Covalent structure and bonding: teacher guidance

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Answers

Foundation

1. (a) **B** compounds of non-metals only [1 mark]

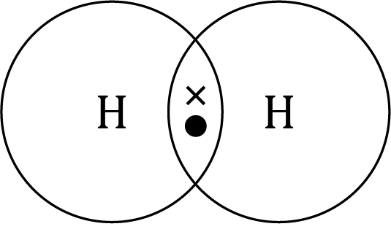
**C** molecules of non-metals [1 mark]

(b) i. 2 [1 mark]

ii. 4 [1 mark]

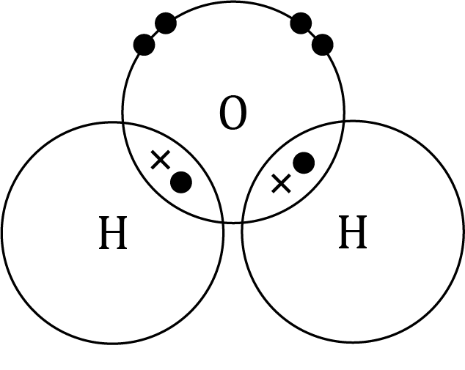
iii. 6 [1 mark]

* 1. **D** an electron [1 mark]
  2. i. Two electrons shared [1], correct overall number of electrons [1]



[2 marks]

* + 1. [1 mark]
  1. One pair/two electrons shared in two bonds [1], correct overall number of electrons [1]



[2 marks]

1. (a)

|  |  |  |
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| **Substance** | **Diagram of structure** | **Type of structure** |
| poly(ethene) | A section of a poly(ethene) molecule showing several black spheres joined to each other and to two white spheres through single bonds. | polymer |
| ammonia | A computer image of a blue ball connected by three blue and white sticks to three white balls. | simple molecule |
| graphite | A section of graphite showing three layers of black spheres connected in interconnected hexagons through single bonds. | giant covalent structure |

[3 marks – 1 mark per correct row]

(b) strong[1]; weak[1]; intermolecular forces[1] [3 marks]

* 1. stronger[1]; higher[1]; more[1] [3 marks]

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| **Does the representation show:** | NH3 | Full displayed formula of ammonia showing a central nitrogen atom connected to three hydrogen atoms through single bonds. | Dot and cross diagram of an ammonia molecule showing a central nitrogen atom surrounded by three hydrogen atoms. The outer shell of each hydrogen atom overlaps with the nitrogen outer shell and there is a dot and a cross in each of the three areas of overlap. The outer shell of nitrogen also has two dots separately. | A computer image of a blue ball connected by three blue and white sticks to three white balls. |
| the types of atoms in the molecule? | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| the number of each type of atom? | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| how the electrons are shared? | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ | 🗶 |
| the 3-D structure? | 🗶 | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ |

[4 marks – 1 mark per correct row]

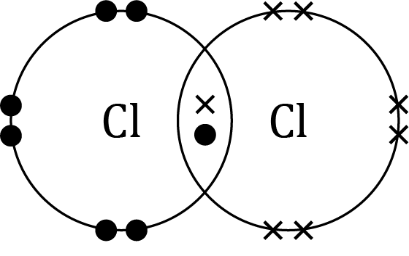
[Total: 24 marks]

Higher

1. **B** compounds of non-metals only [1 mark]

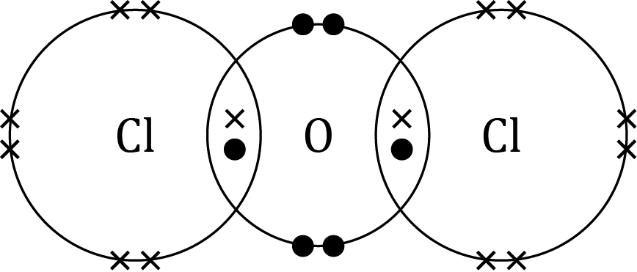
**C** molecules of non-metals [1 mark]

1. (a) One pair/two electrons shared [1], correct overall number of electrons [1]



[2 marks]

(b) One pair/two electrons shared in two bonds [1], correct overall number of electrons [1]



[3 marks]

(c) i. Allow liquid or gas. [Note that the boiling point of is 2.2 °C] [1 mark]

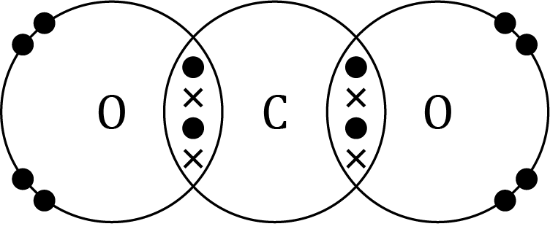
ii. has a simple molecular structure [1] with weak intermolecular forces between its molecules [1]. These are easily overcome/do not take much energy to overcome [1]. [3 marks]

1. Poly(chloroethene) is a polymer/has large molecules [1] with stronger intermolecular forces [1], which need more energy to overcome [1].

[3 marks]

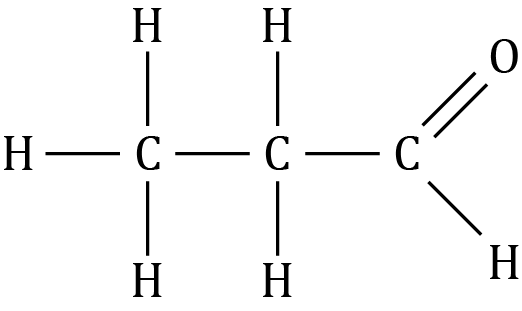
1. (a) 4 electrons [1 mark]

(b) Two pairs/four electrons shared in two CO bonds [1], correct overall number of electrons [1]



[2 marks]

1. (a) Correct number and type of atoms in correct order [1], double and single bonds shown correctly [1]



[2 marks]

* 1. [allow any combination of C, H and O to give ] [1 mark]

(c)

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| the number of each type of atom? | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| how the electrons are shared? | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ | 🗶 |
| the 3D structure? | 🗶 | 🗶 | 🗶 | ✓ |

[4 marks – 1 mark for each correct row]

1. (a) X is giant covalent structure [1 mark]

Y is simple molecule [1 mark]

Z is polymer [1 mark]

* 1. intermolecular forces [1 mark]
  2. Simple molecular covalent substances have no charged   
     particles to carry the charge. [1 mark]

[Total: 29 marks]