding effect; 3 [5]
35. (a) (i) the ability of an atom to attract a bonding pair of electrons;
inert/do not react/do not attract electrons/stable electron
configuration/full outer electron shell/do not form bonds; 2
- (ii) electronegativity increases (along period 3 from Na to Cl);
number of protons increases/nuclear charge increase/core charge
increase/size of atom decreases; 2
Do not accept "greater nuclear attraction".
- (iii) Cl_2 stronger oxidising agent;



Cl₂ has greater attraction for electrons/has a higher electron affinity;
Accept converse statements for Br₂.

2

(b) MgO – basic oxide/alkali;
MgO + 2HCl → MgCl₂ + H₂O/MgO + H₂O → Mg(OH)₂;

Al₂O₃ – amphoteric oxide/acidic and basic oxide;

Al₂O₃ + 6HCl → 2AlCl₃ + 3H₂O;

Al₂O₃ + 2OH⁻ + 3H₂O → 2Al(OH)₄⁻/Al₂O₃ + 2OH⁻ → 2AlO₂⁻ + H₂O;

P₄O₆ – acidic oxide;

P₄O₆ + 6H₂O → 4H₃PO₃;

7

All equations must be balanced.

[13]

36. (i) minimum energy required to remove one (mole of) electron(s) from
(one mole of) (a) gaseous atom(s)/OWTTE;

1

(ii) 2Li(s) + 2H₂O(l) → 2LiOH(aq) + H₂(g)/Li(s) + H₂O(l) → LiOH(aq)
+ 1/2H₂(g);

1

State symbols not required

(iii) (ionization energy) decreases;
radius increases/valence electrons further away from nucleus/
electron removed from higher shell;
(nuclear charge increases but) shielding/screening effect increases/
more electrons between nucleus and valence electron/lower effective
nuclear charge/ Z_{eff} ;

3

(iv) phosphorus has a higher (effective) nuclear charge/ Z_{eff} ;
radius of P is smaller;
electron pair/bonding electrons attracted more strongly;

2

(v) both have same number of protons/14 protons/nuclear charge/core charge;
Si⁴⁺ formed by electron loss, Si⁴⁻ formed by electron gain;
Si⁴⁺ : 2.8 arrangement/2 (complete) energy levels/electrons in n = 2;
Si⁴⁻ : 2.8.8 arrangement/3 (complete) energy levels/electrons in n = 3;
explanation of proton : electron ratio;
higher effective nuclear charge/ Z_{eff} in Si⁴⁺;

4

[11]

37. $IE_S < IE_O$:

valence electron in S in n = 3, in O in n = 2/e⁻ further away/S has another
electron shell/atomic radius of S greater than that of O;
less attracted to nucleus/experiences greater screening from inner electrons;
 $IE_S < IE_P$;

electron removed from S is paired;



- greater repulsion due to two electrons in the same (p) orbital/paired electrons in S; 4 [4]
38. (i) Mg has greater nuclear charge/greater charge on cation/more valence e^- /greater number of delocalized electrons/Na has lesser nuclear charge/lesser charge on cation/less valence e^- /lesser number of delocalized electrons; stronger attraction between cation and delocalized/free/valence electrons; 2
If neither mark scored, accept stronger metallic bonding in Mg for [1 max].
- (ii) giant/network/lattice/macromolecular structure; many/strong covalent bonds (need to be broken); 2
- (iii) (simple) molecular substances; weak van der Waals'/dispersion/London forces between molecules; 2
"Weak intermolecular forces" not sufficient for second mark
- [6]
39. Oxides of: Na and Mg are basic;
Al is amphoteric;
Si to Cl are acidic;
Ar has no oxide;
All four correct award [2], two or three correct award [1].
- $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH}$ and $\text{SO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$; 3
*Must be balanced for mark.
Award marks for alternative correct equations such as SO_3 with NaOH .*
- [3]
40. (a) (i) Na has lower nuclear charge/number of protons; electrons being removed are from same energy level/shell; **or** Na has larger radius/electron further from nucleus; 2
max
Award this mark if both electron arrangements are given.
- (ii) Na electron closer to nucleus/in lower energy level/Na has less shielding effect; 1
Allow counter arguments for Mg in (i) and K in (ii).
- (b) chlorine has a higher nuclear charge; attracts the electron **pair**/electrons in bond more strongly; 2
- [5]
41. (a) (i) the (minimum) energy required/needed for the removal of one electron; from a gaseous/isolated atom; 2
- (ii) $\text{Al(g)} \rightarrow \text{Al}^+(\text{g}) + e^-$; 1
Do not penalize the answer if (g) is after e.



(b) greater nuclear charge/greater number of protons/atom radius is smaller;
stronger attraction (for electron); 2

(c) $2\text{Li} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{LiOH} + \text{H}_2$;
Ignore state symbols.

effervescence/fizzing/bubbles/*OWTTE*;
lithium moves around/decrease in size of piece;
Accept dissolves or disappears.

heat produced; 3
Award [1] each for any two of last three observations.

[8]

42. (a) the ability of an element/atom/nucleus to attract a bonding pair of electrons; 1

(b) electronegativity increases (along period 3 from Na to Cl);
number of protons increases/nuclear charge increases/core charge increases
/size of atoms decreases; 2
Do not accept greater nuclear attraction.

(c) Cl_2 is a stronger oxidizing agent/Chlorine's outer shell closer to nucleus;
 Cl_2 has greater attraction for electrons/has a higher electron affinity; 2
Accept converse argument for Br_2 .

[5]