

Q In terms of period & group where will you locate the 17th group?

ans period - 7  
group - 17  
Block - p

Q Why do elements in the same group have similar and chemical properties?

ans The elements in a group have valence shell electronic configuration and hence have similar physical and chemical properties.

Q What does atomic radius & ionic radius really mean to you?

ans Atomic radius - Distance between the centre of nucleus to the outermost shell of electrons in the atom any element is called Atomic radius.

Ionic radius - The ionic radius can be estimated by measuring the distance between cations and anions in ionic crystals.

Q How do atomic radius vary in a period and in a group? How do you explain the variation?

ans With a group Atomic radius increases down the group. Reason - This is due to continuous increase in the number of electronic shells or orbitals number in the structure of atoms of the elements down a group.

Atomic radius - from left to right across a period generally decreases due to increase in effective nuclear charge from left to right across a period.

Q What do you understand by Isoelectronic species? Name a species that will be iso electronic with each of the following atoms / ions.

(i)  $F^-$  (ii)  $Ar$  (iii)  $Hg^{2+}$  (iv)  $Pb^{2+}$

ans Isoelectronic species are those species (atoms/ions) which have same number of electrons. Isoelectronic species are:

(i)  $Na^+$  (ii)  $Ne$   
(iii)  $K^+$  (iv)  $Sr^{2+}$

Q Consider the following species:

$N^{3-}$ ,  $O^{2-}$ ,  $F^-$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$

(a) What is common in them?

(b) Arrange them in order of increasing ionic radii.

ans (a) All of them have same no. of electrons within them.

(b) In isoelectronic species, greater the nuclear charge, lesser will be the atomic or ionic radius.

$Al^{3+} < Mg^{2+} < Na^+ < F^- < O^{2-} < N^{3-}$

Q Explain why cations are smaller and anions larger in radii than their parent atoms.

ans A cation is smaller than the parent atom because it has fewer electrons while its nuclear charge remains the same. The size of anion will be larger than that of parent atom because the addition of one or more electrons would result in increased repulsion among the electrons and a decrease in effective nuclear charge.