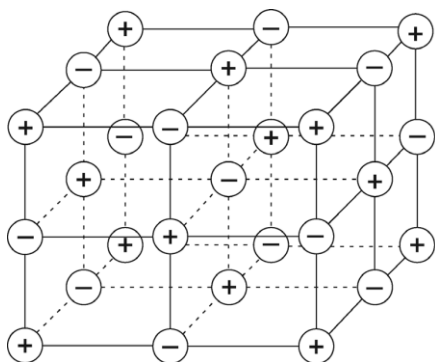


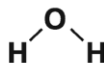
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Question Set 30

1 Look at the diagrams of sodium chloride and water.



sodium chloride



water

(a) Sodium chloride has a melting point of 801°C.

Use the diagram of sodium chloride to explain why.

Strong electrostatic force of attraction between ions must be broken to melt sodium chloride. [2]

(b) Water has a low melting point and boiling point.

Explain why.

Weak intermolecular forces between molecules are easily broken. [2]

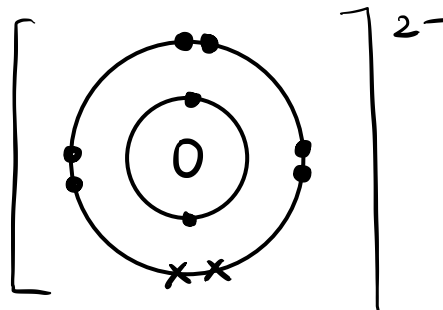
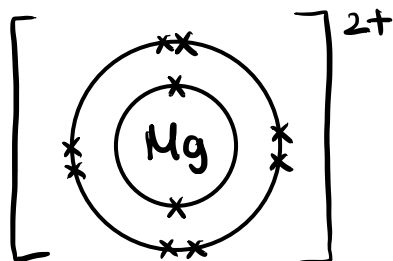
(c) Magnesium oxide has a similar structure to sodium chloride.

Draw 'dot and cross' diagrams to show the ionic bonding in magnesium oxide.

- Include the charges on the ions.
- The electronic structure of magnesium is 2.8.2.
- The electronic structure of oxygen is 2.6.

[3]

Total Marks for Question Set 30: 7



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