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Pearson Edexcel GCSE in Chemistry (1CH0)
Higher

Resource Set Topic B: Bonding and
Structure

Questions

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Context

- Additional Assessment Materials are being produced for GCSE, AS and A levels (with the exception of Art and Design).
- The Additional Assessment Materials presented in this booklet are an **optional** part of the range of evidence teachers may use when deciding on a candidate's grade.
- 2021 Additional Assessment Materials have been drawn from previous examination materials, namely past papers.
- Additional Assessment Materials have come from past papers both published (those materials available publicly) and unpublished (those currently under padlock to our centres) presented in a different format to allow teachers to adapt them for use with candidate.

Purpose

- The purpose of this resource to provide qualification-specific sets/groups of questions covering the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to this Pearson qualification.
- This document should be used in conjunction with the mapping guidance which will map content and/or skills covered within each set of questions.
- These materials are only intended to support the summer 2021 series.

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(ii) Nickel is a metal.

Explain how the structure of a nickel atom, Ni, changes when it forms a nickel ion, Ni²⁺.

(2)

1d

(d) Metals have high melting points.

Explain, in terms of their structure and bonding, why metals have high melting points.

(2)

8 Covalent substances can be simple molecular covalent or giant covalent.

(a) (i) Ammonia is a simple molecular, covalent substance.

Which is the most likely set of properties for ammonia?

(1)

	melting point in °C	boiling point in °C	ability to conduct electricity in liquid state
<input type="checkbox"/> A	1713	2950	does not conduct
<input type="checkbox"/> B	-78	-33	does not conduct
<input type="checkbox"/> C	-39	357	conducts
<input type="checkbox"/> D	801	1413	conducts

(ii) Ammonia, NH_3 , is made by reacting nitrogen with hydrogen.

Write the balanced equation for this reaction.

(2)

(b) Oxygen, O_2 , is also a simple molecular, covalent substance.

Draw a dot and cross diagram for the molecule of oxygen.

(2)

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(c) The ions present in sodium sulfate are

sodium	Na^+
sulfate	SO_4^{2-}

Write the formula of sodium sulfate using this information.

(1)

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(c) The electronic configuration of carbon is 2.4
The electronic configuration of oxygen is 2.6

Draw a dot and cross diagram for a molecule of carbon dioxide.

Show outer electrons only.

(2)

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*(c) Calcium chloride can be prepared by the reaction of calcium with chlorine gas.

Figure 9 shows some properties of calcium, chlorine and calcium chloride.

substance	relative melting point	ability to conduct electricity	
		when solid	when molten
calcium	high	good	good
chlorine	low	poor	poor
calcium chloride	high	poor	good

Figure 9

Explain, in terms of bonding and structure, why the properties of the product, calcium chloride, are different from the properties of the reactants, calcium and chlorine.

(6)



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(c) Chlorine exists as diatomic molecules.

In a molecule, two chlorine atoms are joined by a covalent bond.

(i) Describe what is meant by a **covalent bond**.

(2)

(ii) Explain why chlorine is a gas, rather than a liquid, at room temperature.

(2)

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(d) A solid ionic compound is dissolved in water to form a solution.

Describe a simple experiment to show that charged particles are present in this solution.

(3)

- 1 (a) (i) Titanium(IV) oxide is an ionic solid.
Many ionic solids are soluble in water.

Titanium(IV) oxide is not soluble in water.
Its other physical properties are typical of ionic solids.

Predict **one** other physical property of titanium(IV) oxide that would be typical of ionic solids.

(1)

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- (ii) The formula of titanium(IV) oxide is TiO_2 .

Deduce the charge of the titanium ion in titanium(IV) oxide.

(1)

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- 3 (a) An aluminium atom has the atomic number 13 and the mass number 27.

Which row shows the numbers of subatomic particles present in an aluminium ion, Al^{3+} ?

(1)

	protons	neutrons	electrons
<input type="checkbox"/> A	13	14	13
<input type="checkbox"/> B	13	14	10
<input type="checkbox"/> C	14	13	10
<input type="checkbox"/> D	14	13	17

- (d) Sodium reacts with chlorine to form sodium chloride.

The electronic configuration of the sodium atom is 2.8.1 and the electronic configuration of the chlorine atom is 2.8.7.

Give the electronic configurations of the ions formed.

(2)

Na^+

Cl^-

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(b) Carbon dioxide is a simple molecular, covalent compound.

It has a low boiling point of -78.5°C .

Explain why carbon dioxide has a low boiling point.

(2)

2 (a) An atom of potassium has atomic number 19 and mass number 39.

(i) Give the electronic configuration of this potassium atom.

(1)

(ii) This potassium atom forms the ion K^+ .

Which row shows the number of protons and the number of neutrons in this potassium ion, K^+ ?

(1)

	number of protons	number of neutrons
<input type="checkbox"/> A	19	19
<input type="checkbox"/> B	19	20
<input type="checkbox"/> C	20	19
<input type="checkbox"/> D	20	20

(c) Fluorine boils at -188°C .

There are forces between fluorine molecules.

Explain, in terms of these forces, why the boiling point of fluorine is low.

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