

p Block Elements (Group 15, 16, 17 & 18)

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Table 7.1: Atomic and Physical Properties of Group 15 Elements

Property	N	P	As	Sb	Bi	
Atomic number	7	15	33	51	83	
Atomic mass/g mol ⁻¹	14.01	30.97	74.92	121.75	208.98	
Electronic configuration	[He]2s ² 2p ³	[Ne]3s ² 3p ³	[Ar]3d ¹⁰ 4s ² 4p ³	[Kr]4d ¹⁰ 5s ² 5p ³	[Xe]4f ¹⁴ 5d ¹⁰ 6s ² 6p ³	
Ionisation enthalpy (ΔH /(kJ mol ⁻¹))	I	1402	1012	947	834	703
	II	2856	1903	1798	1595	1610
	III	4577	2910	2736	2443	2466
Electronegativity	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	
Covalent radius/pm ^a	70	110	121	141	148	
Ionic radius/pm	171 ^b	212 ^b	222 ^b	76 ^c	103 ^c	
Melting point/K	63*	317 ^d	1089 ^c	904	544	
Boiling point/K	77.2*	554 ^d	888 ^f	1860	1837	
Density/[g cm ⁻³ (298 K)]	0.879 ^e	1.823	5.778 ^h	6.697	9.808	

Q1. Which of the following is the correct first ionisation enthalpy order of group 15 elements?

- A. Bi
- B. Sb
- C. Sb
- D. N

Ans. (A)

Q2. Which of the following is the correct Second ionisation enthalpy order of group 15 elements?

- A. Sb
- B. Sb
- C. Sb
- D. N

Ans. (C)



Q3. Which of the following is the correct Third ionisation enthalpy order of group 15 elements?

- A. Sb
- B. N
- C. Sb
- D. Sb

Ans. (D)

Q4. Which of the following is the correct Melting point order of group 15 elements?

- A. N
- B. N
- C. Sb
- D. Sb

Ans. (A)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct Boiling point order of group 15 elements?

- A. N
- B. N
- C. Sb
- D. Bi

Ans. (B)

Q6. Which of the following is the correct Density order of group 15 elements?

- A. N
- B. Bi
- C. Sb
- D. N

Ans. (D)



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Table 7.2: Properties of Hydrides of Group 15 Elements

Property	NH ₃	PH ₃	AsH ₃	SbH ₃	BiH ₃
Melting point/K	195.2	139.5	156.7	185	–
Boiling point/K	238.5	185.5	210.6	254.6	290
(E–H) Distance/pm	101.7	141.9	151.9	170.7	–
HEH angle (°)	107.8	93.6	91.8	91.3	–
$\Delta_f H^\ominus$ /kJ mol ⁻¹	-46.1	13.4	66.4	145.1	278
$\Delta_{diss} H^\ominus$ (E–H)/kJ mol ⁻¹	389	322	297	255	–

Q1. Which of the following is the correct order of melting point of group 15 hydrides?

- A. NH₃333
- B. PH₃333
- C. NH₃333
- D. SbH₃333

Ans. (B)

Q2. Which of the following is the correct order of boiling point of group 15 hydrides?

- A. PH₃333
- B. NH₃333
- C. SbH₃333
- D. NH₃333

Ans. (A)

Q3. Which of the following is the correct order of E–H distance (E= N,P,As,Sb) of group 15 hydrides?

- A. NH₃333
- B. SbH₃333



C. NH_3

D. PH_3

Ans. (C)

Q4. Which of the following is the correct order of HEH angle (where E = N, P, As, Sb) of group 15 hydrides?

A. NH_3

B. PH_3

C. NH_3

D. SbH_3

Ans. (D)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct order of enthalpy of formation of group 15 hydrides?

A. NH_3

B. PH_3

C. NH_3

D. SbH_3

Ans. (A)

Q6. Which of the following is correct about the E-H bond dissociation enthalpy of group 15 elements?

A. NH_3

B. NH_3

C. SbH_3

D. AsH_3

Ans. (C)



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Table 7.3: Oxides of Nitrogen

Name	Formula	Oxidation state of nitrogen	Common methods of preparation	Physical appearance and chemical nature
Dinitrogen oxide [Nitrogen(I) oxide]	N_2O	+ 1	$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} N_2O + 2H_2O$	colourless gas, neutral
Nitrogen monoxide [Nitrogen(II) oxide]	NO	+ 2	$2NaNO_2 + 2FeSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NaHSO_4 + 2H_2O + 2NO$	colourless gas, neutral

Q1. Which of the following is colourless neutral gas?

- A. N_2O
- B. N_2O_3
- C. N_2O_5
- D. NO_2

Ans. (A)

Q2. Which of the following is a brown gas formed during strong heating of $Pb(NO_3)_2$?

- A. N_2O
- B. NO_2
- C. NO
- D. N_2O_3

Ans. (B)

Q3. Which of the following is the blue acidic solid?

- A. NO
- B. N_2O_4
- C. N_2O_5
- D. N_2O_3

Ans. (D)



Q4. What is the oxidation state of N in N₂O₄?

- A. +1
- B. +3
- C. +5
- D. +4

Ans. (D)

Q5. Which of the following oxide formed during the reaction of HNO₃ with P₄O₁₀?

- A. N₂O₅
- B. N₂O₃
- C. NO
- D. N₂O

Ans. (A)

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Table 7.4: Structures of Oxides of Nitrogen

Formula	Resonance Structures	Bond Parameters
N ₂ O	$\ddot{\text{N}}=\text{N}=\ddot{\text{O}} \leftrightarrow \text{:N}\equiv\text{N}-\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:}$	$\text{N} - \text{N} - \text{O}$ 113 pm 119 pm Linear
NO	$\text{:N}=\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:} \leftrightarrow \text{:}\ddot{\text{N}}=\ddot{\text{O}}\text{:}$	$\text{N} - \text{O}$ 115 pm
N ₂ O ₃		 Planar
NO ₂		 Angular
N ₂ O ₄		 Planar
N ₂ O ₅		 Planar

Q1. Which of the following is not a planar oxide?

- A. N_2O_4
- B. N_2O_5
- C. NO_2
- D. N_2O_3

Ans. (C)

Q2. Which of the following oxides has the smallest N–O bond length?

- A. N_2O_4
- B. NO_2
- C. NO
- D. N_2O

Ans. (C)

Q3. Which of the following oxides has the largest N–N bond length?

- A. N_2O
- B. N_2O_5
- C. N_2O_4
- D. N_2O_3

Ans. (D)

Q5. Which of the following oxides contains N–O–N bonds?

- A. N_2O_5
- B. N_2O_4
- C. NO
- D. N_2O

Ans. (A)

Q6. Which of the following oxides contains only one N–O single bond?

- A. N_2O_4
- B. NO
- C. N_2O_3
- D. N_2O_5



Ans. (C)

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Table 7.5: Oxoacids of Phosphorus

Name	Formula	Oxidation state of phosphorus	Characteristic bonds and their number	Preparation
Hypophosphorous (Phosphinic)	H_3PO_2	+1	One P – OH Two P – H One P = O	white P_4 + alkali
Orthophosphorous (Phosphonic)	H_3PO_3	+3	Two P – OH One P – H One P = O	$\text{P}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
Pyrophosphorous	$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$	+3	Four P – OH One P – O – P	$\text{PCl}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$
Hypophosphoric	$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$	+4	Four P – OH Two P = O One P – P	red P_4 + alkali
Orthophosphoric	H_3PO_4	+5	Three P – OH One P = O	$\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
Pyrophosphoric	$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$	+5	Four P – OH Two P = O One P – O – P	heat phosphoric acid
Metaphosphoric*	$(\text{HPO}_3)_n$	+5	Three P – OH Three P = O Three P – O – P	phosphorus acid + Br_2 , heat in a sealed tube

Q1. Which of the following is phosphinic acid?

- A. H_3PO_3
- B. H_3PO_4
- C. H_3PO_2
- D. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

Ans. (C)

2. Which of the following is phosphonic acid?

- A. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
- B. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$
- C. H_3PO_4
- D. H_3PO_3



Ans. (D)

Q3. Which of the following oxoacids of phosphorus has oxidation no. +4?

- A. Hypophosphorous acid
- B. Pyrophosphorous acid
- C. Hypophosphoric acid
- D. Pyrophosphoric acid

Ans. (C)

Q4. Which of the following doesn't have P–O–P bonds?

- A. $(\text{HPO}_3)_n$
- B. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
- C. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$
- D. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$

Ans. (D)

Q5. Which of the following is formed by heating phosphoric acid?

- A. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
- B. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$
- C. H_3PO_3
- D. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$

Ans. (A)

Q6. Which of the following oxoacids of phosphorus doesn't have oxidation no. +5?

- A. $(\text{HPO}_3)_n$
- B. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$
- C. $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$
- D. H_3PO_4

Ans. (B)



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Table 7.6: Some Physical Properties of Group 16 Elements

Property	O	S	Se	Te	Po
Atomic number	8	16	34	52	84
Atomic mass/g mol ⁻¹	16.00	32.06	78.96	127.60	210.00
Electronic configuration	[He]2s ² 2p ⁴	[Ne]3s ² 3p ⁴	[Ar]3d ¹⁰ 4s ² 4p ⁴	[Kr]4d ¹⁰ 5s ² 5p ⁴	[Xe]4f ¹⁴ 5d ¹⁰ 6s ² 6p ⁴
Covalent radius/(pm) ^a	66	104	117	137	146
Ionic radius, E ²⁻ /pm	140	184	198	221	230 ^b
Electron gain enthalpy /Δ _{eg} H kJ mol ⁻¹	-141	-200	-195	-190	-174
Ionisation enthalpy (Δ _i H ₁) /kJ mol ⁻¹	1314	1000	941	869	813
Electronegativity	3.50	2.58	2.55	2.01	1.76
Density /g cm ⁻³ (298 K)	1.32 ^c	2.06 ^d	4.19 ^c	6.25	-
Melting point/K	55	393 ^f	490	725	520
Boiling point/K	90	718	958	1260	1235
Oxidation states*	-2,-1,1,2	-2,2,4,6	-2,2,4,6	-2,2,4,6	2,4

Q1. Which of the following is the correct covalent radii order of Group 16 elements?

- A. O
- B. S
- C. O
- D. O

Ans. (A)

Q2. Which of the following is the correct electron gain enthalpy order of Group 16 elements?

- A. O
- B. S
- C. S
- D.S

Ans. (B)



Q3. Which of the following is the correct ionisation enthalpy order of Group 16 elements?

- A. Po
- B. Po
- C. O
- D. S

Ans. (A)

Q4. Which of the following is the correct electronegativity order of Group 16 elements?

- A. Po
- B. O
- C. S
- D. S

Ans. (A)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct melting point order of Group 16 elements?

- A. S
- B. Te
- C. O
- D. S

Ans. (C)

Q6. Which of the following is the correct boiling point order of Group 16 elements?

- A. S
- B. O
- C. O
- D. O

Ans. (B)



Q7. Which of the following does not show negative oxidation states?

- A. S
- B. Se
- C. Te
- D. Po

Ans. (D)

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Table 7.7: Properties of Hydrides of Group 16 Elements

Property	H ₂ O	H ₂ S	H ₂ Se	H ₂ Te
m.p/K	273	188	208	222
b.p/K	373	213	232	269
H-E distance/pm	96	134	146	169
HEH angle (°)	104	92	91	90
$\Delta_f H/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	-286	-20	73	100
$\Delta_{\text{diss}} H (H-E)/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	463	347	276	238
Dissociation constant ^a	1.8×10^{-16}	1.3×10^{-7}	1.3×10^{-4}	2.3×10^{-3}

Q1. Which of the following is the correct melting point order of group 16 hydrides?

- A. H₂O < S < Se < Te
- B. H₂S < Se < Te < O
- C. H₂Se < Te < O < S
- D. H₂S < Te < Se < O

Ans. (B)

Q2. Which of the following is the correct boiling point order of group 16 hydrides?

- A. H₂S < Te < Se < O
- B. H₂O < S < Se < Te
- C. H₂S < Te < Se < O
- D. H₂Se < Te < O < S



Ans. (A)

Q3. Which of the following is the correct HEH angle order of group 16 hydrides?

- A. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Se} > \text{Te}$
- B. $\text{H}_2\text{S} > \text{Te} > \text{Se} > \text{O}$
- C. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Se} > \text{Te} > \text{S}$
- D. $\text{H}_2\text{Te} > \text{Se} > \text{S} > \text{O}$

Ans. (D)

Q4. Which of the following is the correct enthalpy of formation order of group 16 hydrides?

- A. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Se} > \text{Te} > \text{S}$
- B. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Te} > \text{Se}$
- C. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Se} > \text{Te}$
- D. $\text{H}_2\text{S} > \text{Se} > \text{Te} > \text{O}$

Ans. (C)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct H—E bond dissociation enthalpy order of group 16 hydrides?

- A. $\text{H}_2\text{Te} > \text{S} > \text{Se} > \text{O}$
- B. $\text{H}_2\text{S} > \text{Te} > \text{Se} > \text{O}$
- C. $\text{H}_2\text{Te} > \text{Se} > \text{S} > \text{O}$
- D. $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{S} > \text{Se} > \text{Te}$

Ans. (C)

Q6. Which of the following has the highest dissociation constant?

- A. H_2Se
- B. H_2S
- C. H_2Te
- D. H_2O

Ans. (C)



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Table 7.8: Atomic and Physical Properties of Halogens

Property	F	Cl	Br	I	At ^a
Atomic number	9	17	35	53	85
Atomic mass/g mol ⁻¹	19.00	35.45	79.90	126.90	210
Electronic configuration	[He]2s ² 2p ⁵	[Ne]3s ² 3p ⁵	[Ar]3d ¹⁰ 4s ² 4p ⁵	[Kr]4d ¹⁰ 5s ² 5p ⁵	[Xe]4f ¹⁴ 5d ¹⁰ 6s ² 6p ⁵
Covalent radius/pm	64	99	114	133	–
Ionic radius X ⁻ /pm	133	184	196	220	–
Ionisation enthalpy/kJ mol ⁻¹	1680	1256	1142	1008	–
Electron gain enthalpy/kJ mol ⁻¹	-333	-349	-325	-296	–
Electronegativity ^b	4	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.2
$\Delta_{\text{hyd}}H(X)/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	515	381	347	305	–
	F ₂	Cl ₂	Br ₂	I ₂	–
Melting point/K	54.4	172.0	265.8	386.6	–
Boiling point/K	84.9	239.0	332.5	458.2	–
Density/g cm ⁻³	1.5 (85) ^c	1.66 (203) ^c	3.19(273) ^c	4.94(293) ^d	–
Distance X – X/pm	143	199	228	266	–
Bond dissociation enthalpy (/kJ mol ⁻¹)	158.8	242.6	192.8	151.1	–
E°/V^e	2.87	1.36	1.09	0.54	–

Q1. Which of the following is the correct order of ionic radii of halogens?

- A. F
- B. Br
- C. I
- D. I

Ans. (A)

Q2. Which of the following is the correct order of ionisation enthalpy of halogens?

- A. Br
- B. F
- C. I
- D. I

Ans. (C)

Q3. Which of the following is the correct order of electron gain enthalpy of halogens?

- A. F
- B. Cl
- C. Cl
- D. F

Ans. (B)

Q4. Which of the following is the correct order of hydration enthalpy of halides?

- A. $\text{Cl}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$
- B. $\text{I}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{F}^-$
- C. $\text{F}^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$
- D. $\text{Cl}^- > \text{I}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{F}^-$

Ans. (B)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct order of Melting points of halogens molecules?

- A. $\text{F}_2 < \text{Cl}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{I}_2$
- B. $\text{Cl}_2 < \text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{F}_2$
- C. $\text{F}_2 < \text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{Cl}_2$
- D. $\text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{Cl}_2 < \text{F}_2$

Ans. (A)

Q6. Which of the following is the correct order of boiling points of halogens molecules?

- A. $\text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{Cl}_2 < \text{F}_2$
- B. $\text{F}_2 < \text{Cl}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{I}_2$
- C. $\text{Cl}_2 < \text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{F}_2$
- D. $\text{F}_2 < \text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{Cl}_2$

Ans. (D)

Q7. Which of the following is the correct order of X–X bond distance of halogens molecules?

- A. $\text{Cl}_2 < \text{I}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{F}_2$
- B. $\text{F}_2 < \text{Cl}_2 < \text{Br}_2 < \text{I}_2$



- C. I₂222
- D. F₂222

Ans. (B)

Q8. Which of the following is the correct order of X–X bond dissociation enthalpy of halogens molecules?

- A. I₂222
- B. I₂222
- C. Cl₂222
- D. F₂222

Ans. (B)

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Table 7.9: Properties of Hydrogen Halides

Property	HF	HCl	HBr	HI
Melting point/K	190	159	185	222
Boiling point/K	293	189	206	238
Bond length (H – X)/pm	91.7	127.4	141.4	160.9
$\Delta_{\text{diss}} H^\ominus / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	574	432	363	295
pK_a	3.2	-7.0	-9.5	-10.0

Q1. Which of the following is correct order of melting point of hydrogen halides?

- A. HF
- B. HI
- C. HCl
- D. HCl

Ans. (C)

Q2. Which of the following is correct order of boiling point of hydrogen halides?

- A. HCl
- B. HF



- C. HCl
- D. HI

Ans. (A)

Q3. Which of the following is correct order of H–X bond length of hydrogen halides?

- A. HCl
- B. HI
- C. HCl
- D. HF

Ans. (D)

Q4. Which of the following is correct order of H–X bond length of hydrogen halides?

- A. HI
- B. HCl
- C. HF
- D. HBr

Ans. (A)

Q5. Which of the following has $P_{K_a} > 0$?

- A. HF
- B. HBr
- C. HCl
- D. HI

Ans. (A)



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Table 7.10: Oxoacids of Halogens

Halic (I) acid (Hypohalous acid)	HOF (Hypofluorous acid)	HOCl (Hypochlorous acid)	HOBBr (Hypobromous acid)	HOI (Hypoiodous acid)
Halic (III) acid (Halous acid)	– –	HOCIO (chlorous acid)	– –	– –
Halic (V) acid (Halic acid)	– –	HOCIO ₂ (chloric acid)	HOBBrO ₂ (bromic acid)	HOIO ₂ (iodic acid)
Halic (VII) acid (Perhalic acid)	– –	HOCIO ₃ (perchloric acid)	HOBBrO ₃ (perbromic acid)	HOIO ₃ (periodic acid)

Q1. Which of the following is chlorous acid?

- A. HOCl
- B. HOCIO
- C. HOCIO₂
- D. HOCIO₃

Ans. (B)

Q2. No. of lone pairs in central atom in HOIO₂ is:

- A. 1
- B. 0
- C. 3
- D. 2

Ans. (D)

Q3. No. of OH bonds in HOCIO₂ is:

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

Ans. (B)



Q4. F can make oxoacid in which of the following states?

- A. 0
- B. +3
- C. +5
- D. +1

Ans. (D)

Q5. Cl can not make oxoacid in which of the following states?

- A. +6
- B. +5
- C. +7
- D. +3

Ans. (A)

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Table 7.12: Atomic and Physical Properties of Group 18 Elements

Property	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe	Rn*
Atomic number	2	10	18	36	54	86
Atomic mass/ g mol ⁻¹	4.00	20.18	39.95	83.80	131.30	222.00
Electronic configuration	1s ²	[He]2s ² 2p ⁶	[Ne] 3s ² 3p ⁶	[Ar]3d ¹⁰ 4s ² 4p ⁶	[Kr]4d ¹⁰ 5s ² 5p ⁶	[Xe]4f ¹⁴ 5d ¹⁰ 6s ² 6p ⁶
Atomic radius/pm	120	160	190	200	220	-
Ionisation enthalpy /kJmol ⁻¹	2372	2080	1520	1351	1170	1037
Electron gain enthalpy /kJmol ⁻¹	48	116	96	96	77	68
Density (at STP)/gcm ⁻³	1.8×10 ⁻⁴	9.0×10 ⁻⁴	1.8×10 ⁻³	3.7×10 ⁻³	5.9×10 ⁻³	9.7×10 ⁻³
Melting point/K	-	24.6	83.8	115.9	161.3	202
Boiling point/K	4.2	27.1	87.2	119.7	165.0	211
Atmospheric content (% by volume)	5.24×10 ⁻⁴	1.82×10 ⁻³	0.934	1.14×10 ⁻⁴	8.7×10 ⁻⁶	-

* radioactive

Q1. Which of the following is the correct ionisation enthalpy order of group 18 elements?

- A. Xe
- B. He
- C. He
- D. Ar

Ans. (A)

Q2. Which of the following has the least electron gain enthalpy order of group 18 elements?

- A. Xe
- B. Kr
- C. He
- D. Ar

Ans. (A)

Q3. Which of the following is the correct melting point order of group 18 elements?

- A. Ar
- B. He
- C. Xe
- D. He

Ans. (D)

Q4. Which of the following has the highest density?

- A. He
- B. Ne
- C. Ar
- D. Xe

Ans. (D)

Q5. Which of the following is the correct boiling point order of group 18 elements?

- A. Ar
- B. Xe
- C. He
- D. He

Ans. (C)



Q6. Which of the following is most abundant in nature?

- A. Kr
- B. Ne
- C. He
- D. Ar

Ans. (D)