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Preliminary Examinations

Chemistry

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Paper 2

1300 – 1500

Candidates answer on separate paper.

Additional Materials: Writing paper, graph paper, Data Booklet

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Write your name and civics group on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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Section A:

Answer **all** the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

Section B:

Answer **two** questions from this section on separate answer paper.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A		Section B	
Question	Marks	Question	Marks
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2	14	2	20
3	7	3	20
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Section A

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

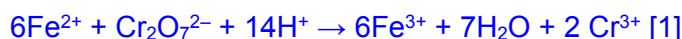
1. Apricot kernels containing glycoside amygdalin turns into deadly hydrogen cyanide acid, HCN, when the kernel is crushed. High doses of hydrogen cyanide can cause coma with seizures and cardiac arrest, leading to death in a matter of minutes. A fatal dose for a human can be as low as 1.50 mg kg^{-1} of body weight.

$$(1 \text{ mg} = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})$$

The forensics department of the local law enforcement agency was trying to determine the cause of death of a 90 kg deceased man who was found at home on the couch with a few empty packets of apricot kernels lying on the ground.

A typical human has 70 cm^3 of blood per kg of body mass. A 10 cm^3 sample of blood was obtained from the body and dissolved to form 25 cm^3 of solution. The amount of HCN can be determined through the amount of Fe^{2+} present in the blood. The Fe^{2+} required 1.70 cm^3 of $0.00100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ acidified $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ solution for complete reaction.

- (a) Write a balanced redox equation between Fe^{2+} and $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$. [1]



- (b) Show by oxidation number that the reaction in (a) is a redox reaction. [2]

Fe changed from +2 in Fe^{2+} to +3 in Fe^{3+} (oxidation) [1]

Cr changed from +6 in $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ to +3 in Cr^{3+} (reduction) [1]

- (c) Calculate the number of moles of hydrogen cyanide, HCN, in the 25 cm^3 of solution. [2]

$$\text{Amount of } \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} \text{ reacted} = (1.70/1000) \times 0.001 = 1.70 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol} \quad [1]$$

Amount of Fe^{2+} in 25 cm^3 of solution

$$= 6 \times 1.70 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$

$$= \text{Amount of HCN} \quad [1]$$

- (d) Calculate the number of moles of hydrogen cyanide, HCN, in the body of the deceased man. [1]

$$\text{Amount of HCN in the body} = (70/10) \times 90 \times 1.02 \times 10^{-5} = 0.006426 \text{ mol} \quad [1]$$

- (e) Calculate the concentration of HCN in mg kg^{-1} and hence determine if the cause of death was due to hydrogen cyanide poisoning. [3]

Mass of HCN in the body

$$= 0.006426 \times (1.0 + 12.0 + 14.0) = 0.1735 \text{ g} = 173.5 \text{ mg} \quad [1]$$

$$[\text{HCN}] = 173.5 / 90.0 = 1.93 \text{ mg kg}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

Since $1.93 \text{ mg kg}^{-1} > 1.50 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$, therefore the death is due to HCN poisoning.

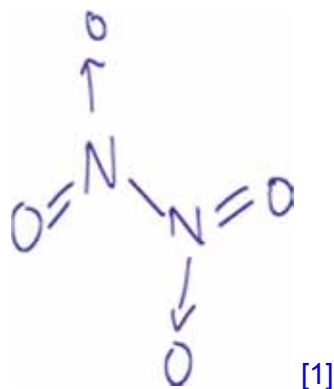
[1]

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2. This question is about nitrogen and its compounds.

(a) NO_2 is highly reactive and usually exists in the more stable form of N_2O_4 .

- (i) Draw a diagram to illustrate the shape of the molecule, N_2O_4 , and state the bond angle about the N atom. [2]



[1]

120° about N [1]

- (ii) Draw the dot-and-cross diagram of NO_2 and hence suggest a reason why NO_2 is expected to be highly reactive. [2]



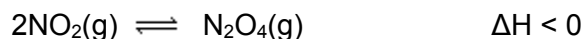
[1]

There is an unpaired electron on N / NO_2 is a radical. [1]

- (iii) Explain why the bond angle for NO_2 is greater than 120° . [2]

NO_2 has a lone electron and two bond pairs [1]. The lone electron-bond pair repulsion is lesser than the bond pair-bond pair repulsion [1] in a trigonal planar shape, hence the angle is larger than 120° .

- (b) At room temperature and pressure, NO_2 dimerises to form dinitrogen tetraoxide, N_2O_4 , as shown below:



- (i) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant, K_c , for the above equilibrium, stating its units. [2]

$$K_c = [\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] / [\text{NO}_2]^2 \quad [1]$$

$$\text{Units: mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \quad [1]$$

- (ii) At 298 K and 101 kPa, 1.00 g of NO_2 was placed in the reaction chamber initially. When equilibrium was established, the gaseous mixture was found to occupy a volume of 0.317 dm^3 and showed an average M_r of 77.3. The average M_r of the mixture can be calculated using the following expression, [2]

$$\text{Ave } M_r = \frac{[n_{\text{eqm}}(\text{NO}_2) \times M_r(\text{NO}_2)] + [n_{\text{eqm}}(\text{N}_2\text{O}_4) \times M_r(\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)]}{\text{Total number of moles at equilibrium}}$$

where n_{eqm} = number of moles at equilibrium

Fill in the table below and use the expression given above to solve for the value of y .

	NO_2	N_2O_4
Initial/ mol	1/46	0
Change/ mol	$-2y$	$+y$
Equilibrium/ mol	$1/46 - 2y$	y

[1]

$$\frac{[(1/46 - 2y) \times 46] + [y \times 92]}{(1/46 - y)} = 77.3$$

$$y = 0.00880 \quad [1]$$

- (iii) Hence, calculate the value of K_c . [2]

$$n_{\text{eqm}}(\text{N}_2\text{O}_4) = y = 0.00880 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{\text{eqm}}(\text{NO}_2) = 0.00414 \text{ mol}$$

$$[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] = 0.00880 / 0.317 = 0.0278 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$[\text{NO}_2] = 0.00414 / 0.317 = 0.0131 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad [1]$$

$$K_c = 0.0278 / (0.0131)^2 = 162 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \quad [1]$$

- (iv) Describe how the average M_r will be affected when pressure decreases. [2]

Average M_r will decrease [1]. Equilibrium position shifts to the left to form more gaseous particles [1], hence more NO_2 will be formed, leading to lower average M_r .

[Total: 14]

3. Many biological processes only occur within a narrow range of pH values. The pH of different fluids found in the body is given below:

Body Fluid	pH
Saliva	6.8
Blood	7.4
Stomach juices	1.0 - 3.0
Intestinal juices	8.5

- (a) Calculate the hydroxide ion concentration in intestinal juices. [2]

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-8.5} = 3.16 \times 10^{-9} \text{ [1]}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14} / 3.16 \times 10^{-9} = 3.16 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ [1]}$$

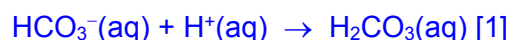
- (b) The low pH in the human stomach is due to the existence of hydrochloric acid, [2]
which is known to be a *strong Brønsted-Lowry acid*. Explain the terms in italics.
A strong Brønsted-Lowry acid is a substance that dissociates fully [1] to donate H^+ [1].

- (c) The body maintains the pH of blood within a narrow range of values. Death could result if the blood pH decreases below 6.8 or increases above 7.8. The need to maintain the pH within a narrow range of values requires the use of a buffer. In blood, the main buffering system is the $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 / \text{HCO}_3^-$ buffer.

- (i) What do you understand by the term *buffer* solution? [1]

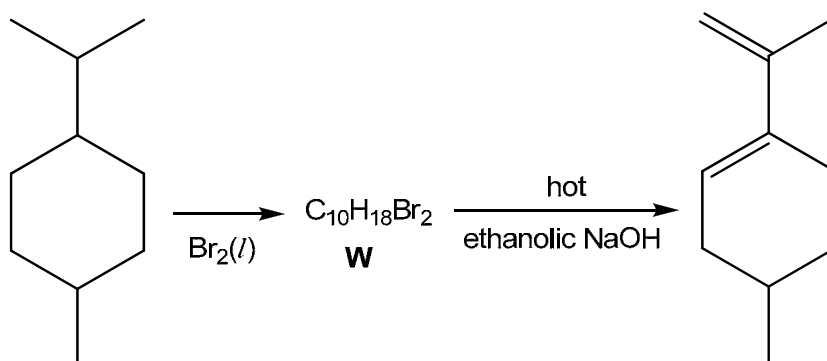
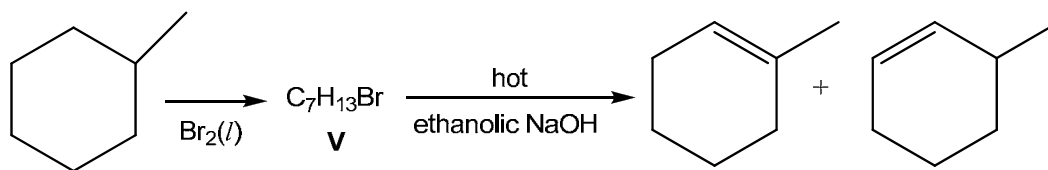
A buffer solution is one that can resist a change in pH (pH changes only very slightly) when a small amount of acid or base is added to it. [1]

- (ii) Write equations to show how the $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{HCO}_3^-$ buffer system regulates the acidity on the addition of a small amount of H^+ and OH^- . [2]



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4. Alkenes are very useful compounds and can be used as fuels and in the manufacture of a wide variety of polymers. The following reactions involve the formation of some alkenes.

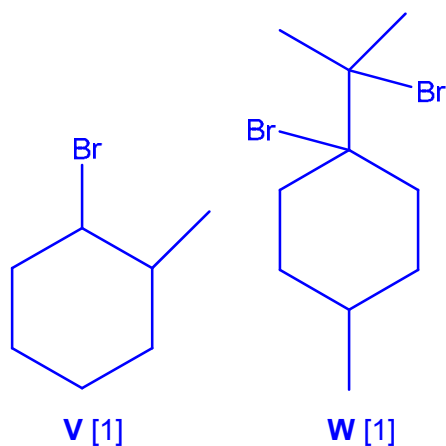


only 1 product formed

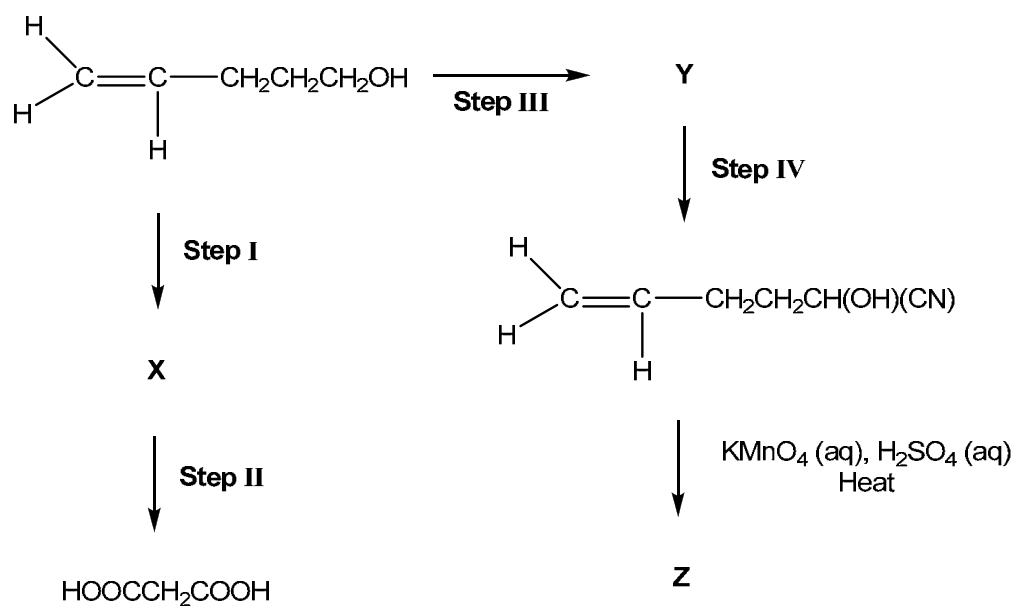
- (a) What is the type of reaction for the reaction of the hydrocarbons with $\text{Br}_2(l)$ to form **V** and **W**? [1]

Free Radical Substitution [1]

- (b) Suggest the skeletal structure of **V** and **W**. [2]

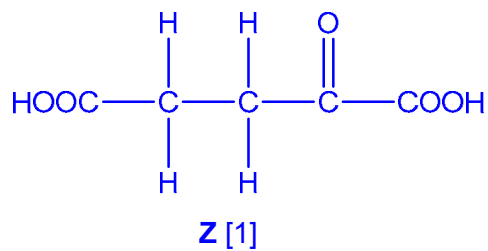
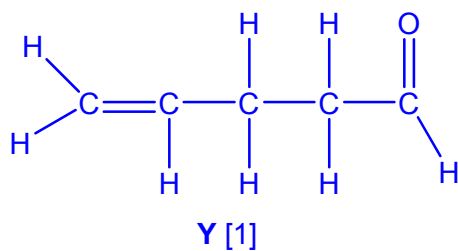
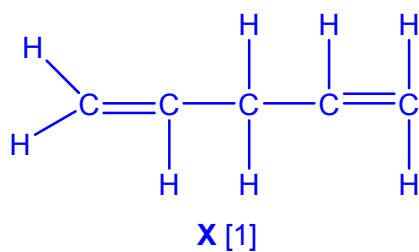


(c) The flow chart below involves the reaction of pent-4-en-1-ol.



(i) Draw the structural formulae of **X**, **Y** and **Z**.

[3]



- (ii) State the reagents and conditions for steps **I – IV** in the spaces **[4]** provided.

	Reagents and Conditions
Step I	Excess conc H_2SO_4 , 170°C [1]
Step II	KMnO_4 (aq), H_2SO_4 (aq), heat [1]
Step III	$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ (aq), H_2SO_4 (aq), heat with distillation [1]
Step IV	HCN , trace NaOH/NaCN , $10 - 20^\circ\text{C}$ [1]

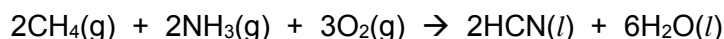
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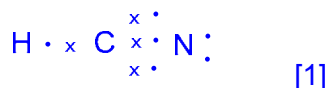
Section B

Answer 2 out of 3 questions.

1. The Andrussov oxidation is invented by Leonid Andrussov in which methane and ammonia react in the presence of oxygen, over platinum catalyst, to produce hydrogen cyanide.



- (a) Draw the dot-and-cross diagram for HCN. State the shape and bond angle. [3]



Linear [1]

180° [1]

- (b) (i) Calculate the standard enthalpy change of the above reaction using the data below. [2]

	$\Delta H_f^\ominus / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
CH_4	-74.9
NH_3	-45.9
HCN	+130.5
H_2O	-285.8

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H_r^\ominus &= \sum n\Delta H_f^\ominus(\text{products}) - \sum n\Delta H_f^\ominus(\text{reactants}) \\ &= [2(+130.5) + 6(-285.8)] - [2(-74.9) + 2(-45.9)] \quad [1] \\ &= -1212.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Using data from the *Data Booklet*, calculate another value for the standard enthalpy change of the above reaction. [3]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BE of reactants} &= 8(\text{C-H}) + 6(\text{N-H}) + 3(\text{O=O}) \\ &= 8(410) + 6(390) + 3(496) \\ &= +7108 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BE of products} &= 2(\text{C-H}) + 2(\text{C}\equiv\text{N}) + 12(\text{O-H}) \\ &= 2(410) + 2(890) + 12(460) \\ &= +8120 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H_r^\ominus &= \text{BE (reactants)} - \text{BE (products)} \\ &= 7108 - 8120 \\ &= -1012 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [1]\end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Explain why the two values differ in (b)(i) and (b)(ii). [1]

The enthalpy of reaction calculated using bond energies in the data booklet is for gaseous reactants and products, but in the above calculation, HCN and H₂O is a liquid. [1]

OR

The bond energies values in the data booklet are average values. [1]

- (c) The data below shows the boiling points of HCN and NaCN, and their solubility in water.

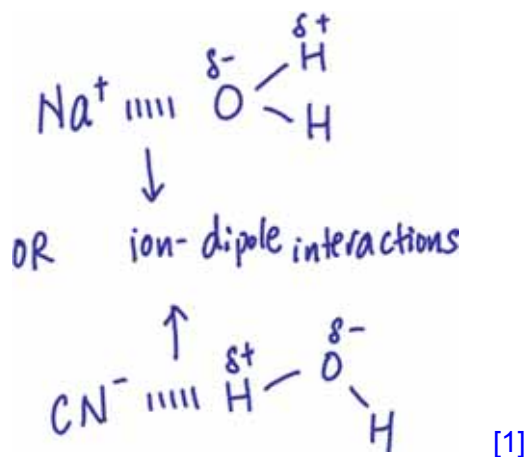
	Boiling Point / °C	Solubility in water
HCN	25.6	Miscible
NaCN	1496	Miscible

- (i) Explain, in terms of structure and bonding, the difference between the boiling points of HCN and NaCN. [3]

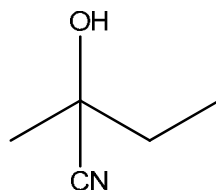
HCN is a polar simple covalent molecule with permanent dipole-permanent dipole interactions [1]. NaCN is a giant ionic lattice structure with electrostatic forces of attraction between Na⁺ and CN⁻ [1]. A greater amount of energy is required to break the stronger ionic bonds in NaCN. [1]

- (ii) Explain with the aid of a diagram the solubility of NaCN in water. [3]

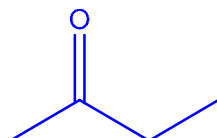
The energy released from the ion-dipole interactions between NaCN and water is sufficient [1] to overcome the ionic bonds in NaCN and the hydrogen bonds in water [1].



- (d) Hydrogen cyanide is used as a reagent in the formation of cyanohydrin. The structure below shows an example of a cyanohydrin.

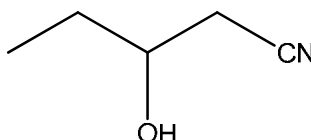


- (i) Draw the structure of the organic compound that forms the cyanohydrin above. [1]



[1]

- (ii) Suggest why the reaction needs to be performed at a low temperature. [1]
 If a high temperature is used, HCN will become a gas which is toxic and it will be difficult to contain the gas. [1]
- (iii) The structure below is an isomer of the cyanohydrin above. [2]



Outline a simple chemical test to distinguish between the two compounds.

Reagents and conditions: KMnO_4 (aq), H_2SO_4 (aq), heat [1]

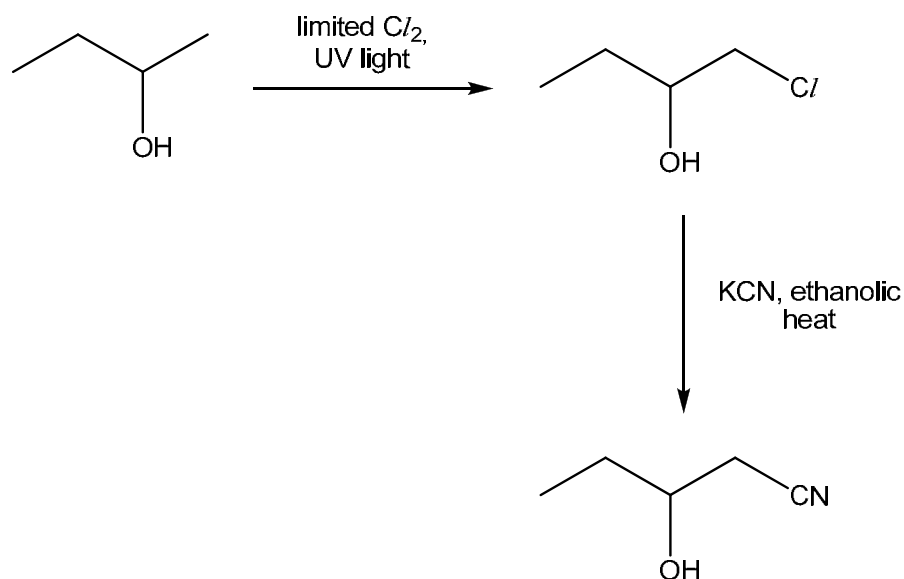
Observation: Purple KMnO_4 decolourised for the isomer but purple KMnO_4 remains for the cyanohydrin [1]

OR

Reagents and conditions: $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ (aq), H_2SO_4 (aq), heat [1]

Observation: Orange $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ turned green for the isomer but orange $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ remains for the cyanohydrin [1]

- (iv) A student suggested that the isomer can be synthesised in the following reaction scheme. Suggest why this synthesis is not the best method. [1]



Cl can substitute any of the hydrogen, hence producing a low yield of the product. [1]

[Total: 20]

2. Rocket propellant is a high oxygen containing fuel, whose combustion takes place, in a definite and controlled manner with the evolution of a huge volume of gas. There are four main types of chemical rocket propellants: solid, storable liquid, cryogenic liquid and liquid monopropellant. Solid propellant rocket has a higher propellant density than liquid propellant rocket.

- (a) Suggest an advantage of using a solid propellant rocket rather than a liquid propellant rocket. [1]

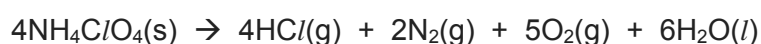
Due to a higher density, the solid propellant rocket has a compact size and thus easier to store. [1]

OR

Solid fuel is able to last longer. [1]

During the 1950s, researchers in the United States developed ammonium perchlorate composite propellant, a type of solid propellant. This mixture is made up of finely ground ammonium perchlorate, fine aluminium powder and polybutadiene acrylonitrile.

- (b) Ammonium perchlorate undergoes mild heating according to the equation below.



- (i) Calculate the volume of gases formed when 25 g of ammonium perchlorate is heated. (All volumes are measured at room temperature and pressure.) [2]

Amount of ammonium perchlorate

$$= 25 / [14 + 4 + 35.5 + 4(16)] = 0.2127 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Amount of gases formed} = 0.2127 \times 11/4 = 0.5849 \text{ mol} \quad [1]$$

$$\text{Volume of gases formed} = 0.5849 \times 24 = 14.0 \text{ dm}^3 \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Suggest why strong heating may lead to an explosion. [1]

A large volume of gases are produced. [1]

- (c) (i) Explain why the first ionisation energy of magnesium is higher than that of aluminium. [2]

Mg: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$

Al: $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$

The first electron of Al is removed from the 3p orbital is further from the nucleus and also experiences additional screening effect by the two 3s electrons [1]. These factors outweigh the effect of increase in nuclear charge from Mg to Al, resulting in a weaker attraction by the nucleus and hence less energy required to remove an electron from 3p than the 3s orbital [1].

Alternative:

The first electron of Mg is removed from the 3s orbital which is closer to the nucleus [1], resulting in a stronger attraction by the nucleus and hence more energy required to remove an electron from the 3s orbital [1].

- (ii) Explain the difference in electrical conductivity of magnesium, aluminium and silicon. [2]

Aluminium has 3 delocalised valence electrons whereas magnesium has only 2, thus aluminium is a better electrical conductor than magnesium [1]. Silicon is a metalloid thus it is not a good electrical conductor [1].

The Soviet utilised syntin, a liquid propellant, for Soyuz U2, is a type of carrier rocket, until 1995. Syntin comprises of synthetic cyclopropane, $C_{10}H_{16}$.

- (d) When 0.75 g of cyclopropane undergoes complete combustion, the increase in temperature of 250 cm³ of water is 18°C and has an efficiency is 85%. Calculate the standard enthalpy change of combustion of synthetic cyclopropane. [3]

$$\text{Heat absorbed by water} = mc\Delta T = 250 \times 4.18 \times 18 = 18810 \text{ J} \quad [1]$$

Heat released by combustion of synthetic cyclopropane

$$= 100 / 85 \times 18810 = 22129 \text{ J} \quad [1]$$

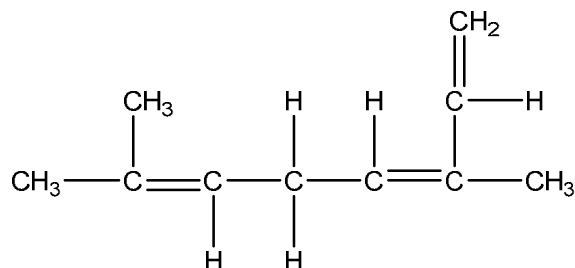
Amount of synthetic cyclopropane = $0.75 / [(10 \times 12) + 16] = 0.005514$

Standard enthalpy change of combustion of synthetic cyclopropane

= $-22129 / 0.005514$

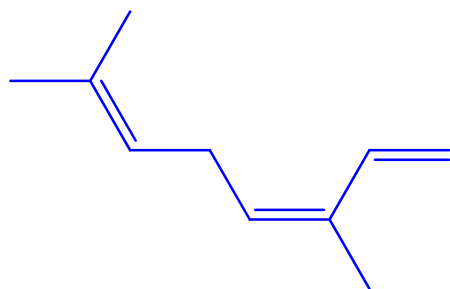
= $-4013 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ [1]

- (e) Ocimene is an isomer of syntin with the following structure.



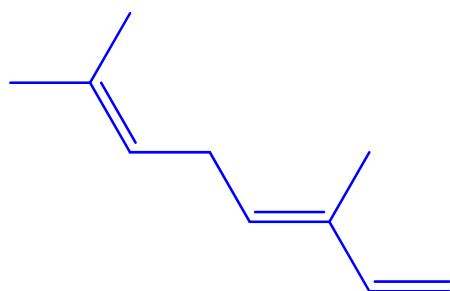
- (i) Draw the cis and trans isomers of Ocimene.

[2]



Cis

[1]



Trans

[1]

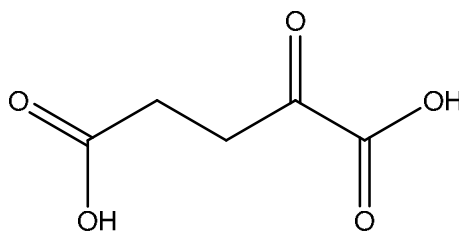
- (ii) Explain why ocimene is able to exhibit cis-trans isomerism.

[2]

There is restriction of rotation due to the presence of C=C. [1]

There are no two identical atoms or groups of atoms that are bonded to the same carbon on the C=C. [1]

- (f) **W** is another isomer of syntin, with a molecular formula of $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}$. When **W** reacts with hot acidified potassium manganate(VII), it forms 2 moles of gas **X**, **Y**, and the product shown below [5]



X forms a white precipitate when it reacts with aqueous calcium hydroxide.

Y, C_3H_6O , forms a yellow precipitate when it reacts with aqueous alkaline iodine. **Y** also forms an orange precipitate when it reacts with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine. However, **Y** does not form a silver mirror when it is warmed with Tollens' Reagent.

Deduce the structures of **W**, **X** and **Y**.

Observations	Deductions
X forms a white precipitate when it reacts with aqueous calcium hydroxide.	X undergoes <u>acid-base reaction</u> and it is <u>CO_2</u> . [1]
W reacts with hot acidified potassium manganate(VII), it forms 2 moles of gas X	W undergoes <u>oxidation</u> . Presence of <u>2 terminal $C=C$</u> in W since X is CO_2 . [1]
Y , C_3H_6O , forms a yellow precipitate when it reacts with aqueous alkaline iodine.	<p>Y undergoes <u>oxidation</u> and contains $\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ \text{---}C\text{---}CH_3 \end{array}$. [1]</p> <p>(Do not accept if student gave both</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> $\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ \text{---}C\text{---}CH_3 \end{array}$ </div> <div style="margin: 0 10px;">and</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> $\begin{array}{c} OH \\ \\ \text{---}C\text{---}CH_3 \\ \\ H \end{array}$ </div> </div> <p>)</p>
Y also forms an orange precipitate when it reacts with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine.	Y undergoes <u>condensation</u> and is a <u>carbonyl compound</u> . [1]

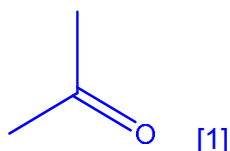
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Y does not undergo oxidation and is a ketone. [1]

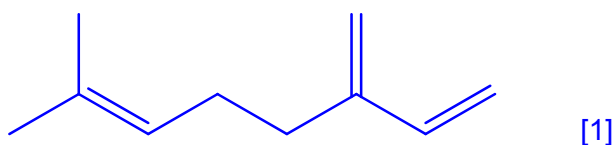
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X: CO₂ [1]

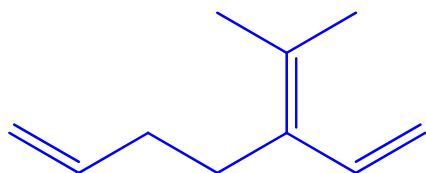
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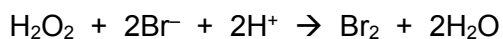


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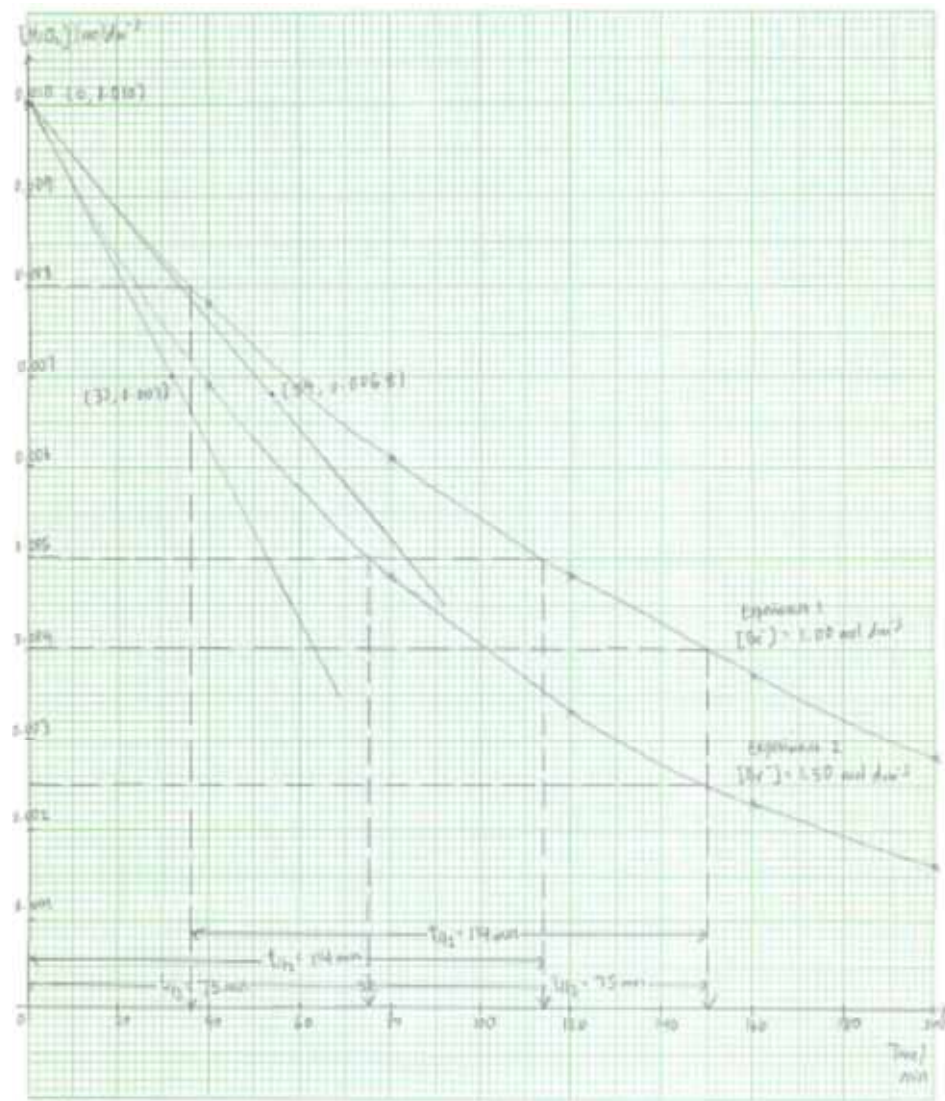
- 3 (a) A solution of hydrogen peroxide in aqueous HCl slowly oxidises bromide ions according to the equation below.



The rate of reaction was followed by measuring the concentration of the remaining hydrogen peroxide after fixed time intervals. Two experiments were carried out, starting with different concentrations of bromide ions. The following results were obtained.

Time / min	Experiment 1 [Br ⁻] = 1.00 mol dm ⁻³	Experiment 2 [Br ⁻] = 1.50 mol dm ⁻³
	[H ₂ O ₂] / mol dm ⁻³	[H ₂ O ₂] / mol dm ⁻³
0	0.0100	0.0100
40	0.0078	0.0069
80	0.0061	0.0048
120	0.0048	0.0033
160	0.0037	0.0023
200	0.0028	0.0016

- (i) Using the same axes, plot graphs of $[H_2O_2]$ against time for the two experiments. [2]



Two sets of half-life clearly drawn on the graph for experiment 1 or 2.

Experiment 1:

$$t_{1/2} = 114 \text{ min} \quad [1]$$

OR

Experiment 2:

$$t_{1/2} = 75 \text{ min}$$

Since the two half-lives are constant, the order of reaction with respect to $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$ is one. [1]

Draw tangent at $t = 0$.

Initial rate for experiment 1

$$= \left| \frac{0.010 - 0.0068}{0 - 54} \right| = 5.926 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Initial rate for experiment 2

$$= \left| \frac{0.010 - 0.007}{0 - 32} \right| = 9.375 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$$

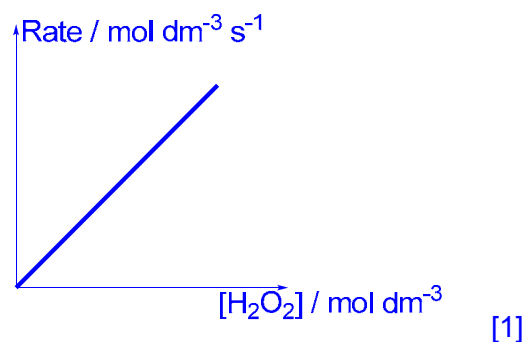
Calculation of 2 initial rates [1]

When $[\text{Br}^-]$ increases 1.5 times, the rate increases approximately 1.5 times. Hence the order of reaction with respect to $[\text{Br}^-]$ is one. [1]

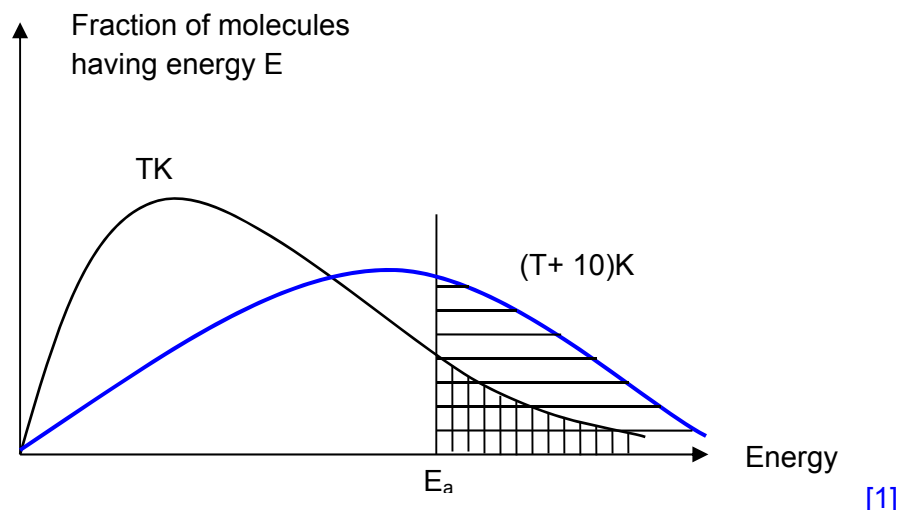
- (iii) In another separate experiment, it was found that the order of reaction with respect to $[\text{HCl}]$ is zero, write the rate equation for the reaction. [1]

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2][\text{Br}^-] \quad [1]$$

- (iv) Sketch a graph of rate against concentration of H_2O_2 . [1]



- (v) Explain, with an appropriate sketch of the Boltzmann distribution, how an increase in temperature affects the rate of reaction. [3]

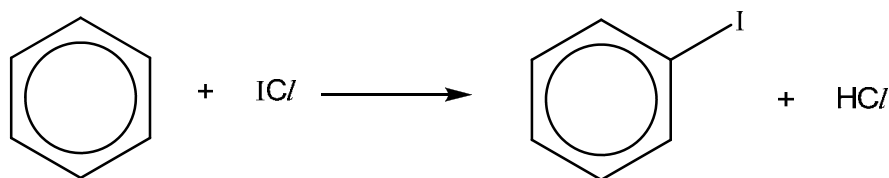


When temperature is increased, the molecules gain kinetic energy and move about faster. The number of molecules having energy greater than or equal to the activation energy increases. [1] Frequency of effective collisions increases. Reaction rate thus increases. [1]

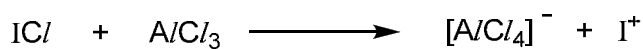
- (b) Explain the difference in ionic radius between Br^- and I^- . [2]

I^- has more number of principal quantum shells than Br^- , thus the distance of the valence electrons is further away from its nucleus. [1] The valence electrons are less strongly attracted to the nucleus. Therefore the ionic radius of I^- is bigger than Br^- . [1]

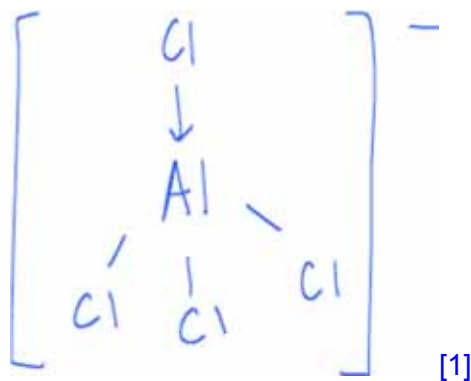
- (c) Aromatic halogenation with iodine monochloride, ICl , produces aryl iodide.



This reaction is typically catalysed by aluminium chloride when it reacts with iodine monochloride to produce the electrophile I^+ .



- (i) Draw the structure of $[\text{AlCl}_4]^-$ and suggest in terms of bonding how $[\text{AlCl}_4]^-$ is formed from AlCl_3 . [2]



Lewis structure (with correct shape) or dot-and-cross diagram is accepted.

The empty orbital of Al in AlCl_3 accepts a lone pair of electrons from Cl^- , forming a dative bond [1].

- (ii) When sodium carbonate is added to a solution of AlCl_3 , effervescence was seen. Explain the observation with the aid of relevant equations. [3]



Al^{3+} hydrolyses in water to form H^+ which reacts with carbonate ions to give carbon dioxide gas. [1]

- (iii) Ethanolic silver nitrate is added to iodobenzene and iodopropane in two separate test tubes. Yellow precipitate is seen immediately in one of the test tubes, whereas no precipitate is seen in the other test tube. Explain the observations. [2]

The yellow precipitate is AgI in the test tube containing iodopropane. [1]

No precipitate is seen in the test tube with iodobenzene as the lone pair of electrons on I is delocalised into the benzene ring, resulting in a partial double bond character in the C-I bond [1]. Hence the C-I bond is very strong to be broken to form AgI .

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