

Periodic Table for JEE Main Preparation

Comprehensive Guide for Classes X-XII

In-Depth Theory, Pattern Exercises, and Solutions

Prepared for JEE Main Aspirants

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
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1.3 Electronic Configuration

Electronic configurations determine element properties. Rules:

- **Aufbau Principle:** Orbitals fill in order of increasing energy (e.g., 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s).
- **Pauli Exclusion Principle:** Maximum two electrons per orbital with opposite spins.
- **Hund's Rule:** Electrons fill degenerate orbitals singly before pairing.

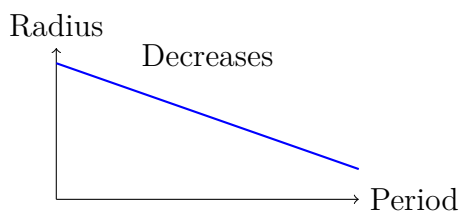
Example: Oxygen ($Z = 8$): $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$.

 Filled 1s Orbital

1.4 Periodic Trends

1.4.1 Atomic Radius

Atomic radius decreases across a period (increasing Z_{eff}) and increases down a group (additional shells).



1.4.2 Ionization Energy

Ionization energy (IE) is the energy to remove an electron. It increases across a period (higher Z_{eff}) and decreases down a group (larger radius). Anomalies: $\text{N} > \text{O}$ (half-filled stability).

1.4.3 Electronegativity

Electronegativity measures electron attraction in bonds. It increases across a period and decreases down a group. Fluorine (3.98) is the most electronegative.

1.4.4 Electron Affinity

Electron affinity (EA) is the energy change when adding an electron. It becomes more negative across a period. Exception: $\text{Cl} > \text{F}$ (small size of F causes repulsion).

1.4.5 Metallic Character

Metallic character decreases across a period (non-metals dominate) and increases down a group (lower IE).

1.5 Classification of Elements

- **s-block:** Groups 1, 2 (highly reactive metals).

- **p-block:** Groups 13–18 (metals, non-metals, metalloids).
- **d-block:** Transition metals (variable oxidation states).
- **f-block:** Lanthanides and actinides (inner transition metals).

1.6 Chemical Properties

Group trends reflect valence electrons:

- Group 1: Highly reactive, form +1 ions.
- Group 17: Form -1 ions, high EA.
- Noble gases: Inert due to stable configurations.

2 Important JEE-Level Concepts

- **Trend Predictions:** Comparing IE, EA, radius, and electronegativity.
- **Anomalies:** Half-filled (N, Cr) and fully-filled (Be, Cu) stability.
- **Configurations:** Exceptions (e.g., Cr : $[Ar]3d^54s^1$).
- **Reactivity:** Group 1 and 17 trends.
- **Effective Nuclear Charge:** Z_{eff} drives trends.
- **Periodic Anomalies:** Second period elements (e.g., Li, Be) show unique behavior.

3 Solved Examples

3.1 Example 1: Atomic Radius

Problem: Arrange Na, Mg, Al in order of increasing atomic radius.

Solution: Across period 3, radius decreases due to increasing Z_{eff} .

$$\text{Al} < \text{Mg} < \text{Na}$$

Answer: $\text{Al} < \text{Mg} < \text{Na}$.

3.2 Example 2: Ionization Energy Anomaly

Problem: Explain why N has higher IE than O.

Solution: N ($1s^22s^22p^3$) has a half-filled 2p subshell, more stable than O ($1s^22s^22p^4$).

Answer: Half-filled stability.

3.3 Example 3: Electronic Configuration

Problem: Write the configuration of Cu ($Z = 29$).

Solution: Expected: $[Ar]3d^94s^2$. Actual: $[Ar]3d^{10}4s^1$ (fully-filled 3d). **Answer:** $[Ar]3d^{10}4s^1$.

3.4 Example 4: Electronegativity

Problem: Arrange C, N, O in order of increasing electronegativity.

Solution: Electronegativity increases across period 2.

$$\text{C} < \text{N} < \text{O}$$

Answer: $\text{C} < \text{N} < \text{O}$.

3.5 Example 5: Reactivity

Problem: Compare reactivity of K and Cs.

Solution: Down group 1, reactivity increases due to lower IE.

$$\text{K} < \text{Cs}$$

Answer: $\text{Cs} > \text{K}$.

4 Pattern-Based Exercises

4.1 Exercise 1: Atomic Radius Trend

Problem: Arrange Li, Be, B in order of increasing atomic radius.

Solution: Across period 2, radius decreases.

$$\text{B} < \text{Be} < \text{Li}$$

Answer: $\text{B} < \text{Be} < \text{Li}$.

4.2 Exercise 2: Ionization Energy Comparison

Problem: Compare the first IE of F and Cl.

Solution: F (period 2) has higher IE than Cl (period 3) due to smaller size.

$$\text{F} > \text{Cl}$$

Answer: $\text{F} > \text{Cl}$.

4.3 Exercise 3: Electronegativity Trend

Problem: Arrange O, S, Se in order of decreasing electronegativity.

Solution: Down group 16, electronegativity decreases.

$$\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Se}$$

Answer: $\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Se}$.

4.4 Exercise 4: Electronic Configuration

Problem: Predict the configuration of Cr ($Z = 24$).

Solution: Expected: $[Ar]3d^44s^2$. Actual: $[Ar]3d^54s^1$ (half-filled stability). **Answer:** $[Ar]3d^54s^1$.

4.5 Exercise 5: Reactivity Trend

Problem: Arrange Na, K, Rb in order of increasing reactivity.

Solution: Down group 1, reactivity increases.



Answer: $Na < K < Rb$.

4.6 Exercise 6: IE Anomaly

Problem: Why is the IE of Be higher than B?

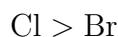
Solution: Be ($1s^22s^2$) has a fully-filled 2s subshell, more stable than B ($1s^22s^22p^1$).

Answer: Fully-filled stability.

4.7 Exercise 7: Electron Affinity

Problem: Compare EA of Cl and Br.

Solution: Cl has more negative EA due to smaller size.



Answer: $Cl > Br$.

4.8 Exercise 8: Block Identification

Problem: Identify the block of Ti ($Z = 22$).

Solution: Ti: $[Ar]3d^24s^2$. d-block. **Answer:** d-block.

4.9 Exercise 9: Periodic Position

Problem: Find the period and group of Cl ($Z = 17$).

Solution: Cl: $[Ne]3s^23p^5$. Period 3, group 17. **Answer:** Period 3, Group 17.

4.10 Exercise 10: Valency Trend

Problem: Predict the valency of Si, P, S.

Solution: Based on valence electrons: Si: 4, P: 5, S: 6. **Answer:** Si: 4, P: 5, S: 6.

4.11 Exercise 11: Radius Down Group

Problem: Arrange F, Cl, Br in order of increasing radius.

Solution: Down group 17, radius increases.

$$\text{F} < \text{Cl} < \text{Br}$$

Answer: $\text{F} < \text{Cl} < \text{Br}$.

4.12 Exercise 12: IE Across Period

Problem: Arrange Al, Si, P in order of increasing IE.

Solution: IE increases across period 3.

$$\text{Al} < \text{Si} < \text{P}$$

Answer: $\text{Al} < \text{Si} < \text{P}$.

4.13 Exercise 13: Electronegativity Comparison

Problem: Compare electronegativity of N and P.

Solution: N is more electronegative due to smaller size.

$$\text{N} > \text{P}$$

Answer: $\text{N} > \text{P}$.

4.14 Exercise 14: Configuration Exception

Problem: Write the configuration of Mo ($Z = 42$).

Solution: Expected: $[\text{Kr}]4d^45s^2$. Actual: $[\text{Kr}]4d^55s^1$. **Answer:** $[\text{Kr}]4d^55s^1$.

4.15 Exercise 15: Metallic Character

Problem: Arrange Si, P, S in order of increasing metallic character.

Solution: Metallic character decreases across a period.

$$\text{S} < \text{P} < \text{Si}$$

Answer: $\text{S} < \text{P} < \text{Si}$.

4.16 Exercise 16: IE Anomaly

Problem: Why is the IE of Mg higher than Al?

Solution: Mg ($3s^2$) has a fully-filled subshell, more stable than Al ($3s^23p^1$). **Answer :** *Fully – filled stability.*

4.17 Exercise 17: EA Trend

Problem: Arrange O, F, Cl in order of increasing EA (more negative).

Solution: Cl has the most negative EA due to optimal size.

$$\text{O} < \text{F} < \text{Cl}$$

Answer: $\text{O} < \text{F} < \text{Cl}$.

4.18 Exercise 18: Block Identification

Problem: Identify the block of La ($Z = 57$).

Solution: La: $[\text{Xe}]5d^16s^2$. d-block (lanthanide precursor). **Answer:** d-block.

4.19 Exercise 19: Periodic Position

Problem: Find the period and group of Ca ($Z = 20$).

Solution: Ca: $[\text{Ar}]4s^2$. Period 4, group 2. **Answer:** Period 4, Group 2.

4.20 Exercise 20: Valency Prediction

Problem: Predict the valency of Ge, As, Se.

Solution: Ge: 4, As: 5, Se: 6. **Answer:** Ge: 4, As: 5, Se: 6.

4.21 Exercise 21: Radius Across Period

Problem: Arrange C, N, O in order of decreasing radius.

Solution: Radius decreases across period 2.

$$\text{C} > \text{N} > \text{O}$$

Answer: $\text{C} > \text{N} > \text{O}$.

4.22 Exercise 22: IE Down Group

Problem: Arrange Li, Na, K in order of increasing IE.

Solution: IE decreases down group 1.

$$\text{K} < \text{Na} < \text{Li}$$

Answer: $\text{K} < \text{Na} < \text{Li}$.

4.23 Exercise 23: Electronegativity Trend

Problem: Arrange B, Al, Ga in order of decreasing electronegativity.

Solution: Down group 13, electronegativity generally decreases, but $\text{Ga} > \text{Al}$ due to d-block contraction.

$$\text{B} > \text{Ga} > \text{Al}$$

Answer: $\text{B} > \text{Ga} > \text{Al}$.

4.24 Exercise 24: Configuration Anomaly

Problem: Write the configuration of Pd ($Z = 46$).

Solution: Expected: $[Kr]4d^85s^2$. Actual: $[Kr]4d^{10}$. **Answer:** $[Kr]4d^{10}$.

4.25 Exercise 25: Reactivity Comparison

Problem: Compare reactivity of Br and I.

Solution: Br is more reactive due to higher EA.

$$\text{Br} > \text{I}$$

Answer: $\text{Br} > \text{I}$.

4.26 Exercise 26: IE Trend

Problem: Arrange S, Cl, Ar in order of increasing IE.

Solution: IE increases across period 3.

$$\text{S} < \text{Cl} < \text{Ar}$$

Answer: $\text{S} < \text{Cl} < \text{Ar}$.

4.27 Exercise 27: EA Anomaly

Problem: Why is the EA of Cl more negative than F?

Solution: F's small size causes electron repulsion, making Cl's EA more negative. **Answer:** Electron repulsion in F.

4.28 Exercise 28: Group Reactivity

Problem: Arrange Mg, Ca, Sr in order of increasing reactivity.

Solution: Down group 2, reactivity increases.

$$\text{Mg} < \text{Ca} < \text{Sr}$$

Answer: $\text{Mg} < \text{Ca} < \text{Sr}$.

4.29 Exercise 29: Block Identification

Problem: Identify the block of Pr ($Z = 59$).

Solution: Pr: $[Xe]4f^36s^2$. f-block. **Answer:** f-block.

4.30 Exercise 30: Valency Trend

Problem: Predict the valency of C, N, O.

Solution: C: 4, N: 5, O: 6. **Answer:** C: 4, N: 5, O: 6.

5 Additional Pattern Exercises

5.1 Exercise 31: Radius Comparison

Problem: Arrange Ga, Ge, As in order of increasing radius.

Solution: Across period 4, radius decreases.

$$\text{As} < \text{Ge} < \text{Ga}$$

Answer: $\text{As} < \text{Ge} < \text{Ga}$.

5.2 Exercise 32: IE Trend

Problem: Arrange B, C, N in order of decreasing IE.

Solution: N has highest IE due to half-filled stability.

$$\text{N} > \text{C} > \text{B}$$

Answer: $\text{N} > \text{C} > \text{B}$.

5.3 Exercise 33: Electronegativity

Problem: Compare electronegativity of O and Cl.

Solution: O (3.44) > Cl (3.16).

$$\text{O} > \text{Cl}$$

Answer: $\text{O} > \text{Cl}$.

5.4 Exercise 34: Configuration

Problem: Write the configuration of Ag (\$Z = 47\$).

Solution: Expected: $[\text{Kr}]4d^95s^2$. Actual: $[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}5s^1$. **Answer:** $[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}5s^1$.

5.5 Exercise 35: Reactivity

Problem: Arrange Cl, Br, I in order of decreasing reactivity.

Solution: Down group 17, reactivity decreases.

$$\text{Cl} > \text{Br} > \text{I}$$

Answer: $\text{Cl} > \text{Br} > \text{I}$.

5.6 Exercise 36: Metallic Character

Problem: Arrange Al, Si, P in order of increasing metallic character.

Solution: Metallic character decreases across period 3.

$$\text{P} < \text{Si} < \text{Al}$$

Answer: $\text{P} < \text{Si} < \text{Al}$.

5.7 Exercise 37: IE Anomaly

Problem: Why is the IE of S lower than P?

Solution: P ($3p^3$) has a half-filled subshell, more stable than S ($3p^4$). **Answer :** Half-filled stability.

5.8 Exercise 38: EA Trend

Problem: Arrange N, O, F in order of increasing EA.

Solution: N has low EA due to stability, $F < O$ due to repulsion.

$$N < F < O$$

Answer: $N < F < O$.

5.9 Exercise 39: Block Identification

Problem: Identify the block of Fe ($Z = 26$).

Solution: Fe: $[Ar]3d^64s^2$. d-block. **Answer:** d-block.

5.10 Exercise 40: Periodic Position

Problem: Find the period and group of I ($Z = 53$).

Solution: I: $[Kr]4d^{10}5s^25p^5$. Period 5, group 17. **Answer:** Period 5, Group 17.

6 Multiple Choice Questions

1. The element with the lowest IE in group 1 is:

- (a) Li
- (b) Na
- (c) K
- (d) Cs

Answer: (d) Cs

2. The most electronegative element in period 3 is:

- (a) Na
- (b) Cl
- (c) Ar
- (d) S

Answer: (b) Cl

3. The block of Gd ($Z = 64$) is:

- (a) s-block
- (b) p-block
- (c) d-block
- (d) f-block

Answer: (d) f-block

4. The element with a half-filled 3p subshell is:

- (a) Si
- (b) P
- (c) S
- (d) Cl

Answer: (b) P

7 Assertion-Reason Questions

1. **Assertion:** F has higher IE than Cl.
Reason: F is smaller than Cl.
Answer: Both true, Reason explains Assertion.
2. **Assertion:** Electronegativity increases down a group.
Reason: Atomic radius increases down a group.
Answer: Assertion false, Reason true.
3. **Assertion:** Cr has configuration $[Ar]3d^54s^1$.
Reason: Half-filled orbitals are more stable.
Answer: Both true, Reason explains Assertion.

8 Integer-Type Questions

1. The number of valence electrons in Sb ($Z = 51$) is: **Answer:** 5
2. The period number of Xe ($Z = 54$) is: **Answer:** 5
3. The group number of Ba ($Z = 56$) is: **Answer:** 2
4. The number of d-electrons in Fe ($Z = 26$) is: **Answer:** 6

9 Advanced Concepts for JEE Main

9.1 Effective Nuclear Charge

$$Z_{\text{eff}} = Z - \sigma$$

Higher Z_{eff} increases IE and electronegativity.

9.2 Periodic Anomalies

- Second period: Li, Be show diagonal relationships with Mg, Al.
- d-block: Cr, Cu exhibit configuration anomalies.
- EA: $\text{Cl} > \text{F}$ due to size effects.

9.3 Chemical Reactivity

- Group 1: Reactivity increases down due to lower IE.
- Group 17: Reactivity decreases down due to lower EA.

10 Additional Solved Examples

10.1 Example 6: Metallic Character

Problem: Arrange Al, Si, P in order of increasing metallic character.

Solution: Metallic character decreases across period 3.

$$\text{P} < \text{Si} < \text{Al}$$

Answer: $\text{P} < \text{Si} < \text{Al}$.

10.2 Example 7: Configuration Anomaly

Problem: Why does Pd have configuration $[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}$?

Solution: Fully-filled 4d subshell is more stable than partially-filled 5s. **Answer:** Stability of fully-filled subshell.

11 Final Pattern Exercises

11.1 Exercise 41: Radius Trend

Problem: Arrange In, Sn, Sb in order of increasing radius.

Solution: Across period 5, radius decreases.

$$\text{Sb} < \text{Sn} < \text{In}$$

Answer: $\text{Sb} < \text{Sn} < \text{In}$.

11.2 Exercise 42: IE Comparison

Problem: Compare IE of Se and Br.

Solution: Br has higher IE due to smaller size.

$$\text{Br} > \text{Se}$$

Answer: $\text{Br} > \text{Se}$.

11.3 Exercise 43: Electronegativity

Problem: Arrange N, O, F in order of increasing electronegativity.

Solution: Electronegativity increases across period 2.

$$\text{N} < \text{O} < \text{F}$$

Answer: $\text{N} < \text{O} < \text{F}$.

11.4 Exercise 44: Configuration

Problem: Write the configuration of Au ($Z = 79$).

Solution: $[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^1$. **Answer:** $[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^1$.

11.5 Exercise 45: Reactivity

Problem: Arrange Li, Na, K in order of increasing reactivity.

Solution: Down group 1, reactivity increases.

$$\text{Li} < \text{Na} < \text{K}$$

Answer: $\text{Li} < \text{Na} < \text{K}$.

12 Summary and Formula Sheet

12.1 Summary

The periodic table is key to understanding element properties. Highlights:

- Trends in radius, IE, EA, and electronegativity.
- Anomalies due to orbital stability.
- Reactivity and chemical behavior by group.
- JEE Main focuses on pattern prediction.

12.2 Formula Sheet

- $Z_{\text{eff}} = Z - \sigma$
- Valence Electrons: Group number (s/p-block).
- IE: Increases across period, decreases down group.
- Radius: Decreases across period, increases down group.
- Electronegativity: Increases across period, decreases down group.

13 Conceptual Questions for Revision

1. Discuss the role of Z_{eff} in periodic trends.
2. Explain diagonal relationships with examples.
3. Analyze the impact of orbital stability on IE.

14 Final Practice Set

14.1 Exercise 46: Radius

Problem: Arrange Te, I, Xe in order of decreasing radius. **Solution:** $\text{Te} > \text{I} > \text{Xe}$.

14.2 Exercise 47: IE

Problem: Compare IE of As and Se. **Solution:** $\text{Se} > \text{As}$.

14.3 Exercise 48: Electronegativity

Problem: Arrange Si, P, S in order of increasing electronegativity. **Solution:** $\text{Si} < \text{P} < \text{S}$.