

**Ionisation energy**

1. (b) I.E.(II) of  $Na$  is higher than that of  $Mg$  because in case of  $Na$ , the second  $e^-$  has to be removed from the noble gas core while in case of  $Mg$  removal of second  $e^-$  gives a noble gas core.  
 $Mg$  has high first ionisation potential than  $Na$  because of its stable  $ns^2$  configuration.
2. (c) Remove one mole of electron from one mole of **monovalent gaseous cation** of the element.  
(That is,  $X^+(g) \rightarrow X^{2+}(g) + e^-$ .)
3. (d) The energy required to remove the outermost electron of an atom of the element.  
(IE = energy to remove an electron from a gaseous atom/ion.)
4. (a) There is increase in the nuclear charge of the alkaline earth metals.  
(Alkaline earths have one more proton for similar shell structure  $\rightarrow$  stronger attraction  $\rightarrow$  higher IE.)
5. (c) *"The first ionisation energies along a period do not vary in a regular manner with increase in atomic number."*  
(First IEs generally show a regular trend across a period with known small exceptions — the statement as written is false.)
6. (a) Ionization energy and electron affinity increase across a period.  
(Both generally become larger (IE increases; EA becomes more exothermic / increases in magnitude) left  $\rightarrow$  right, with a few exceptions.)
7. (c) Ionization potential decreases. Since, atomic size increases.
8. (d) Alkali metals, lower the no. of valence  $e^-$ , lower is the value of ionization potential.



9. (a) The ionization energy of hydrogen is too high for group of alkali metals, but too low for halogen group.
10. (a) **Nitrogen has half filled p-orbitals**  
Explanation: Half-filled  $2p^3$  configuration in nitrogen is extra stable, so more energy is required to remove an electron compared to oxygen ( $2p^4$ ).
11. (b) **Ionization energy**  
Explanation: Ionization energy = minimum energy required to remove the most loosely bound electron from a gaseous atom in its ground state.
12. (c) **Boron has only one electron in p-sub-shell**  
Explanation: The  $2p^1$  electron in boron is less tightly held (higher energy orbital) than the  $2s^2$  electron of beryllium, so boron's IE is lower despite higher nuclear charge.
13. (a)  $E_1 < E_2$  because second I.E. is greater than first I.E.
14. (a) **V**  
We are comparing **first ionisation potential (IE<sub>1</sub>)** among **V (23), Ti (22), Cr (24), Mn (25)**.  
**Trend:** Across a period (left → right), ionization energy **increases** due to increasing nuclear charge.  
But **Cr ( $3d^5 4s^1$ )** and **Mn ( $3d^5 4s^2$ )** have relatively lower IE due to stability/exchange energy effects.  
**Ti ( $3d^2 4s^2$ )** and **V ( $3d^3 4s^2$ )** → V is slightly to the right, so it has higher IE than Ti.  
Among the four, **V** has the **maximum first ionization potential**.
15. (b) Due to high stability of half-filled orbitals.
16. (a) In *Cu* it has completely filled *d*-orbital so highest energy is absorbed when it convert in *Cu*<sup>+</sup> ion.



## 17. (c) Ionization energies (kJ/mol):

Na  $\rightarrow$  496Mg  $\rightarrow$  738Al  $\rightarrow$  578Si  $\rightarrow$  786**Order (lowest  $\rightarrow$  highest):**

Na (496) &lt; Al (578) &lt; Mg (738) &lt; Si (786)

18. (c) The energy required to remove an electron from outermost orbit of an isolated gaseous atom is called I.E. Now carbon has  $4e^-$  in outermost shell. Thus it has 4 ionization energies.

19. (a) Since, stable half filled configuration.

20. (b) (b) Small size

**Hydrogen vs alkali metals (Li, Na, K...):**Hydrogen has **1 electron in the 1s orbital**, very close to the nucleus.Alkali metals have their single valence electron in a **larger outer shell ( $ns^1$ )**.**Ionization energy (IE)** depends on **how tightly the electron is held**.Since hydrogen's electron is **closer to the nucleus**, it requires **more energy to remove**.**Reason:** Small atomic size  $\rightarrow$  strong attraction  $\rightarrow$  high ionization energy.

21. (d) First I.P. of  $Be > B$  because of stable  $ns^2$  configuration.

22. (b)  $K^+ \rightarrow K^{2+} + e^-$ . Since  $e^-$  is to be removed from stable configuration.

23. (d) Mg

Mg (738) &gt; Al (578) &gt; Na (496) &gt; K (419)

**Reason:** Mg is to the right of Na and K in the same period  $\rightarrow$  higher nuclear charge, smaller atomic size  $\rightarrow$  higher IE.

24. (c) Since the IV, I.E. is very high. Thus electron is to be removed from stable configuration.
25. (b) *Li* and *Cs* belong to 1<sup>st</sup> group but *Cs* has larger size, hence low nuclear attraction force, thus low ionization energy.
26. (c) *Li* belongs to 1<sup>st</sup> group. There is 1  $e^-$  in outermost shell. Thus low I.E.
27. (b) Increases from left to right. Since, the size decreases.
28. (a) As the  $e^-$  is to be removed from stable configuration.
29. (c) Since  $e^-$  is to be removed from exactly half filled *p*-orbital.
30. (b) O  
**Oxygen (O)** has slightly lower IE than nitrogen due to **electron–electron repulsion in paired 2p electrons** (half-filled stability of N makes its IE higher).

**Reason:** Paired electron in O's 2p orbital experiences repulsion → easier to remove → lower IE than N.

