MODULE 1



STRUCTURE, BONDING AND PROPERTIES

Syllabus reference 8.2.5

- 1 All substances are made up of atoms, molecules or ions. The organisation of these particles within a substance determines the properties of that substance. Solids can be conveniently divided into four groups. Name them.
- 2 Complete the following flowchart by filling in the boxes.



3 Complete the table below comparing the properties of the four different groups of substances.

| PROPERTY | METALS | IONIC COMPOUNDS | COVALENT MOLECULAR SUBSTANCES | Covalent Network Solids |
|--|--------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Melting point and boiling point | | | | |
| Electrical conductivity | | | | |
| Hardness and malleability | | | | |
| Forces holding particles together in the solid | | | | |
| Example of substance | | | | |

4 Consider the diagrams of each of the types of substance. For each diagram write a paragraph to describe the types of particles and bonding represented by the diagram.a Ionic



b Covalent molecular



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d Metallic



5 a Explain why covalent molecular substances are mostly soft while the other three types of substances are usually hard.

b Explain why metallic and molten ionic substances conduct electricity while covalent substances do not.

6 Phosphorus trichloride is a liquid with a boiling point of 74°C; it does not conduct electricity. Calcium chloride is a solid with a melting point of 772°C; when molten it conducts electricity. Explain, in terms of bonding, why these compounds have such different properties. 7 Classify each of the solids listed below as ionic, covalent molecular, metallic or covalent network.

| magnesium | tetrabromomethane |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| barium chloride | phosphorus triiodide |
| silicon dioxide | lithium sulfide |
| iodine | diamond |

8 Five solids have the properties listed below. The relevant properties of sodium chloride and copper are also given.

| | Melting Point (°C) | RELATIVE ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY | | SOLUBLE IN | | 'HAMMER' |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| | | OF SOLID | OF LIQUID | WATER? | HEXANE? | TEST |
| А | 327 | 5 | 2 | no | no | flattens |
| В | 2030 | 0 | 0 | no | no | shatters |
| С | 91 | 0 | 0 | no | yes | forms powder |
| D | 734 | 0 | 0.2 | yes | no | forms powder |
| Е | 2870 | 0 | 0 | no | no | shatters |
| NaCl | 801 | 0 | 0.2 | yes | no | forms powder |
| Cu | 1083 | 60 | 4 | no | no | flattens |

Note: the hammer test describes what occurs when the material is continually hit with a hammer.

- **a** Classify each of the solids A, B, C, D and E as ionic, covalent molecular, covalent network or metallic.
 - A _____ D _____
 - B _____ E ____
 - C _____
- **b** Explain why sodium chloride and copper have the conductivity properties listed in the table.

c For either covalent molecular compounds or covalent network compounds, explain why they have the melting points, conductivities and solubilities shown in the table.

9 The data below are for six elements A to F. Study the table, then answer the questions which follow.

| ELEMENT | MELTING POINT (°C) | BOILING POINT (°C) | CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY AT 25°C? | Volume That Contains 1 Mole of Atoms Under Room Conditions (cm ³) | Solubility in Cold Water |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| А | 659 | 2470 | yes | 10.0 | insoluble |
| В | -101 | -34 | no | 12 000 | slightly soluble |
| С | -39 | 357 | yes | 14.8 | insoluble |
| D | sublimes above 3700°C | | yes | 5.4 | insoluble |
| E | -249 | -246 | no | 24 000 | insoluble |
| F | -7 | 58 | no | 25.6 | soluble |

- **a** Which element is a metal strong enough for use as a building material? Explain your choice.
- **b** Which element could be a noble gas? Why?
- c One of the elements is mercury. Which one? Why?
- **d** Suggest, with reasons, two elements from this list that might be in the same group of the periodic table.