

HL Paper 2

This question is about the reactions of halogenoalkanes.

- a. Compare and contrast the mechanisms by which 1-chlorobutane, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, and 2-chloro-2-methylpropane, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$, react with [3] aqueous sodium hydroxide, giving **two** similarities and **one** difference.

Two similarities:

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One difference:

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- b. Outline why the rate of reaction of the similar bromo-compounds is faster. [1]

- c.i. State the organic product of the reaction between 1-chlorobutane, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, and aqueous sodium hydroxide. [1]

- c.ii. Suggest how this product could be synthesized in one step from butanoic acid. [1]

- c.iii. Deduce the name of the class of compound formed when the product of (c)(i) reacts with butanoic acid. [1]

Markscheme

- a. *Any two similarities:*

heterolytic bond breaking

OR

chloride ions leave

nucleophilic/ OH^- substitution

both first order with regard to [halogenoalkane]

One difference:

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ is second order/bimolecular/ $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ **AND** $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ is first order/unimolecular/ $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$

OR

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ rate depends on $[\text{OH}^-]$ **AND** $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ does not

OR

$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ is one step **AND** $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ is two steps

OR

$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ involves an intermediate **AND** $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ does not

OR

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ has inversion of configuration **AND** $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCl}$ has c. 50 : 50 retention and inversion

Do not accept "produces alcohol" or "produces NaCl".

Accept "substitution in 1-chlorobutane and «some» elimination in 2-chloro-2-methylpropane".

[3 marks]

b. C–Br bond weaker than C–Cl bond

Accept "Br⁻ is a better leaving group".

Do not accept "bromine is more reactive".

Do not accept "C–Br bond is longer than C–Cl" alone.

[1 mark]

c.i. butan-1-ol/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

Do not accept "butanol" for "butan-1-ol".

Accept "1-butanol".

Do not penalize for name if correct formula is drawn.

[1 mark]

c.ii.«reduction with» lithium aluminium hydride/ LiAlH_4

Do not accept "sodium borohydride/ NaBH_4 ".

[1 mark]

c.iii.ester

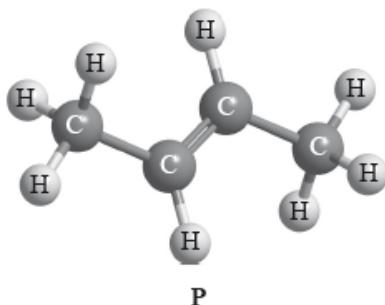
[1 mark]

Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
- b. [N/A]
- c.i. [N/A]
- c.ii. [N/A]
- c.iii. [N/A]

Geometrical isomerism and optical isomerism are two sub-groups of stereoisomerism in organic chemistry.

Compound **P** has the following three-dimensional structure. **P** also has geometrical isomers.



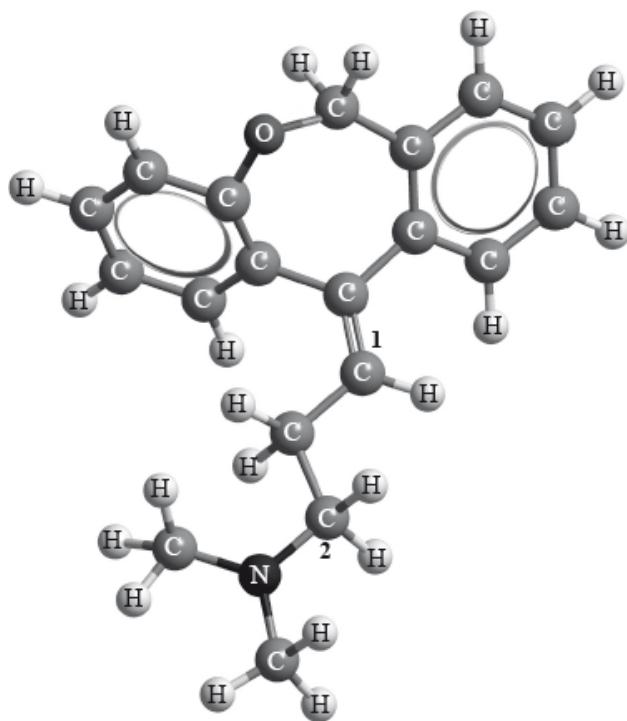
Menthol can be used in cough medicines. The compound contains C, H and O only.

a. Describe what is meant by the term **stereoisomers**.

[1]

b. Geometrical isomers have different physical properties and many drugs, such as doxepin (which has antidepressant properties), have geometrical isomers.

[1]



Example of a geometrical isomer of doxepin

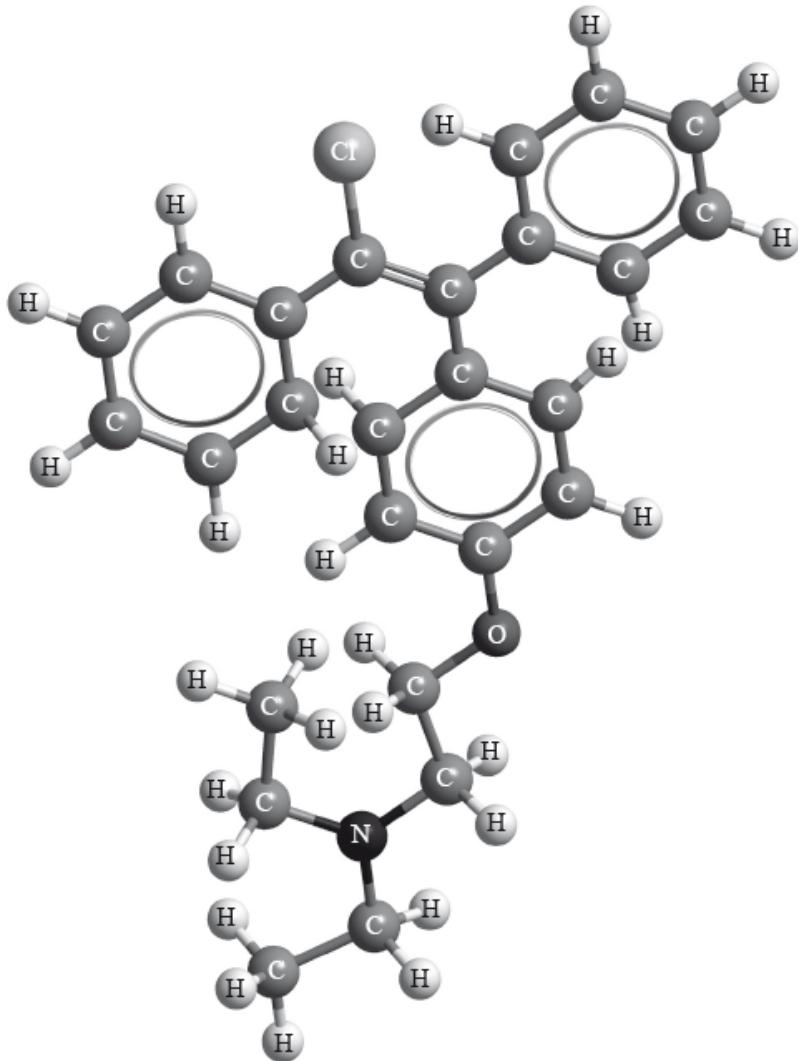
For each of the carbon atoms labelled **1** and **2** in doxepin, deduce the type of hybridization involved (sp , sp^2 or sp^3).

1:

2:

c. Clomifene, a fertility drug, whose three-dimensional structure is represented below, also has geometrical isomers.

[1]

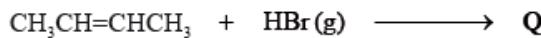


Identify the name of **one** functional group present in clomifene.

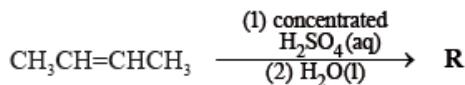
d.i. Draw any **two** other isomers of **P**. [2]

d.ii Apply IUPAC rules to state the names of all the straight-chain isomers of compounds of molecular formula C₄H₈ (including P). [2]

d.iii State the structural formula of the organic products, Q, R, S and T, formed in the following reactions. [4]



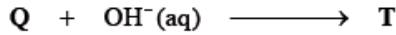
Q:



R:



S:



T:

- d.iv Suggest **one** suitable mechanism for the reaction of Q with aqueous sodium hydroxide to form T, using curly arrows to represent the movement [4] of electron pairs.

- d.v State the structural formula of the organic product formed, U, when R is heated under reflux with acidified potassium dichromate(VI). [1]

- d.vi Apply IUPAC rules to state the name of this product, U. [1]

- e.i. When a 6.234×10^{-2} g of the compound was combusted, 1.755×10^{-1} g of carbon dioxide and 7.187×10^{-2} g of water were produced. [4]

Determine the molecular formula of the compound showing your working, given that its molar mass is $M = 156.30 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$.

- e.ii. Menthol occurs naturally and has several isomers. State the structural feature of menthol which is responsible for it having enantiomers. [1]

- e.iii. State the instrument used to distinguish between each of the two enantiomers, and how they could be distinguished using this instrument. [1]

- e.iv. Compare the physical and chemical properties of enantiomers. [2]

Physical properties:

Chemical properties:

Markscheme

- a. compounds with same structural formula but different arrangements of atoms in space;

*Award [1] if correct description of geometric **and** optical isomers given.*

- b. 1: sp^2 **and** 2: sp^3 ;

- c. amine;

benzene ring;

Allow phenyl (group).

Do not allow just benzene.

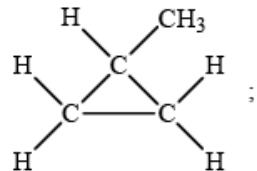
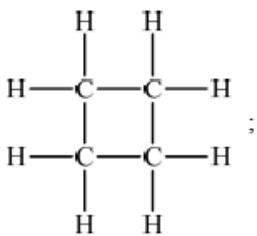
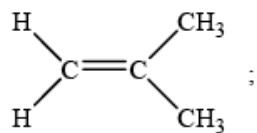
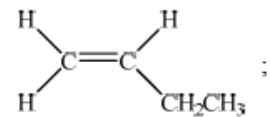
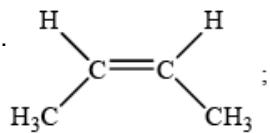
alkene / chloroalkene;

chloro;

ether / phenyl ether;

Ethers not required as per guide but allow if given.

d.i.



- d.ii **trans-but-2-ene and cis-but-2-ene;**

Allow trans 2-butene and cis 2-butene.

Do not accept just 2-butene or 2-butene.

but-1-ene;

Allow 1-butene.

d.iiiQ: $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrCH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

R: $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

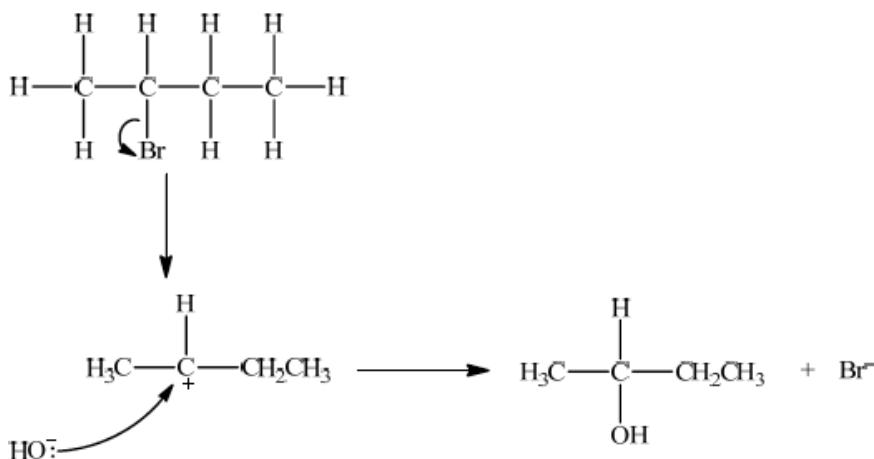
S: $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrCHBrCH}_3$;

T: $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

Condensed or full structural formulas may be given.

d.iv Since secondary bromoalkane could be either S_N1 and S_N2 so allow S_N1 or S_N2 for M1 –M4.

S_N1 :



curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Do not allow arrow originating from C to C–Br bond.

representation of secondary carbocation;

curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C^+ ;

Do not allow arrow originating on H in OH^- .

formation of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ and Br^- ;

Allow formation of NaBr instead of Br^- .

OR

S_N2 :

curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in OH^- .

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Br to Br in 2-bromobutane or in the transition state.

Do not allow arrow originating from C to C–Br bond.

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if OH—C bond is represented.

formation of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ and Br^- ;

Allow formation of NaBr instead of Br^- .

d.v $\text{H}_3\text{CCOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

Condensed or full structural formula may be given.

d.vbutan-2-one;

Allow 2-butanone or butanone.

Accept butan-2-one if (v) is incorrect but also apply ECF.

e.i. $m_C : (1.755 \times 10^{-1} \times 12.01)/(44.01) = 4.790 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g}$ and

$$m_H : (7.187 \times 10^{-2} \times 2 \times 1.01)/(18.02) = 8.056 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g};$$

$$m_O : (6.234 \times 10^{-2} - 8.056 \times 10^{-3} - 4.790 \times 10^{-2}) = 6.384 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g};$$

($n_C = 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ and $n_H = 2 \times 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ and $n_O = 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ hence empirical formula =) $C_{10}H_{20}O$;

$(M(C_{10}H_{20}O) = 156.30 \text{ (g mol}^{-1}\text{), therefore molecular formula = } C_{10}H_{20}O)$

OR

$$n_{CO_2} = \left(\frac{1.755 \times 10^{-1}}{44.01} \right) = 3.988 \times 10^{-3} \text{ and } n_{H_2O} = \left(\frac{7.187 \times 10^{-1}}{18.02} \right) = 3.988 \times 10^{-3};$$

$$m_O : (6.234 \times 10^{-2} - 8.056 \times 10^{-3} - 4.790 \times 10^{-2}) = 6.384 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g};$$

($n_C = 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ and $n_H = 2 \times 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ and $n_O = 3.988 \times 10^{-3}$ hence empirical formula =) $C_{10}H_{20}O$;

$(M(C_{10}H_{20}O) = 156.30 \text{ (g mol}^{-1}\text{), therefore molecular formula = } C_{10}H_{20}O)$

Allow alternative working to be used.

Award [3 max] for $C_{10}H_{20}O$ if no working shown.

e.ii.chiral (carbon/centre/atom) / (tetrahedral) carbon surrounded by four

different groups;

Accept chiral compound or chiral molecule.

e.iii

e.ivPhysical properties:

identical except for rotation of plane polarized light;

Accept "identical" as different optical properties assessed in (iii).

Do not accept similar.

Chemical properties:

identical unless they interact with other optically active/chiral compounds/reagents/solvents / identical with achiral compounds/reagents/solvents / OWTTE;

Allow different physiological effects/taste.

Examiners report

a. A reasonably popular question and often well done. In (a), some weaker candidates did not understand the idea of a stereoisomer.

b. (b) and (c) were well done.

c. (b) and (c) were well done.

d.i.In (d), most scored full marks though some gave cis.

d.iiIn (d), most scored full marks though some gave cis. In (ii), many did not gain marks for but-2-ene.

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d.ivIn (d), most scored full marks though some gave *cis*.

d.vIn (d), most scored full marks though some gave *cis*.

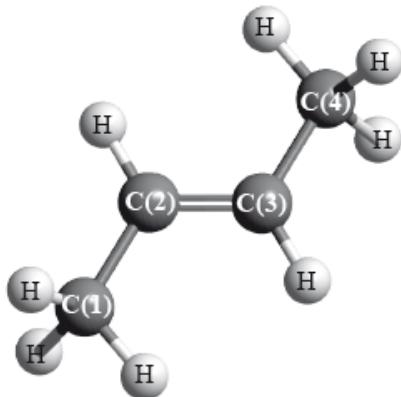
e.i.(e) (i) also was very well answered compared to some recent sessions.

e.ii.[N/A]

e.iiiPerhaps too much was expected in (iii) for one mark and students either omitted polarimeter or did not refer to plane polarised light.

e.ivIn (iv), few scored both marks.

But-2-ene is a straight-chain alkene with formula C₄H₈. The molecule contains both σ and π bonds.



The polymerization of the alkenes is one of the most significant reactions of the twentieth century.

a. (i) Explain the formation of the π bond.

[3]

(ii) For each of the carbon atoms, C(1) and C(2), identify the type of hybridization shown.

C(1):

C(2):

b. But-2-ene shows geometrical isomerism. Draw the structural formula and state the name of the other geometrical isomer.

[2]

c. Identify the structural formula of an isomer of but-2-ene which does not decolourize bromine water, Br₂(aq).

[1]

d. (i) Outline **two** reasons why the polymers of the alkenes are of economic importance.

[6]

(ii) State the type of polymerization reaction shown by the alkene in part (a).

(iii) Deduce the structure of the resulting polymer showing **three** repeating units.

(iv) Explain why monomers are often gases or volatile liquids, but polymers are solids.

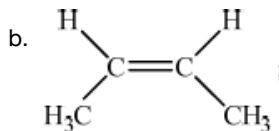
Markscheme

a. (i) (bond formed by) sideways overlap;

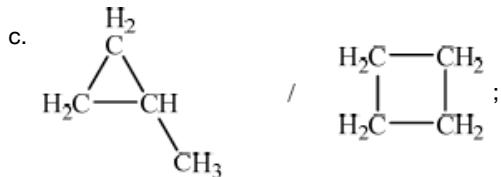
(of) p orbitals;

Marks awarded either from sketch or from explanation.

(ii) C(1) is sp^3 and C(2) is sp^2 ;



cis but-2-ene/Z-but-2-ene;



d. (i) synthesis of materials not naturally available/plastics;

chemically unreactive materials produced;

wide range of uses/physical properties / versatile;

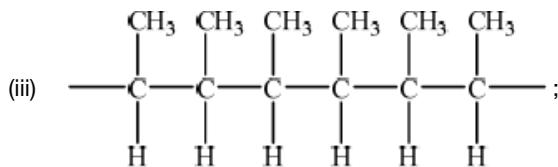
cheap;

large industry;

uses a limited natural resource;

Award [2] for any two.

(ii) addition;



Must show continuation bonds.

Ignore bracket around the 6 carbons.

Must have 6 carbons joined to each other along chain.

(iv) monomers are smaller molecules / have smaller surface area than polymers;

Accept monomers have lower molecular mass.

with weaker intermolecular/Van der Waals'/London/dispersion forces;

Accept opposite argument for polymers.

Examiners report

- a. This question was generally well answered and many high scores were seen. Most candidates were able to explain the formation of π bonds in (a) and identify the type of hybridization present.
- b. Many candidates drew structures which were not geometric isomers in (b) with but-1-ene a common incorrect answer.

- c. In (c) only the best candidates were able to identify a cycloalkane as a saturated isomer and it was fairly common to find structures that included double bonds despite the guidance in the question.
- d. The economic importance of addition polymers was well known in (d) with most candidates stating that they were plastics with versatile properties and low cost.

Addition polymerisation was well recalled but a large number of candidates made mistakes with the structure of the polymer. Continuation bonds, for example, were often missing from the ends. Many understood in terms of molecular size, why polymers have higher boiling points than monomers but not all correctly attributed it to the stronger van der Waals forces between the molecules.

But-2-ene belongs to the homologous series of the alkenes.

The time taken to produce a certain amount of product using different initial concentrations of $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ and NaOH is measured. The results are shown in the following table.

Reaction	$[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}] / 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$	$[\text{NaOH}] / 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$	t / s
A	1.0	2.0	46
B	2.0	2.0	23
C	2.0	4.0	23

- a.i. Outline **three** features of a homologous series. [3]
- a.ii. Describe a test to distinguish but-2-ene from butane, including what is observed in **each** case. [2]
- a.iii 2-bromobutane can be produced from but-2-ene. State the equation of this reaction using structural formulas. [1]
- a.iv State what is meant by the term *stereoisomers*. [1]
- a.v Explain the existence of geometrical isomerism in but-2-ene. [2]
- c.i. Deduce the order of reaction with respect to $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ and NaOH , using the data above. [3]

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$

NaOH :

- c.ii. Deduce the rate expression. [1]
- c.iii Based on the rate expression obtained in (c) (ii) state the units of the rate constant, k . [1]
- d.ii Halogenalkanes can react with NaOH via $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ and $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ type mechanisms. Explain why $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ reacts via the mechanism described in (d) (i). [1]
- d.iii Identify the rate-determining step of this mechanism. [1]

Markscheme

a.i. same functional group / same general formula;

difference between successive members is CH_2 ;

similar chemical properties;

Do not accept "same" chemical properties.

gradually changing physical properties;

a.ii.adding bromine (water);

but-2-ene: brown/orange to colourless / decolourizes bromine water **and**

butane: does not change colour;

OR

adding acidified potassium permanganate solution/ $\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq})$;

but-2-ene: purple to colourless/brown **and**

butane: does not change colour;

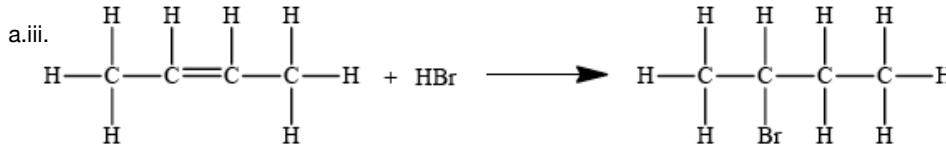
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adding Baeyer's reagent;

but-2-ene: purple/pink to brown **and**

butane: does not change colour;

Do not accept "clear" or "transparent" for "colourless".

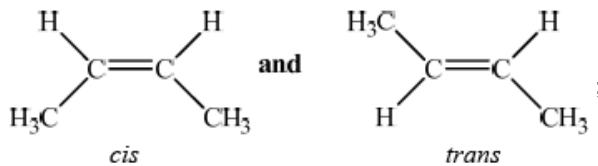


Accept condensed structural formula.

Penalise missing H atoms or incorrect bonds (such as C-HO, C-H₂C) once only in the whole paper.

a.iv compounds with the same structural formula but different arrangement of atoms (in space);

a.v.(but-2-ene exists as) *cis*-but-2-ene **and** *trans*-but-2-ene /



restricted rotation of C=C/double bond;

c.i. $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$:

$[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]$ doubles **and** time halves/rate doubles/rate proportional to $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]$;

Do not accept rate increases when $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]$ increases.

NaOH :

$[\text{NaOH}]$ doubles **and** time/rate does not change/rate independent of $[\text{NaOH}]$;

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$: first order **and** NaOH : zero order;

c.ii. $\text{rate} = k[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]$;

Accept ECF.

c.ii s^{-1} ;

Accept ECF.

d.ii greater stability of tertiary carbocation;

steric hindrance for S_N2 mechanism;

positive inductive effect (of alkyl groups);

Do not allow ECF.

d.ii the first step / Br^- leaving / formation of carbocation;

Do not allow ECF.

Examiners report

a.i. Features of an homologous series need to be learnt; this was answered relatively poorly.

a.ii. The most common reagent was bromine (some indeed used liquid bromine!) and the common errors were using HBr and describing “colourless” as “clear”.

a.iii In (iii), some gave the equation backwards, a consequence, perhaps, of misreading the question.

a.iv In (iv) many referred to “same molecular formula” rather than “same structural formula”.

a.v. The lack of rotation about the double bond in (v) was not well described.

c.i. In (c) (i) the explanations were a little vague, some candidates perhaps being fooled by the data of *time* rather than *rate*. Many expected to be given marks for a series of numbers and calculations without explanations.

c.ii. Answers to (ii) were usually consistent with (i).

c.iii Answers to (iii) were usually consistent with (i).

d.ii. (ii) was rarely answered correctly while the answer to (iii) was patchy.

d.iii (ii) was rarely answered correctly while the answer to (iii) was patchy.

Existence of isomers leads to diversity of organic compounds.

(a) Describe what is meant by the term *stereoisomers*.

(b) 1,3-dichlorocyclobutane exists as geometrical isomers, a form of stereoisomers.

(i) Draw and name the **two** geometrical isomers of 1,3-dichlorocyclobutane.

(ii) Identify the isomer with the **higher** boiling point and explain your reasoning.

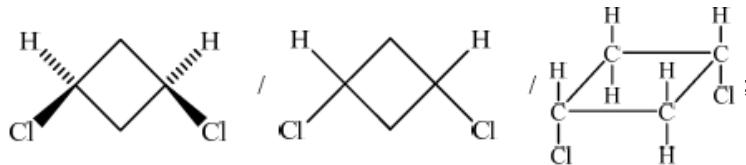
Markscheme

(a) compounds with same structural formula;

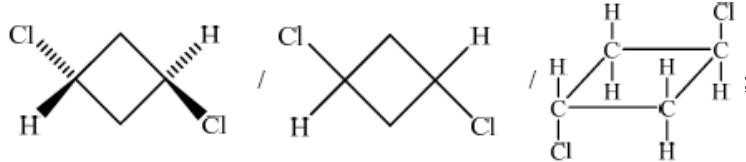
Do not allow "same molecular or chemical formula".

but different arrangement of atoms in space/spatial arrangement;

(b) (i)



Cis(-1,3-dichlorocyclobutane)



Trans(-1,3-dichlorocyclobutane)

Need clear cis/trans structure and name for each mark.

(ii) cis (higher boiling point);

cis (more) polar / trans non-polar/less polar;

cis experiences stronger (permanent) dipole-dipole interaction / trans experiences no/(much) less dipole-dipole interaction;

Do not accept just strong forces without reference to dipole-dipole interaction.

Examiners report

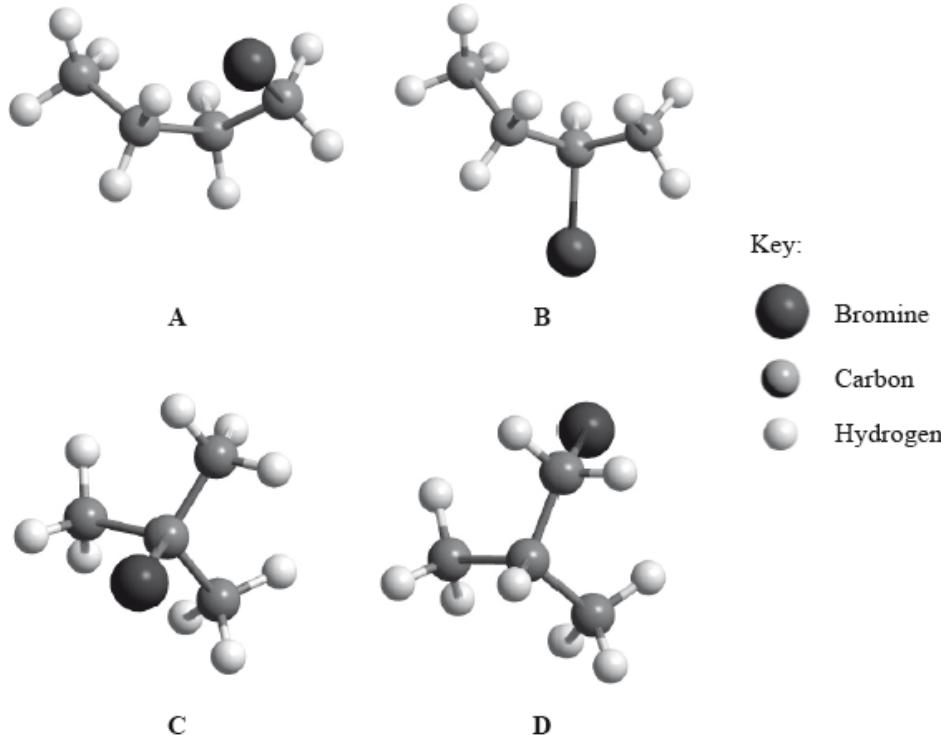
Only a handful of candidates gave the correct definition of the term *stereoisomers*. Some stated that these had the same chemical or molecular formula with no reference to structural formula. Stereoisomers are compounds with the same structural formula, but with a different arrangement of the atoms in space. A majority of candidates drew correct formulas of the two geometrical isomers of 1,3-dichlorocyclobutane, but some missed the names of the compounds. Even when the notion of *cis* and *trans* seemed to be generally understood, the poor representation of molecules proved challenging for some where difference between the 2 isomers drawn was not at all clear.

A few candidates did not realise that the compound was cyclobutane and not straight chain butane. Nomenclature also emerged as a hindrance in the correct grasp of the topic with some candidates showing structures that had little resemblance to the names.

A good number of candidates identified the *cis* isomer as having the higher boiling point because it is more polar and experiences stronger dipole-dipole interactions between the molecules. Many candidates failed to provide enough details for the type of intermolecular interaction. A number of candidates incorrectly identified the *trans* as the polar molecule with the higher melting. Quite a few of the weaker candidates used arguments in terms of packing of the molecule and failed to score any mark.

- a. Below are **four structural** isomers with molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$. State the name of each of the isomers **a**, **b**, **c** and **D**.

[4]



- b.i. Identify the isomer(s) which will react with aqueous sodium hydroxide almost exclusively by an S_N1 mechanism. State the meaning of the symbols in the term S_N1 mechanism. [2]
- b.ii. Using the formula RBr to represent a bromoalkane, state an equation for the rate determining step of this S_N1 reaction. [1]
- b.iii. Identify one isomer that will react with aqueous sodium hydroxide almost exclusively by an S_N2 mechanism. Draw the mechanism for this reaction using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. Include the structural formulas of the transition state and the organic product. [4]
- c. State and explain how the rates of the reactions in parts (b) (i) and (b) (iii) are affected when the concentration of the sodium hydroxide is doubled. [2]
- d. State and explain how the rate of reaction of 1-bromobutane with sodium hydroxide compares with that of 1-chlorobutane with sodium hydroxide. [2]
- e. Identify the isomer of C_4H_9Br that can exist as stereoisomers. Outline how a polarimeter will distinguish between the isomers, and how their physical and chemical properties compare. [5]

Markscheme

- a. **A:** 1-bromobutane;
B: 2-bromobutane;
C: 2-bromo-2-methylpropane;
D: 1-bromo-2-methylpropane;

Penalize incorrect punctuation, e.g. commas for hyphens, only once.

*Accept 2-bromomethylpropane and 1-bromomethylpropane for **C** and **D** respectively.*

b.i. **C**/2-bromo-2-methylpropane;

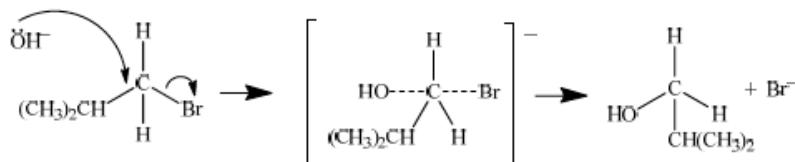
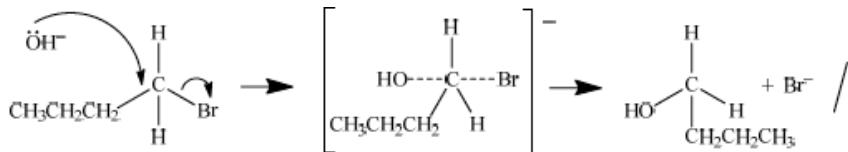
unimolecular nucleophilic substitution;

Accept first order in place of unimolecular.

b.ii. $\text{RBr} \rightarrow \text{R}^+ + \text{Br}^-$;

Allow use of 2-bromo-2-methylpropane instead of RBr .

b.iii **A**/1-bromobutane/**D**/1-bromo-2-methylpropane;



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in OH^- to C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in OH^- .

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Br to Br in 1-bromobutane or in the transition state.

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M4 if $\text{OH}----\text{C}$ bond is represented.

c. (b) (i) no change as $[\text{OH}^-]$ does not appear in rate equation/in the rate determining step;

(b) (iii) rate doubles as the rate is proportional to $[\text{OH}^-]$ / OH^- appears in the ratedetermining/slow step / first order with respect to OH^- ;

Award [1] if correctly predicts no rate change for $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ and doubling of rate for $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ of without suitable explanation.

d. rate of 1-bromobutane is faster;

C-Br bond is weaker/breaks more easily than C-Cl bond;

e. 2-bromobutane/**B**;

(plane-) polarized light shone through;

enantiomers rotate plane of plane-polarized light to left or right/opposite directions (by same amount);

Accept "turn" instead of "rotate" but not "bend/reflect".

physical properties identical (apart from effect on plane-polarized light);

chemical properties are identical (except with other chiral compounds);

Do not accept "similar" in place of "identical".

Examiners report

- a. This was the least popular question, but there were some very good answers seen. In parts (a) and (b), most candidates were able to correctly name the organic compounds, and identify which halogenoalkane would react via a S_N1 or S_N2 reaction.
- b.i. Many candidates stated first order instead of unimolecular, which although we accepted it in this instance is not correct.
- b.ii. [N/A]
- b.iii. Attempts at the mechanism were generally disappointing though, with errors of incorrectly drawn arrows and faults in the transition state frequently occurring. Also candidates often had an arrow coming from an H in OH⁻ instead of from a lone pair of electrons on O.
- c. Answers to (c) explaining how [OH⁻] effects rate were generally good, however, some only predicted and didn't explain in terms of the rate limiting step.
- d. Answers to (d) were generally good and only the weakest candidates didn't state that bromobutane reacted faster as the C-Br bond was weaker.
- e. Most candidates in (e) knew how enantiomers affected plane-polarized light, but few stated that their properties were identical and many instead suggested they were similar.

Alkenes, alcohols and esters are three families of organic compounds with many commercial uses.

An ester which gives apples their characteristic smell contains C, H and O. When 3.00×10^{-3} g of this ester were completely combusted, 6.93×10^{-3} g of CO₂ and 2.83×10^{-3} g of H₂O were produced.

- a.i. State what is meant by the term *stereoisomers*. [1]
- b.i. Determine the empirical formula of the ester, showing your working. [4]
- b.ii. The molar mass of the ester is 116.18 g mol⁻¹. Determine its molecular formula. [1]
- c.iii. 2-bromobutane is optically active. Draw the two enantiomers of 2-bromobutane and compare their physical and chemical properties. [2]

Markscheme

a.i. compounds with same structural/displayed formula but different arrangements of atoms (in space);

Do not accept different 3D structures.

Do not allow similar instead of same.

b.i. Mass of C: $\frac{6.93 \times 10^{-3} \times 12.01}{44.01} = 1.89 \times 10^{-3} / 0.00189$ (g) **and**

Mass of H: $\frac{2 \times 1.01 \times 2.83 \times 10^{-3}}{18.02} = 3.17 \times 10^{-4} / 0.000317$ (g);

Mass of O: $3.00 \times 10^{-3} - 1.89 \times 10^{-3} - 3.17 \times 10^{-4} = 7.93 \times 10^{-4} / 0.000793$ (g);

$n_C : \frac{1.89 \times 10^{-3}}{12.01} = 1.57 \times 10^{-4} / 0.000157$ (mol) **and**

$n_H : \frac{3.17 \times 10^{-4}}{1.01} = 3.14 \times 10^{-4} / 0.000314$ (mol) **and**

$$n_O : \frac{7.93 \times 10^{-4}}{16.00} = 4.96 \times 10^{-5} / 0.0000496 \text{ (mol);}$$

Empirical formula = C₃H₆O;

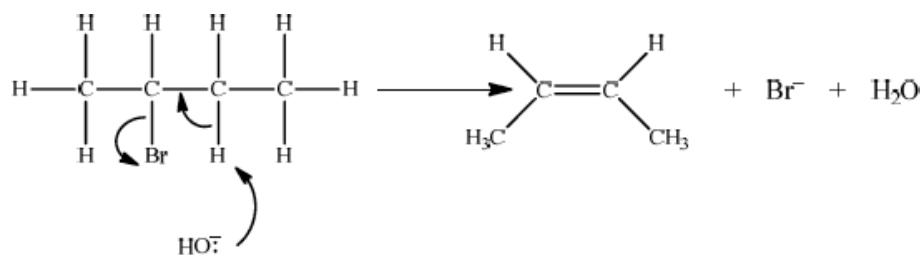
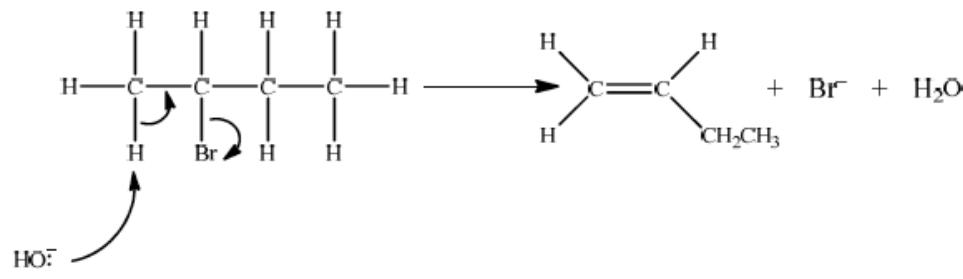
Allow C₁₉H₃₈O₆.

Award [4] for correct final answer if alternative working is used.

Award [1 max] for C₃H₆O/C₁₉H₃₈O₆ without working.

b.ii.C₆H₁₂O₂;

c.iiiAccept either one of the following two E2 mechanisms:



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO⁻ to H on β-C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in HO⁻.

curly arrow going from CH bond to form C=C bond;

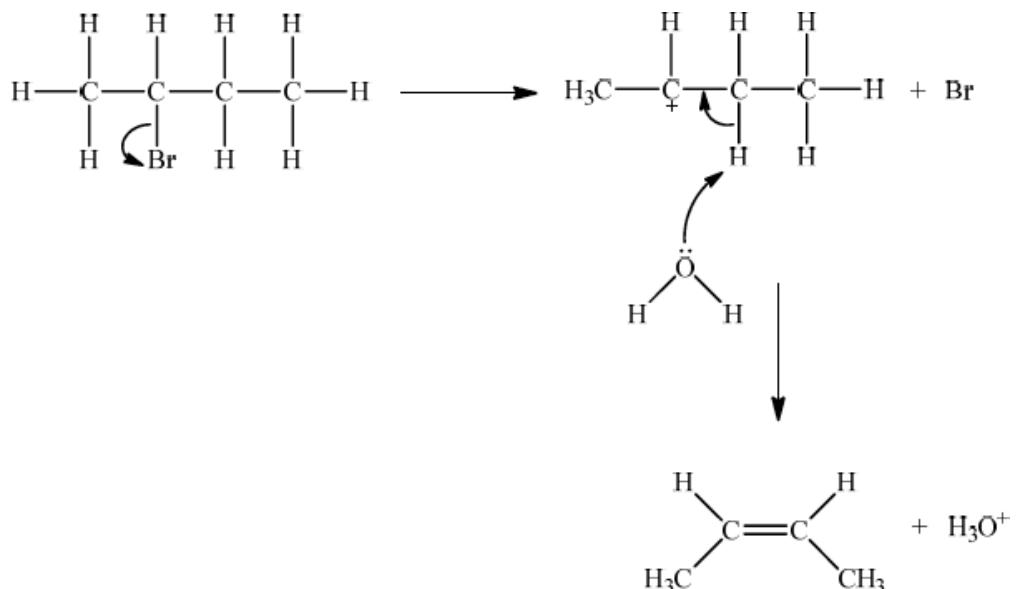
curly arrow showing Br leaving;

formation of organic product H₂C=CH(CH₂CH₃)/H(CH₃)C=CH(CH₃) and

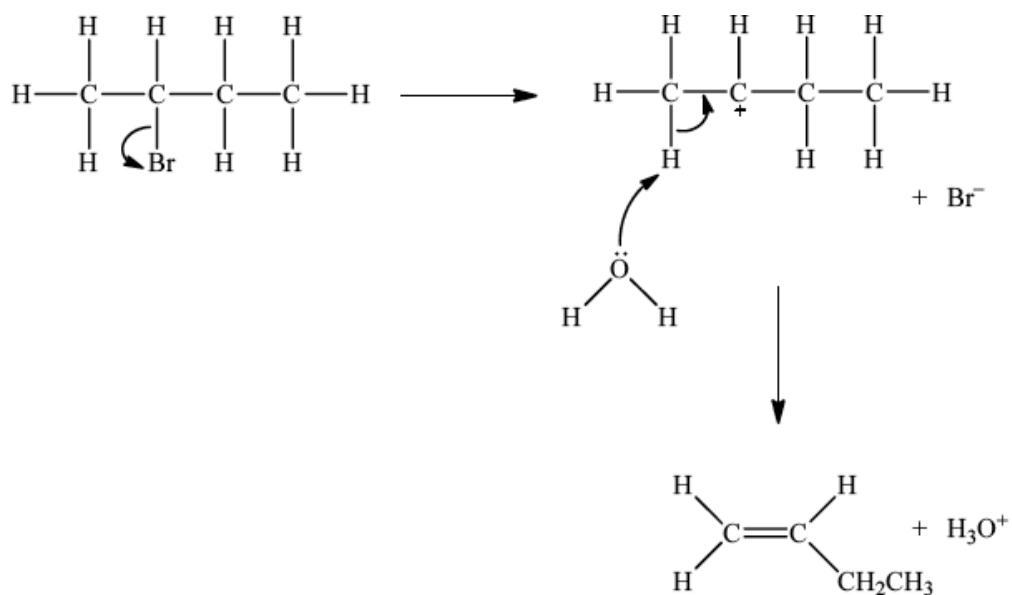
Br⁻ and H₂O;

For this reaction since a strong negatively charged base, HO⁻ is used, resultant mechanism will be E2. However, accept the corresponding E1 mechanism.

If E1, allow the following mechanism:



OR



curly arrow showing Br leaving;

representation of secondary carbocation;

curly arrow going from lone pair on O in H_2O to H on C adjacent to C^+ and curly arrow going from CH bond to form C=C bond;

formation of organic product $(\text{H}_3\text{C})\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)$ / $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)$ and Br^- and H_3O^+ ;

For E1 HO⁻ is an alternative to H_2O , but if used, H_2O forms instead of H_3O^+ .

Examiners report

a.i. This was the least popular question in Section B. In part (a) (i), some candidates gave a definition of structural isomers instead of stereoisomers.

b.i. Part (b) (i) proved to be very challenging for candidates. A large majority of candidates in fact did not know how to even commence the problem.

There were a number of G2 comments all of who stated that it would have been better if the ratios of the amounts of C, H and O were in fact closer to whole number ratios.

b.ii) In part (ii) of the question the molar mass of the ester was given as $116.18 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, which meant that taking the experimental data given in (b) (i), the empirical formula is in fact $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$, with the associated molecular formula of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$. The better students realised this and typically gave an answer of $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$. However, a very small minority did in fact use a scaling factor to suggest an empirical formula of $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_6$, which was also accepted. In general however for this question, candidates tended to score either scored full marks for parts (i) and (ii), or zero.

c.iiIn part (iii), some candidates did not show the 3D nature of the two enantiomers which was necessary for M1 and only gave 2D representations. It was encouraging to see a greater percentage of candidates however using tapered (wedge/dash) representations. For M2, many did not mention the fact that the two optical isomers rotate the plane of polarized light in opposite directions. Some did not state plane.

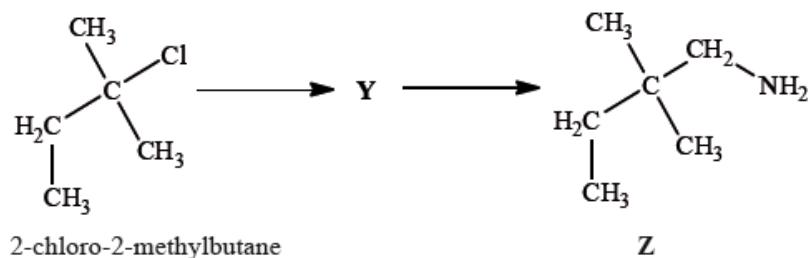
2-methylbutan-2-ol, $(CH_3)_2C(OH)CH_2CH_3$, is a liquid with a smell of camphor that was formerly used as a sedative. One way of producing it starts with 2-methylbut-2-ene.

As well as 2-methylbutan-2-ol, the reaction also produces a small quantity of an optically active isomer, X.

2-methylbutan-2-ol can also be produced by the hydrolysis of 2-chloro-2-methylbutane, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CClC}_2\text{H}_5$, with aqueous sodium hydroxide.

2-chloro-2-methylbutane contains some molecules with a molar mass of approximately 106 g mol^{-1} and some with a molar mass of approximately 108 g mol^{-1} .

2-chloro-2-methylbutane can also be converted into compound **Z** by a two-stage reaction via compound **Y**:



- a. State the other substances required to convert 2-methylbut-2-ene to 2-methylbutan-2-ol. [2]

b. Explain whether you would expect 2-methylbutan-2-ol to react with acidified potassium dichromate(VI). [2]

c.i. State what is meant by *optical activity*. [1]

c.ii. State what optical activity indicates about the structure of the molecule. [1]

c.iii Optical activity can be detected using a polarimeter. Explain how this works. [3]

c.iv Deduce the structural formula of **X**. [1]

d. Explain why 2-methylbut-2-ene is less soluble in water than 2-methylbutan-2-ol. [2]

e.i. Explain the mechanism of this reaction using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [4]

e.ii. State the rate expression for this reaction and the units of the rate constant. [2]

e.iii Suggest why, for some other halogenoalkanes, this hydrolysis is much more effective in alkaline rather than in neutral conditions. [1]

f.i. Outline why there are molecules with different molar masses. [1]

g.i. Draw the structure of **Y**. [1]

g.ii. State the reagent and any catalyst required for both the formation of **Y** and the conversion of **Y** into **Z**. [3]

Formation of **Y**:

Conversion of **Y** into **Z**:

Markscheme

a. water/H₂O;

Accept steam.

(concentrated) sulfuric acid/H₂SO₄ (catalyst);

Accept phosphoric acid/H₃PO₄.

Award [2] for HBr and NaOH (two-stage process via the halogenoalkane).

b. not react;

tertiary alcohol (not easily oxidized);

c.i. rotates the plane (of polarization) of plane polarized light;

Accept answers in which **one** of the “plane”s is missing.

c.ii. two isomers that are enantiomers/chiral/non-superimposable mirror images;

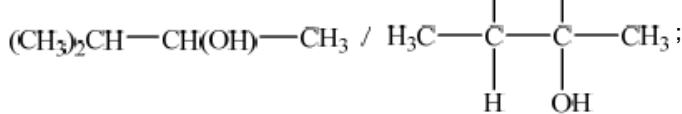
Accept “contains an asymmetric/chiral carbon” or “contains a carbon bonded to four different groups”.

c.iii. polarizes light / polarized light source;

light passed through sample;

analyser / second polarizer detects whether plane of polarization rotated;

c.iv.



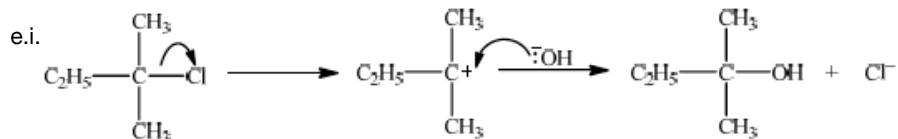
Accept $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$, but not $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$.

d. 2-methylbutan-2-ol has hydroxyl/OH group;

Do not accept “hydroxide group”.

Allow 2-methylbutan-2-ol is an alcohol.

2-methylbutan-2-ol can form H-bonds (to water) / 2-methylbut-2-ene cannot form H-bonds (to water);



curly arrow showing Cl^- leaving;

representation of tertiary carbocation;

curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C^+ ;

Do not allow arrow originating on H in HO^- .

formation of organic product $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OH}$ and Cl^-/NaCl

(somewhere in mechanism);

Award [3 max] if a candidate gives a fully correct S_N2 mechanism.

e.ii.rate = $k \times [\text{2-chloro-2-methylbutane}]/[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Cl}]/[\text{halogenoalkane}]$

/[R-Cl];

s^{-1} ;

e.iiihydroxide ion/ OH^- is a better nucleophile than water / hydroxide ion/ OH^- has negative charge;

undergo S_N2 hydrolysis / RDS depends on attack of OH^- /hydroxide ion (nucleophile);

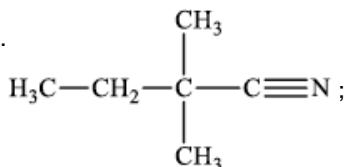
Accept other suggestions that are chemically valid.

f.i. chlorine can be $^{35}\text{Cl}/\text{Cl}-35$ or $^{37}\text{Cl}/\text{Cl}-37$;

Accept "chlorine can exist as two isotopes".

Answer must refer to chlorine rather than isotopes in general.

g.i.



Do not accept condensed formulas such as $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CN}$.

Accept the cyanide group as $-\text{CN}$ without showing the triple bond.

g.iiFormation of Y:

cyanide ion/ CN^- / potassium cyanide/KCN;

Accept hydrogen cyanide/HCN.

Conversion of Y into Z:

hydrogen/ H_2 ;

nickel/Ni / platinum/Pt / palladium/Pd (catalyst);

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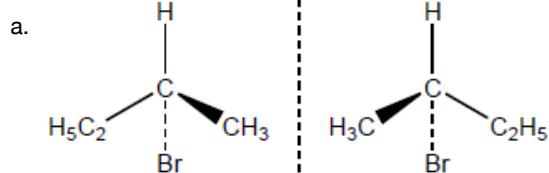
One structural isomer of C₄H₉Br is a chiral molecule.

- a. Draw the three-dimensional shape of each enantiomer of this isomer showing their spatial relationship to each other. [2]
- b. When one enantiomer undergoes substitution by alkaline hydrolysis approximately 75 % of the product molecules show inversion of configuration. Comment on the mechanisms that occur. [2]

c. Suggest why the rate of alkaline hydrolysis of an enantiomer of iodopropane is greater than that of an enantiomer of bromopropane.

[1]

Markscheme



b. S_N2 would give inversion of configuration «almost 100%»

OR

S_N1 would give «approximately» 50% of each

so mechanism is a mixture of both mechanisms

c. C–I bond «longer, so» weaker «than C–Br bond»

OR

I^- is a better leaving group than Br^-

Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
b. [N/A]
c. [N/A]

In some countries, ethanol is mixed with gasoline (petrol) to produce a fuel for cars called gasohol.

Deduce a two-step synthesis for each of the following conversions. For each step, state the structural formulas of all reactants and products and state the conditions used in the reactions.

b.i. Ethanol to ethyl ethanoate.

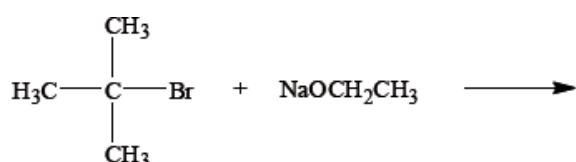
[2]

b.ii. Propene to propanone.

[2]

c. The reagents used in an elimination reaction are shown below.

[3]



Explain the mechanism of this reaction using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

d.i. Describe geometrical isomerism.

[1]

d.ii Draw the geometrical isomers of but-2-ene.

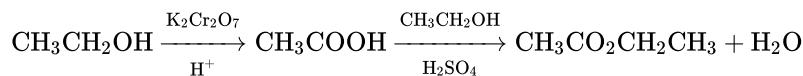
[2]

d.iii Draw the two enantiomers of butan-2-ol.

[2]

Markscheme

b.i.



Structural formulas of reactants and products

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (+ H_2O);

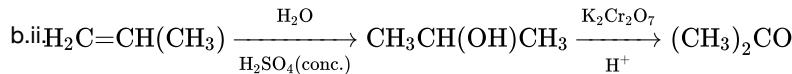
Conditions/reagents used

reflux with named suitable acidified oxidising agent and then heat with alcohol and sulfuric acid;

Suitable oxidising agents are potassium dichromate/ $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ / sodium dichromate/ $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ / dichromate/ $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ / potassium manganate(VII)/potassium permanganate/ KMnO_4 / permanganate/manganate (VII)/ MnO_4^- .

Accept $\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ instead of sulfuric acid and acidified.

Award [1] for structural formulas of reactants and products and [1] for the correct conditions/reagents used.



Structural formulas of reactants and products

$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ and $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$;

Conditions/reagents used

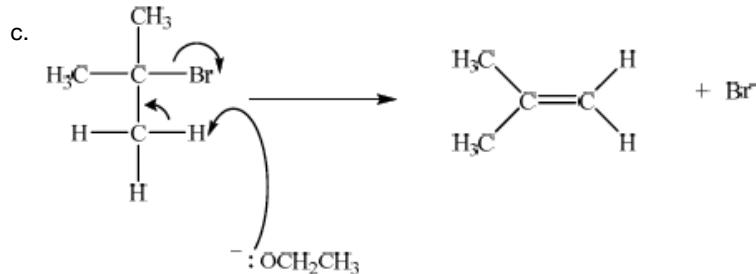
water/ H_2O and sulfuric acid/ H_2SO_4 / dilute acid medium and heat/reflux with suitable acidified oxidising agent;

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Accept $\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ instead of acidified.

Note: If primary alcohol is given as product of first step, and everything else correct, award [1 max].

Accept either full or condensed structural formulas throughout (b).



curly arrow going from O of $\text{:OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ attacking hydrogen;

Allow the curly arrow to originate from either the lone pair or O of $\text{:OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ but not from H of $\text{:OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

Do not award first mark if curly arrow originates from O of $\text{NaOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

curly arrow going from the C-H bond on the β carbon to the bond joining the α carbon to the β carbon and curly arrow showing Br acting as leaving group;

formation of $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ and Br^- ;

Allow formation of NaBr for third marking point, if $\text{NaOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ was used (incorrectly) in the mechanism. Use of $\text{NaOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ with curly arrow originating on O of $\text{NaOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ is penalized already in the first marking point.

Accept alternative E1 type mechanism

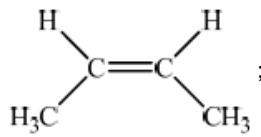
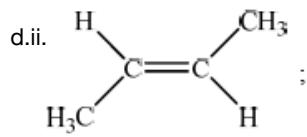
curly arrow showing Br acting as leaving group to form carbocation;

curly arrow going from O of OCH_2CH_3 attacking hydrogen;

formation of $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ and Br^- ;

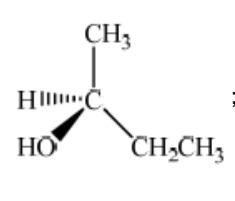
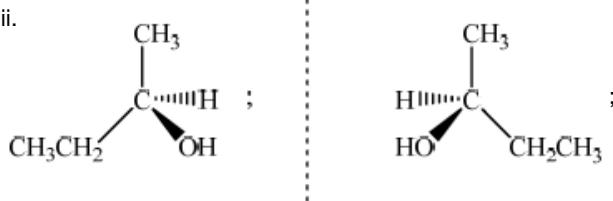
No marks awarded if a substitution mechanism is given.

d.i.compounds with the same (molecular formula and) structural formula but different arrangements of atoms in space / OWTTE;



Allow [1 max] if structures are correct but arrangement of groups in space does not clearly show the cis/trans isomerism.

d.iii.



Allow [1 max] if the structures are correct but it is not clear that they are mirror images.

Examiners report

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The compound $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{Cl}$ can exhibit stereoisomerism.

The reaction between bromoethane, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$, and potassium cyanide is an example of a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

a.i. Draw the structural formulas of the **two** geometrical isomers of 1-chloro-but-2-ene.

[2]

a.ii. Explain why 1-chloro-but-2-ene shows geometrical isomerism.

[1]

a.iii. Draw the structural formula of **one** isomer of C_4H_7Cl that shows optical isomerism and identify the chiral carbon atom with an asterisk (*).

[2]

c.i. State whether this reaction is S_N1 or S_N2 .

[1]

c.ii. Explain the mechanism of the reaction using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

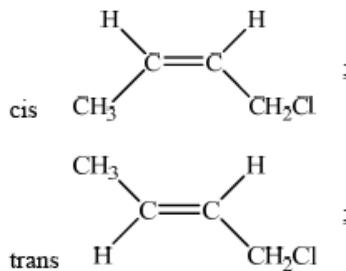
[4]

c.iii. The organic product obtained in part (c) (ii) can be reduced to form an amine. State an equation for the reaction, naming the catalyst involved.

[2]

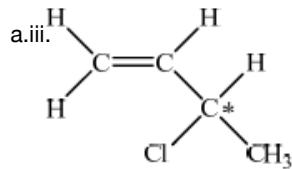
Markscheme

a.i.



a.ii. no rotation possible due to double bond/pi bond;

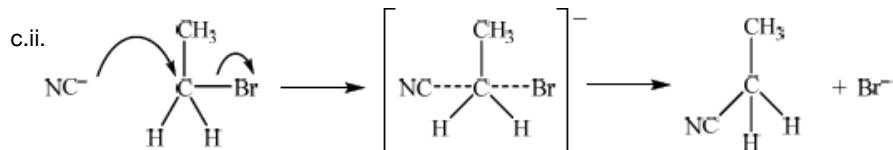
Accept hindered or restricted rotation.



correct structural formula;

chiral carbon atom identified;

c.i. S_N2 ;



curly arrow going from CN^- to C;

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Curly arrow may be represented on transition state.

representation of transition state, showing negative charge and dotted lines;

products;

c.iii. $CH_3CH_2CN + 2H_2 \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2NH_2$;

Ni / Pt / Pd;

Examiners report

a.i.The standard of organic chemistry this session was slightly better when compared to previous sessions. In part (a), some candidates missed that no rotation is possible due to the pi bond. The question required candidates to draw the two geometrical isomers of 1-chloro-but-2-ene but some candidates had drawn the isomers of 1-chloro-but-1-ene or 2-chloro-but-2-ene. Only the able candidates could draw the optical isomer of C₄H₇Cl and identify the chiral carbon atom.

a.ii.[N/A]

a.iii.[N/A]

c.i.In part (c), the S_N2 mechanism between bromoethane and potassium cyanide proved to be a challenge as candidates continued to make the same errors as found in previous sessions, such as an incorrect placement of curly arrows, the omission of non-bonding pairs of electrons on the nucleophile and the failure to include partial bonds and an overall charge in the formula of the S_N2 transition state. Candidates are encouraged to show the entering and leaving groups at 180° instead of 90° on the transition state.

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But-1-ene and 1-aminobutane (1-butylamine) can both be prepared from 1-bromobutane.

2-bromobutane and 2-bromo-2-methylpropane are two isomers of 1-bromobutane.

a.ii.Identify the type of reaction and explain the mechanism for the preparation of but-1-ene from 1-bromobutane using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [3]

a.iiiState the equation (using structural formulas) for the preparation of 1-aminobutane from 1-bromobutane. State the necessary reagents and conditions of the reaction. [3]

a.ivExplain the mechanism for the preparation of 1-aminobutane from 1-bromobutane using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [4]

b.i.Draw the structures of the two mirror images of the isomer that can exhibit optical isomerism. [2]

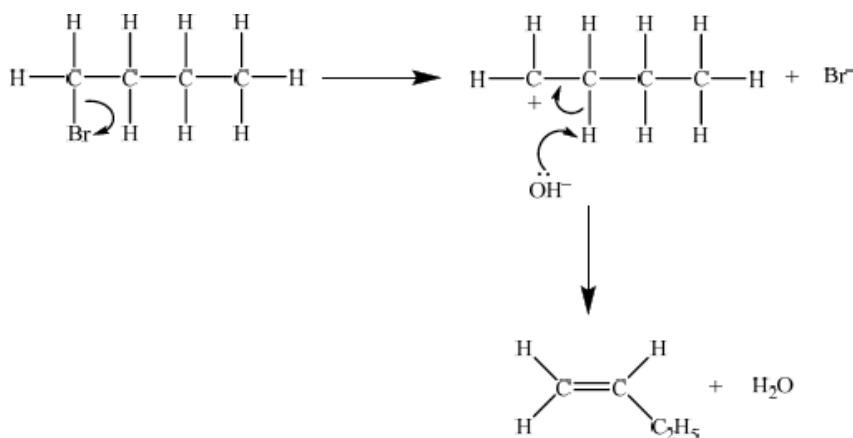
b.iiDescribe how the two optical isomers can be distinguished practically using plane-polarized light. [2]

Markscheme

a.ii.elimination reaction ;

Then accept either E1 or E2 mechanism.

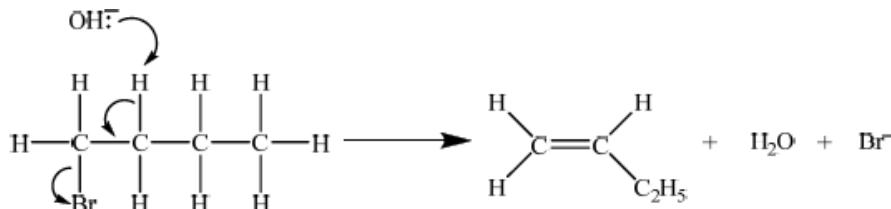
E1



curly arrow showing bromine leaving the halogenoalkane;

OH^- acting as base on the intermediate carbocation;

E2



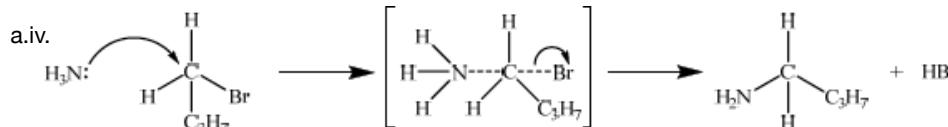
curly arrow showing OH^- acting as base on H bonded to C;

concerted curly arrows showing Br leaving C-Br;

a.iii $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{HBr};$

ammonia/ NH_3 ;

warm / excess ammonia (to prevent secondary amines etc.);



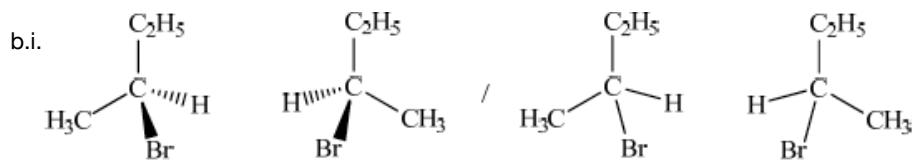
curly arrow from ammonia (to form transition state);

correct transition state;

curly arrow from bond to Br atom in either the first or second step;

formation of HBr and organic product;

Accept a second molecule of NH_3 removing H^+ from the transition state to give NH_4^+ and Br^- as products.



Award [1] for correct structure and [1] for correct 3-D representation of both enantiomers.

b.ii.polarimeter (to measure angle of rotation);

the plane of plane-polarized light rotates in opposite directions (by the different enantiomers);

b.iii 2-bromo-2-methylpropane is tertiary / 1-bromobutane is primary;

2-bromo-2-methylpropane goes by S_N1 / 1-bromobutane by S_N2;

intermediate carbocation more stable for tertiary;

no space around tertiary carbon for five groups (in S_N2 transition state);

Examiners report

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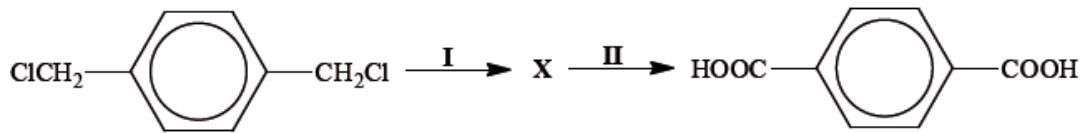
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b.i.In part (b), very few candidates could draw three-dimensional structures of optical isomers, although many gained a mark for correctly identifying the structure which could have enantiomers.

b.iiFew mentioned a polarimeter to distinguish between the two optical isomers, although several described in clear detail a practical method to do so.

b.iii[N/A]

Consider the two-stage reaction pathway below.



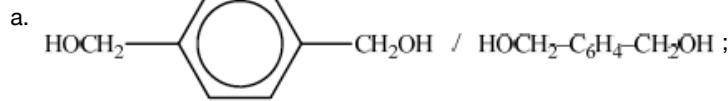
a. Deduce the structural formula of compound **X**. [1]

b. State the reagents and conditions required for stage **II** of the pathway. [2]

Reagents:

Conditions:

Markscheme



Accept left hand end written as CH₂(OH)–.

b. Reagents: acidified/H⁺ dichromate ion/Cr₂O₇²⁻/potassium dichromate/K₂Cr₂O₇/sodium dichromate/Na₂Cr₂O₇;

Accept acidified/H⁺ permanganate ion/MnO₄⁻/potassium permanganate/KMnO₄.

Conditions: reflux;

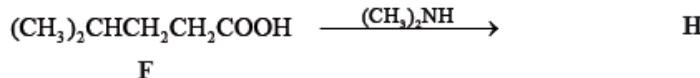
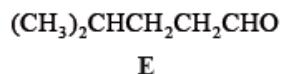
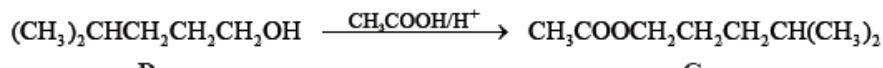
Accept “heat” (as the intermediate aldehyde will not be volatile enough to vaporize significantly) unless distillation mentioned.

Examiners report

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Consider the following reactions.



b.i. State the IUPAC names of each of the compounds, **D**, **E**, **F** and **G**.

[2]

D:

E:

F:

G:

b.iii State the reagents and reaction conditions used to convert **D** to **E** and **D** to **F** directly.

[2]

b.iv Discuss the volatility of **E** compared to **F**.

[3]

Markscheme

b.i. **D:** 4-methylpentan-1-ol;

Allow 4-methyl-1-pentanol.

E: 4-methylpentanal;

F: 4-methylpentanoic acid;

G: 4-methylpentyl ethanoate;

Allow 4-methylpentyl acetate.

Award [2] for all four correct, [1 max] for two or three correct.

Award [1 max] if all suffices correct but prefix (4-methyl or pent) not correct.

b.iii For both reactions reagents:

named suitable acidified oxidizing agent;

Suitable oxidizing agents are potassium dichromate(VI)/K₂Cr₂O₇ / sodium dichromate(VI)/Na₂Cr₂O₇ / dichromate/Cr₂O₇²⁻ / potassium manganate(VII)/potassium permanganate/KMnO₄ / permanganate/manganate(VII)/MnO₄⁻.

Accept H⁺/H₂SO₄ instead of sulfuric acid and acidified.

Allow potassium dichromate or sodium dichromate (i.e. without (VI)) or potassium manganate (i.e. without (VII)).

Conditions:

distillation for **D** to **E** and reflux for **D** to **F**;

Award [1 max] if correct reagents and conditions identified for one process only.

b.iv Volatility:

E more volatile than **F**;

hydrogen bonding in carboxylic acid/**F**;

Accept converse argument.

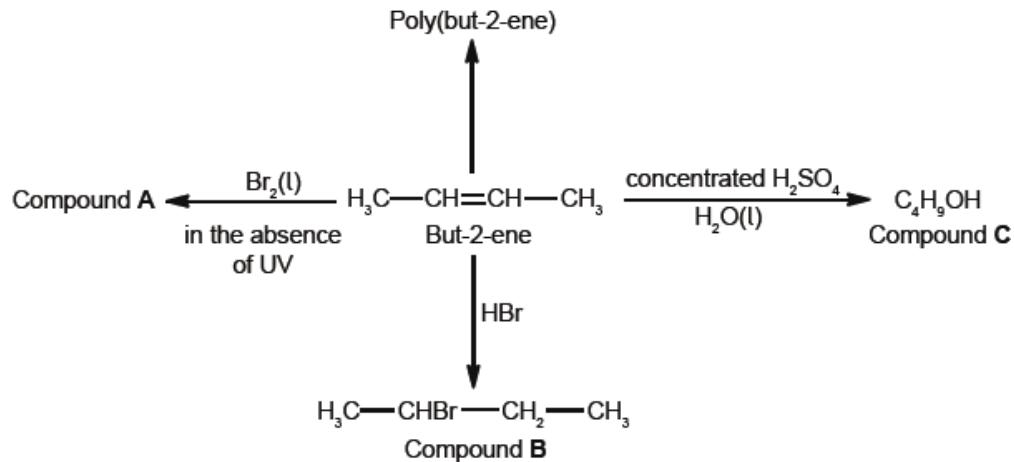
Examiners report

b.i. Many candidates only scored one mark.

b.iii Distillation often was not mentioned.

b.iv(iv) was very well answered.

Some reactions of but-2-ene are given below.



But-2-ene can exist as two geometrical isomers. Cis-trans is a form of stereoisomerism.

a.i. Deduce the full structural formula of compound **A**.

[1]

a.ii. Apply IUPAC rules to name compound **A**.

[1]

a.iii. Describe the colour change observed when excess but-2-ene reacts with bromine to form compound **A**.

[1]

b. (i) Outline **two** reasons why the polymerization of alkenes is of economic importance.

[3]

(ii) Identify the structure of the repeating unit of poly(but-2-ene).

c.i. Compound **C**, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$, can also be formed by reacting compound **B**, $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, with aqueous potassium hydroxide. This reaction [4] proceeds by both $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ and $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanisms. Explain the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism, using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

c.ii.Explain why the hydroxide ion is a better nucleophile than water. [2]

e. Compound **C**, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$, can be oxidized by acidified potassium dichromate(VI) to form compound **F**. [2]

(i) State the name of the functional group present in compound **F**.

(ii) Deduce the structural formula of an alcohol which is a structural isomer of compound **C** and **cannot** be oxidized by acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

f. Explain why but-2-ene is more volatile than compound **C**. [2]

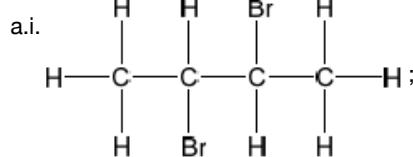
g. Deduce the equation for the complete combustion of compound **C**. [1]

h.i.Define the term *stereoisomers*. [1]

h.ii.State the conditions needed for a compound to show cis-trans. [2]

h.iiiDraw the structures of the two geometrical isomers of but-2-ene, clearly identifying each as *cis* or *trans*. [2]

Markscheme



Accept bromine atoms cis to each other.

a.ii.2,3-dibromobutane;

Do not penalize the incorrect use of spaces, comma or hyphen.

a.iii red/brown/orange/yellow to colourless/decolourized;

Do not accept clear.

Do not accept just "decolorized".

b. (i) (synthesis of) plastics/polymers/organic materials not naturally available / synthetic materials;

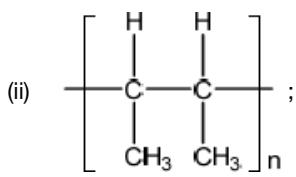
wide range of uses/physical properties / versatile;

large industry / many tons of plastics consumed by society / OWTTE;

Do not accept "useful" for M2.

Award [1 max] if specific addition polymer and its use is given.

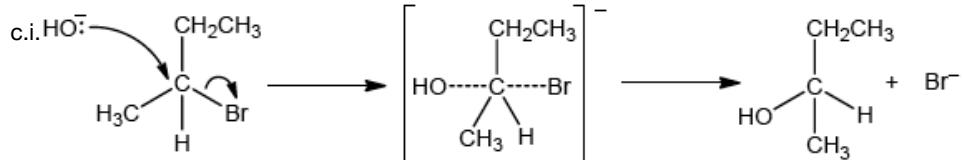
Penalize reference to condensation polymers once only.



Ignore n.

Brackets are not required for the mark, but continuation bonds are.

Do not penalize if methyl groups are trans to each other.



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C;

Do not accept curly arrow originating on H in HO^- .

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Br to Br in 2-bromobutane or in the transition state.

Accept if arrow goes from C-Br bond to/or beyond Br.

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if OH---C bond is represented.

formation of organic product $\text{CH}_3\text{CHOHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ and KBr/Br^- ;

c. ii. OH^- has a negative charge/higher electron density;

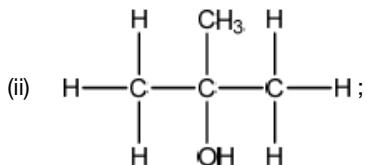
stronger attraction to the carbon atom with the partial positive charge / OWTTE;

Do not accept just stronger attraction.

Reference to carbon atom needed for M2.

e. (i) carbonyl;

Accept ketone.



Accept condensed or full structural formula.

f. hydrogen bonding in compound C;

dipole-dipole forces in C / C is more polar;

C has greater molar mass/more dispersion/London/instantaneous induced dipole-induced dipole forces/van der Waal forces;

Accept converse argument.

Award [1 max] for stronger intermolecular forces.

g. $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH(l)} + 6\text{O}_2\text{(g)} \rightarrow 4\text{CO}_2\text{(g)} + 5\text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$;

Ignore state symbols.

h.i. compounds with the same structural formula **and** different arrangement in space/3D structures;

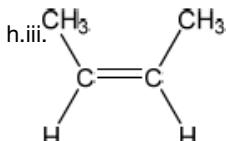
Accept molecular formula instead of structural formula.

Do not accept “similar” instead of “same”.

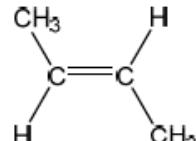
h.ii.restricted rotation around a (double) bond;

carbon atoms of the C=C/carbon-carbon double bond (in alkene)/carbon atoms of the C–C/carbon-carbon single bond (in cycloalkane) must have two different atoms/groups of atoms / OWTTE;

Do not accept “functional groups” for “groups of atoms” in M2.



and



cis

and

trans;

Award [1 max] if cis and trans isomers are correctly drawn and identified for alkene other than but-2-ene.

Award [1 max] if student draws and labels one structure correctly but not the other.

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[5]

Compound **A** is reacted with dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide to produce compound **B** with a formula of $C_4H_{10}O$. Compound **B** is then oxidized with acidified potassium

manganate(VII) to produce compound **C** with a formula of C_4H_8O . Compound **C** resists further oxidation by acidified potassium manganate(VII).

Compound **D** is reacted with dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide to produce compound **E** with a formula of $C_4H_{10}O$. Compound **E** does not react with acidified potassium manganate(VII).

Deduce the structural formulas for compounds **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**.

A:

B:

C:

D:

E:

b. Deduce an equation for the reaction between propanoic acid and methanol. Identify the catalyst and state the name of the organic compound, [4]
X, formed.

c.i. Calculate the concentrations of the other three species present at equilibrium. [3]

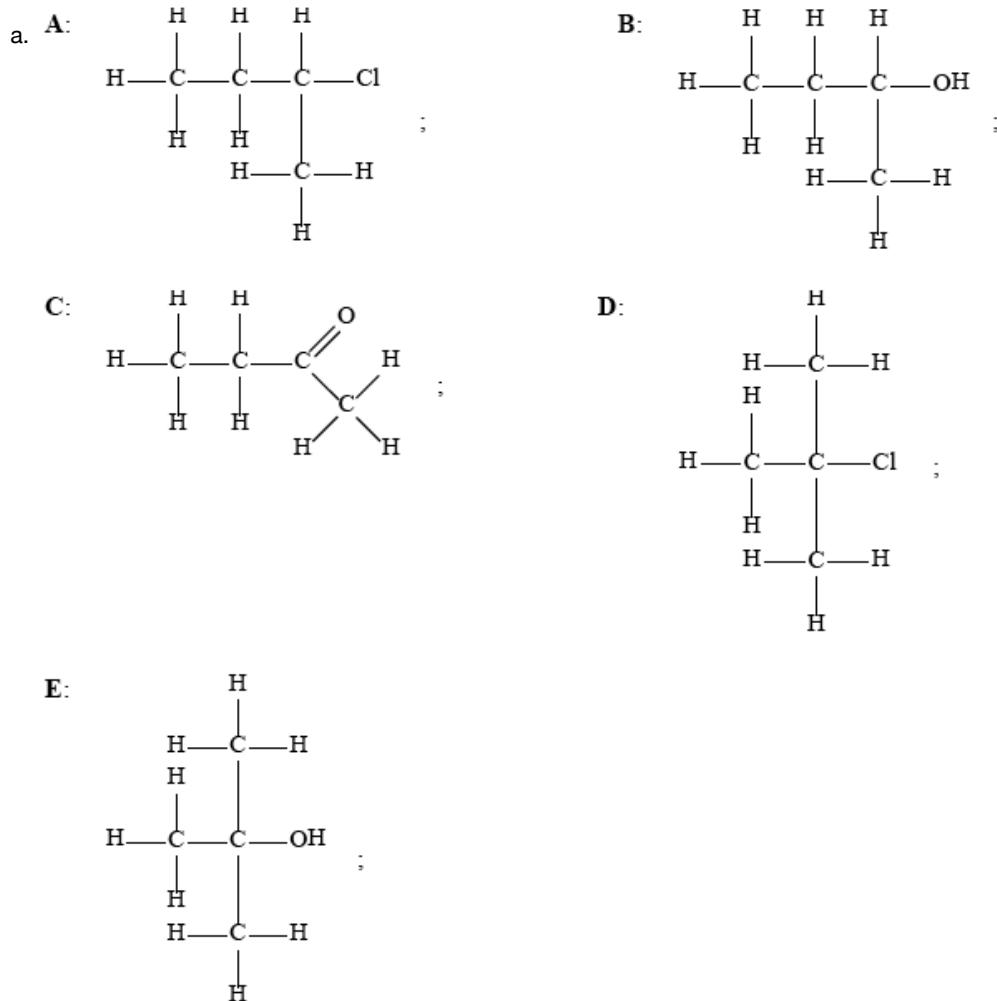
c.ii. State the equilibrium constant expression, K_c , and calculate the equilibrium constant for this reaction at 25.0 °C. [2]

d.i. 2-chloro-3-methylbutane reacts with sodium hydroxide via an S_N2 mechanism. Explain the mechanism by using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [4]

d.ii. Explain why the hydroxide ion is a better nucleophile than water. [2]

d.iii. 1-chlorobutane can be converted to a pentylamine via a two stage process. Deduce equations for each step of this conversion including any catalyst required **and** name the organic product produced at **each** stage. [5]

Markscheme



Accept condensed formulas.

Award [1 max] if **A** and **D** are other way round (and nothing else correct).

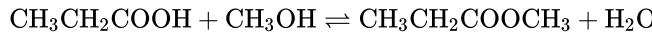
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Award [3 max] if **A** and **D** are other way round but both substitution products **B** and **E** are correct based on initial choice of **A** and **D**.

M2 (for **B**) and M5 (for **E**) may also be scored for substitution product if primary chloroalkane used.

Penalize missing hydrogens once only in Q.7.

b.



[1] for reactants and [1] for products.

(concentrated) sulfuric acid/H₂SO₄;

Do not accept just H⁺ or acid.

methyl propanoate;

c.i. [CH₃CH₂COOH]:

(1.6 – 0.80 =) 0.8 (mol dm⁻³);

[CH₃OH]:

(2.0 – 0.80 =) 1.2 (mol dm⁻³);

[H₂O]:

0.80 (mol dm⁻³);

c.ii. ($K_c = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}][\text{CH}_3\text{OH}]}$;

$$\left(K_c = \frac{[(0.80)^2]}{[(1.2 \times 0.8)]} = \right) 0.7;$$

Allow 0.67.

Award [1 max] for 0.83.

d.i. curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO⁻ to C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in HO⁻.

curly arrow showing Cl leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Cl to Cl in 2-chloro-3-methylbutane or in the transition state.

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Cl are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if OH ---- C bond is represented.

formation of organic product 3-methylbutan-2-ol and Cl⁻;

d.ii. OH⁻ has a negative charge/higher electron density;

greater attraction to the carbon atom (with the partial positive charge) / OWTTE;

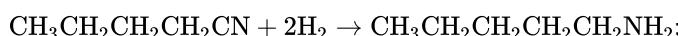
Do not allow just greater attraction.

d.iii. $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl} + \text{KCN} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN} + \text{KCl}$;

Accept CN⁻ for KCN and Cl⁻ for KCl.

pentanenitrile;

Allow 1-cyanobutane.



pentan-1-amine / 1-aminopentane / 1-pentylamine / 1-pantanamine;

Catalyst: nickel/Ni / palladium/Pd / platinum/Pt;

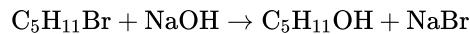
Penalise missing hydrogen once only in Q.7.

Examiners report

- a. This was the least popular question in Section B. Most candidates either scored all five marks in (a) or just one.
- b. (b) was usually well done, though it was disappointing that more candidates did not use the equilibrium sign.
- c.i.In (c), a significant number of candidates omitted water from the equilibrium calculations.
- c.ii.In (c), a significant number of candidates omitted water from the equilibrium calculations.
- d.i.The organic reaction mechanism in (d) (i) was very poorly presented. Many even tried drawing curly arrows from NaOH as an attacking species. The majority could identify the product of the reaction but a mechanism was far beyond them. Transition states were poor or missing completely.
- d.ii.In (ii) although many knew that OH^- has a negative charge, few linked this to the greater attraction to the carbon atom.
- d.iiiIn (iii) very few candidates did well here and the name of pentan-1-amine was rarely given. Other mistakes included incorrect catalysts. Further common mistakes included some candidates not including all the hydrogens in the structural formulas. In general for this part there was very poor knowledge of organic synthesis amongst candidates. Very few had a good “stab” at this question. The fact that pentylamine was mentioned in the question initially meant that very few candidates accessed the last mark for the name of the product.

There are several structural isomers with the molecular formula $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}$.

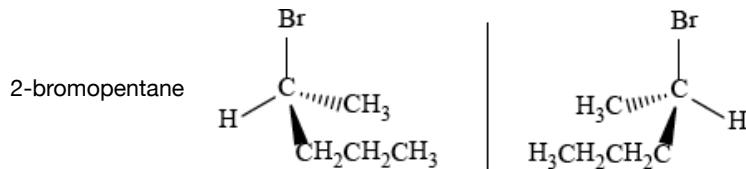
All the isomers react when warmed with a dilute aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide according to the equation below.



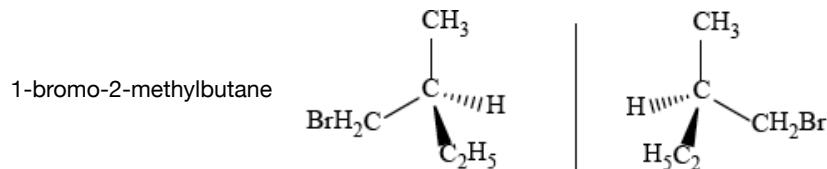
- a. Deduce the name of **one** of the isomers which can exist as enantiomers and draw three-dimensional representations of its **two** enantiomers. [3]
- b.i.The reaction with 1-bromopentane proceeds by an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism. Describe this mechanism using structural formulas and curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [3]
- b.ii.The reaction with 2-bromo-2-methylbutane proceeds by an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ mechanism. Describe this mechanism using structural formulas and curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [3]
- b.iiiExplain why 1-bromopentane reacts by an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism whereas 2-bromo-2-methylbutane reacts by an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ mechanism. [3]
- b.ivExplain whether the boiling point of 1-bromopentane will be higher, lower or the same as that of 2-bromo-2-methylbutane. [3]
- b.v.The product $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{OH}$ formed from the reaction with 1-bromopentane is warmed with ethanoic acid in the presence of a few drops of concentrated sulfuric acid. State the name of the type of reaction taking place and the structural formula of the organic product. [2]

Markscheme

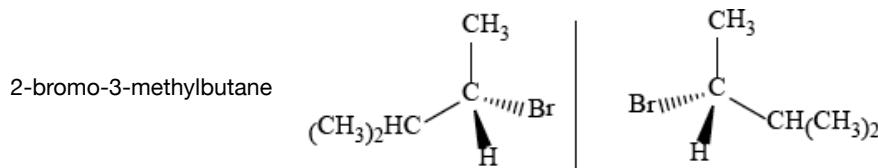
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OR



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correct isomer 3D structure;

correct name;

correct enantiomer 3D structure;

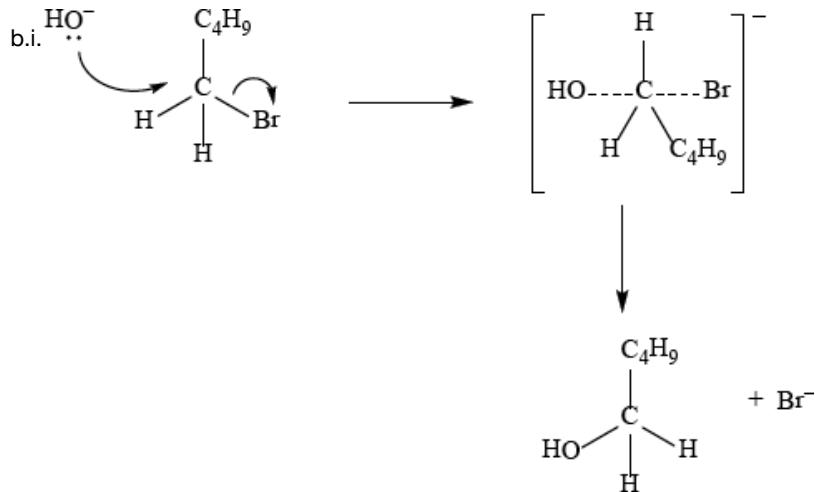
If compound incorrectly named award [2 max] for two correct 3D enantiomers,

and [1 max] for a correct structure of an enantiomer not shown in 3D.

If non-optically active isomers given (e.g. 2-bromo-2-methyl-butane) award [1 max]

if name and 3D structure are correct.

Accept condensed form for alkyl chain throughout.



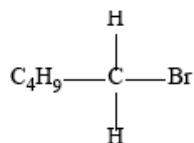
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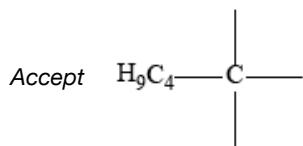
Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in HO^- (e.g. originating on negative charge on H i.e. lone pair/negative charge must be on O).

curly arrow from C-Br bond to form Br^- (this can also be shown in transition state);

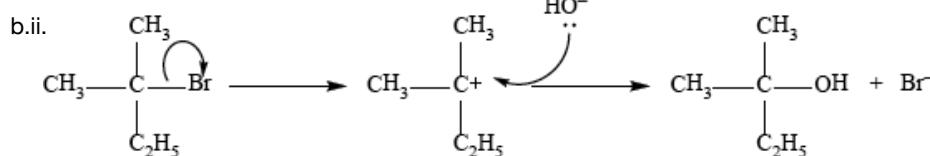
transition state showing overall negative charge;

Accept condensed formulas as long as curly arrows can still be shown e.g.





If wrong formula used for halogenoalkane, e.g. 1-bromobutane award [2 max].



curly arrow from C-Br bond to form Br^- ;

correct structure of tertiary carbocation;

curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C^+ ;

If non-bonding pair not shown then arrow must originate from negative sign on O or the minus sign.

Only penalize arrow from H once in (b).

If wrong formula is used for 2-bromo-2-methylbutane award [2 max].

b.iii the C bonded to the Br in 1-bromopentane is also bonded to two H atoms so can accommodate five groups around it in the transition state / OWTTE;

the C bonded to the Br in 2-bromo-2-methylbutane has three other (bulky) groups bonded to it so cannot accommodate five groups around it in the transition state / OWTTE;

2-bromo-2-methylbutane forms a tertiary carbocation which is stabilized by the positive inductive effect of the three alkyl groups / OWTTE;

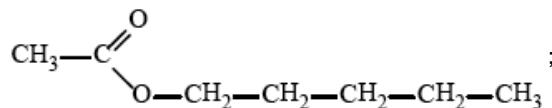
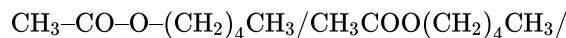
1-bromopentane would form a primary carbocation (if it went by $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$) which is much less stable as there is only one alkyl group exerting a positive inductive effect / OWTTE;

b.iv the boiling point of 1-bromopentane is higher than the boiling point of 2-bromo-2-methylbutane;

2-bromo-2-methylbutane is more spherical in shape / less surface area in contact between molecules of 2-bromo-2-methylbutane than between molecules of 1-bromopentane / OWTTE;

hence weaker intermolecular forces of attraction/van der Waals' forces of attraction between molecules of 2-bromo-2-methylbutane / OWTTE;

b.v esterification / condensation;



Accept $\text{CH}_3-\text{CO}-\text{O}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$

Examiners report

a. Although the least popular question, candidates were generally well prepared particularly in drawing enantiomers and describing the mechanisms for the two nucleophilic substitution reactions.

b.i. The representation of the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ and $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanisms using curly arrows has significantly improved from previous sessions but mistakes are still being made.

Common errors in the S_N2 mechanism include the curly arrow originating from the H in the hydroxide ion instead of the lone pair on the oxygen and the omission of the negative charge or square brackets from the transition state.

b.iiIt was also disappointing to see H–C bonds in the transition state and HO–C–Br angles of less than 180°. If a candidate fully understood that the attack must be on the opposite side from the leaving group than this type of mistake would not appear. Explanations of why primary halogenoalkanes undergo S_N2 reactions and why primary structures favour S_N1 reactions in terms of steric hindrance and carbocation stability were often incomplete with few candidates gaining full marks. Students should note that when asked to compare two molecules, their answers should refer explicitly to both; i.e. they had to mention that a tertiary compound halogenoalkane **did** have steric hindrance and a primary compound **did not** have steric hindrance. Some candidates also struggled to give a full explanation of the higher boiling point of 1-bromopentane in terms of the greater surface contact between neighbouring molecules. Most candidates were familiar with the esterification reaction and able to give the structural formula of pentyl ethanoate. The prediction of the organic products of the elimination reaction proved to be beyond many, as candidates struggled to apply their knowledge in an unfamiliar context. Similarly, many were unable to give the equation for the condensation polymerisation reaction between benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid and pentane-1,5-diol. A significant number of students misread the question and attempted to describe a reaction between the acid and 1,5-dibromopentane instead.

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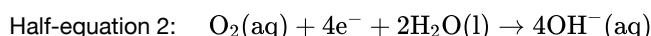
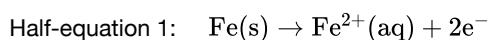
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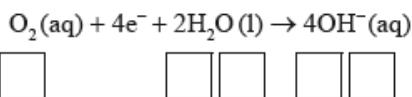
Iron rusts in the presence of oxygen and water. Rusting is a redox process involving several steps that produces hydrated iron(III) oxide, Fe₂O₃ • nH₂O, as the final product.

The half-equations involved for the first step of rusting are given below.



- a. (i) Identify whether half-equation 1 represents oxidation or reduction, giving a reason for your answer. [5]

- (ii) Identify the oxidation number of each atom in the three species in half-equation 2.



- (iii) Deduce the overall redox equation for the first step of rusting by combining half-equations 1 and 2.

- (iv) Identify the reducing agent in the redox equation in part (iii).

- b. The oxygen in half-equation 2 is atmospheric oxygen that is found dissolved in water in very small concentrations. Explain, in terms of intermolecular forces, why oxygen is not very soluble in water. [2]
- c. State the relationship between the electron arrangement of an element and its group and period in the periodic table. [2]

d. Transition metals and their compounds often catalyse reactions. The catalyzed decomposition of hydrogen peroxide by CuO is an example. [2]

State **two other** examples of catalyzed reactions giving the transition metal or its compound acting as catalyst.

e. (i) State a chemical equation for the partial dissociation of water into ions, including state symbols. [6]

(ii) The dissociation of water into ions is reversible. State the expression for the ionic product constant of water.

(iii) The ionic product constant of water was measured at three different temperatures.

Temperature / K	K_w
298	1.00×10^{-14}
313	2.92×10^{-14}
373	5.13×10^{-13}

Deduce whether the ionization of water is exothermic or endothermic, giving your reason.

(iv) Use the data in part (iii) to determine the pH of water at 373 K, correct to **two** decimal places.

f. (i) An aqueous solution of sodium chloride is electrolysed using inert electrodes. Explain which product is obtained at the positive electrode [5] (anode) if the concentration of sodium chloride is high.

(ii) State the half-equations occurring at the electrodes during the electrolysis of the **concentrated** aqueous solution of sodium chloride.

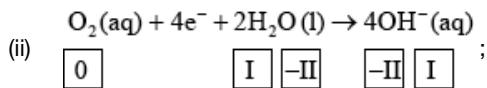
Negative electrode (cathode):

Positive electrode (anode):

g. Describe how electrolysis can be used to electroplate a bracelet with a layer of silver metal. Include the choice of electrodes and electrolyte [3] needed in your description.

Markscheme

a. (i) oxidation **and** (iron/Fe) loses electrons/increases in oxidation number/state;

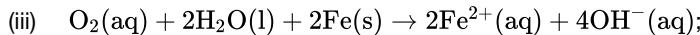


Award [2] for five correct.

Award [1] for four correct.

Accept use of oxidation states (0, +1, -2, -2, +1) for oxidation numbers.

Penalize once for incorrect notation (eg, 2, 2-).



Ignore state symbols.

(iv) Fe/iron;

b. needs to break strong hydrogen bonds/H-bonds between water molecules (to dissolve) / oxygen cannot form hydrogen bonds/H-bonds with water;

oxygen can only form (weak) van der Waals'/vdW/LDF/London/dispersion forces with water;

c. groups indicate the number of electrons in the highest energy level/outer/valence shell;

periods indicate the number of (occupied) energy levels/shells (in the atom);

d. V_2O_5 catalyses oxidation of SO_2 / V_2O_5 is a catalyst in the Contact Process;

Fe catalyses the reaction between N_2 and H_2 / Fe is a catalyst in the Haber Process;

Ni/Pd/Pt catalyses hydrogenation / manufacture of margarine / addition of hydrogen to C=C / conversion of alkenes to alkanes;

Pd/Pt is a catalyst in catalytic converters / Pd/Pt catalyzes reaction of NO_2 and CO/ NO_2 and (unburnt) fuel/exhaust gases;

Accept other correct examples.

Accept formulas or names of substances.

e. (i) $H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$ / $2H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq);$

\rightleftharpoons and state symbols are necessary for the mark.

(ii) $K_w = [H^+][OH^-]/K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-];$

(iii) at higher temperatures ionization increases / at higher temperatures equilibrium shifts to right;
ionization is endothermic;

Do not allow ECF for M2.

(iv) $5.13 \times 10^{-13} = [H_3O^+]^2/[H^+]^2/[H_3O^+]/[H^+] = 7.16 \times 10^{-7}$ (mol dm⁻³);

pH = 6.14/6.15;

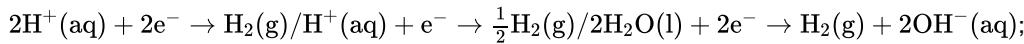
Award [2] for correct final answer.

f. (i) chlorine/ Cl_2 (is produced at the positive electrode/anode);

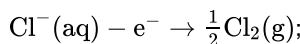
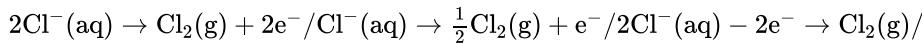
according to electrochemical series/ E° values/ease of oxidation OH^-/H_2O reacts/oxygen is released / OWTTE / at low chloride concentration OH^-/H_2O reacts/oxygen is released;

high concentration makes Cl^- oxidize/react in preference to OH^-/H_2O / OWTTE;

(ii) Negative electrode (cathode):



Positive electrode (anode):



Ignore state symbols.

Accept e instead of e⁻.

Award [1] if half-equations are correct but placed at the wrong electrodes.

g. bracelet/object to be electroplated is the cathode/negative electrode;

silver anode/positive electrode;

Accept Pt anode.

Electrolyte: liquid Na[Ag(CN₂)]/sodium dicyanoargentate/[Ag(CN)₂]⁻/ solution of an appropriate silver salt;

Accept AgNO₃/silver nitrate.

All marks can be scored with a labelled diagram.

Examiners report

- a. (i) Very well answered.
- (ii) Most candidates answered correctly. The most common mistakes were doubling the oxidation number of H in H₂O, and entering a wrong oxidation number for elemental oxygen.
- (iii) A well-answered question.
- b. The aqueous solubility of oxygen gas was often poorly explained, with the discussion focussing on the intermolecular forces found in each substance separately and then stating that “like dissolves like”.
- c. Well answered by most candidates.
- d. The majority of candidates were able to give two valid examples of transition metals or their compounds acting as catalysts.
- e. (i) Very well answered.
- (ii) Well answered.
- (iii) About half of the candidates were able to gain full marks. Some candidates found difficulty in connecting the increase in K_w to the position of equilibrium.
- (iv) About half of the candidates were able to calculate the pH from the K_w value.
- f. (i) Many candidates identified chlorine as the product, but the other two marks were more discriminating. Some candidates clarified that Cl⁻ was oxidized in preference to OH⁻ because of its high concentration, but very few related the situation to the electrochemical series.
- (ii) This was poorly answered by many candidates. Common mistakes included releasing sodium at the cathode, reversing electrodes and unbalanced redox half-reactions where the electrons were sometimes on the wrong side of the equation.
- g. Very well answered. Most candidates determined both electrodes correctly. The main difficulty for some candidates was choosing a suitable electrolyte.

a.i. Ethanol is a primary alcohol that can be oxidized by acidified potassium dichromate(VI). Distinguish between the reaction conditions needed to [2] produce ethanal and ethanoic acid.

Ethanal:

Ethanoic acid:

a.ii.Determine the oxidation number of carbon in ethanol and ethanal.

[2]

Ethanol:

Ethanal:

a.iiiDeduce the half-equation for the oxidation of ethanol to ethanal.

[1]

a.ivDeduce the overall redox equation for the reaction of ethanol to ethanal with acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

[2]

b. Ethanol can be made by reacting aqueous sodium hydroxide with bromoethane.

[4]

Explain the mechanism for this reaction, using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

c.i.Determine the orders of reaction of the reactants and the overall rate expression for the reaction between 2-bromobutane and aqueous sodium

[2]

hydroxide using the data in the table.

Experiment	$[\text{NaOH}] / \text{mol dm}^{-3}$	$[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}] / \text{mol dm}^{-3}$	Rate / $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$
1	1.00	1.00	1.66×10^{-3}
2	0.50	1.00	8.31×10^{-4}
3	0.25	0.25	1.02×10^{-4}
4	1.00	0.50	8.29×10^{-4}

c.ii.Determine the rate constant, k , with its units, using the data from experiment 3.

[2]

c.iiidentify the molecularity of the rate-determining step in this reaction.

[1]

d.i.2-bromobutane exists as optical isomers.

[1]

State the essential feature of optical isomers.

d.ii2-bromobutane exists as optical isomers.

[2]

Outline how a polarimeter can distinguish between these isomers.

f. Describe the formation of σ and π bonds in an alkene.

[2]

g. The two most abundant isotopes of bromine have the mass numbers 79 and 81.

[2]

Calculate the relative abundance of ^{79}Br using table 5 of the data booklet, assuming the abundance of the other isotopes is negligible.

Markscheme

a.i.*Ethanal*: distill off product as it forms;

Accept distillation.

Ethanoic acid: (heat under) reflux / use excess oxidizing agent;

a.ii.*Ethanol*: -2/-II;

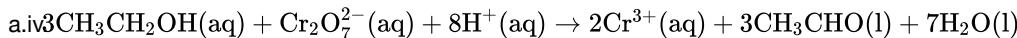
Ethanal: -1/-I;

Do not accept 2-, 1- but penalize once only.



Half-equation required. Do not accept $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + 2[\text{O}] \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Accept e for e^- .



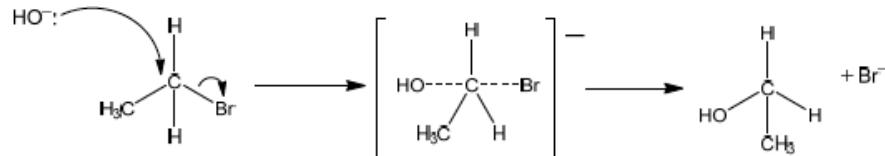
correct reactants and products;

correct balancing;

M2 can only be scored if M1 correct.

Ignore state symbols.

b.



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in HO^- to C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in HO^- .

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Br to Br in bromoethane or in the transition state.

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if OH---C bond is represented.

formation of organic product $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ and Br^- ;

Award [3 max] for correct S_N1 mechanism.

c.i. $[\text{NaOH}] / [\text{OH}^-]$ is 1/first order **and** $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]$ is 1/first order;

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{OH}^-][\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}] / \text{rate} = k[\text{NaOH}][\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}];$$

Square brackets must be used for M2.

c.ii. $\left(\frac{1.02 \times 10^{-4}}{0.25 \times 0.25} \right) = 0.0016 / 1.6 \times 10^{-3};$

$$\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1};$$

Accept $M^{-1}s^{-1}$.

Ignore order of units.

Must use experiment 3 data.

c.iiibimolecular/2;

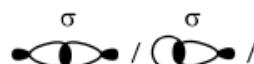
Accept dimolecular.

d.i.chiral/asymmetric carbon / carbon attached to 4 different groups / non-super imposable mirror images;

d.ii.enantiomers rotate plane of (plane-) polarized light;

in opposite directions (by equal amounts);

f. *Sigma bonds:*

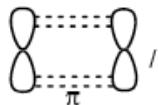


result from head-on/end-on overlap of orbitals / OWTTE;

Accept axial overlap of orbitals.

Accept "symmetric orbital" with respect to same plane / OWTTE.

Pi bonds:



result from sideways overlap of orbitals / OWTTE;

Accept "antisymmetric orbitals" with respect to (defining) plane (containing at least one atom) / OWTTE.

g. $79.91 = 79x + 81(1 - x)$;

Award M1 for any suitable calculation.

(abundance ^{79}Br) = 54.5%;

Award [2] for correct final answer.

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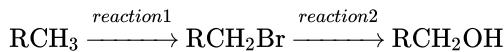
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Consider the following sequence of reactions.



RCH_3 is an unknown alkane in which R represents an alkyl group.

All the isomers can be hydrolysed with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution. When the reaction of one of these isomers, **X**, was investigated the following kinetic data were obtained.

Experiment	Initial [X] / mol dm^{-3}	Initial $[\text{OH}^-]$ / mol dm^{-3}	Initial rate of reaction / $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$
1	2.0×10^{-2}	2.0×10^{-2}	4.0×10^{-3}
2	2.0×10^{-2}	4.0×10^{-2}	4.0×10^{-3}
3	4.0×10^{-2}	4.0×10^{-2}	8.0×10^{-3}

- a. The alkane contains 82.6% by mass of carbon. Determine its empirical formula, showing your working. [3]
- b. A 1.00 g gaseous sample of the alkane has a volume of 385 cm^3 at standard temperature and pressure. Deduce its molecular formula. [2]
- c. State the reagent and conditions needed for *reaction 1*. [2]
- d. *Reaction 1* involves a free-radical mechanism. Describe the stepwise mechanism, by giving equations to represent the initiation, propagation and termination steps. [4]

e. The mechanism in reaction 2 is described as S_N2. Explain the mechanism of this reaction using curly arrows to show the movement of electron [3]

pairs, and draw the structure of the transition state.

f. There are four structural isomers with the molecular formula C₄H₉Br. One of these structural isomers exists as two optical isomers. Draw [2]

diagrams to represent the three-dimensional structures of the two optical isomers.

g. (i) Deduce the rate expression for the reaction. [9]

(ii) Determine the value of the rate constant for the reaction and state its units.

(iii) State the name of isomer X and explain your choice.

(iv) State equations for the steps that take place in the mechanism of this reaction and state which of the steps is slow and which is fast.

Markscheme

a. $n_C = \frac{82.6}{12.01} = 6.88$ and $n_H = \frac{17.4}{1.01} = 17.2$;

ratio is 1:2.5;



No penalty for using 12 and 1.

b. $\left(M = \frac{22400}{385} \right) = 58.2 / \left(M = \frac{mRT}{PV} \right) = 58.3$;

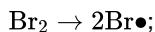


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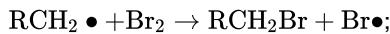
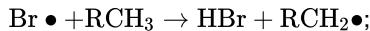
UV/ultraviolet light;

Accept hf/hv/sunlight.

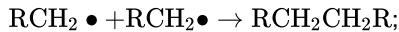
d. initiation:



propagation:



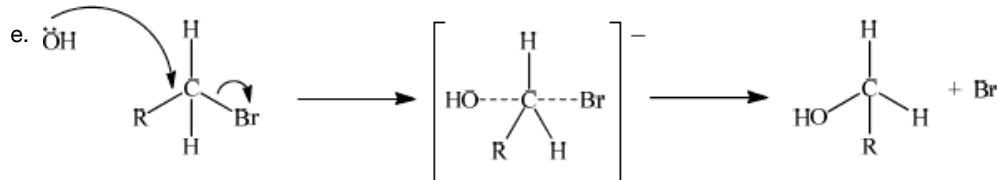
termination: [1 max]



Award [1] for any termination step.

Accept radical with or without throughout.

Do not penalise the use of an incorrect alkane in the mechanism.



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in OH⁻ to C;

Do not allow curly arrow originating on H in OH⁻.

curly arrow showing Br leaving;

Accept curly arrow either going from bond between C and Br to Br in bromoethane or in the transition state.

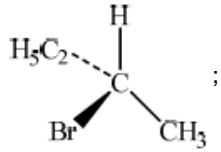
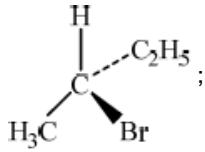
representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds;

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if OH ---- C bond is represented unless already penalised in M1.

Do not penalise the use of an incorrect alkyl chain in the mechanism.

f.



First and second structures should be mirror images. Tetrahedral arrangement around carbon must be shown.

g. (i) order with respect to $\text{OH}^- = 0$;

order with respect to X = 1;

$$\text{rate} = k[\text{X}];$$

Award [3] for final correct answer.

(ii) 0.2(0);

$$\text{min}^{-1};$$

(iii) 2-bromo-2-methyl-propane;

Do not penalize missing hyphens or added spaces.

Accept 2-methyl-2-bromopropane.

tertiary structure;

(iv) $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br} \rightarrow \text{C}_4\text{H}_9^+ + \text{Br}^-$ / in equation with curly arrows **and** slow;

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$ / in equation with curly arrows **and** fast;

No penalty if primary structure is shown.

No credit for S_N2 mechanism, except by ECF.

Examiners report

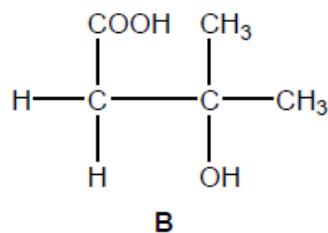
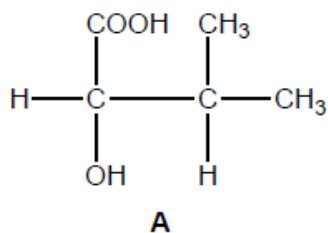
- Although this was the least popular question in Section B there was generally a good level of performance. In (a) most candidates scored at least 2 out of 3 marks for calculating the empirical formula.
- Many managed to give a correct molecular formula based on their background knowledge once they had determined the molar mass from the density calculation.
- The conditions of free radical substitution were well known.
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- The conditions and mechanism of free radical substitution were well known but the S_N2 mechanism in (e) caused more problems.

f. Again the use of curly arrows proved to be difficult. In some case they originated from the H not the lone pair on O of the nucleophile, or were missing from the C – Br bond. Another common mistake was the omission of a negative charge from the transition state. As the attack of the nucleophile is on the opposite side of the carbon atom to the halogen leaving, the partial bonds in the transition state should be drawn at 180 degrees. Candidates were not penalised however if they failed to do this.

g. Most candidates were able to draw accurate 3D diagrams for the stereoisomers of 2-bromobutane, to deduce the rate expression from the experimental data presented in (g), and correctly identify X as having a tertiary structure. It was also pleasing to see that most were able to describe the S_N1 mechanism.

The reactivity of organic compounds depends on the nature and positions of their functional groups.

The structural formulas of two organic compounds are shown below.



a.iv Deduce, giving a reason, which of the two compounds can show optical activity. [1]

a.v Draw three-dimensional representations of the two enantiomers. [1]

c. State the reagents used in the nitration of benzene. [1]

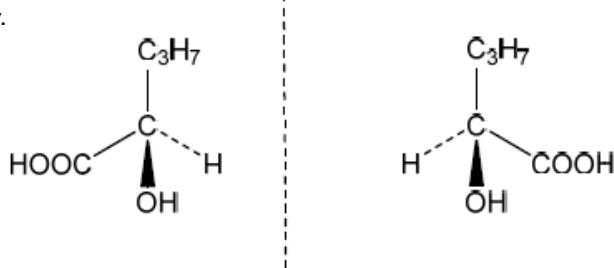
d. State an equation for the formation of NO_2^+ . [1]

e. Explain the mechanism of the reaction between 2-bromo-2-methylpropane, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}$, and aqueous sodium hydroxide, NaOH (aq), using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs. [4]

Markscheme

a.iv A **AND** it has a chiral centre/asymmetric carbon atom/carbon with 4 different substituents

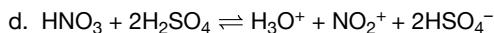
a.v.



Accept structures without tapered bonds.

c. concentrated HNO_3 **AND** concentrated H_2SO_4

"concentrated" must occur at least once (with either acid).

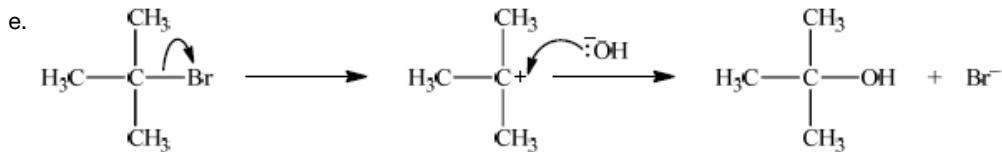


Accept: $\text{HNO}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^+ + \text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Accept: $\text{HNO}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{NO}_3^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$.

Accept single arrow instead of equilibrium sign.

Accept equivalent two step reactions in which sulfuric acid first behaves as strong acid and protonates nitric acid, before behaving as dehydrating agent removing water from it.



curly arrow showing Br^- leaving

representation of tertiary carbocation

curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in OH^- to C^+

formation of $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COH}$ **AND** Br^-

Do **not** accept curly arrow originating from C of C-Br bond.

Do **not** accept arrow originating on H in OH^- .

Accept Br^- anywhere on product side in the reaction scheme.

Award **[2 max]** for an S_N2 type mechanism.

Examiners report

- a.iv. [N/A]
- a.v. [N/A]
- c. [N/A]
- d. [N/A]
- e. [N/A]

Organic compounds often have isomers.

A straight chain molecule of formula $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ contains a carbonyl group. The compound cannot be oxidized by acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution.

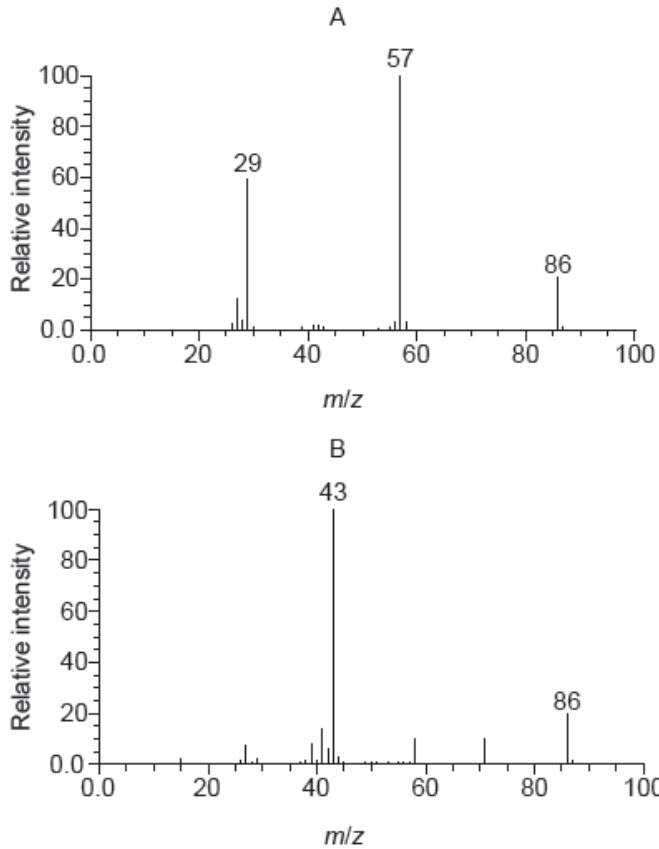
A tertiary halogenoalkane with three different alkyl groups, $(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{R}_3)\text{C}-\text{X}$, undergoes a S_N1 reaction and forms two isomers.

a.i. Deduce the structural formulas of the two possible isomers.

[2]

a.ii. Mass spectra **A** and **B** of the two isomers are given.

[2]



[Source: NIST Mass Spec Data Center, S.E. Stein, director, "Mass Spectra" in *NIST Chemistry WebBook*, NIST Standard Reference Database Number 69, Eds. P.J. Linstrom and W.G. Mallard, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD, 20899, doi:10.18434/T4D303, (retrieved May 31, 2018).]

Explain which spectrum is produced by each compound using section 28 of the data booklet.

A:

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B:

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b.i.State the type of bond fission that takes place in a S_N1 reaction.

[1]

b.ii.State the type of solvent most suitable for the reaction.

[1]

b.iiiDraw the structure of the intermediate formed stating its shape.

[2]

Shape:

.....

b.iv Suggest, giving a reason, the percentage of each isomer from the S_N1 reaction.

[2]

c. Nitrobenzene, $C_6H_5NO_2$, can be converted to phenylamine via a two-stage reaction.

[2]

In the first stage, nitrobenzene is reduced with tin in an acidic solution to form an intermediate ion and tin(II) ions. In the second stage, the intermediate ion is converted to phenylamine in the presence of hydroxide ions.

Formulate the equation for each stage of the reaction.

Stage one:

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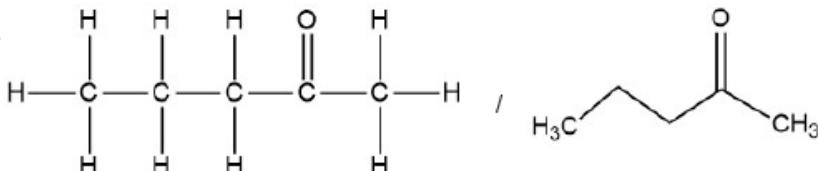
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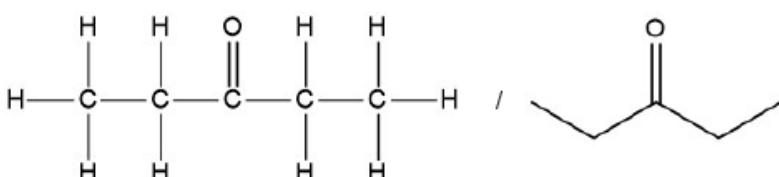
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Markscheme

a.i.



a.ii.

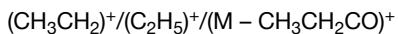


Accept condensed formulas.

[2 marks]

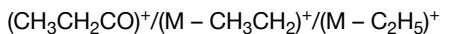
a.ii.A:

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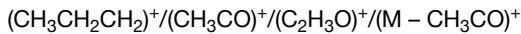
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$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ **AND** «peak at» 57 due to



B:

$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ **AND** «peak at» 43 due to



Penalize missing “+” sign once only.

Accept “ $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ by elimination since fragment CH_3CO is not listed” for M2.

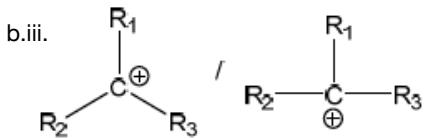
[2 marks]

b.i.heterolytic/heterolysis

[1 mark]

b.ii.polar protic

[1 mark]



Shape: triangular/trigonal planar

[2 marks]

b.iv«around» 50% «each»

OR

similar/equal percentages

nucleophile can attack from either side «of the planar carbocation»

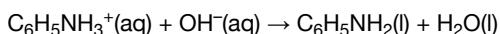
Accept “racemic mixture/racemate” for M1.

[2 marks]

c. Stage one:



Stage two:



[2 marks]

Examiners report

- a.i. [N/A]
- a.ii. [N/A]
- b.i. [N/A]
- b.ii. [N/A]
- b.iii. [N/A]
- b.iv. [N/A]
- c. [N/A]

Benzene is an aromatic hydrocarbon.

- a. Discuss the physical evidence for the structure of benzene.

[2]

- b. State the typical reactions that benzene and cyclohexene undergo with bromine.

[1]

Benzene:

.....

Cyclohexene:

.....

- c. State the reagents used to convert benzene to nitrobenzene and the formula of the electrophile formed.

[2]

- d. Explain the mechanism for the nitration of benzene, using curly arrows to show the movement of electron pairs.

[4]

- e. State the reagents used in the two-stage conversion of nitrobenzene to aniline.

[2]

Markscheme

- a. Any two of:

planar «X-ray»

C to C bond lengths all equal

OR

C to C bonds intermediate in length between C–C and C=C

all C–C–C bond angles equal

[2 marks]

- b. benzene: «electrophilic» substitution/S_E

AND

cyclohexene: «electrophilic» addition/A_E

Accept correct equations.

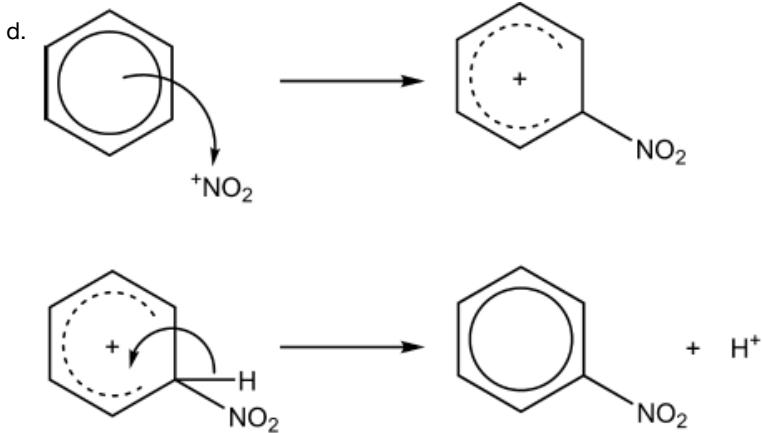
[1 mark]

c. «concentrated» nitric **AND** sulfuric acids



Accept NO_2^+ .

[2 marks]



curly arrow going from benzene ring to N of $^+\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}_2^+$

carbocation with correct formula and positive charge on ring

curly arrow going from C–H bond to benzene ring of cation

formation of organic product **AND** H^+

Accept mechanism with corresponding Kekulé structures.

Do **not** accept a circle in M2 or M3.

Accept first arrow starting either inside the circle or on the circle.

M2 may be awarded from correct diagram for M3.

M4: Accept $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ if HSO_4^- used in M3.

e. Fe/Zn/Sn **AND** $\text{HCl}/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

NaOH/KOH

Accept other suitable metals and acids.

Accept other suitable bases.

Award [1 max] for single-step reducing agents (such as H_2/Pt , Na_2S etc.).

Accept formulas or names.

[2 marks]

Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
- b. [N/A]
- c. [N/A]
- d. [N/A]
- e. [N/A]

Bromomethane was used as a pesticide until it was found to be ozone-depleting.

a. State the equation for the reaction between methane and bromine to form bromomethane. [1]

b.i.Explain, using equations, the complete free-radical mechanism for the reaction of methane with bromine, including necessary reaction conditions. [4]

b.ii.Bromomethane reacts with aqueous sodium hydroxide. State the organic product of this reaction. [1]

c. Explain why the rate of the reaction between iodomethane, CH_3I , and $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ is faster than the rate of the reaction between CH_3Br and $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$. [2]

d.i.Bromine can be produced by the electrolysis of **molten** sodium bromide. [2]

Deduce the half-equation for the reaction at each electrode.

Positive electrode (anode):

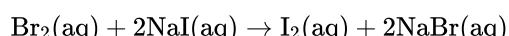
Negative electrode (cathode):

d.ii.Predict the products formed at the electrodes during the electrolysis of concentrated **aqueous** sodium bromide. [2]

Positive electrode (anode):

Negative electrode (cathode):

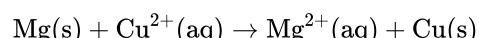
e. Bromine reacts with aqueous sodium iodide. [1]



Identify the oxidizing agent in this reaction.

f.i. Define the term *standard electrode potential*, E^\ominus . [1]

f.ii. Draw a labelled diagram for the voltaic cell in which the following reaction occurs. [4]



Include in your answer the direction of electron flow and the polarity of the electrodes.

f.iii.A student measures a voltage of 2.65 V in the voltaic cell formed between magnesium and copper half-cells using a digital voltmeter. [2]

State the random uncertainty of this value, in V, and the number of significant figures in the answer.

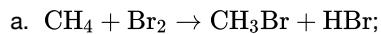
Random uncertainty:

Significant figures:

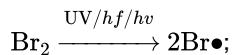
f.iv.Outline how the student can reduce the random error in her results. [1]

g. Determine the standard enthalpy change of formation, ΔH_f^\ominus , of NaCl(s), in kJ mol⁻¹, using a Born-Haber cycle and tables 7, 10 and 13 of the [4] data booklet. The standard enthalpy change of atomization (standard enthalpy change of sublimation), $\Delta H_{\text{at}}^\ominus$, of Na(s) is +108 kJ mol⁻¹.

Markscheme

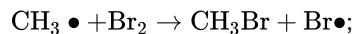
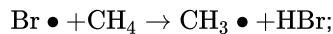


b.i. *Initiation:*



Reference to UV/light or high temperatures must be included.

Propagation:



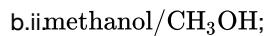
Termination:

Award [1 max] for any one of:



Allow representation of radical without • (eg Br, CH₃) if consistent throughout mechanism.

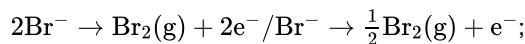
Award [3 max] if initiation, propagation and termination are not stated or are incorrectly labelled for equations.



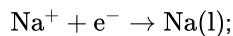
c. C–I bond is weaker than the C–Br bond so more easily broken;

C–I bond is longer than the C–Br bond / I larger than Br so bonding electrons not as tightly held / I[–] is better leaving group than Br[–];

d.i. *Positive electrode (anode):*



Negative electrode (cathode):



Award [1 max] for correct equations at incorrect electrodes.

Ignore state symbols.

Accept e instead of e[–].

Penalize use of equilibrium signs once only.

d.ii. *Positive electrode (anode):*

bromine/Br₂;

Negative electrode (cathode):

hydrogen/H₂;

Allow sodium hydroxide/NaOH/hydroxide/OH[–] formation.

e. bromine/Br₂;

Do not accept bromide/Br[–].

f.i. potential of reduction half-reaction under standard conditions measured relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE/potential under standard conditions relative to standard hydrogen electrode/SHE;

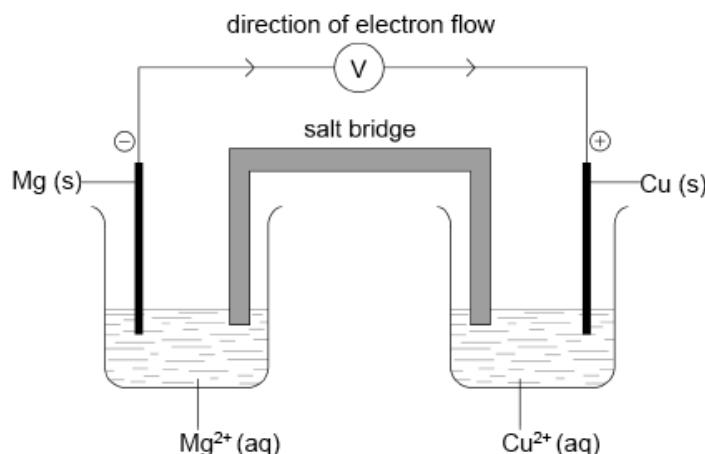
Instead of standard state allow either solute concentration of 1 mol dm⁻³ or 100 kPa/1.00 × 10⁵ Pa for gases.

Allow 1 bar for 100 kPa/1.00 × 10⁵ Pa.

Allow 1 atm.

Allow voltage instead of potential.

f.ii.



correct diagram including (voltmeter), 4 correct species (state symbols not required) and connecting wires;

No credit if wires to electrodes immersed in the solutions.

Accept ammeter/meter/lamp instead of voltmeter.

labelled salt bridge;

Accept an appropriate salt (name or formula) instead of salt bridge (eg, potassium nitrate).

correctly labelled electrodes as +/cathode and -/anode;

flow of electrons from Mg to Cu in external circuit;

f.iii. Random uncertainty: (\pm) 0.01 (V);

Significant figures: 3;

f.iv. repeat readings **and** take an average / use more precise equipment;

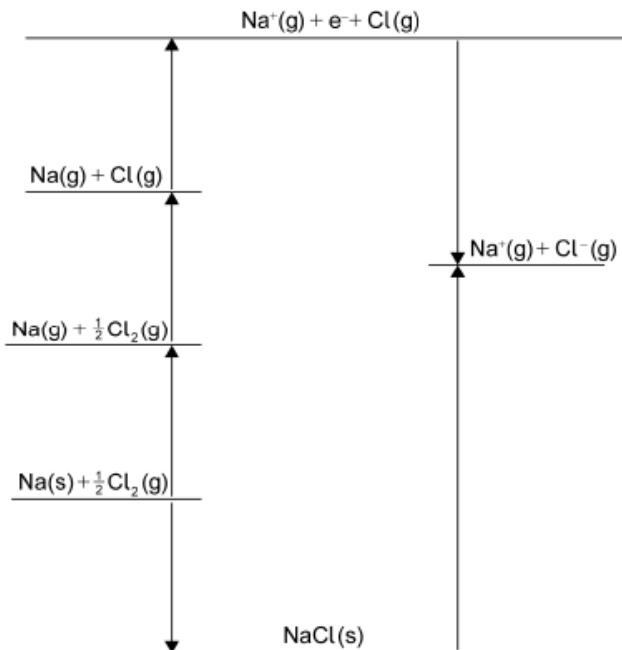
g. atomization of chlorine = $\frac{1}{2}$ bond enthalpy / $\frac{1}{2} 243 / 121.5$ (kJ mol⁻¹);

correct values for **ionization** Na (+496 kJ mol⁻¹) **and** **electron affinity** Cl (-349 kJ mol⁻¹)

and lattice enthalpy of NaCl (+790 kJ mol⁻¹ / + 769 kJ mol⁻¹);

Born-Haber energy cycle;

Accept lines or arrows in energy cycle.



$$\Delta H_f^\ominus(\text{NaCl(s)}) = -413.5 / -413 / -414 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)};$$

Accept $-392.5 / -392 / -393$ if $+769$ used for lattice enthalpy.

Award [4] for correct final answer.

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25.0 cm³ of 0.200 mol dm⁻³ ethanoic acid was added to 30.0 cm³ of a 0.150 mol dm⁻³ sodium hydrogencarbonate solution, NaHCO₃(aq).

The molar mass of a volatile organic liquid, **X**, can be determined experimentally by allowing it to vaporize completely at a controlled temperature and pressure. 0.348 g of **X** was injected into a gas syringe maintained at a temperature of 90 °C and a pressure of 1.01×10^5 Pa. Once it had reached equilibrium, the gas volume was measured as 95.0 cm³.

Bromoethane, CH₃CH₂Br, undergoes a substitution reaction to form ethylamine, CH₃CH₂NH₂.

Many organic compounds exist as stereoisomers.

- a. Outline how electrical conductivity can be used to distinguish between a 0.200 mol dm⁻³ solution of ethanoic acid, CH₃COOH, and a [1] 0.200 mol dm⁻³ solution of hydrochloric acid, HCl.
- b. (i) State an equation for the reaction of ethanoic acid with a solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate. [5]
- (ii) Determine which is the limiting reagent. Show your working.

(iii) Calculate the mass, in g, of carbon dioxide gas produced.

c. (i) Determine the amount, in mol, of **X** in the gas syringe.

[4]

(ii) Calculate the molar mass of **X**.

d.i. Deduce the mechanism for the reaction using equations and curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

[3]

e. (i) Outline the meaning of the term *stereoisomers*.

[6]

(ii) Draw the structures of the two stereoisomers of dichloroethene, $C_2H_2Cl_2$.

(iii) Explain why this type of stereoisomerism exists in $C_2H_2Cl_2$.

(iv) Draw the structures of the two stereoisomers of 1-chloro-1-fluoroethane, C_2H_4FCl , showing the relationship between them.

(v) Outline how the two isomers of C_2H_4FCl could be distinguished from each other.

Markscheme

a. HCl is a strong acid **and** CH_3COOH is a weak acid so HCl has higher conductivity / HCl dissociates completely in water **and** CH_3COOH does not, so HCl has higher conductivity / HCl is a stronger acid (than CH_3COOH) so has higher $[H^+]$ and higher conductivity;

b. (i) $CH_3COOH(aq) + HCO_3^-(aq) \rightarrow CH_3COO^-(aq) + H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$;

Accept $NaHCO_3(aq)$ and $CH_3COONa(aq)$ instead of ions.

Ignore state symbols.

(ii) $n(CH_3COOH) = 0.00500 \text{ (mol)}$ **and** $n(NaHCO_3) = 0.00450 \text{ (mol)}$;

$NaHCO_3$ is limiting;

(iii) $n(CO_2) = n(NaHCO_3) = 0.00450 \text{ (mol)}$;

$m(CO_2) = 0.00450 \times 44.01 = 0.198(g)$;

Award [2] for correct final answer.

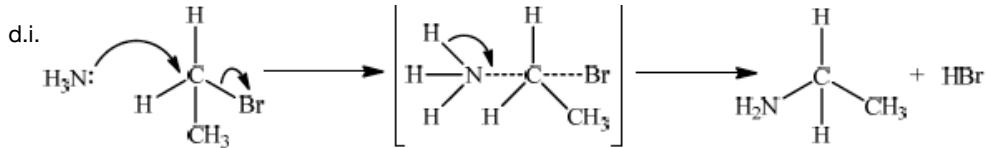
c. (i) $T = 363 \text{ K}$ and $V = 9.50 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$;

Accept $V = 9.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ dm}^3$ if P is used as 101 kPa in calculation.

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{1.01 \times 10^5 \times 9.50 \times 10^{-5}}{8.31 \times 363}; \\ = 3.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)};$$

Award [3] for correct final answer.

(ii) $M = \left(\frac{m}{n} = \frac{0.348}{3.18 \times 10^{-3}} \right) 109 \text{ (g mol}^{-1}\text{)}$;



Accept curly arrow going from bond between C and Br to Br on 1-bromoethane or on the transition state.

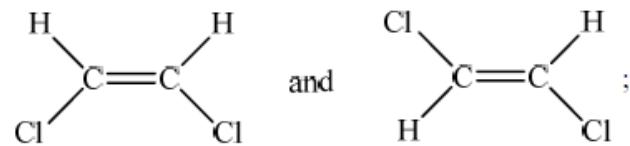
representation of transition state showing square brackets, two partial bonds and curly arrow going from NH bond to NC partial bond/curly arrow going from NH bond to N;

Do not penalize if NH_3 and Br are not at 180° to each other.

Do not award M3 if NH_3-C bond is represented.

e. (i) compounds with same structural formula but different arrangements of atoms in space;

(ii)



The two structures must be clear 3D representations of mirror images.

Tapered (wedge/dash) notation not necessary.

(iii) restricted rotation around (C=C) double bond;

(iv)



(v) the two enantiomers rotate the plane of plane-polarized light by equal amounts, but in opposite directions;

using a polarimeter;

Examiners report

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a. Ethane, C₂H₆, reacts with chlorine in sunlight. State the type of this reaction and the name of the mechanism by which it occurs.

[1]

Type of reaction:

Mechanism:

b.i. Formulate equations for the two propagation steps and one termination step in the formation of chloroethane from ethane.

[3]

Two propagation steps:

One termination step:

b.ii. Deduce the splitting patterns in the ¹H NMR spectrum of C₂H₅Cl.

[1]

b.iii. Explain why tetramethylsilane (TMS) is often used as a reference standard in ¹H NMR.

[2]

c.i. One possible product, X, of the reaction of ethane with chlorine has the following composition by mass:

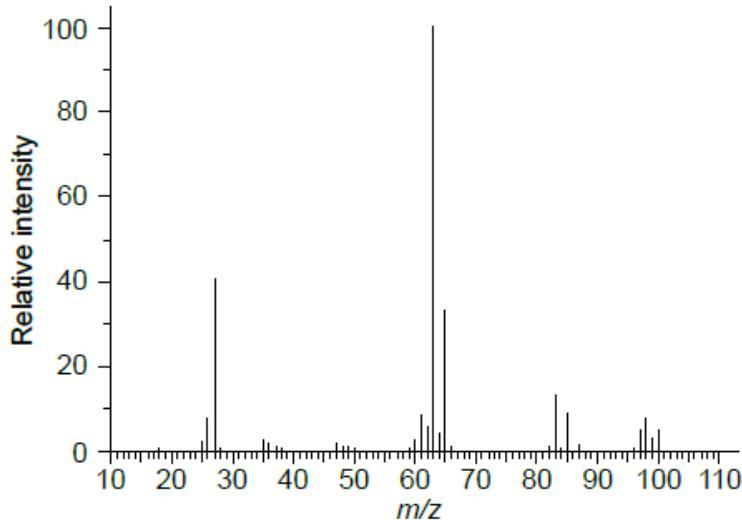
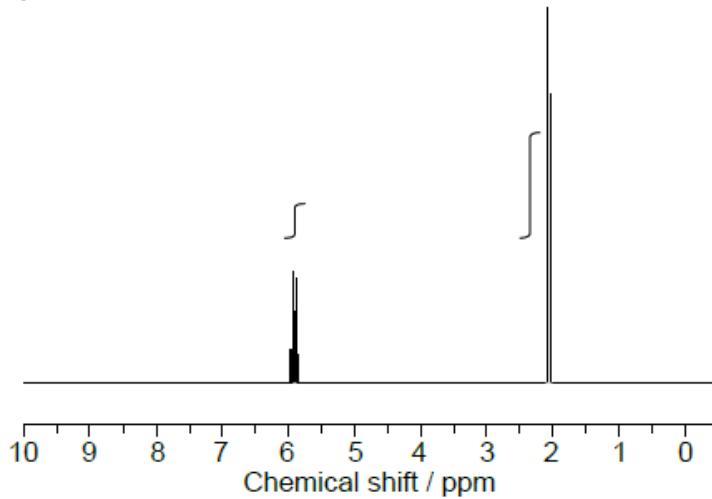
carbon: 24.27%, hydrogen: 4.08%, chlorine: 71.65%

Determine the empirical formula of the product.

c.ii. The mass and ¹H NMR spectra of product X are shown below. Deduce, giving your reasons, its structural formula and hence the name of the compound.

[3]

Mass spectrum:

¹H NMR spectrum:

[Source: <http://sdbs.db.aist.go.jp>]

c.iii When the product **X** is reacted with NaOH in a hot alcoholic solution, C₂H₃Cl is formed. State the role of the reactant NaOH other than as a [1] nucleophile.

d. Chloroethene, C₂H₃Cl, can undergo polymerization. Draw a section of the polymer with three repeating units. [1]

Markscheme

a. substitution **AND** «free-»radical

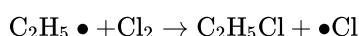
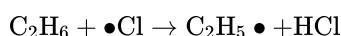
OR

substitution **AND** chain

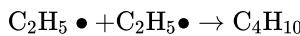
Award [1] for «free-»radical substitution” or “S_R” written anywhere in the answer.

[1 mark]

b.i. Two propagation steps:



One termination step:



OR



OR



Accept radical without \bullet if consistent throughout.

Allow ECF for incorrect radicals produced in propagation step for M3.

[3 marks]

b.ii.triplet **AND** quartet

[1 mark]

b.ii.chemical shift/signal outside range of common chemical shift/signal

strong signal/12/all H atoms in same environment

OR

singlet/no splitting of the signal

volatile/easily separated/easily removed

OR

inert/stabl

contains three common NMR nuclei/ ^1H and ^{13}C and ^{29}Si

Do **not** accept chemical shift = 0.

[2 marks]

$$\text{c.i. C} = \frac{24.27}{12.01} = 2.021 \text{ AND H} = \frac{4.08}{1.01} = 4.04 \text{ AND Cl} = \frac{71.65}{35.45} = 2.021$$

«hence» CH_2Cl

$$\text{Accept } \frac{24.27}{12.01} : \frac{4.08}{1.01} : \frac{71.65}{35.45}.$$

Do **not** accept $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$.

Award [2] for correct final answer.

[2 marks]

c.ii.molecular ion peak(s) «about» m/z 100 **AND** «so» $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$ «isotopes of Cl»

two signals «in ^1H NMR spectrum» **AND** «so» CH_3CHCl_2

OR

«signals in» 3:1 ratio «in ^1H NMR spectrum» **AND** «so» CH_3CHCl_2

OR

one doublet and one quartet «in ^1H NMR spectrum» **AND** «so» CH_3CHCl_2

1,1-dichloroethane

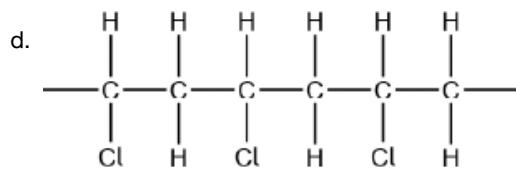
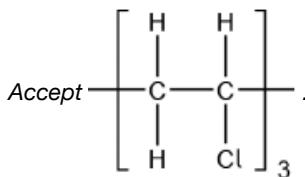
Accept “peaks” for “signals”.

Allow ECF for a correct name for M3 if an incorrect chlorohydrocarbon is identified.

[3 marks]

OR

proton acceptor

[1 mark]*Continuation bonds must be shown.**Ignore square brackets and “n”.**Accept other versions of the polymer, such as head to head and head to tail.**Accept condensed structure provided all C to C bonds are shown (as single).***[1 mark]**

Examiners report

- a. [N/A]
 - b.i. [N/A]
 - b.ii. [N/A]
 - b.iii. [N/A]
 - c.i. [N/A]
 - c.ii. [N/A]
 - c.iii. [N/A]
 - d. [N/A]
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Propane and propene are members of different homologous series.

- b. (i) Draw diagrams to show how sigma (σ) and pi (π) bonds are formed between atoms.

[4]

Sigma (σ):

Pi (π):

(ii) State the number of sigma (σ) and pi (π) bonds in propane and propene.

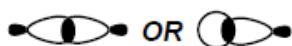
	Number of sigma (σ) bonds	Number of pi (π) bonds
Propane
Propene

d. Construct the mechanism of the formation of 2-bromopropane from hydrogen bromide and propene using curly arrows to denote the movement [3] of electrons.

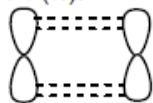
Markscheme

b. i

Sigma (σ):



Pi (π):

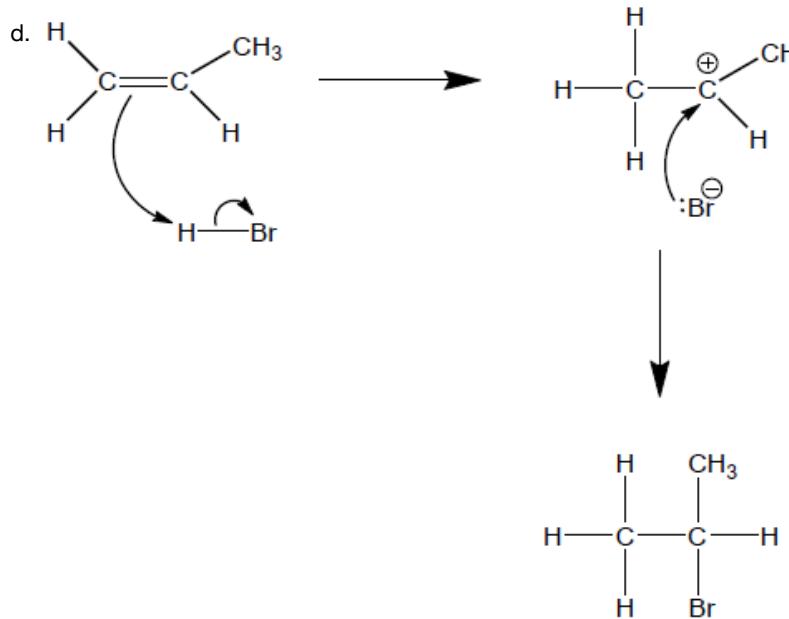


ii

	Number of sigma (σ) bonds	Number of pi (π) bonds
Propane	10	0
Propene	8	1

Award [1] for two or three correct answers.

Award [2] for all four correct.



curly arrow going from C=C to H of HBr **and** curly arrow showing Br leaving
representation of carbocation

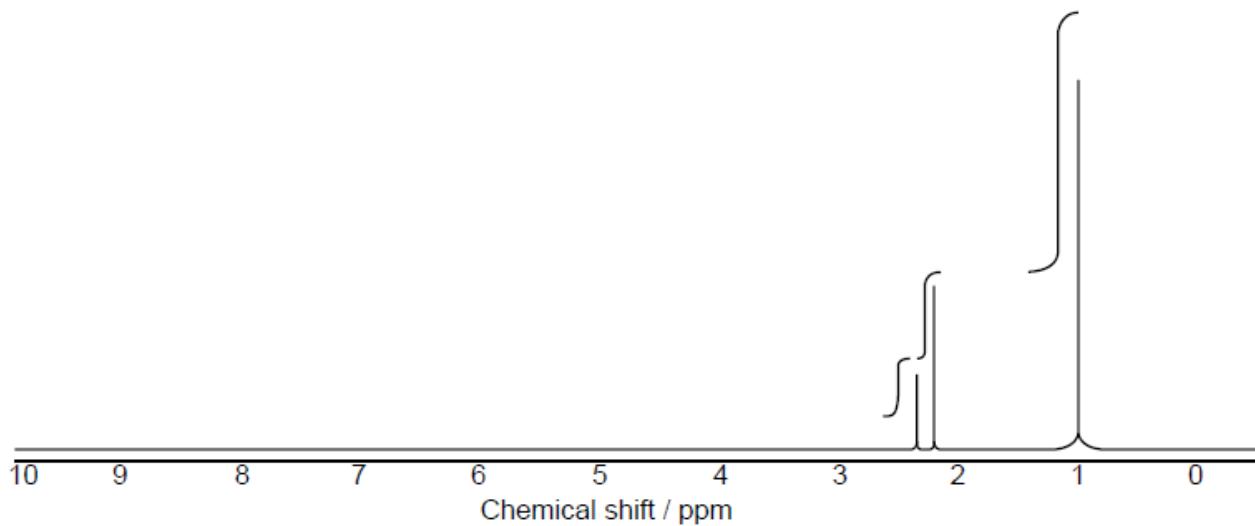
curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on Br⁻ to C⁺

Award [2 max] for formation of 1-bromopropane.

Examiners report

- b. [N/A]
d. [N/A]

A compound with a molecular formula C₇H₁₄O produced the following high resolution ¹H NMR spectrum.



- a.i. Deduce what information can be obtained from the ¹H NMR spectrum.

[3]

Number of hydrogen environments:

.....

Ratio of hydrogen environments:

.....

Splitting patterns:

.....

a.ii.Identify the functional group that shows stretching at 1710 cm^{-1} in the infrared spectrum of this compound using section 26 of the data booklet [1] and the ^1H NMR.

a.iii Suggest the structural formula of this compound. [2]

b.i.Bromine was added to hexane, hex-1-ene and benzene. Identify the compound(s) which will react with bromine in a well-lit laboratory. [1]

b.ii.Deduce the structural formula of the main organic product when hex-1-ene reacts with hydrogen bromide. [1]

c.i.State the reagents and the name of the mechanism for the nitration of benzene. [2]

Reagents:

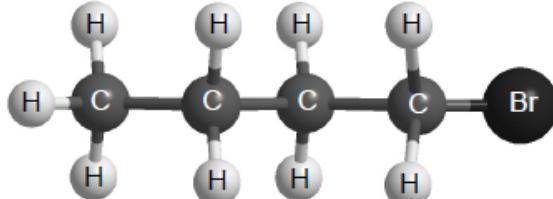
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Name of mechanism:

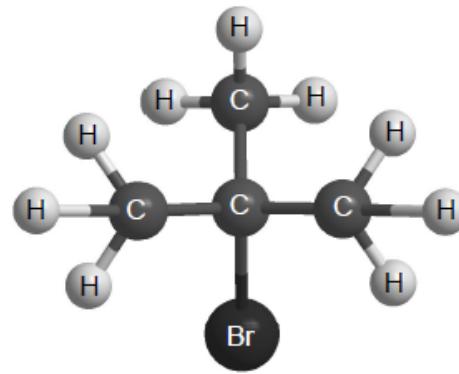
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c.ii.Outline, in terms of the bonding present, why the reaction conditions of halogenation are different for alkanes and benzene. [1]

d. Below are two isomers, A and B, with the molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}$. [3]



A



B

Explain the mechanism of the nucleophilic substitution reaction with $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ for the isomer that reacts almost exclusively by an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

Markscheme

a.i. Number of hydrogen environments: 3

Ratio of hydrogen environments: 2:3:9

Splitting patterns: «all» singlets

Accept any equivalent ratios such as 9:3:2.

Accept “no splitting”.

[3 marks]

a.ii.carbonyl

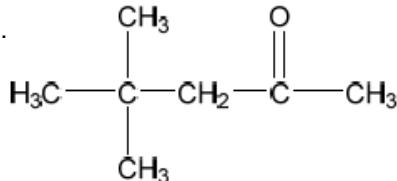
OR

C=O

Accept “ketone” but not “aldehyde”.

[1 mark]

a.iii.



Accept (CH₃)₃CCH₂COCH₃.

Award **[1]** for any aldehyde or ketone with C₇H₁₄O structural formula.

[2 marks]

b.i.hexane **AND** hex-1-ene

Accept “benzene **AND** hexane **AND** hex-1-ene”.

[1 mark]

b.ii.CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CHBrCH₃

Accept displayed formula but **not** molecular formula.

[1 mark]

c.i. Reagents: «concentrated» sulfuric acid **AND** «concentrated» nitric acid

Name of mechanism: electrophilic substitution

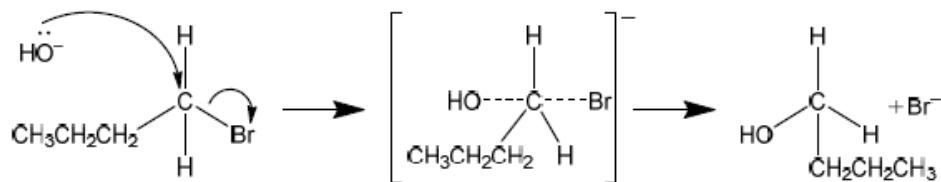
[2 marks]

c.ii.benzene has «delocalized» π bonds «that are susceptible to electrophile attack» **AND** alkanes do not

Do **not** accept “benzene has single and double bonds”.

[1 mark]

d.



curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on O in OH^- to C

curly arrow showing Br leaving

representation of transition state showing negative charge, square brackets and partial bonds

Accept OH^- with or without the lone pair.

Do not allow curly arrows originating on H in OH^- .

Accept curly arrows in the transition state.

Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180° .

Do not award M3 if OH-C bond is represented.

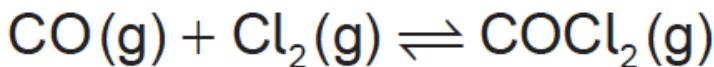
Award [2 max] if wrong isomer is used.

[3 marks]

Examiners report

- a.i. [N/A]
- a.ii. [N/A]
- a.iii. [N/A]
- b.i. [N/A]
- b.ii. [N/A]
- c.i. [N/A]
- c.ii. [N/A]
- d. [N/A]

Phosgene, COCl_2 , is usually produced by the reaction between carbon monoxide and chlorine according to the equation:



- a. (i) Deduce the equilibrium constant expression, K_c , for this reaction.

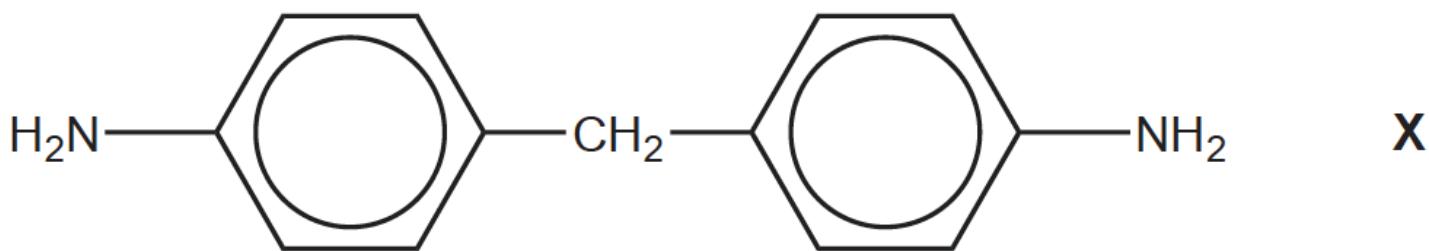
[8]

- (ii) At exactly 600°C the value of the equilibrium constant is 0.200. Calculate the standard Gibbs free energy change, ΔG^\ominus , for the reaction, in kJ, using sections 1 and 2 of the data booklet. State your answer to **three** significant figures.

- (iii) The standard enthalpy change of formation of phosgene, ΔH_f^\ominus , is $-220.1\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. Determine the standard enthalpy change, ΔH^\ominus , for the forward reaction of the equilibrium, in kJ, using section 12 of the data booklet.

- (iv) Calculate the standard entropy change, ΔS^\ominus , in JK^{-1} , for the forward reaction at 25°C , using your answers to (a) (ii) and (a) (iii). (If you did not obtain an answer to (a) (ii) and/or (a) (iii) use values of $+20.0\text{ kJ}$ and -120.0 kJ respectively, although these are not the correct answers.)

b. One important industrial use of phosgene is the production of polyurethanes. Phosgene is reacted with diamine **X**, derived from phenylamine. [8]



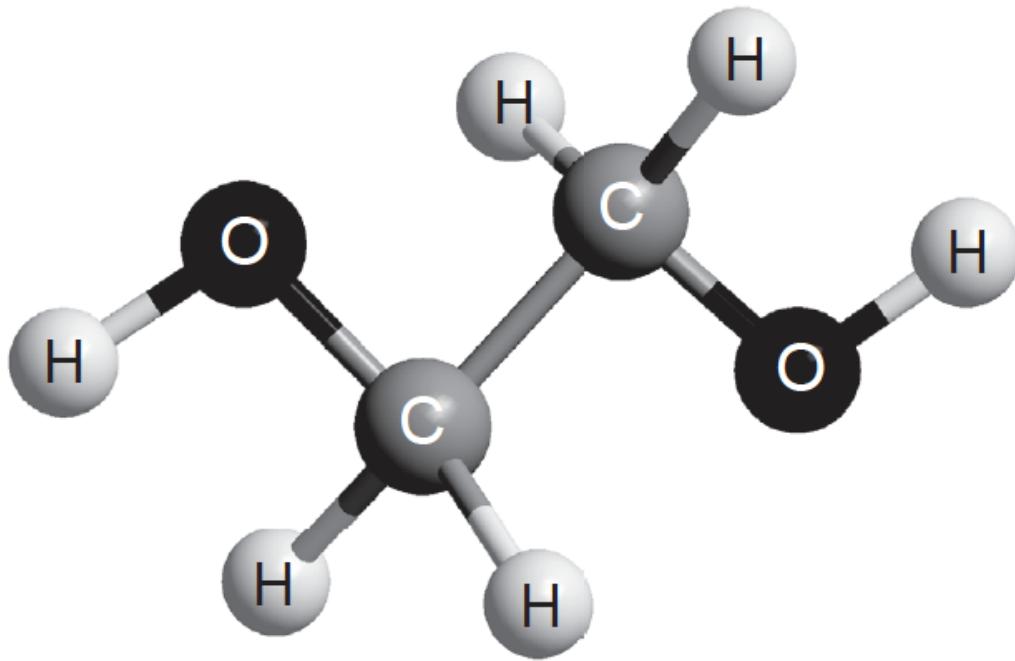
(i) Classify diamine **X** as a primary, secondary or tertiary amine.

(ii) Phenylamine, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$, is produced by the reduction of nitrobenzene, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$. Suggest how this conversion can be carried out.

(iii) Nitrobenzene can be obtained by nitrating benzene using a mixture of concentrated nitric and sulfuric acids. Formulate the equation for the equilibrium established when these two acids are mixed.

(iv) Deduce the mechanism for the nitration of benzene, using curly arrows to indicate the movement of electron pairs.

c. The other monomer used in the production of polyurethane is compound **Z** shown below. [5]



(i) State the name, applying IUPAC rules, of compound **Z** and the class of compounds to which it belongs.

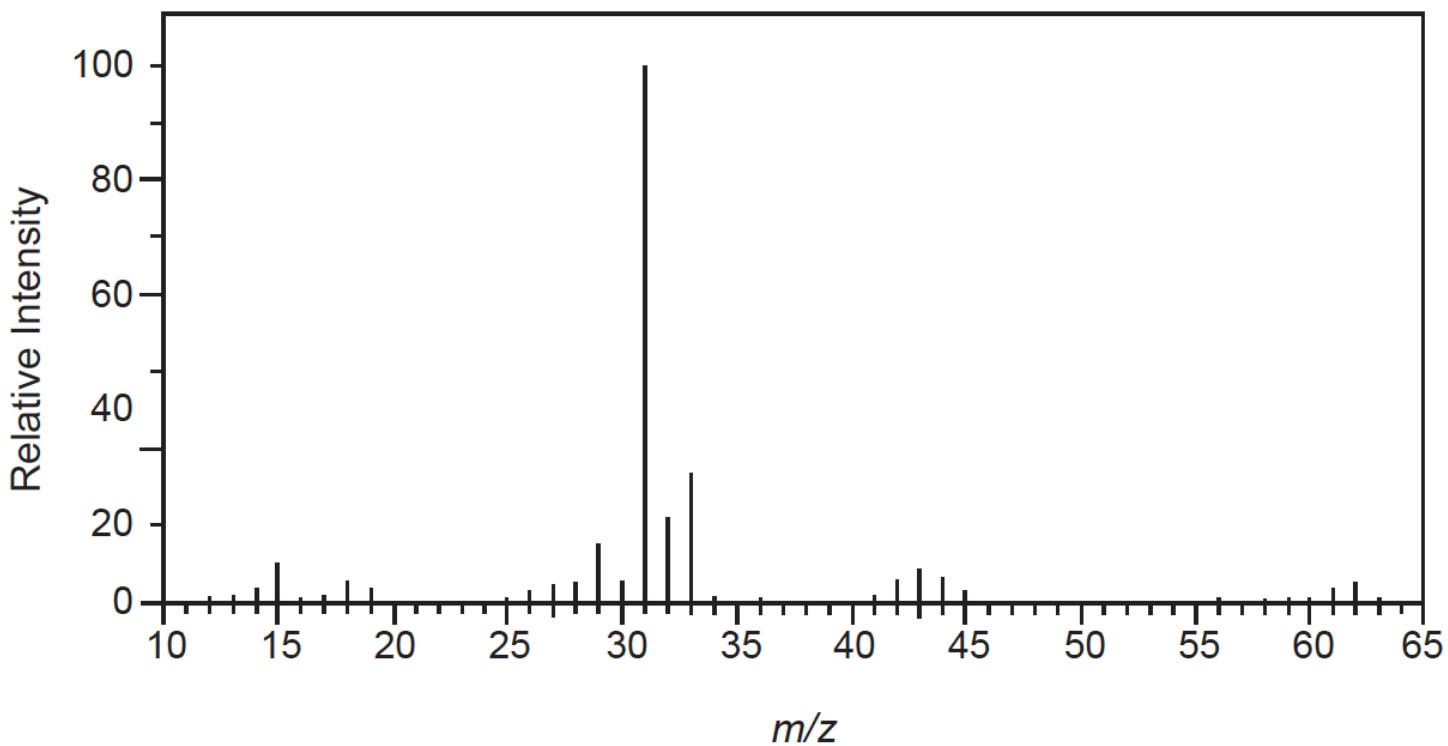
Name:

Class:

(ii) Deduce the number of signals you would expect to find in the ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **Z**, giving your reasons.

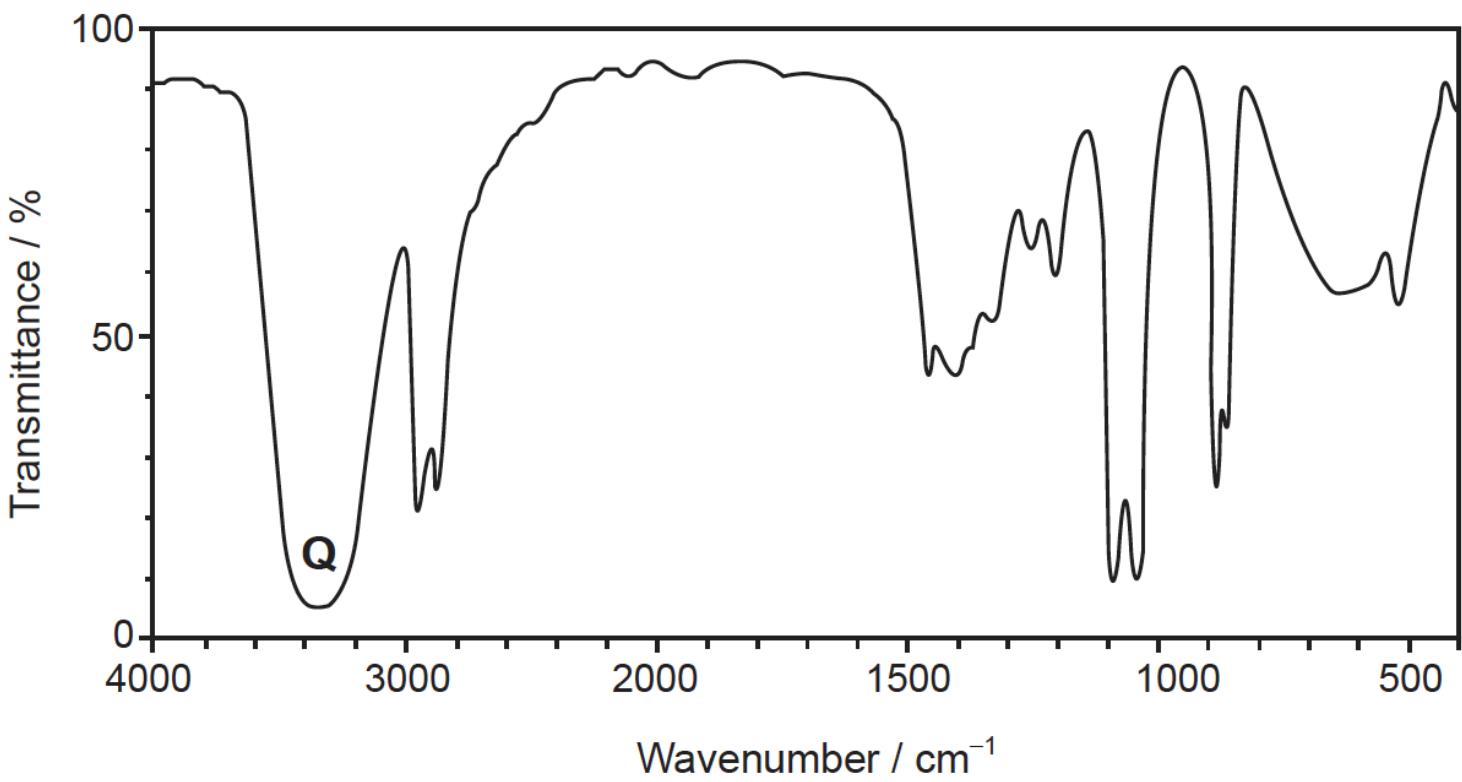
The mass spectrum and infrared (IR) spectrum of compound **Z** are shown below:

Mass spectrum



[Source: <http://sdbs.db.aist.go.jp>]

IR spectrum



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(iii) Identify the species causing the large peak at $m/z=31$ in the mass spectrum.

(iv) Identify the bond that produces the peak labelled **Q** on the IR spectrum, using section 26 of the data booklet.

Markscheme

a. (i)

$$\ll K_C = \gg \frac{[\text{COCl}_2]}{[\text{CO}][\text{Cl}_2]}$$

(ii)

$$T = 600 + 273 = 873\text{K}$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = -8.31 \times 873 \times \ln(0.200)$$

OR

$$\Delta G^\ominus = \text{«+» } 11676 \text{ «J»}$$

$$\Delta G^\ominus = \text{«+» } 11.7 \text{ «kJ»}$$

Accept 11.5 to 12.0.

Award final mark only if correct sig fig.

Award [3] for correct final answer.

(iii)

$$\Delta H^\ominus = -220.1 - (-110.5)$$

$$\Delta H^\ominus = -109.6 \text{ «kJ»}$$

Award [2] for correct final answer.

Award [1] for -330.6 , or $+109.6 \text{ «kJ»}$.

(iv)

$$\Delta G^\ominus = -109.6 - (298 \times \Delta S^\ominus) = +11.7 \text{ «kJ»}$$

$$\Delta S^\ominus \text{ «} \frac{(11.7+109.6) \times 10^3}{298} \text{ »} = -407 \text{ «} \text{JK}^{-1} \text{ »}$$

Award [2] for correct final answer.

Award [2] for $-470 \text{ «} \text{JK}^{-1} \text{ »}$ (result from given values).

Do not penalize wrong value for T if already done in (a)(ii).

Award [1 max] for $-0.407 \text{ «} \text{kJ K}^{-1} \text{ »}$.

Award [1 max] for $-138.9 \text{ «} \text{J K}^{-1} \text{ »}$.

b. (i)

primary

(ii)

ALTERNATIVE 1:

«heat with» tin/Sn **AND** hydrochloric acid/HCl
aqueous alkali/ OH^- (aq)

ALTERNATIVE 2:

hydrogen/ H_2

nickel/Ni «catalyst»

Accept specific equations having correct reactants.

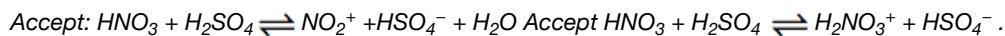
Do **not** accept LiAlH_4 or NaBH_4 .

Accept Pt or Pd catalyst.

Accept equations having correct reactants.

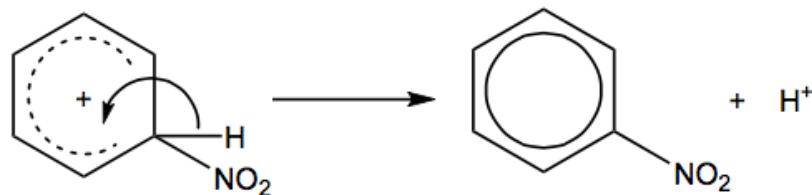
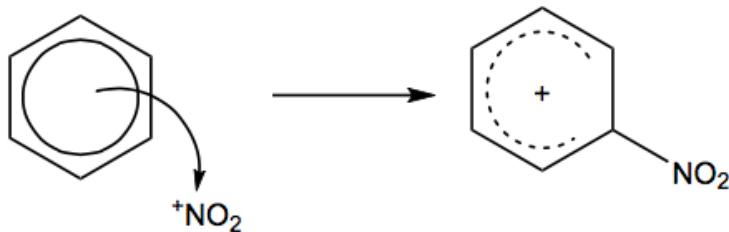
(iii)





Accept equivalent two step reactions in which sulfuric acid first behaves as a strong acid and protonates the nitric acid, before behaving as a dehydrating agent removing water from it.

(iv)



curly arrow going from benzene ring to N of $^+\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}_2^+$

carbocation with correct formula and positive charge on ring

curly arrow going from C-H bond to benzene ring of cation

formation of organic product nitrobenzene **AND** H^+

Accept mechanism with corresponding Kekulé structures.

Do **not** accept a circle in M2 or M3. Accept first arrow starting either inside the circle or on the circle.

M2 may be awarded from correct diagram for M3.

M4: Accept $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ if HSO_4^- used in M3.

c. (i)

Name: ethane-1,2-diol

Class: alcohol«s»

Accept ethan-1,2-diol / 1,2-ethanediol.

Do **not** accept "diol" for Class.

(ii)

two **AND** two hydrogen environments in the molecule

OR

two **AND** both CH_2 and OH present

(iii)

$^+\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

Accept CH_3O^+ .

Accept $[\bullet\text{CH}_2\text{OH}]^+$ and $[\bullet\text{CH}_3\text{O}]^+$.

Do not accept answers in which the charge is missing.

(iv)

oxygen-hydrogen «bond»/O–H «in hydroxyl»

d. $K_b \approx \frac{[\text{OH}^-]^2}{[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2]} = 10^{-9.13}/7.413 \times 10^{-10}$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \sqrt{0.0100 \times 10^{-9.13}} = 2.72 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{2.72 \times 10^{-6}} = 3.67 \times 10^{-9}$$

OR

$$\text{pOH} = 5.57$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 8.44$$

Accept other approaches to the calculation.

Award [4] for correct final answer.

Accept any answer from 8.4 to 8.5.

Examiners report

a. [N/A]

b. [N/A]

c. [N/A]

d. [N/A]
