

# CHEMISTRY

# PERIODIC TABLE WORKSHEET

## Periodic Table Questions *[Place your answer in the blank to the left of the question number.]*

- \_\_\_ 1. The elements characterized as nonmetals are located in the periodic table at the  
(A) far left; (B) bottom; (C) center; (D) top right.
- \_\_\_ 2. An element that is a liquid at STP is in Group (A) IA; (B) IIA; (C) IB; (D) IIB.
- \_\_\_ 3. Elements that have properties of both metals and nonmetals are called  
(A) metalloids; (B) halogens; (C) alkali metals; (D) transition elements.
- \_\_\_ 4. Which of the following noble gases has the lowest normal boiling point?  
(A) Ne; (B) Ar; (C) Kr; (D) Xe.
- \_\_\_ 5. Which is the atomic number of an alkali metal?  
(A) 10; (B) 11; (C) 12; (D) 13.
- \_\_\_ 6. Which element is a halogen?  
(A) iron; (B) nitrogen; (C) iodine; (D) neon.
- \_\_\_ 7. Which element forms a colored ion in solution?  
(A) Ni; (B) Li; (C) K; (D) Mg.
- \_\_\_ 8. Given the same conditions, which of the following Group VIIA elements has the least tendency to gain electrons?  
(A) fluorine; (B) iodine; (C) bromine; (D) chlorine.
- \_\_\_ 9. The element in Period 3 with the most metallic character is  
(A) sodium; (B) aluminum; (C) silicon; (D) phosphorus.
- \_\_\_ 10. The alkaline earth element having the largest atomic radius is found in Period  
(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 6; (D) 7.
- \_\_\_ 11. Which is the electron configuration of a transition element for the Bohr orbits K,L,M,N?  
(A) 2-2; (B) 2-8-2; (C) 2-8-8-2; (D) 2-8-9-2.
- \_\_\_ 12. Which of the following atoms will lose an electron most readily?  
(A) potassium; (B) calcium; (C) rubidium; (D) strontium.
- \_\_\_ 13. Which element in Group 16 (VIA) has the greatest tendency to gain electrons?  
(A) Te; (B) Se; (C) S; (D) O.

- \_\_\_ 14. Which element would most likely form a compound whose water solution is colored?  
(A) H; (B) P; (C) Mg; (D) Cu.
- \_\_\_ 15. Which element will form a +2 ion the easiest?  
(A) calcium; (B) oxygen; (C) sodium; (D) aluminum.
- \_\_\_ 16. Which element has the highest electron affinity?  
(A) lithium; (B) nitrogen; (C) boron; (D) fluorine.
- \_\_\_ 17. The elements known as the alkali metals are found in Group  
(A) 1 (IA); (B) 2 (IIA); (C) 13 (IIIA); (D) 17 (VIIA).
- \_\_\_ 18. Which of the Group VIIA elements listed below has the greatest nuclear charge?  
(A) F; (B) Cl; (C) Br; (D) I.
- \_\_\_ 19. The element in Period 3 that has the highest ionization energy is  
(A) an inert gas; (B) a halogen; (C) an alkali metal; (D) an alkaline earth metal.
- \_\_\_ 20. Which element in Period 3 has both metallic and nonmetallic properties?  
(A) Na; (B) Mg; (C) Si; (D) Ar.
- \_\_\_ 21. Which electron configuration represents an atom of an element having a completed third principal energy level?  
(A) 2-8-2; (B) 2-8-6-2; (C) 2-8-10-2; (D) 2-8-18-2.
- \_\_\_ 22. Given the general formula  $\text{XCl}_2$  Which element in Period 3 of the periodic table will form a chloride having the above formula?  
(A) Mg; (B) Na; (C) Ar; (D) Si.
- \_\_\_ 23. Which element forms an ion larger than its atom?  
(A) Na; (B) Ne; (C) Ba; (D) Br.
- \_\_\_ 24. Which element is most likely to form a compound with xenon?  
(A) fluorine; (B) sodium; (C) bromine; (D) calcium.
- \_\_\_ 25. The elements in the present Periodic Table are arranged according to their  
(A) atomic numbers; (B) atomic masses; (C) mass numbers; (D) oxidation state.

- \_\_\_ 26. Which ion would have the smallest radius?  
(A)  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  ; (B)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ; (C)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ; (D)  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  .
- \_\_\_ 27. Elements in Period 3 are alike in that they all have the same number of  
(A) protons; (B) neutrons; (C) electrons in the valence shell; (D) occupied principal energy levels.
- \_\_\_ 28. The majority of the elements in the Periodic Table are  
(A) metals; (B) nonmetals; (C) metalloids; (D) noble gases.
- \_\_\_ 29. Given the general formula  $\text{M}_2\text{O}_3$  The elements which form oxides with this formula are in  
Group  
(A) 1 (IA); (B) 2 (IIA); (C) 13 (IIIA); (D) 14 (IVA).
- \_\_\_ 30. Which element in Period 3 is the most active nonmetal?  
(A) sodium; (B) magnesium; (C) chlorine; (D) argon.
- \_\_\_ 31. What is the total number of electrons found in the valence shell of an alkaline earth element in the ground state?  
(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.
- \_\_\_ 32. The most active metals are in Group  
(A) 1 (IA); (B) 15 (VA); (C) 13 (IIIA); (D) 17 (VIIA).
- \_\_\_ 33. Which is an example of a metalloid?  
(A) sodium; (B) strontium; (C) silicon; (D) sulfur.
- \_\_\_ 34. Which element exists as a diatomic molecule at STP?  
(A) bromine; (B) argon; (C) sulfur; (D) rubidium.
- \_\_\_ 35. The water solution of a compound is bright yellow. The compound could be  
(A)  $\text{KNO}_3$ ; (B)  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ ; (C)  $\text{KOH}$ ; (D)  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$ .
- \_\_\_ 36. Which Period contains four elements which are gases at STP?  
(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.
- \_\_\_ 37. An atom in the ground state with eight valence electrons would most likely be classified as  
(A) an active metal; (B) an inactive metal; (C) a noble gas; (D) a halogen.

- \_\_\_ 38. The atomic number of a metalloid in Period 4 is  
(A) 19; (B) 26; (C) 33; (D) 36.
- \_\_\_ 39. Which electron configuration represents the atom in period 2 with the largest covalent radius?  
(A)  $1s^2 2s^1$ ; (B)  $1s^2 2s^2$ ; (C)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^1$ ; (D)  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$ .
- \_\_\_ 40. Which element is a liquid at STP?  
(A) K; (B) I; (C) Ag; (D) Hg.
- \_\_\_ 41. All elements whose atoms in the ground state have a total of 5 electrons in their outermost p sublevel are called  
(A) noble gases; (B) metalloids; (C) halogens; (D) alkaline earth metals.
- \_\_\_ 42. Which element will have the highest boiling point?  
(A) sodium; (B) potassium; (C) silicon; (D) neon.
- \_\_\_ 43. Which solution contains colored ions?  
(A)  $KCl(aq)$ ; (B)  $NiCl_2(aq)$ ; (C)  $HCl(aq)$ ; (D)  $LiCl(aq)$ .
- \_\_\_ 44. An element that has an ionic radius larger than its atomic radius is  
(A) Al; (B) Cl; (C) Li; (D) Ni.
- \_\_\_ 45. Which element may be prepared only by the electrolysis of its fused compounds?  
(A)  $F_2$ ; (B)  $I_2$ ; (C)  $Cl_2$ ; (D)  $Br_2$ .
- \_\_\_ 46. Which of the following elements has the highest electronegativity?  
(A) phosphorous; (B) sulfur; (C) oxygen; (D) sodium.
- \_\_\_ 47. Which element has the highest ionization energy?  
(A) barium; (B) magnesium; (C) calcium; (D) strontium.
- \_\_\_ 48. Which element will have the most vigorous reaction with water?  
(A) sodium; (B) cesium; (C) magnesium; (D) barium.

- \_\_\_ 49. In which group do all the elements have the same number of electrons in the outermost principal energy level?
- (A) 6 (VIB); (B) 18 (VIII); (C) 18 (O); (D) 14 (IVA).
- \_\_\_ 50. Which is an alkaline earth metal?
- (A) Na; (B) Ca; (C) Ga; (D) Ta.
- \_\_\_ 51. As one proceeds from left to right across a given period on the Periodic Table the electronegativities of the elements generally
- (A) decrease; (B) increase; (C) remain the same.
- \_\_\_ 52. As one proceeds from fluorine to astatine in Group VIIA the electronegativity
- (A) decreases and the atomic radius increases;  
(B) decreases and the atomic radius decreases;  
(C) increases and the atomic radius decreases;  
(D) increases and the atomic radius increases.
- \_\_\_ 53. If  $X$  is the atomic number of an element in Group 12 (IIB), an element with the atomic number  $(X + 1)$  will be found in Group
- (A) 11 (IB); (B) 2 (IIA); (C) 13 (IIIA); (D) 3 (IIIB).
- \_\_\_ 54. Which element will react violently with water at room temperature?
- (A) aluminum; (B) potassium; (C) iodine; (D) zinc.
- \_\_\_ 55. Which group of elements exhibits all three phases of matter at room temperature?
- (A) 2 (IIA); (B) 14 (IVA); (C) 15 (VA); (D) 17 (VIIA).
- \_\_\_ 56. Which element had its last electron go in an inner energy level?
- (A) potassium; (B) scandium; (C) calcium; (D) bromine.
- \_\_\_ 57. Which element in Group IIA is the best reducing agent?
- (A) Mg; (B) Sr; (C) Ca; (D) Ba.
- \_\_\_ 58. The element whose properties are most similar to those of tellurium is
- (A) Be; (B) S; (C) O; (D) Po.

- \_\_\_ 59. Which period in the Periodic Table contains the most metals?  
(A) 6; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.
- \_\_\_ 60. Which element will never have a positive oxidation number?  
(A) fluorine; (B) oxygen; (C) sodium; (D) iodine.
- \_\_\_ 61. An atom of fluorine is smaller than an atom of oxygen. One possible explanation is that, compared with oxygen, fluorine has  
(A) a smaller oxidation number; (B) a smaller atomic number;  
(C) a greater nuclear charge; (D) more unpaired electrons.
- \_\_\_ 62. In Period 3, as the atomic numbers increase, the pattern according to which the properties of the elements change is  
(A) metal = metalloid = nonmetal = noble gas;  
(B) metal = nonmetal = noble gas = metalloid;  
(C) nonmetal = metalloid = metal = noble gas;  
(D) nonmetal = metal = noble gas = metalloid.
- \_\_\_ 63. All of the elements in Period 3 have a total of 2 electrons in the  
(A) 2s sublevel; (B) 3s sublevel; (C) 2p sublevel; (D) 3p sublevel.
- \_\_\_ 64. If X represents an element of Group IA the formula of its oxide would be  
(A) XO; (B) X<sub>2</sub>O; (C) XO<sub>2</sub>; (D) X<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
- \_\_\_ 65. At STP, which element is a solid?  
(A) hydrogen; (B) carbon; (C) nitrogen; (D) argon.
- \_\_\_ 66. Which element exists as monatomic molecules at STP?  
(A) hydrogen; (B) nitrogen; (C) argon; (D) chlorine.
- \_\_\_ 67. Which element in Period 2 is the most active metal?  
(A) neon; (B) beryllium; (C) fluorine; (D) lithium.
- \_\_\_ 68. Beryllium is classified as  
(A) an alkaline earth metal; (B) an alkali metal; (C) a transition element; (D) a noble gas.

- \_\_\_ 69. As the elements in group 1 (IA) are considered in order of increasing atomic number the atomic radius of each successive element increases. This is primarily due to an increase in the number of
- (A) neutrons in the nucleus; (B) electrons in the outermost shell;
- (C) unpaired electrons; (D) principal energy levels.
- \_\_\_ 70. Ozone is an allotropic form of the element
- (A) oxygen; (B) phosphorus; (C) sulfur; (D) carbon.
- \_\_\_ 71. Given the general formula  $MCl_2$  Which group will form chlorides with the above formula?
- (A) 1 (IA); (B) 2 (IIA); (C) 17 (VIIA); (D) 18.
- \_\_\_ 72. What is the total number of electrons found in the valence shell of a halogen in the ground state?
- (A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 7; (D) 8.
- \_\_\_ 73. Which of the following elements is most likely to form a compound with radon?
- (A) iodine; (B) fluorine; (C) sodium; (D) calcium.
- \_\_\_ 74. Which element has atoms with only one completely filled principal energy level?
- (A) N; (B) P; (C) As; (D) Sb.
- \_\_\_ 75. The oxide of metal X has the formula  $XO$ . Which group in the Periodic Table contains metal X?
- (A) 1 (IA); (B) 2 (IIA); (C) 13 (IIIA); (D) 15 (VA).
- \_\_\_ 76. When a fluorine atom becomes an ion, it will
- (A) gain an electron and decrease in size; (B) gain an electron and increase in size;
- (C) lose an electron and decrease in size; (D) lose an electron and increase in size.
- \_\_\_ 77. Which element in Period 3 of the Periodic Table is the strongest reducing agent?
- (A) S; (B) Na; (C) Cl; (D) Al.
- \_\_\_ 78. Which element can form more than one binary compound with chlorine?
- (A) K; (B) Ca; (C) Fe; (D) Zn.
- \_\_\_ 79. Which represents the electron configuration of a metalloid in the ground state?
- (A) 2-3; (B) 2-5; (C) 2-8-5; (D) 2-8-6.

\_\_\_ 80. In a given period of the Periodic Table the element with the lowest first ionization energy is always

(A) an alkaline earth metal; (B) an alkali metal; (C) a halogen; (D) an inert gas.

\_\_\_ 81. What is the total number of elements in Period 2 that are gases at room temperature and standard pressure?

(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.

\_\_\_ 82. The atoms of the most active nonmetals have

(A) small atomic radii and high ionization energies;

(B) small atomic radii and low ionization energies;

(C) large atomic radii and low ionization energies;

(D) large atomic radii and high ionization energies.

\_\_\_ 83. Which element has the largest ionic radius?

(A) sodium; (B) fluorine; (C) potassium; (D) chlorine.

\_\_\_ 84. An element in which electrons from more than one energy level may be involved in bond formation is

(A) potassium; (B) calcium; (C) copper; (D) zinc.

\_\_\_ 85. Which of the following periods contains the greatest number of metals?

(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.

\_\_\_ 86. An element that has a high ionization energy and tends to be chemically inactive would most likely be

(A) an alkali metal; (B) a transition element; (C) a noble gas; (D) a halogen.

\_\_\_ 87. At STP which of the following elements has the most metallic character?

(A) C; (B) Si; (C) Ge; (D) Sn.

\_\_\_ 88. An atom of the element in Period 2 Group 14 (IVA) is in the ground state. What total number of valence electrons does the atom have?

(A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.



- \_\_\_ 89. Proceeding from left to right in Period 2 of the Periodic Table the covalent radius of the elements generally
- (A) decreases; (B) increases; (C) remains the same.
- \_\_\_ 90. Which element in Period 3 has the highest first ionization energy?
- (A) Na; (B) Ar; (C) Cl; (D) Mg.
- \_\_\_ 91. When oxygen combines with any alkali metal, M, the formula of the compound produced usually is
- (A)  $M_2O_3$ ; (B)  $MO_2$ ; (C)  $M_2O$ ; (D)  $M_3O_2$ .
- \_\_\_ 92. Which group contains elements in the solid, liquid, and gas phases at 25 °C and 1 atmosphere?
- (A) 16 ; (B) 2 ; (C) 17 ; (D) 18 .
- \_\_\_ 93. A characteristic of the halogens is that they have relatively
- (A) low ionization energies; (B) low reduction potentials;  
(C) high oxidation potentials; (D) high electronegativities.
- \_\_\_ 94. An element whose atoms have the electron configuration 2-8-18-1 is
- (A) a transition element; (B) an alkali metal; (C) an alkali metal; (D) an alkaline earth.
- \_\_\_ 95. The elements of Period 2 have the same
- (A) atomic mass; (B) atomic number;  
(C) number of occupied principal energy levels; (D) number of occupied sublevels.
- \_\_\_ 96. On the Periodic Table of the Elements all the elements within Group VIA have the same number of
- (A) valence electrons; (B) energy levels; (C) protons; (D) neutrons.
- \_\_\_ 97. Which element in Period 3 has the least tendency to lose an electron?
- (A) argon; (B) sodium; (C) phosphorus; (D) aluminum.
- \_\_\_ 98. Which compound contains an alkali metal and a halogen?
- (A)  $CaCl_2$ ; (B)  $CaS$ ; (C)  $RbCl$ ; (D)  $Rb_2S$ .

- \_\_\_ 99. All atoms of Group IIA (B) elements in the ground state have the same number of electrons in which principal energy level?
- (A) 1; (B) 2; (C) 3; (D) 4.
- \_\_\_ 100. Which represents the correct electron configuration of the outermost principal energy level of a Group O element in the ground state?
- (A)  $s^2p^2$ ; (B)  $s^2p^4$ ; (C)  $s^2p^6$ ; (D)  $s^2p^8$ .
- \_\_\_ 101. At STP which of the following substances is the best conductor of electricity?
- (A) hydrogen; (B) mercury; (C) oxygen; (D) helium.
- \_\_\_ 102. An element with two valence electrons is
- (A) an alkali metal; (B) an alkaline earth metal; (C) a halogen; (D) a transition element.
- \_\_\_ 103. Based on the Periodic Table of the Elements which Group 2 (IIA) element is most active?
- (A) Sr; (B) Mg; (C) Ca; (D) Ba.
- \_\_\_ 104. Compared to the covalent atomic radius of a sodium atom, the covalent atomic radius of a magnesium atom is smaller. The smaller radius is primarily a result of the magnesium atom having
- (A) a larger nuclear charge; (B) a smaller nuclear charge;
- (C) more principal energy levels; (D) fewer principal energy levels.
- \_\_\_ 105. The pair of elements with the most similar chemical properties are
- (A) Mg and S; (B) Ca and Br; (C) Mg and Ca; (D) S and Ar.
- \_\_\_ 106. More than two-thirds of the elements of the Periodic Table are
- (A) metalloids; (B) metals; (C) nonmetals; (D) noble gases.
- \_\_\_ 107. Which element is a member of the halogen family?
- (A) K; (B) B; (C) I; (D) S.
- \_\_\_ 108. Which of the following elements has the lowest electronegativity?
- (A) carbon; (B) fluorine; (C) nitrogen; (D) oxygen.

- \_\_\_ 109. Which are the two properties of most nonmetals?
- (A) low ionization energy and good electrical conductivity;  
(B) high ionization energy and poor electrical conductivity;  
(C) low ionization energy and poor electrical conductivity;  
(D) high ionization energy and good electrical conductivity.
- \_\_\_ 110. Which group contains elements with a total of four electrons in the outermost principal energy level?
- (A) 1 ; (B) 18; (C) 16; (D) 14.
- \_\_\_ 111. Which element exhibits a crystalline structure at STP?
- (A) fluorine; (B) chlorine; (C) bromine; (D) iodine.
- \_\_\_ 112. Which period contains three elements that commonly exist as diatomic molecules?
- (A) Period 1; (B) Period 2; (C) Period 3; (D) Period 4.
- \_\_\_ 113. Which is an alkaline earth metal?
- (A) Mg; (B) Zn; (C) Li; (D) Pb.
- \_\_\_ 114. The S<sup>2-</sup> ion differs from the S atom in that the S<sup>2-</sup> ion has a
- (A) smaller radius and fewer electrons; (B) smaller radius and more electrons;  
(C) larger radius and fewer electrons; (D) larger radius and more electrons.
- \_\_\_ 115. An aqueous solution of XCl contains colored ions. Element X is most likely
- (A) an alkaline earth; (B) a halogen; (C) a transition metal; (D) an alkali metal.
- \_\_\_ 116. A reason why fluorine has a higher ionization energy than oxygen is that fluorine has a
- (A) smaller nuclear charge; (B) larger nuclear charge;  
(C) smaller number of neutrons; (D) larger number of neutrons.
- \_\_\_ 117. As the elements are considered from the top to the bottom of Group VA which sequence in properties occurs?
- (A) metal---> metalloid---> nonmetal; (B) metal---> nonmetal---> metalloid;  
(C) metalloid---> metal---> nonmetal; (D) nonmetal---> metalloid---> metal.

- \_\_\_ 118. The element found in Group 13 (IIIA) and in Period 2 is  
(A) Be; (B) Mg; (C) B; (D) Al.
- \_\_\_ 119. Which element is considered malleable?  
(A) gold; (B) hydrogen; (C) sulfur; (D) radon.
- \_\_\_ 120. Which is the most active nonmetal in the Periodic Table of the Elements?  
(A) Na; (B) F; (C) I; (D) Cl.
- \_\_\_ 121. A chloride dissolves in water to form a colored solution. The chloride could be  
(A) HCl; (B) KCl; (C) CaCl<sub>2</sub>; (D) CuCl<sub>2</sub>.
- \_\_\_ 122. Which of the following particles has the smallest radius?  
(A) Na; (B) K; (C) Na<sup>1+</sup>; (D) K<sup>1+</sup>.
- \_\_\_ 123. In Period 2, as the elements are considered from left to right, there is a decrease in  
(A) ionization energy; (B) atomic mass; (C) metallic character; (D) nonmetallic character.
- \_\_\_ 124. Which molecule is relatively inactive and contains a triple bond?  
(A) N<sub>2</sub>; (B) O<sub>2</sub>; (C) Cl<sub>2</sub>; (D) H<sub>2</sub>.
- \_\_\_ 125. Atoms of metallic elements tend to  
(A) gain electrons and form negative ions; (B) gain electrons and form positive ions;  
(C) lose electrons and form negative ions; (D) lose electrons and form positive ions.