

**Ionisation energy**

31. (a) Ionisation potential increases across the period.

32. (b)  $Cu < Ag < Au$ .

33. (a) **A decrease in the ionisation potential**

**Reason:** Inner electrons reduce effective nuclear charge experienced by outer electron  
→ lower ionization energy.

34. (c) Due to stable half-filled orbitals.

35. (c) Greater than the first ionization energy because after removal one  $e^-$ , effective nuclear charge increases.

36. (c) Rare gases as the  $e^-$  is to removed from stable electron configuration.

37. (d) Since it is a noble gas.

38. (b) The first *I.P.* is maximum for hydrogen due to its small size.

39. : (d)  $As < P < S$

Explanation:

As is **largest** → lowest IE

P smaller than As → higher IE

S is to the right of P → highest IE in this set

40. (a)  $U > K > Cs$  and (b)  $B > U > K$

**B** ( $Z = 5$ ): 8.30 eV,                      **K** ( $Z = 19$ ): 4.34 eV,

**Cs** ( $Z = 55$ ): 3.89 eV,                      **U** ( $Z = 92$ ): 6.2 eV

41. (c) Due to his fulfilled configuration.



42. (b) 1<sup>st</sup> I.P. decreases down the group.
43. (a) 1<sup>st</sup> I.P. increases from left to right in a period.
44. (b)  $\text{Ne} > \text{Cl} > \text{P} > \text{S} > \text{Mg} > \text{Al}$   
Highest  $\rightarrow$  Ne (2080), Cl (1251) next, S (1000) and P (1012)  $\rightarrow$  P slightly  $<$  S ,  
Mg = 738, Al = 577
45. (b) First I.P. for C is 11.3, for N is 14.5 and for O is 13.6
46. (a)  $\text{NH}_3 < \text{PH}_3 < \text{AsH}_3$  – acidic nature

Trend: As we go down group 15, the **basicity decreases** and **acidity increases** in hydrides.

$\text{NH}_3$  is **least acidic**,  $\text{AsH}_3$  more acidic  $\rightarrow$  Correct

(b)  $\text{Li}^+ < \text{Na}^+ < \text{K}^+ < \text{Cs}^+$  – ionic radius

Trend: **ionic radius increases down the group**  $\rightarrow \text{Li}^+ < \text{Na}^+ < \text{K}^+ < \text{Cs}^+ \rightarrow$   
Correct

(c)  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < \text{MgO} < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < \text{K}_2\text{O}$  – basicity

Trend: Oxides become **more basic down the group for alkali metals**, less basic for amphoteric  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ .

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is **amphoteric**, MgO slightly basic,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  strongly basic  $\rightarrow$  Correct

(d)  $\text{Li} < \text{Be} < \text{B} < \text{C}$  – 1st ionization potential

1st IE trend across period 2:

$\text{Li} (520) < \text{Be} (899) < \text{B} (801) < \text{C} (1086 \text{ kJ/mol})$

Notice  $\text{B} (801) < \text{Be} (899) \rightarrow$  IE of B is **less than Be** due to **p-orbital vs s-orbital effect**  $\rightarrow$  **sequence is wrong**

(d)  $\text{Li} < \text{Be} < \text{B} < \text{C}$  – 1st ionization potential is wrong

47. (a) Li has least I.P about 5.4.
48. (b) I.E. increases across the period.
49. (a) H



**Reason:**  $\text{Li}^{2+}$  is a **hydrogen-like ion** (1 electron)  $\rightarrow$  same type of electronic transitions as H.

50. (a) *He* has highest ionisation energy due to it full fill 1 s-orbital.
51. (a) s-electrons are strongly bonded to the nucleus. So large amount of energy is required to remove an  $e^-$ .
52. (d)  $Mg > Al > Na$ . This is due to the presence of fully filled s-orbital in *Mg*.

53. (a)  $\text{Cs}^+ < \text{K}^+ < \text{Mg}^{2+} < \text{Al}^{3+}$

**Polarizing power** depends on:

Polarizing power  $\propto$  charge/radius

Higher charge  $\rightarrow$  more polarizing

Smaller size  $\rightarrow$  more polarizing

**Given ions:**  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$

$\text{Cs}^+$ : +1, large  $\rightarrow$  lowest

$\text{K}^+$ : +1, smaller  $\rightarrow$  higher than  $\text{Cs}^+$

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$ : +2, small  $\rightarrow$  higher

$\text{Al}^{3+}$ : +3, very small  $\rightarrow$  highest

**Increasing order:**  $\text{Cs}^+ < \text{K}^+ < \text{Mg}^{2+} < \text{Al}^{3+}$

54. (a)  $\text{Na} < \text{Al} < \text{Mg} < \text{Si}$

**Approximate  $\text{IE}_1$  values (kJ/mol):**

$\text{Na} \rightarrow 496$ ,  $\text{Mg} \rightarrow 738$ ,  $\text{Al} \rightarrow 578$ ,  $\text{Si} \rightarrow 786$

Observe:  **$\text{Al} < \text{Mg} < \text{Si}$**   $\rightarrow$  due to p-orbital effect ( $\text{Al}$  has  $3p^1 \rightarrow$  easier to remove than  $\text{Mg } 3s^2$ )

55. (c) The 1<sup>st</sup> I.P. for hydrogen is 13.6 volts

56. (b) Alkali metals are strong reducing agents



57. (d)  $O^{2-}$

**Reason:** Extra electrons in  $O^{2-}$  are weakly held due to **electron–electron repulsion**, so it requires **least energy to remove one electron**.

58. (a) Due to the large size of group IA elements, the outermost electron is far from the nucleus and can easily be removed. their ionisation energies or ionisation potentials are relatively low.

	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
Ionisation potential (eV)	5.4	5.1	4.3	4.2	3.9

59. (d)  $II\_Na > II\_Mg$

**Reason:** After removing Na's first electron, the second electron comes from **core**, which is tightly bound  $\rightarrow$  huge jump in ionization energy.

60. (a)  $N > O > Be > B$  1st ionisation energy of ( $n$ ) because of half filled  $p$ -orbital.

