

**Q1.**

This question is about magnesium and its compounds.

- (a) State **one** observation when magnesium reacts with steam.

Give an equation, including state symbols, for this reaction.

Observation \_\_\_\_\_

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Equation

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- (b) Describe the bonding in magnesium.

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- (c) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, why magnesium chloride has a high melting point.

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- (d) Give **one** medical use for magnesium hydroxide.

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**(Total 8 marks)**

**Q2.**

This question is about sodium and some of its compounds.

- (a) Use your knowledge of structure and bonding to explain why sodium bromide has a melting point that is higher than that of sodium, and higher than that of sodium iodide.

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- (b) When 250 mg of sodium were added to 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of water at 25 °C a gas was produced.

Give an equation for the reaction that occurs.

Calculate the volume, in cm<sup>3</sup>, of the gas formed at 101 kPa

The gas constant,  $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Equation \_\_\_\_\_

Volume \_\_\_\_\_ cm<sup>3</sup>

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- (c) Calculate the concentration, in mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, of sodium ions in the solution produced in the reaction in **part (b)**.

Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

**(1)**



- (d) Sodium reacts with ammonia to form the compound  $\text{NaNH}_2$  that contains the  $\text{NH}_2^-$  ion.

Draw the shape of the  $\text{NH}_2^-$  ion.

Include any lone pairs of electrons that influence the shape.

Predict the bond angle.

Justify your prediction.

Shape

Bond angle \_\_\_\_\_

Justification \_\_\_\_\_

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(4)

(Total 17 marks)

### Q3.

- (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 ( $\text{NiCl}_2$ ).

- (i) Give the full electron configuration of the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  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  $\text{SOCl}_2$ . Identify **one** substance that could react with both gaseous products.



Substance \_\_\_\_\_

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(Total 9 marks)

**Q4.**

This question is about some Period 3 elements and their oxides.

- (a) Describe what you would observe when, in the absence of air, magnesium is heated strongly with water vapour at temperatures above 373 K.  
Write an equation for the reaction that occurs.

Observations \_\_\_\_\_

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Equation \_\_\_\_\_

**(3)**

- (b) Explain why magnesium has a higher melting point than sodium.

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**(2)**

- (c) State the structure of, and bonding in, silicon dioxide.  
Other than a high melting point, give **two** physical properties of silicon dioxide that are characteristic of its structure and bonding.

Structure \_\_\_\_\_

Bonding \_\_\_\_\_

Physical property 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Physical property 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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- (d) Give the formula of the species in a sample of solid phosphorus(V) oxide.  
State the structure of, and describe fully the bonding in, this oxide.

Formula \_\_\_\_\_

Structure \_\_\_\_\_

Bonding \_\_\_\_\_

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- (e) Sulfur(IV) oxide reacts with water to form a solution containing ions.

Write an equation for this reaction.

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**(1)**

- (f) Write an equation for the reaction between the acidic oxide, phosphorus(V) oxide, and the basic oxide, magnesium oxide.

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**(1)****(Total 15 marks)**





- (b) Explain why calcium has a higher melting point than strontium.

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- (c) Magnesium is used in fireworks. It reacts rapidly with oxygen, burning with a bright white light. Magnesium reacts slowly with cold water.

Write an equation for the reaction of magnesium with oxygen.

Write an equation for the reaction of magnesium with cold water.

Give a medical use for the magnesium compound formed in the reaction of magnesium with cold water.

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(Total 10 marks)



## Mark schemes

### Q1.

- (a) Bright light / white light / white powder/ash/solid 1
- $\text{Mg(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(g)} \rightarrow \text{MgO(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{(g)}$   
*State symbols essential* 1
- (b) M1: Attraction between (lattice of)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions  
*M1 attraction between nucleus and delocalised electrons or  
 between + ions and delocalised electrons* 1
- M2: And delocalised electrons  
*M2 outer shell electrons delocalised* 1
- (c) (Giant) ionic lattice / lots of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions 1
- Strong (electrostatic) forces of attraction 1
- Between  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions  
*Allow oppositely charged ions* 1
- (d) Indigestion relief / laxative / neutralise (excess stomach) acid  
*Allow milk of magnesia* 1

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### Q2.

This question is marked using Levels of Response. Examiners should apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.	
Level 3 5-6 marks	All stages are covered and the explanation of each stage is generally correct and virtually complete. Answer is communicated coherently and shows a logical progression from stage 1 to stage 2 and then stage 3. Coherent communication requires that there is a comparison between the types of bonding and that the bonding is correct for each substance.
Level 2 3-4 marks	All stages are covered but the explanation of each stage may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR two stages are covered and the explanations are generally correct and virtually complete.



	Answer is mainly coherent and shows some progression from stage 1 to stage 2 and then stage 3.
Level 1 1-2 marks	Two stages are covered but the explanation of each stage may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR only one stage is covered but the explanation is generally correct and virtually complete. Answer shows some progression between two stages
Level 0 0 marks	Insufficient correct chemistry to gain a mark.

Indicative chemistry content. Contradictions (eg molecules, IMFs, covalent bonding,) negate statements.

### Stage 1 - Na

1a) Na has metallic bonding

1b) there is attraction/ bonding between the positive nucleus/ ion and the delocalised electrons in Na

1c) Na has a giant/lattice structure

### Stage 2 – NaBr or NaI

2a) Ionic bonding in NaBr and/or NaI

2b) There is attraction/ bonding between the + and – ions in NaBr and/or NaI

2c) NaBr and/or NaI have a giant/lattice structure

### Stage 2 – comparison of bonding

3a) The ionic bonds are stronger (or wtte) than the metallic bonds

3b) there is stronger attraction (or wtte) between the + and – ions in NaBr than in NaI

3c) since the Br<sup>-</sup> ion is smaller than the I<sup>-</sup> ion

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(b) **M1**  $\text{Na} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NaOH} + \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2$

*Allow multiples*

1

**M2** (Mass Na = 0.250 g so moles Na =  $0.250/23.0$ ) = 0.0109

*CE: If not divided by 23, max 3/5 calculation marks – M3, M4 and M5*

*AE: If not divided by 1000 and final answer is  $1.33 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$  4/5*

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**M3** moles H<sub>2</sub> =  $5.43 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $5.45 \times 10^{-3}$

*M3 = M2 /2*

*CE: If incorrect ratio used max 3/5 calculation marks – M2, M4 and M5*

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**M4** T = 298 (K) and P = 101000 (Pa)

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**M5**  $V = nRT/P$  or  $(5.435 \times 10^{-3} \times 8.31 \times 298)/101000$  or  $1.33 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$

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**M6**  $V = 133 - 134 \text{ cm}^3$



Allow to 2 significant figures or more

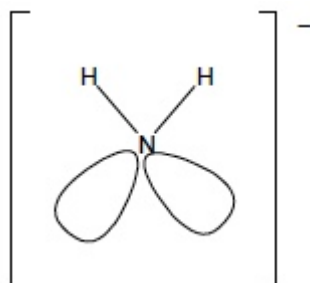
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(c)  $\text{Conc} = 0.0109 / 500 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0217\text{-}0.022 \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)}$

Allow M2 from question (b)

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(d) **M1**



Ignore charge and brackets

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**M2** 104.5°

Allow 104-106

1

**M3** (4) electron pairs repel to be as far apart as possible

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**M4** lp/lp repulsion > lp/bp repulsion (> bp/bp repulsion)

For M4 allow lone pairs repel more than bonding pairs

Mark independently

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### Q3.

(a) (i) d (block) **OR** D (block)

Ignore transition metals / series.

Do not allow any numbers in the answer.

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(ii) Contains positive (metal) ions or protons or nuclei and delocalised / mobile / free / sea of electrons

Ignore atoms.

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Strong attraction between them or strong metallic bonds

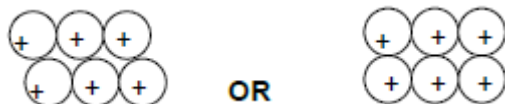
Allow 'needs a lot of energy to break / overcome' instead of 'strong'.

If strong attraction between incorrect particles, then CE = 0 / 2.

If molecules / intermolecular forces / covalent bonding / ionic bonding mentioned then CE=0.

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(iii)



*M1 is for regular arrangement of atoms / ions (min 6 metal particles).*

*M2 for + sign in each metal atom / ion.*

*Allow 2+ sign.*

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(iv) Layers / planes / sheets of atoms or ions can slide over one another  
*QoL.*

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(b) (i)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^8 (4s^0)$   
*Only.*

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(ii)  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + 6 \text{SOCl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{NiCl}_2 + 6 \text{SO}_2 + 12 \text{HCl}$   
*Allow multiples.*

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$\text{NaOH} / \text{NH}_3 / \text{CaCO}_3 / \text{CaO}$

*Allow any name or formula of alkali or base.*

*Allow water.*

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#### Q4.

(a) White powder / solid / ash / smoke  
*Ignore ppt / fumes*

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Bright / white light / flame

*Allow glows white / glows bright*

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$\text{Mg} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{MgO} + \text{H}_2$

*Ignore state symbols*

*Ignore reference to effervescence or gas produced*

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(b)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  / magnesium ion has higher charge than  $\text{Na}^+$

*Allow  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions smaller / greater charge density than  $\text{Na}^+$  ions*

*Allow Mg atoms smaller than Na (atoms)*

*Allow magnesium has more delocalised electrons*

*Must be a comparison*

*Ignore reference to nuclear charge*

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Attracts delocalised / free / sea of electrons more strongly / metal–metal bonding stronger / metallic bonding stronger

*Wrong type of bonding (vdW, imf), mention of molecules CE = 0*



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- (c) **Structure:** Macromolecular / giant molecule / giant covalent  
*Mark independently* 1
- Bonding:** Covalent / giant covalent 1
- Physical Properties:**
- Any **two** from: Hard/  
 Brittle / not malleable  
 Insoluble  
 Non conductor  
*Ignore correct chemical properties*  
*Ignore strong, high boiling point, rigid* 2
- (d) **Formula:** P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> 1  
*Mention of ionic or metallic, can score M1 only*
- Structure:** Molecular 1  
*If macromolecular, can score M1 & M3 only*
- Bonding:** Covalent / shared electron pair 1
- van der Waals' / dipole–dipole forces between molecules  
*Allow vdW, imf and dipole–dipole imf but do not allow imf alone* 1
- (e) SO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O → H<sup>+</sup> + HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> 1  
*Products must be ions*  
*Allow SO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O → 2H<sup>+</sup> + SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>*  
*Allow two equations showing intermediate formation of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> that ends up as ions*  
*Ignore state symbols*  
*Allow multiples*
- (f) P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + 6MgO → 2Mg<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 1  
 OR P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + 6MgO → 6Mg<sup>2+</sup> + 4PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>  
 OR P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + 3MgO → Mg<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> etc  
*Ignore state symbols*  
*Allow multiples*

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Q5.

(a) **M1 (could be scored by a correct mathematical expression)**

*Correct answer to the calculation gains all of M1, M2 and M3*

$$\text{M1 } \Delta H = \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{products}) - \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{reactants})$$

*Credit 1 mark for - 101 (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)*

**OR** a correct cycle of balanced equations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M2} &= - 1669 - 3(- 590) \\ &= - 1669 + 1770 \\ &\text{(This also scores M1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{M3} = + 101 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)}$$

**Award 1 mark ONLY for - 101**

*For other incorrect or incomplete answers, proceed as follows*

- *check for an arithmetic error (AE), which is either a transposition error or an incorrect multiplication; this would score 2 marks (M1 and M2)*
- *If no AE, check for a correct method; this requires either a correct cycle with 3Sr and 2Al OR a clear statement of M1 which could be in words and scores **only M1***

**M4 - Using powders**

Any **one** from

- To increase collision frequency / collisions in a given time / rate of collisions
- To increase the surface contact / contact between the solids / contact between (exposed) particles

*Ignore dividing final answer by 3*

*Penalise M4 for reference to molecules.*

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**M5 Major reason for expense of extraction**

Any **one** from

- Aluminium is extracted by electrolysis OR aluminium extraction uses (large amounts of) electricity
- Reaction / process / It / the mixture requires heat
- It is endothermic

## (b) Calcium has a higher melting point than strontium, because

*Ignore general Group 2 statements.*

**Correct reference to size of cations / proximity of electrons**

M1 (For Ca) delocalised electrons closer to cations / positive ions / atoms / nucleus

**OR** cations / positive ions / atoms are smaller

**OR** cation / positive ion / atom or it has fewer (electron) shells / levels

*Penalise M1 if either of Ca or Sr is said to have more or less delocalised electrons OR the same nuclear charge.*

*Ignore reference to shielding.*

**Relative strength of metallic bonding**

M2 (Ca) has stronger attraction between the cations / positive ions / atoms / nucleus and the delocalised electrons

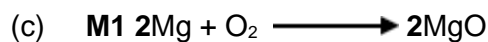
**OR**

stronger metallic bonding

(assume argument refers to Ca but credit converse argument for Sr)

**CE= 0** for reference to molecules or Van der Waals forces or intermolecular forces or covalent bonds.

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*Credit multiples of the equations.*

**M3** Magnesium hydroxide is used as an antacid / relieve indigestion (heartburn) / neutralise (stomach) acidity / laxative

*Not simply "milk of magnesia" in M3*

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