CH1012 Tutorial 2

1. Explain the difference between **ionic** and **covalent bonding** in terms of the differences in Ionisation Energy and other properties of the elements that are involved in the bonding.

2. **Group 1A oxides** such as Li₂O are basic, whereas the **Group 2A oxide BeO** is amphoteric, this is despite the fact that both metals are in the same period and are about the same size. Explain this difference in chemical reactivity.

3. Is a **Grignard reagent** such as methylmagnesium bromide ionic or covalent? Justify your answer.

4.	Why does carbon have several different allotropes under ambient conditions and yet lithium doesn't?
5.	What is an amphoteric hydroxide ?