

## Periodic Classification Of Element

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### Exercise

**Q. 1. Rearrange the columns 2 and 3 so as to match with the column 1.**

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iii. Atomic number	c. Average of the first and the third atomic mass	3. Newlands
iv. Period	d. Properties of the eighth element similar to the first	4. Rutherford
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### Explanation:

i. The German Chemist, Johann Dobereiner was the first to consider the idea of trends among properties of elements. He made group of three elements each which are having similar properties and called them triads. He showed that the atomic mass of the middle

element was approx. equal to the mean of atomic masses of other two elements. For example:

Triads (having similar properties)	Atomic Mass	Average
Lithium	7	$\frac{7 + 39}{2} = 23$
Sodium	23	
Potassium	39	

ii. The English Chemist, John Newlands discovered the Law of Octaves. He arranged the elements in increasing order of their atomic masses. He noticed that every eighth element had properties similar to the first element.

iii. The English Scientist, Henry Moseley showed that the atomic number is equal to the positive charge on the nucleus or the total number of protons in the nucleus of the atom of that element.

The atomic number is represented by 'Z'.

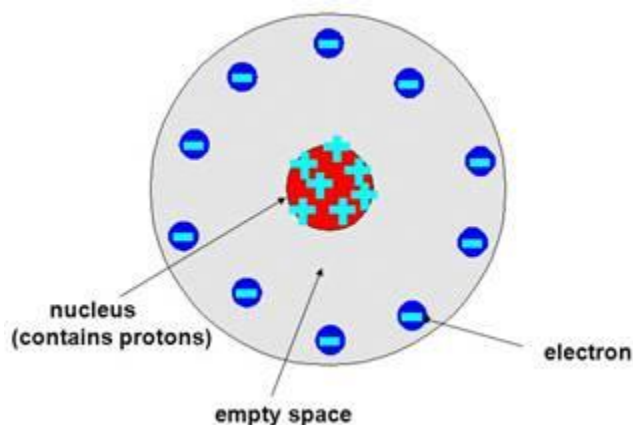
iv. Mendeleev organized the periodic table on the basis of chemical and physical properties of the elements. The horizontal rows are called periods. He arranged the elements sequentially in periods according to the change in molecular formula.

v. A scientist Rutherford bombarded a very thin layer of gold with alpha-particles. On the basis of observations, he concluded that:

(a) The nucleus is at the center of the atoms.

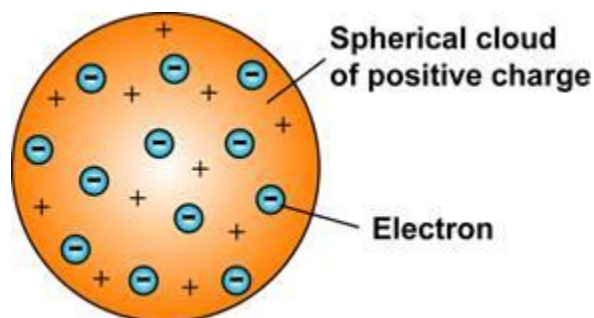
(b) It has positive charge.

(c) The positive charge and most of the mass of the atom is concentrated in the nucleus.



vi. J.J Thomson founded that an atom has a spherical shape.

He compared an atom to a watermelon. He showed that the electrons (negatively charged particles) are embedded in it. The atom has a positively charged part.



**Q. 2. Choose the correct option and rewrite the statement.**

**a. The number of electrons in the outermost shell of alkali metals is.....**

(i) 1 (ii) 2 (iii) 3 (iv) 7

**b. Alkaline earth metals have valency 2. This means that their position in the modern periodic table is in .....**

(i) Group 2 (ii) Group 16  
(iii) Period 2 (iv) d-block

**c. Molecular formula of the chloride of an element X is  $\text{XCl}$ . This compound is a solid having high melting point. Which of the following elements be present in the same group as X.**

(i) Na (ii) Mg (iii) Al (iv) Si

**d. In which block of the modern periodic table are the nonmetals found?**

(i) s-block (ii) p-block  
(iii) d-block (iv) f-block

**Answer :** a) The number of electrons in the outermost shell of alkali metals is 1.

Explanation:

Alkali metals belong to the group first of the periodic table. The number of electrons in the outermost shell (valence electrons) of all the alkali metals is 1 as shown below:

Group I The Alkali Metals		
		Electronic configuration
Li	Lithium	2,1
Na	Sodium	2,8,1
K	Potassium	2,8,8,1
Rb	Rubidium	2,8,8,18,1
Cs	Cesium	2,8,8,18,18,1
Fr	Francium	2,8,8,18,18,32,1

b) Alkaline earth metals have valency 2. This means that their position in the modern periodic table is in Group 2.

Explanation:

It is the electronic configuration of the elements which decides the group in which they are to be placed. The alkaline earth metals have two electrons in the outermost shell. This means that their position in the periodic table is in group 2.

- the alkaline earth metals in Group 2 (IIA)

Periodic Table of the Elements

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(b) Non-metals

(c) Metalloids (behave as both metals and non-metals)

In p- block, it is seen that the zig- zag line separates the metals from nonmetals in the periodic table.

**Q. 3. An element has its electron configuration as 2,8,2. Now answer the following questions.**

**a. What is the atomic number of this element?**

**b. What is the group of this element?**

**c. To which period does this element belong?**

**d. With which of the following elements would this element resemble? (Atomic numbers are given in the brackets)**

**N (7), Be (4), Ar (18), Cl (17)**

**Answer : a.** Atomic number of the given element is 12.

Explanation:

Atomic number of the element is equal to the total number of protons present in it. In the given element:

Total number of protons =  $2 + 8 + 2$

= 12

**b.** The group of this element is 2.

Explanation:

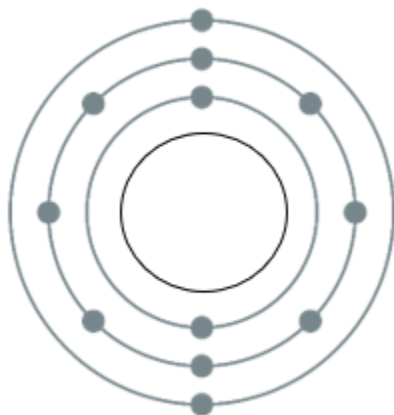
The number of electrons present in the outermost shell of the element is 2. This means its valency is 2.

Thus, it belongs to the group 2.

**c.** This element belongs to period 3.

Explanation:

The element belongs to period 3 because it has total 3 shells (2,8,2). The number of shells tell the period number of the element.



d. Among the given elements, Be would be the element to which the given element resembles

Explanation:

The electronic configuration of Be is 2,2. The number of electrons present in the outermost shell is 2. Thus, Be belongs to the group 2 (alkaline earth metals). The given element also belongs to group 2.

Thus, Be resembles the given element.

**Q. 4. A. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

**${}^3\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^{14}\text{Si}$ ,  ${}^2\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{11}\text{Na}$ ,  ${}^{15}\text{P}$**

**Which of these elements belong to be period 3?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of lithium = 3

The electronic configuration of  ${}^3\text{Li}$  = 2, 1

⇒ The atomic number of silicon = 14

The electronic configuration of  ${}^{14}\text{Si}$  = 2,8,4

⇒ The atomic number of helium = 2

The electronic configuration of  ${}^2\text{He}$  = 2

⇒ The atomic number of sodium = 11

The electronic configuration of  $_{11}\text{Na} = 2,8,2$

⇒ The atomic number of phosphorus = 15

The electronic configuration of  $_{15}\text{P} = 2,8,5$

Among the given elements, Na(2,8,2), Si(2,8,4) and P(2,8,5) belong to group 3. Because in these elements, total three shells are present. Thus, these elements belong to group 3.

**Q. 4. B. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

$_{1}\text{H}$ ,  $_{7}\text{N}$ ,  $_{20}\text{Ca}$ ,  $_{16}\text{S}$ ,  $_{4}\text{Be}$ ,  $_{18}\text{Ar}$

**Which of these elements belong to the second group?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of hydrogen = 1

The electronic configuration of  $_{1}\text{H} = 1$

⇒ The atomic number of nitrogen = 7

The electronic configuration of  $_{7}\text{N} = 2,5$

⇒ The atomic number of calcium = 20

The electronic configuration of  $_{20}\text{Ca} = 2,8,8,2$

⇒ The atomic number of sulphur = 16

The electronic configuration of  $_{16}\text{S} = 2,8,6$

⇒ The atomic number of beryllium = 4

The electronic configuration of  $_{4}\text{Be} = 2,2$

⇒ The atomic number of argon = 18

The electronic configuration of  $_{18}\text{Ar} = 2,8,8$

Among the given elements, Ca and Be belong to second group. Because both has two electrons in the outermost shell. Thus, these two elements belong to second group.



**Q. 4. C. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

**${}^7\text{N}$ ,  ${}^6\text{C}$ ,  ${}^8\text{O}$ ,  ${}^5\text{B}$ ,  ${}^{13}\text{Al}$**

**Which is the most electronegative element among these?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of nitrogen = 7

The electronic configuration of  ${}^7\text{N}$  = 2,5

⇒ The atomic number of carbon = 6

The electronic configuration of  ${}^6\text{C}$  = 2,4

⇒ The atomic number of oxygen = 8

The electronic configuration of  ${}^8\text{O}$  = 2,6

⇒ The atomic number of boron = 5

The electronic configuration of  ${}^5\text{B}$  = 2,3

⇒ The atomic number of aluminum = 13

⇒ The electronic configuration of  ${}^{13}\text{Al}$  = 2,8,3

Among the given elements, oxygen is the most electronegative element.

**Explanation:** Electronegativity is the ability of an atom to attract shared pair of electrons.

⇒ Electronegativity increases as we move from left to right in a period.

⇒ Electronegativity decreases as we move down the group.

⇒ By combining these two facts, oxygen is the most electronegative element.

**Note:**

Electronegativity increases along a period because-

⇒ The atomic radius goes on decreasing as we move from left to right due to which the attraction between the outer electrons and nucleus increases.

Electronegativity decreases along a group because-

⇒ The atomic radius goes on increasing as we move from top to bottom due to which the attraction between the outer electrons and nucleus decreases.

**Q. 4. D. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

**${}_4\text{Be}$ ,  ${}_6\text{C}$ ,  ${}_8\text{O}$ ,  ${}_5\text{B}$ ,  ${}_{13}\text{Al}$**

**Which is the most electropositive element among these?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of beryllium = 4

The electronic configuration of  ${}_4\text{Be}$  = 2,2

⇒ The atomic number of carbon = 6

The electronic configuration of  ${}_6\text{C}$  = 2,4

⇒ The atomic number of oxygen = 8

The electronic configuration of  ${}_8\text{O}$  = 2,6

⇒ The atomic number of boron = 5

The electronic configuration of  ${}_5\text{B}$  = 2,3

⇒ The atomic number of aluminum = 13

The electronic configuration of  ${}_{13}\text{Al}$  = 2,8,3

Among the given elements, Al has the highest electropositive character.

Explanation:

Electropositivity is the tendency of any metal element to become cation (positively charged) by losing its valence electrons.

⇒ Electropositivity decreases as we move from left to right in a period.

⇒ Electropositivity increases as we move from top to bottom in a group.

⇒ Electropositive character is shown by the metals because they have a tendency to lose electrons.

⇒ Combining all these facts, Al is the most electropositive element.

**Q. 4. E. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

**$_{11}\text{Na}$ ,  $_{15}\text{P}$ ,  $_{17}\text{Cl}$ ,  $_{14}\text{Si}$ ,  $_{12}\text{Mg}$**

**Which of these has largest atoms?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of sodium = 11

The electronic configuration of  $_{11}\text{Na}$  = 2,8,2

⇒ The atomic number of phosphorus = 15

The electronic configuration of  $_{15}\text{P}$  = 2,8,5

⇒ The atomic number of chlorine = 17

The electronic configuration of  $_{17}\text{Cl}$  = 2,8,7

⇒ The atomic number of silicon = 14

The electronic configuration of  $_{14}\text{Si}$  = 2,8,4

⇒ The atomic number of magnesium = 12

The electronic configuration of  $_{12}\text{Mg}$  = 2,8,2

Among the given elements, Na is the element which has largest atoms.

Explanation:

All the given elements have total three shells present in them which means all the elements belong to the same period (period 3).

⇒ The atomic radius decreases as we move from left to right in a period.

⇒ Thus, Na has the largest atomic radius.

**Q. 4. F. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

**$_{19}\text{K}$ ,  $_{3}\text{Li}$ ,  $_{11}\text{Na}$ ,  $_{4}\text{Be}$**

**Which of these atoms has smallest atomic radius?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of potassium = 19

The electronic configuration of  $_{19}\text{K} = 2,8,8,1$

⇒ The atomic number of lithium = 3

The electronic configuration of  $_3\text{Li} = 2,1$

⇒ The atomic number of sodium = 11

The electronic configuration of  $_{11}\text{Na} = 2,8,1$

⇒ The atomic number of beryllium = 4

The electronic configuration of  $_4\text{Be} = 2,2$

Among the given elements, Be has the smallest atomic radius.

Explanation:

⇒ Atomic radius goes on decreasing along a period.

⇒ Atomic radius goes on increasing along a group.

⇒ By combining these two facts, we can conclude that Be has the smallest atomic radius.

**Q. 4. G. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

$_{13}\text{Al}$ ,  $_{14}\text{Si}$ ,  $_{11}\text{Na}$ ,  $_{12}\text{Mg}$ ,  $_{16}\text{S}$

**Which of the above elements has the highest metallic character?**

**Answer :** Electronic configuration:

⇒ The atomic number of aluminum = 13

The electronic configuration of  $_{13}\text{Al} = 2,8,3$

⇒ The atomic number of silicon = 14

The electronic configuration of  $_{14}\text{Si} = 2,8,4$

⇒ The atomic number of sodium = 11

The electronic configuration of  $_{11}\text{Na} = 2,8,1$

⇒ The atomic number of magnesium = 12

The electronic configuration of  $_{12}\text{Mg} = 2,8,2$

⇒ The atomic number of sulphur = 16

The electronic configuration of  $_{16}\text{S} = 2,8,6$

Among the given elements, Na has highest metallic character (most electropositive element)

Explanation:

All the given elements have total three shells present in them which means all the elements belong to the same period (period 3).

⇒ The metallic character decreases as we move from sodium to sulphur in a period.

⇒ Hence, Na has the high tendency to loose electrons.

⇒ Thus, sodium (Na) has the highest metallic character.

**Note:** More easily an element loses electrons, higher will be its metallic character (electropositive character)

**Q. 4. H. Write down the electronic configuration of the following elements from the given atomic numbers. Answer the following question with explanation.**

$_{6}\text{C}$ ,  $_{3}\text{Li}$ ,  $_{9}\text{F}$ ,  $_{7}\text{N}$ ,  $_{8}\text{O}$

**Which of the above elements has the highest nonmetallic character?**

**Answer : Electronic configuration:**

⇒ The atomic number of carbon = 6

The electronic configuration of  $_{6}\text{C} = 2,4$

⇒ The atomic number of lithium = 3

The electronic configuration of  $_{3}\text{Li} = 2,1$

⇒ The atomic number of fluorine = 9

The electronic configuration of  $_{9}\text{F} = 2,7$

⇒ The atomic number of nitrogen = 7

The electronic configuration of  ${}_7\text{N}$  = 2,5

⇒ The atomic number of oxygen = 8

The electronic configuration of  ${}_8\text{O}$  = 2,6

Among the given elements, fluorine has highest non-metallic character (most electronegative element).

Explanation:

All the given elements have total two shells present in them which means all the elements belong to the same period (period 2).

⇒ The non-metallic character (electronegativity) increases as we move from lithium to fluorine in a period.

⇒ Hence, among the given elements, fluorine has the highest tendency to accept electrons.

⇒ Thus, fluorine has the highest non-metallic character.

**Note:** More easily an element accepts electrons, higher will be its non-metallic character (electronegativity)

**Q. 5. Write the name and symbol of the element from the description.**

- a. The atom having the smallest size.**
- b. The atom having the smallest atomic mass.**
- c. The most electronegative atom.**
- d. The noble gas with the smallest atomic radius.**
- e. The most reactive nonmetal.**

**Answer :** a. The atom with the smallest size is hydrogen.

The symbol of the hydrogen atom is  ${}_1\text{H}$ .

**b.** The atom with the smallest atomic mass is Hydrogen.

The symbol of the helium atom is  ${}_2\text{He}$ .

**c.** The most electronegative atom is fluorine because:

⇒ Fluorine (2,7) has the highest tendency to accept electron to achieve noble gas configuration (2,8).

⇒ As we know that more easily an atom accepts an electron, higher will be its electronegativity.

The symbol of the fluorine atom is  ${}^9\text{F}$ .

**d.** The noble gas with the smallest atomic radius is Helium.

The symbol of the hydrogen atom is  ${}^1\text{H}$ .

**e.** The most reactive non-metal is fluorine because:

⇒ Halogens are the most reactive non- metals in the periodic table.

⇒ Halogens (non-metals) have strong tendency to gain/accept electrons.

⇒ All the halogens need only one electrons to achieve noble gas configuration.

⇒ As we know that non-metallic character decreases down the group. Thus among halogens, fluorine is the most reactive non-metal.

The symbol of the fluorine atom is  ${}^9\text{F}$ .

#### **Q. 6. A. Write short notes.**

##### **Mendeleev's periodic law.**

**Answer :** Mendeleev stated a periodic law. The law states that "Properties of elements are periodic function of their atomic masses."

⇒ Mendeleev arranged the elements according to their properties and in order of increasing atomic weights.

⇒ In the Mendeleev's periodic table, vertical columns are called groups and horizontal rows are called periods.

⇒ Atomic masses of some elements were rediscovered so as to give them proper place in the periodic table.

⇒ Mendeleev kept vacant places in the periodic table for elements not discovered till then.

**Q. 6. B. Write short notes.**

**Structure of the modern periodic table.**

**Answer :** Structure of the modern periodic table:

- ⇒ The modern periodic table contains horizontal periods 1 to 7.
- ⇒ Similarly, it contains vertical groups 1 to 18.
- ⇒ Atomic numbers are indicated on the upper part of the element.
- ⇒ Two rows are separately placed at the bottom of the periodic table. These are called lanthanide series and actinoid series.
- ⇒ There are 118 boxes in the periodic table.
- ⇒ The whole periodic table is divided into four blocks.
- ⇒ The left side is s-block, right side is p-block, in the middle there is d-block and the lanthanide series and actinoid series form the f-block.
- ⇒ The first period contains 2 elements.
- ⇒ The s-block contains alkali and alkaline earth metals.
- ⇒ The p-block contains metals, non-metals and metalloids.
- ⇒ The d-block contains transition metals.

**Q. 6. C. Write short notes.**

**Position of isotopes in the Mendeleev's and the modern periodic table.**

**Answer :** Isotopes - In certain elements, some atoms have the same atomic number but different atomic mass number. Such atoms of an element are called isotopes of that element.

- ⇒ Isotopes were discovered long time after the Mendeleev discovered periodic table.
- ⇒ As we know that the isotopes have different atomic masses but same chemical properties.
- ⇒ Thus, the isotopes of element are placed in the same place of that of the element instead of been given different place in modern periodic table for each isotope.



**Q. 7. A. Write scientific reasons.**

**Atomic radius goes on decreasing while going from left to right in a period.**

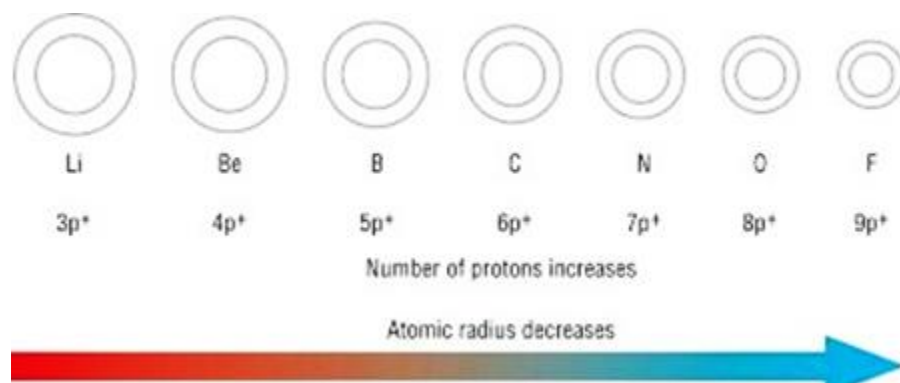
**Answer :** Atomic radius goes on decreasing while going from left to right in a period because of the following reasons:

⇒ Within a period, the atomic number increases one by one as a result nuclear charge increases.

⇒ The outer electrons are adding in the same valence shell.

⇒ Due to increased nuclear charge, the attraction of electrons by the nucleus increases.

⇒ Therefore, the size of the atom decreases with the increase in atomic number (number of protons).



**Q. 7. B. Write scientific reasons.**

**Metallic character goes on decreasing while going from left to right in a period.**

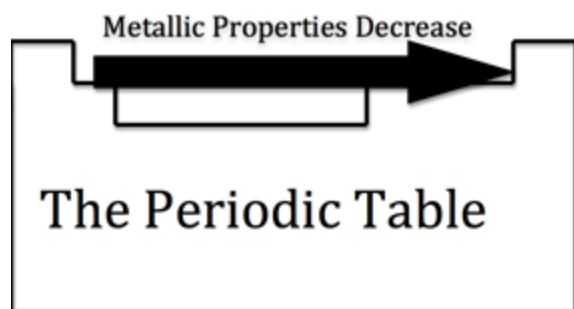
**Answer :** Metallic character goes on decreasing while going from left to right in a period because:

⇒ Metals have a tendency to lose their valence electrons to form a cation.

⇒ As we move from left to right, nuclear charge increases with increase in atomic number. This increases the force of attraction of electrons by the nucleus.

⇒ As a result, the tendency of losing electrons goes on decreasing.

⇒ Thus, metallic character decreases within a period.



**Q. 7. C. Write scientific reasons.**

**Atomic radius goes on increasing down a group.**

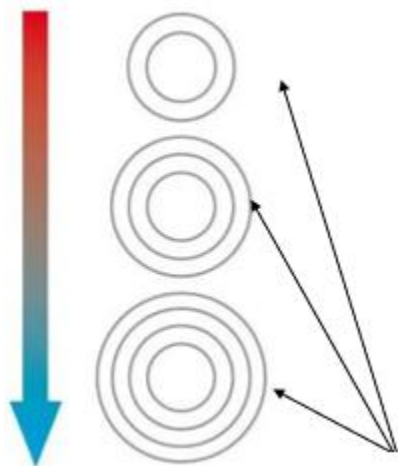
**Answer :** Atomic radius goes on increasing down a group because:

⇒ Down a group, the atomic number increases one by one as a result nuclear charge increases.

⇒ The outer electrons are adding in a new valence shell.

⇒ Therefore, the distance between the outermost electron (valence electron) and the nucleus is also increasing

⇒ Therefore, the size of the atom increases with increase I atomic number.



Number of shells are increasing down a group

**Q. 7. D. Write scientific reasons.**

**Elements belonging to the same group have the same valency.**

**Answer :** Elements belonging to the same group have the same valency because:

⇒ Valency of an element can be determined by counting the number of electrons present in the outermost shell.

⇒ We can also determine the group number of any element by knowing its valency.

⇒ If the valency of an element is one, it means the element belongs to first group. If the valency of an element is two, this means the element belongs to second group and so on.

⇒ For example:

Alkaline earth metals	Atomic Number	Electronic configuration
Beryllium (Be)	4	2,2
Magnesium (Mg)	12	2,8,2
Calcium (Ca)	20	2,8,8,2
Strontium (Sr)	38	2,8,8,18,2
Barium (Ba)	56	2,8,8,18,18,2
Radium (Ra)	88	2,8,8,18,18,32,2

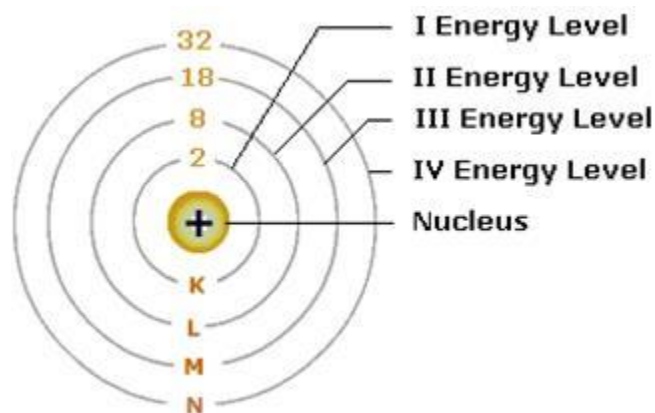
As you can see in the table, all the alkaline earth metals have valency 2, thus they all belong to second group.

#### Q. 7. E. Write scientific reasons.

**The third period contains only eight elements even though the electron capacity of the third shell is 18.**

**Answer :** The third period contains only eight elements even though the electron capacity of the third shell is 18.

As we know that electron capacity of K,L,M,N shells are:



But it has been observed that third shell (energy level) contains only 8 elements because:

⇒ There are many other factors which controls the filling of electrons.

⇒ The third period contains 8 elements according to the law of electron octet in which every atom aims to have eight electrons in its outer shell in order to get the noble gas configuration, any extra electrons that come go to the next shell,

### **\*EXTRA INFORMATION**

Period number is given by the last shell which an electron enters into. The electrons fill up 3s and 3p subshells (total electrons =  $2+6=8$ , hence 8 elements), and then they start filling 4s before going back to 3d.

**Q. 8. A. Write the names from the description.**

**The period with electrons in the shells K, L and M.**

**Answer :** Third period

It is given that the electrons are present in shells K,L and M. This means there are total three shells present. Thus, third period is having elements which are electrons present in K,L and M.

Element	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
Atomic number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Electronic configuration	2,8,1	2,8,2	2,8,3	2,8,4	2,8,5	2,8,6	2,8,7	2,8,8

**Q. 8. B. Write the names from the description.**

**The group with valency zero.**

**Answer :** Group-8 (Noble gases)

In the noble gases, there are no valence electrons present. The atoms of the noble gases have noble gas configuration as shown below in the table:

Noble gases	Atomic Number	Electronic configuration
Neon (Ne)	10	2,8
Argon (Ar)	18	2,8,8
Krypton (Kr)	36	2,8,8,18
Xenon (Xe)	54	2,8,8,18,18
Radon (Rn)	86	2,8,8,18,18,32

**Q. 8. C. Write the names from the description.**

**The family of nonmetals having valency one.**

**Answer :** The family of nonmetals having valency one are:

⇒ Fluorine

⇒ Chlorine

⇒ Bromine

⇒ Iodine

These all non-metals need only one electron to achieve noble gas configuration.

**Q. 8. D. Write the names from the description.**

**The family of metals having valency one.**

**Answer :** The family of metals having valency one are (alkali metals):

⇒ Lithium

⇒ Sodium

⇒ Potassium

⇒ Rubidium

⇒ Cesium

⇒ Francium

**Q. 8. E. Write the names from the description.**

**The family of metals having valency two.**

**Answer :** The family of metals having valency two are (alkaline earth metals).

⇒ Beryllium

⇒ Magnesium

⇒ Calcium

⇒ Strontium

⇒ Barium

⇒ Radon

**Q. 8. F. Write the names from the description.**

**The metalloids in the second and third periods.**

**Answer :** Second period and third period contain metalloids which are **Boron** and **Silicon** respectively. These are the elements having properties intermediate of metals and non-metals.

**Q. 8. G. Write the names from the description.**

**Nonmetals in the third period.**

**Answer :** Non-Metals present in 3rd Period are :- **Phosphorous, Chlorine and Sulfur**

**Q. 8. H. Write the names from the description.**

**Two elements having valency 4.**

**Answer :** Two elements having valency four are  $_{14}\text{Si}$  (silicon) and  $_{6}\text{C}$  (carbon)

Explanation:

⇒ The atomic number of carbon = 6

The electronic configuration of  $_{6}\text{C}$  = 2,4

The electrons in the outermost shell = 4

Thus, its valency is 4.

⇒ The atomic number of silicon = 14

The electronic configuration of  $_{14}\text{Si}$  = 2,8,4

The electrons in the outermost shell = 4

Thus, its valency is 4