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Question 1

- (a) Number of protons in the nucleus (1)
- (b) They may have different numbers of neutrons (1)
- (c) (i) Mass spectrometer (1)
- (ii) $\frac{\text{Mean mass of an atom}}{\text{Mass of 1 atom of } ^{12}\text{C}} \times 12$ (2)
- (iii) $A_r = \frac{\text{sum of relative m/z} \times \text{rel. abundance}}{\text{Total abundance}}$ (1)
- $= (82 \times 12 + 83 \times 12 + 84 \times 50 + 86 \times 26) / 100 = 84.16$ (1)
- (d) $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^6$ (1)
- (e) Krypton was thought to be an inert gas (or has 8 electrons in outer shell) (1)
- (f) (i) Krypton has more protons than bromine (1)
- But its outer electrons are in the same shell (or have similar shielding) (1)
- (ii) The outer electron in Rb is in a 5s orbital (or next outer shell) (1)
- It is more shielded from the nucleus than outer electrons in Kr (1)

Question 2

- (a) (i) Moles of gas produced = 3 (1)
- $PV = nRT$ (1)
- $V = nRT/P = 3 \times 8.31 \times 298 / 100000$ (1)
- $= 7.43 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$ (1)
- (ii) $7.43 \times 10^{-2} \times 1000 / 298 = 0.249 \text{ m}^3$ (1)
- (b) (i) any two from: (2)
- exhaust gases hot so would boil the solution away
 solution would splash
 reaction might be too slow
 would need continuous supply of solution and/or replacement of products
- (ii) *commercial advantage* could sell chlorine and/or hydrogen (1)
- environmental disadvantage* generation of electricity likely to lead to release of CO_2 (1)
 (or chlorine toxic)

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- (c) % O = 74% (1)
 N:O = 26/14:74/16 (1)
 = 1.86: 4.63 = 1:2.5 therefore formula is N₂O₅ (1)
- (d) $2\text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2$ (1)
- (e) Proportion of O₂ increased leading to higher T (or more complete combustion) (1)

Question 3

- (a) Outer electrons are in p orbitals (1)
- (b) decreases (1)
 Number of protons increases (1)
 Attracting outer electrons in the same shell (or similar shielding) (1)
- (c) Sulfur molecules (S₈) are larger than phosphorus (P₄) (1)
 Therefore van der Waals' forces between molecules are stronger (1)
 Therefore more energy needed to loosen forces between molecules (1)
- (d) Argon particles are single atoms with electrons closer to nucleus (1)
 Cannot easily be polarised (or electron cloud not easily distorted) (1)

Question 4

- (a) (i) Prevents release of toxic CO (1)
 More energy efficient (releases more energy on combustion) (1)
- (ii) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14} + 6.5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 6\text{CO} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1)
 Suitable product eg CO or C (1)
 Balanced equation
- (iii) Detect CO gas or C (soot or particles) in exhaust gases (1)
- (b) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ (1)
 2-methylpentane (1)
 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ etc (1)
- (c) (i) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ (1)
- (ii) Alumino silicate etc (1)
- (iii) Can be made into polymers (or alcohols etc) (1)
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- (d) (i) % atom economy = $\frac{\text{mass CH}_2\text{Cl}_2}{\text{total mass reactants}} = \frac{85 \times 100}{158}$ (1)
= 53.8% (1)
- (ii) Because expensive chlorine is not incorporated into desired product (1)
Raise money by selling HCl (1)

- (a) NaCl is ionic (1)
cubic lattice (1)
ions placed correctly (1)
electrostatic attraction between ions (1)

Covalent bonds between atoms in water (1)
Hydrogen bonding between water molecules (1)
Tetrahedral representation showing two covalent and two hydrogen bonds (1)
2 hydrogen bonds per molecule (1)

Attraction between ions in sodium chloride is very strong (1)
Covalent bonds in ice are very strong (1)
Hydrogen bonds between water molecules in ice are much weaker (1)
consequently, Less energy is required to break the hydrogen bonds in ice to form
separate water molecules than to break the ionic bonds in sodium chloride and make
separate ions (1)

(b)

Mark Range	<p>The marking scheme for this part of the question includes an overall assessment for the Quality of Written Communication (QWC). There are no discrete marks for the assessment of QWC but the candidates' QWC in this answer will be one of the criteria used to assign a level and award the marks for this part of the question</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Descriptor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">an answer will be expected to meet most of the criteria in the level descriptor</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - claims supported by an appropriate range of evidence - good use of information or ideas about chemistry, going beyond those given in the question - argument well structured with minimal repetition or irrelevant points - accurate and clear expression of ideas with only minor errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - claims partially supported by evidence - good use of information or ideas about chemistry given in the question but limited beyond this - the argument shows some attempt at structure - the ideas are expressed with reasonable clarity but with a few errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling
0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - valid points but not clearly linked to an argument structure - limited use of information or ideas about chemistry - unstructured - errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar or lack of fluency

4 bonding electron pairs	(1)
and one lone pair	(1)
repel as far apart as possible	QWC (1)
lone pair - bond pair repulsion > bp—bp	QWC (1)
pushes S-F bonds closer together	(1)
shape is trigonal bipyramidal with lone pair either axial or equatorial	QWC (1)
angles <90	(1)
and < 120	(1)