



**HWA CHONG INSTITUTION**  
**2025 C2 H2 CHEMISTRY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**  
**MARK SCHEME / SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS**

**Paper 1**

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**Comments**

- 1 D The largest difference in consecutive ionisation energies occurs between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ionisation energies, implying that the 6<sup>th</sup> electron is removed from an inner quantum shell and element X has 5 valence electrons. Since element X belongs to Group 15, it is likely to form a chloride of the formula  $\text{XCl}_5$ .

- 2 D Isotopes have the **same number of protons** but **different number of neutrons**. The number of protons can be determined from the *number of electrons* and *charge*. Once the number of protons are determined, the number of neutrons can be found from the nucleon number.  
 E.g., in A, H has 10 electrons and a charge of -2, so H has 8 protons. Thus, H has 10 neutrons.

	G		H	
	no. of protons	no. of neutrons	no. of protons	no. of neutrons
A	8	10	8	10
B	18	19	16	18
C	16	20	18	20
D	20	22	20	20

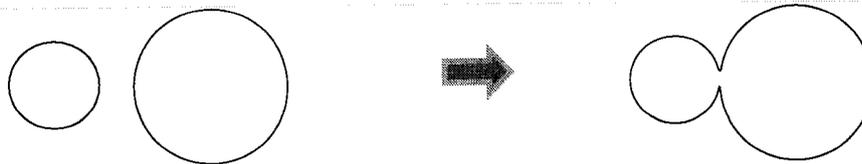
In D, G and H have the same number of protons (20) but different number of neutrons (22 and 20).

Note that A is incorrect as G and H have the same number of protons and neutrons.

- 3 D The shape of a species depends on the **number of lone pairs and bond pairs of electrons** around the central atom. Refer to Topic 2 Chemical Bonding Sec. 6.1.

A	$\text{AlCl}_3$	$\text{PCl}_3$
	3 b.p. and 0 l.p. – trigonal planar	3 b.p. and 1 l.p. – trigonal pyramidal
B	$\text{BF}_3$	$\text{NH}_3$
	3 b.p. and 0 l.p. – trigonal planar	3 b.p. and 1 l.p. – trigonal pyramidal
C	$\text{SF}_4$	$\text{XeF}_4$
	4 b.p. and 1 l.p. – see saw (expanded octet)	4 b.p. and 2 l.p. – square pyramidal (expanded octet)
D	$\text{PH}_4^+$	$\text{BF}_4^-$
	4 b.p. and 0 l.p. – tetrahedral	4 b.p. and 0 l.p. – tetrahedral

4 C



$$\begin{aligned} n_s \\ V_s = 10 \text{ m}^3 \\ P_s = 50 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_b \\ V_b = 30 \text{ m}^3 \\ P_b = 120 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_t = n_s + n_b \\ V_t = V_s + V_b \\ P_t = ?? \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $n_t = n_s + n_b$

Since T is constant,  $P_t V_t = P_s V_s + P_b V_b$

After connection:  $V_t = V_s + V_b$

$$P_t = \frac{(50)(10) + (120)(30)}{(10+30)} = 102.5 \text{ kPa} = 103 \text{ kPa}$$

5 A This question tests the definition of relative masses found in Topic 1 & 4.

Option B is wrong as the relative atomic masses must take into account all the isotopes of the element, hence the term 'average mass' must be used.

Option C is wrong as the reference should be  $^{12}\text{C}$  & not  $^1\text{H}$ .

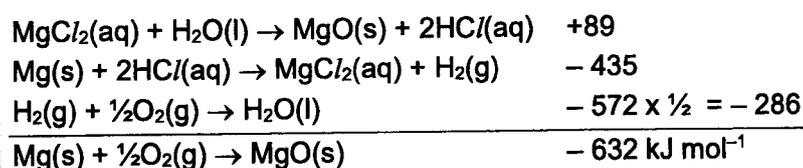
Option D is wrong as the reference should be to 1/12 the mass of one atom of  $^{12}\text{C}$ .

6 B Always check if the sum of the abundances of the isotopes add up to 100. In the case, they add up to 101.32.

$$\text{Ar}(\text{Ge}) = \left(\frac{19.01}{101.32} \times 70\right) + \left(\frac{24.96}{101.32} \times 72\right) + \left(\frac{7.76}{101.32} \times 73\right) + \left(\frac{41.0}{101.32} \times 74\right) + \left(\frac{8.59}{101.32} \times 76\right) = 72.8$$

7 A Use the equation method to obtain the answer:

- Flip the first equation to get the MgO on the right side like in the combustion equation. Remember to flip the sign on its  $\Delta H$  value.
- Half the third equation to ensure that the  $\text{H}_2$  from the second equation and this third equation cancels off, and you get  $\frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2$  as required in the combustion equation. Remember to halve its  $\Delta H$  value.
- Add up all the equations to check that you get the combustion equation as given. And then add up all  $\Delta H$  values to get the answer.



- 8 A Option 1:  $\Delta S$  increases as increasing the temperature at a fixed pressure increases the volume of the gas & increases the average kinetic energy of the gas particles and thus results in more ways to distribute the particles and energy.

Option 2:  $\Delta S$  increases as doubling the number of moles of non-interacting gas particles at a fixed pressure increases the volume of the gas results in more ways to distribute the particles and energy.

Option 3:  $\Delta S$  increases as doubling the number of moles of gas particles at a fixed pressure increases the volume of the gas results in more ways to distribute the particles and energy.

Option 4:  $\Delta S$  decreases as the number of moles of gas particles at a fixed pressure drops from 1 to 0 on the right-hand side of the equation.

- 9 B The rate equation can be written by inspecting the chemical equation of the slow step in the reaction mechanism. Hence it should look like:  $\text{rate} = k[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2][\text{H}_2]$ .

Rate equations should contain only reactants or product terms but not intermediates. In this case,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  is an intermediate. To replace it, we see that  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  is related to a reactant  $\text{NO}$  by the reversible reaction which can be expressed in the form of the chemical equilibrium constant.

Thus  $K = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]}{[\text{NO}]^2}$ ; rearranging gives  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2] = K[\text{NO}]^2$ .

Substituting  $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]$  in  $\text{rate} = k[\text{N}_2\text{O}_2][\text{H}_2]$  gives  $\text{rate} = kK[\text{NO}]^2 [\text{H}_2]$  or  $\text{rate} = k'[\text{NO}]^2 [\text{H}_2]$ .

The units of the rate constant  $k'$  can be worked out as follows:

$$\text{rate} = k'[\text{NO}]^2 [\text{H}_2]$$

$$\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} = k' \times (\text{mol dm}^{-3})^2 \times (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$$

$$\text{Simplifying gives } k' = \text{mol}^{-2} \text{ dm}^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- 10 A The area under the curve represent the total number of molecules. Thus this is represented by  $P + R$ . Since only the  $T$  is changed, the total number of molecule,  $P + R$  does not change. Thus the expression  $\frac{R}{P + R}$  gives the fraction of molecules that have energy greater than the activation energy of the lower temperature. Note that the steeper curve represents the lower temperature while the shallower curve is for the higher temperature.

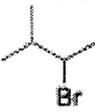
- 11 B Option A is wrong as the correct temperature is  $450^\circ\text{C}$ .

Option C is wrong as the iron acts as an catalyst which speeds up the reaction but does not affect the yield.

Option D is wrong as removing  $\text{NH}_3$  shifts the position of the equilibrium to the right but does not affect the rate of reaction.

12	D	<p><math>\text{MnO}_4^- (\text{aq}) + 8 \text{H}^+ (\text{aq}) + 5 \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} (\text{aq}) + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l})</math>  <math>\text{SO}_2 (\text{g}) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} (\text{aq}) + 4 \text{H}^+ (\text{aq}) + 2 \text{e}^-</math></p> <p>Obtain the overall equation through multiplying the first half-equation by 2 and the second half-equation by 5 in order to eliminate the electrons:</p> $2\text{MnO}_4^- + 5\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Mn}^{2+} + 5\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+$ <p>Notice that there is a net production of <math>\text{H}^+</math> so <math>[\text{H}^+]</math> increases as the reaction proceeds. Since <math>\text{pH} = -\lg [\text{H}^+]</math>, pH decreases over time.</p>
13	D	<p>Titration Curve 1 = strong acid-weak base curve (equivalence pH is acidic)          Titration Curve 2 = weak acid-weak base curve (no vertical portion in the curve)</p> <p>Option A is wrong as there are no suitable indicators for weak acid-weak base titrations.          Option B is wrong as give above.          Option C is wrong as Titration Curve 1 involves a strong acid as depicted by the flat smooth curve at pH between 0 &amp; 2. A weak acid will give a sharper rise in pH before flattening out shortly after and then rising sharply again near the equivalence point (i.e. a buffer region).</p>
14	C	<p>The decomposition of <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}_2</math> is usually written as <math>2\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2</math>.</p> <p>In basic medium, it may be written as <math>2\text{HO}_2^- \rightarrow 2\text{OH}^- + \text{O}_2</math>, where a proton is lost from both <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}_2</math> &amp; <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>.</p> <p>Re-writing it to make clear that two ions of <math>\text{HO}_2^-</math> are reacting with each other in the decomposition process: <math>\text{HO}_2^- + \text{HO}_2^- \rightarrow 2\text{OH}^- + \text{O}_2</math>.</p> <p>Thus <math>\text{HO}_2^- \rightarrow 2\text{OH}^-</math> (reduction) <math>\Rightarrow \text{HO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 3\text{OH}^-</math>      <math>E^\ominus = +0.88 \text{ V}</math>          And <math>\text{HO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{O}_2</math> (oxidation) <math>\Rightarrow \text{HO}_2^- + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^-</math>      <math>E^\ominus = -0.08 \text{ V}</math>          Thus <math>E_{\text{cell}} = +0.96 \text{ V}</math></p> <p>The semi-permeable membrane allows ions to pass through to maintain electrical neutrality in both cells just like a salt bridge does.</p>
15	B	<p>The % composition of the alloy is a distractor and is not needed in the calculations. The total mass of metal deposited as the cathode represents the metal that was reduced. Use of the data booklet shows that both Cu &amp; Ni may be both oxidized at the anode while the reduction potential for <math>\text{Cu}^{2+}</math> is positive and favorable while that for <math>\text{Ni}^{2+}</math> is negative and unfavorable, thus only <math>\text{Cu}^{2+}</math> is reduced at the cathode. Refer to the purification of copper in your notes for a similar analysis.</p> <p>Mass of Cu accumulated = 0.88 g          No. of moles of Cu accumulated = <math>0.88 \div 63.5 = 0.013858</math>          No. of moles of electrons passed through = <math>2 \times 0.013858 = 0.027716</math>  <math>Q = It = nF</math>  <math>0.50 \times 1.5 \times 60 \times 60 = 0.027716 \times F</math>  <math>F = 97416.654</math></p> <p><math>F = Le</math>  <math>97416.654 = L \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}</math>  <math>L = 6.088 \times 10^{23}</math> or <math>6.09 \times 10^{23}</math></p>



19 C	mono-brominated product				
	no. of H atoms which can be substituted (probability)	6	3	2	1

20 A Recall what a catalytic converter does. A catalytic converter in cars reduces harmful emissions and its overall aim is to reduce CO, hydrocarbons, and oxides of nitrogen.

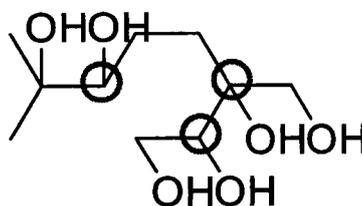
Option A is wrong as it shows CO<sub>2</sub> being reduced to CO, while the converter is meant to oxidise CO to CO<sub>2</sub>.

Option B is correct as CO is oxidized, and NO is reduced.

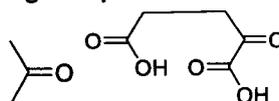
Option C is correct as it shows the complete combustion of hydrocarbons.

Option D is correct as hydrocarbons react with NO, reducing NO to N<sub>2</sub>.

21 A A The mild oxidation product is shown below with the chiral centres circled.

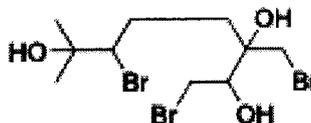


B Only two oxidative cleavage organic products:



CO<sub>2</sub> is not an organic product.

C Alkene C=C undergoes electrophilic addition with Br<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub> (halogens), and would react with aqueous Br<sub>2</sub> in a similar manner.

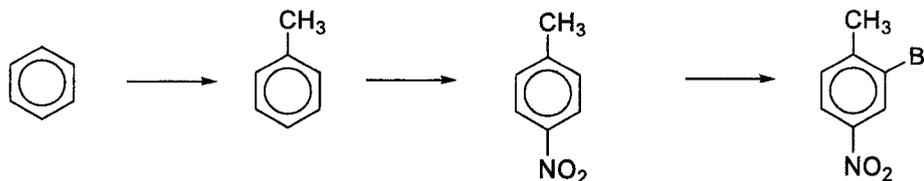


Major product contains one secondary alcohol and two tertiary alcohol functional groups.

D Hot ethanolic sodium hydroxide causes an elimination reaction, in which a halogenoalkane loses HX to form an alkene. Some possible products (which doesn't match the question context):

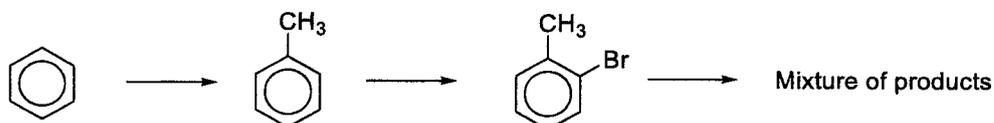


22 A A



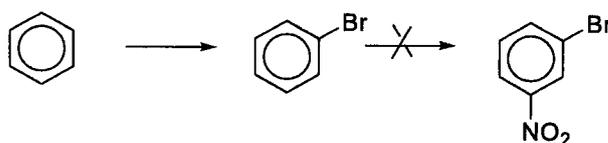
In the nitration step,  $-\text{CH}_3$  directs  $-\text{NO}_2$  to the 4-position since  $-\text{CH}_3$  is 2,4-directing. In the bromination step, both methyl and nitro substituents direct the bromo group to the desired position (i.e. the directing effects mutually reinforce one another).

B



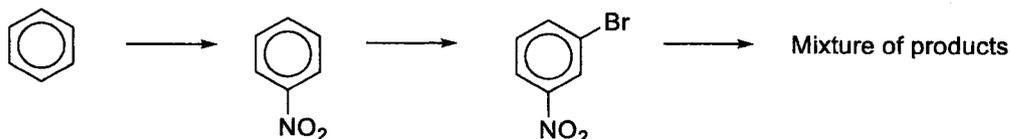
The methyl and bromo substituents are both 2,4-directing and hence in the nitration step, they direct the nitro group to different positions (i.e. the directing effects do not mutually reinforce one another). Thus, a mixture of products will be formed resulting in very low yield of the desired product.

C



The nitration step will not produce the desired product as the major product since bromine is 2,4-directing yet we need  $-\text{NO}_2$  to be directed to the 3-position relative to Br.

D



The nitro substituent is 3-directing and the bromo substituent is 2,4-directing and hence in the alkylation step, they direct the methyl group to different positions (i.e. the directing effects do not mutually reinforce one another). Thus, a mixture of products will be formed resulting in very low yield of the desired product.

**23 B** Bromoalkanes and acyl bromides undergo hydrolysis by nucleophilic substitution, in which the C–Br bond breaks heterolytically to release  $\text{Br}^-$  ions. (Bromoarenes do not hydrolyse because the C–Br bond is strengthened by delocalisation of lone pair on Br into the benzene ring.) The  $\text{Br}^-$  ions formed can be identified by silver nitrate, which produces a cream precipitate of AgBr.

K does not give any ppt, L gives 0.2 mol of ppt and M gives 0.3 mol of ppt.

- 24 D V W X all react with Na to give  $H_2 \Rightarrow$  V W X contain alcohol &/or carboxylic acid &/or phenol group.  $\therefore$  A is **incorrect**  $\because$  the 2nd compound doesn't give such a reaction.

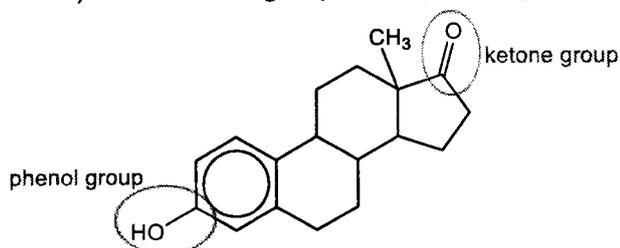
Only 1 of V W X reacts with Fehling's reagent.  $\therefore$  only one of them has aliphatic aldehyde group (i.e. an aldehyde but not benzaldehyde).

B is **incorrect**  $\because$  the 2nd and 3rd compounds have aliphatic aldehyde groups.

C is **incorrect**  $\because$  the 1st and 3rd compounds have aliphatic aldehyde groups.

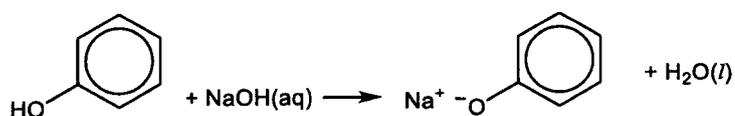
D is **correct**, only the 2nd compound has aliphatic aldehyde group.

- 25 D The compound (oestrone) has a ketone group and a phenol group.

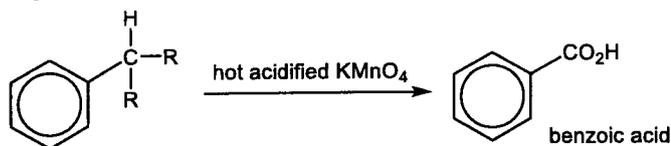


A is **correct**. The ketone group gives orange ppt with 2,4-DNPH.

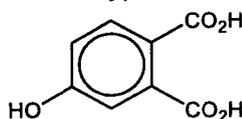
B is **correct**. The phenol group gives an (ionic) salt with aq. NaOH, reaction illustrated below using phenol.



C is **correct**. Compounds with the following structure (e.g. methylbenzene) react with hot acidified  $KMnO_4$  to give benzoic acid (side-chain oxidation for alkylbenzenes).

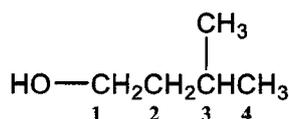


For oestrone (study its "side-chain" carefully), it indeed gives a dicarboxylic acid:

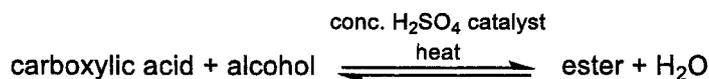


D is **incorrect**. Only alcohols and carboxylic acids give white (HCl) fumes with  $PCl_5$ .

- 26 C This question asks about making the ester, 3-methylbutyl ethanoate. The "3-methylbutyl" part of this ester (look at the first part of its name) is derived from the alcohol: 3-methylbutan-1-ol:

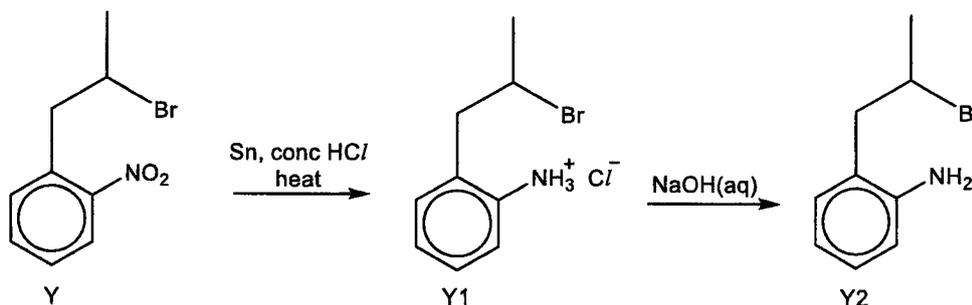


To make an ester of an alcohol, there are two methods:



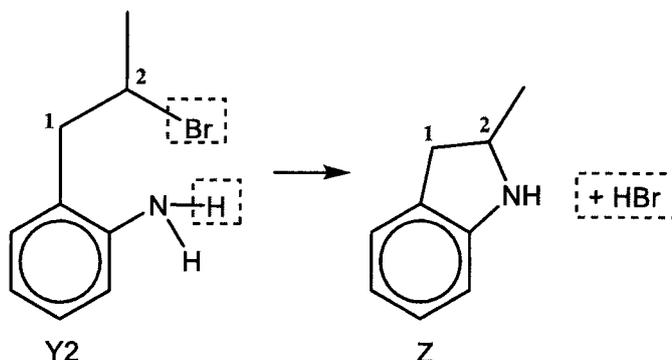
The "ethanoate" part of this ester (look at the last part of its name) is derived from ethanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ , or ethanoyl chloride,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCl}$ .  $\therefore$  A and B are **incorrect**. Between C vs. D, C has the correct alcohol. (The alcohol in D is 2-methylbutan-1-ol.)

- 27 A The reaction described in the question should give compound Y2.



However, for the four given options, one H "disappeared" from the  $\text{NH}_2$  group (in Y2), Br also "disappeared", and a new ring is formed.

We therefore deduce that the  $\text{NH}_2$  and Br (in Y2) must have reacted together (while the mixture is still hot). We then deduce that this bromoalkane group (in Y2) has undergone nucleophilic substitution with the  $\text{NH}_2$  group (in Y2) to give compound Z — similar to the reaction between a halogenoalkane and  $\text{NH}_3$ .



- 28 B A** Statement is **incorrect**. Melting point of group 2 elements generally **decreases** down the group as less energy is required to overcome weaker metallic bonding between metal cations and sea of delocalised electrons. While the number of valence electrons contributed per metal atom remains as 2 and the charge of each metal cation remains as +2, the ionic radius increases down group 2 hence charge density of cation decreases resulting in weaker metallic bonding.
- B** Statement is **correct**. Down group 2 from Mg to Ba, reduction potential becomes more negative, increases tendency for group 2 elements to be oxidised, reducing power of group 2 elements increases as group 2 elements have higher tendency to reduce others when themselves undergo oxidation. From Data Booklet:

	<b>E° / V</b>
$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Mg}$	-2.38
$\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}$	-2.87
$\text{Ba}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ba}$	-2.90

- C** Statement is **incorrect**. Volatility of group 17 elements **decreases** (becomes less volatile) down the group as more energy is needed to overcome stronger dispersion forces between halogen molecules as size of electron cloud increases.
- D** Statement is **incorrect**. Down group 17 from  $\text{F}_2$  to  $\text{I}_2$ , reduction potential becomes less positive, decreases tendency for group 17 elements to be reduced, oxidising power of group 17 elements **decreases** as group 17 elements have lower tendency to oxidise others when themselves undergo reduction. From Data Booklet:

	<b>E° / V</b>
$\text{F}_2 + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{F}^{-}$	+2.87
$\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{Cl}^{-}$	+1.36
$\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{Br}^{-}$	+1.07
$\text{I}_2 + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{I}^{-}$	+0.54

- 29 C** Students are expected to know that the density of vanadium is higher than that of calcium. Density is defined as mass per unit volume. Both metals are in the same period.
- 1** Statement is **correct**. Vanadium (50.9) has a higher relative atomic mass than calcium (40.1), with heavier atoms per unit volume, the density of vanadium is higher.
  - 2** Statement is **incorrect**. A stronger shielding effect would result in weaker effective nuclear charge and larger atomic radius. Vanadium has a smaller atomic radius and a higher relative atomic mass compared to calcium which enables more and heavier atoms per unit volume. Hence, the density of vanadium is higher than that of calcium.
  - 3** Statement is **correct**. Vanadium (0.135 nm) has a smaller atomic radius compared to calcium (0.197 nm) because the outer shell electrons of vanadium experience greater attraction to the nucleus. The smaller atomic radius enables more efficient close packing of vanadium atoms, resulting in a greater number of atoms per unit volume. Hence, the density of vanadium is higher than that of calcium.

- 30 B** In reactant platinum(IV) chloride and the product platinum(IV) compound, each platinum has an oxidation number of +4.

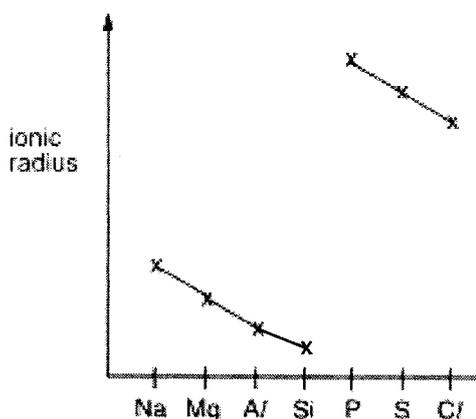
Since the central platinum ion in  $\text{X}^{2+}$  has an oxidation state of +4, there must be two  $\text{Cl}^{-}$  ions acting as ligands, so that the overall charge on the complex cation can be +2. The other four ligands, to make up the co-ordination number of 6, must therefore be ammonia that has no charge. Hence complex cation  $\text{X}^{2+}$  is  $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$ , containing a total of 4 ammonia molecules as ligands.



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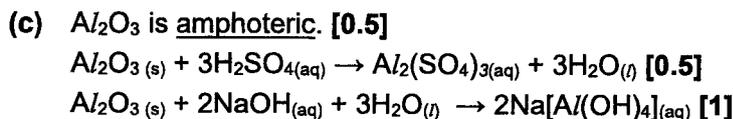
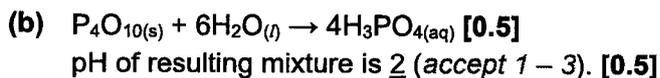
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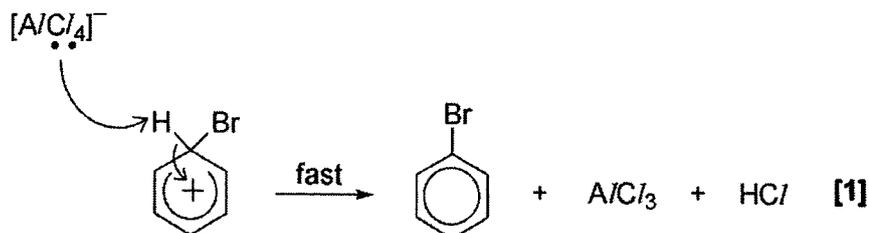
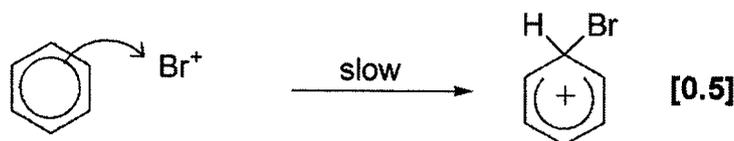
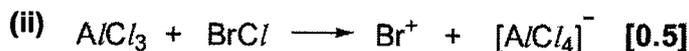
$\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  are isoelectronic (or have the same number of electrons) and  $\text{P}^{3-}$ ,  $\text{S}^{2-}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  are isoelectronic, hence **shielding effect is the same**. Across each series, number of protons and thus **nuclear charge increases**. [1]

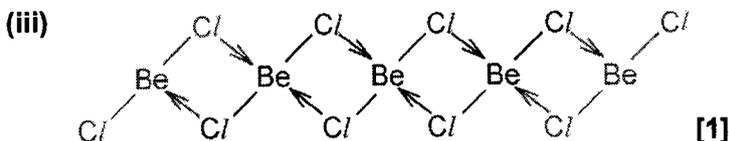
Thus, **effective nuclear charge increases**, attraction of the nucleus on the **valence/outermost electrons become stronger** (or outermost electrons pulled closer to the nucleus), and ionic radius decreases.

There is a sharp increase in radius from  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  to  $\text{P}^{3-}$ , as **anions have one more quantum/electron shell than cations**. [1]



(d) (i) A Lewis acid is a species that **accepts an electron pair**. [1]





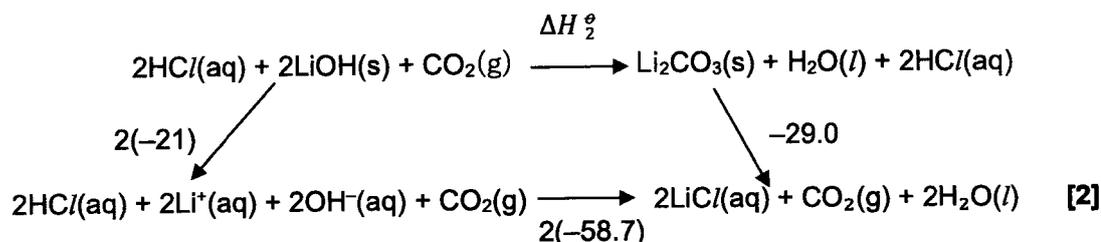
- 2 (a) (i) The heat evolved when 1 mole of water is formed from an acid-base reaction at 298 K and 1 bar. [1]

(ii)  $q = mc\Delta T = [(25+45) \times 1.00](4.18)(30.5 - 27.8) = 733.6 \text{ J}$  [1]

no. of moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = no. of moles of  $\text{LiOH}$  (limiting reagent)  
 $= 25/1000 \times 0.5 = 0.0125 \text{ mol}$

$$\Delta H_{neut}^{\circ} = -\frac{q}{n_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}} = -\frac{733.6}{0.0125} = -58688 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = -58.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)} \text{ [1]}$$

- (b) (i)



$$\Delta H_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\circ} = 2(-21) + 2(-58.7) + 29.0 = -130.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} = -130 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ (3 s.f.)} \text{ [1]}$$

\*If used suggested value in question ( $\Delta H_{neut}^{\circ} = -48.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ )\*

$$\Delta H_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\circ} = 2(-21) + 2(-48.2) + 29.0 = -109.4 = -109 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ [1]}$$

- (ii) Since the no. of moles of gas decreases from 1 to 0 in this reaction, the entropy change of reaction is negative. [1]

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

When temperature increases,  $-T\Delta S$  becomes more positive. Since  $\Delta H$  is negative,  $\Delta G$  becomes less negative, and reaction is less spontaneous. [1]

- (iii) Volume of  $\text{CO}_2$  exhaled per crewmember per day  
 $= 25 \times 15 \times 60 \times 24 = 540000 \text{ cm}^3/\text{CM-d} = 540 \text{ dm}^3/\text{CM-d}$  [1]

$$\text{Mass of } \text{CO}_2 \text{ exhaled} = 1.98 \times 540 = 1069.2 \text{ g}/\text{CM-d} = 1.07 \text{ kg}/\text{CM-d} \text{ [1]}$$

- (iv) No. of moles of  $\text{CO}_2$  /CM-d =  $1069.2 / (12+16+16) = 24.3 \text{ mol}$   
 No. of moles of  $\text{LiOH}$  /CM-d =  $24.3 \times 2 = 48.6 \text{ mol}$  [0.5]  
 Mass of  $\text{LiOH}$  /CM-d =  $48.6 \times (6.9+16+1) = 1161.54 \text{ g} = 1.16 \text{ kg}$  [0.5]  
 Mass of  $\text{LiOH}$  brought on trip =  $250 \times 5.2 = 1300 \text{ kg}$  [0.5]  
 No. of days =  $1300 / (8 \times 1.16) = 139.9 = 139 \text{ days}$  [0.5]

Alternative method:

Total no. of moles of  $\text{LiOH}$  supplied =  $5.2 \times 1000 (6.9+16+1) = 54393 \text{ mol}$

Total no. of moles of  $\text{CO}_2$  can be absorbed =  $54393/2 = 27196.5 \text{ mol}$

Total mass of  $\text{CO}_2$  that can be absorbed =  $27196.5 \times (12+16+16) = 1196600 \text{ g}$   
 $= 1196.6 \text{ kg}$

Max no. of days =  $1196.6 / (1.07 \times 8) = 139.8 = 139 \text{ days}$

(v) For the same number of moles, the mass of LiOH is smallest hence it is easier to transport in a space craft. [1]

(c) (i)  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O}(\text{s}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  [1]

$\text{Li}^+$  is a cation with small ionic radius and high charge density [1], it polarises the electron cloud of carbonate to a large extent, hence weakening the C-O bonds [1]. Hence less energy is needed to break the C-O bonds and it decomposes easily when heated.

(ii)

ion	$\text{Li}^+$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$
ionic radius / nm	0.06	0.095	0.065	0.099
$\frac{q^+}{r^+}$	16.7	10.5	30.7	20.2

Marking points [2]

- quote **ionic** radius for all 4 ions
- suggest a temperature **between 635 and 851** (excluding the two numbers)
- correct explanation in terms of charges and ionic radii: calculate  $\frac{q^+}{r^+}$  and conclude that charge density of  $\text{Li}^+$  is between those of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

3 (a) (i) 50%. The optically inactive mixture of **P** contains equal proportions of two enantiomers [0.5]. Enzyme amidase has specific activity and only one enantiomer can bind to the active sites of the enzyme [0.5].

(ii) Amidase is a biological catalyst which is regenerated during the reaction / remains chemically unchanged / not used up / lower  $E_a$  [0.5]. Hence, its concentration stays constant [0.5].

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a solvent and is present in large excess [0.5]. Hence, its concentration can be treated as a constant (or differs very slightly or pseudo-zeroth order) [0.5].

(iii) **At lower concentrations of P**

From experiments 1 and 2 (*accept* if compare expt 2 and 3), when [P] doubles from 0.50 to 1.00  $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ , the initial rate doubles from 1.25 to  $2.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . [1] Reaction is first order with respect to [P]. [0.5]

**At higher concentrations of P**

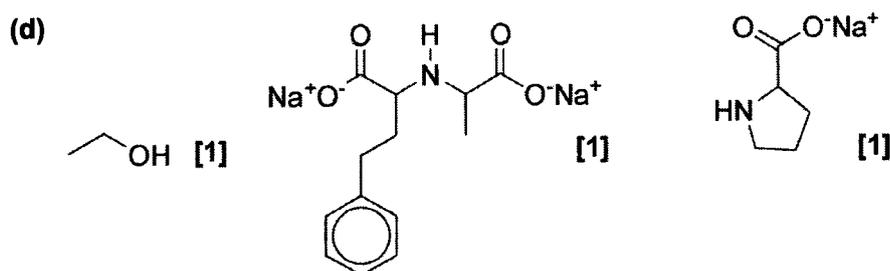
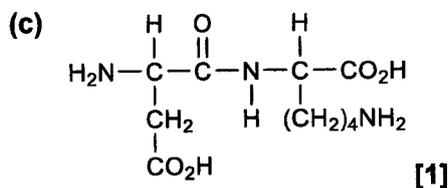
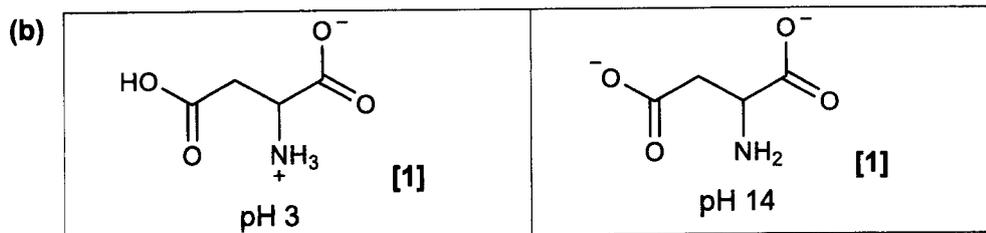
From experiments 5 to 6, when [P] doubles from 8.00 to 16.00  $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ , the initial rate remains constant at  $8.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . [1] Reaction is zeroth order with respect to [P]. [0.5]

or

From experiments 4 to 5, when [P] doubles from 4.00 to 8.00  $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ , the initial rate remains almost constant at  $7.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (*accept* increases slightly). Reaction is zeroth order with respect to [P].

(iii) At low [P], rate of reaction increases proportionally with increasing [P] (or follow first order kinetics) [0.5] as [amidase] is greater than [P] / [P] is the limiting factor (*accept* there are many active sites available on the enzyme amidase / binds->reaction->released / form enzyme-substrate complex). [0.5]

At high [P], rate of reaction remains constant with increasing [P] (or follow zeroth order kinetics) [0.5] as the active sites on the enzyme amidase are saturated (accept all active sites are filled) with P molecules. [0.5]



4 (a) (i) disproportionation [1]



(b) (i)  $E^\ominus(\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-) = +1.36 \text{ V}$ ,  $E^\ominus(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}) = +1.23 \text{ V}$  [1]

Since  $E^\ominus(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O})$  is less positive than  $E^\ominus(\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-)$  [1],  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  will be selectively oxidised.

(ii) The high concentration of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ( $5.0 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) [0.5] causes the position of equilibrium  $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{Cl}^-$  to shift to the left. [0.5] This causes  $E(\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-)$  to become less positive than  $+1.23 \text{ V}$ , resulting in the selective oxidation of  $\text{Cl}^-$  over  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . [1]

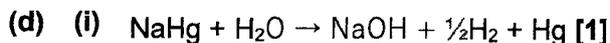
(c) total charge passed =  $5000 \times 60 \times 60 = 18\,000\,000 \text{ C}$  [0.5]

actual charge to produce  $\text{Cl}_2 = 18\,000\,000 \times 0.88 = 15\,840\,000 \text{ C}$  [0.5]

$$\text{amount of } \text{e}^- = \frac{15\,840\,000}{96500} = 164.145 \text{ mol [0.5]}$$

$$\text{amount of } \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) = \frac{164.145}{2} = 82.07 \text{ mol [0.5]}$$

$$\text{volume} = \frac{(82.07)(8.31)(70 + 273)}{10^5} = 2.34 \text{ m}^3$$



(ii) It can be used in fuel cells / to hydrogenate alkenes / in the Haber Process. [1]

(e) (i) The electronegativity of an atom is a measure of its ability to attract the electrons in a covalent bond to itself. [1]

(ii)

chemical bond	explanation
ionic	There is a transfer of electrons from the <u>less electronegative Na to more electronegative Hg</u> to form $\text{Na}^+$ and Hg-rich polyanions like $\text{Hg}_4^{4-}$ and $\text{Hg}_2^{2-}$ .
metallic	Electrons are lost from <u>low electronegativity Na atoms</u> to form a sea of delocalised electrons.

[1] each correct explanation

5 (a) The order of thermal stability is:  $\text{H-Cl} > \text{H-Br} > \text{H-I}$  [0.5]. Down the group, atomic radius (or size of halogen atom) increases, hence orbital overlap (with H atom) is less effective [0.5], resulting in a longer/weaker H-X bond [0.5] (accept if quoted BE values from *Data Booklet*), hence less energy is needed to break the H-X bond.

HCl does not decompose even on strong heating. [0.5]

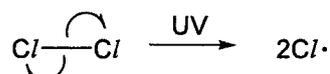
HBr yields reddish-brown (accept "brown") fumes of  $\text{Br}_2$  under strong heating. [0.5]

HI gives violet fumes of  $\text{I}_2$  when red-hot rod is plunged into jar of HI. [0.5]

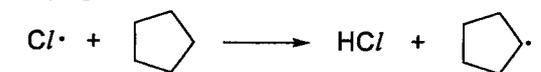
(b) Free radical substitution [0.5]

Correct stages labelled: initiation + propagation + termination [0.5]

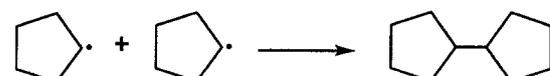
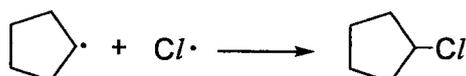
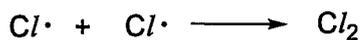
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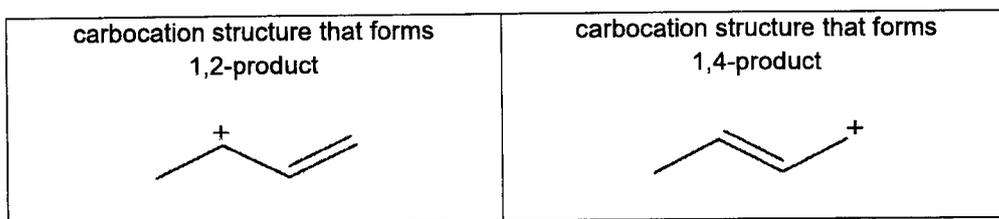


termination



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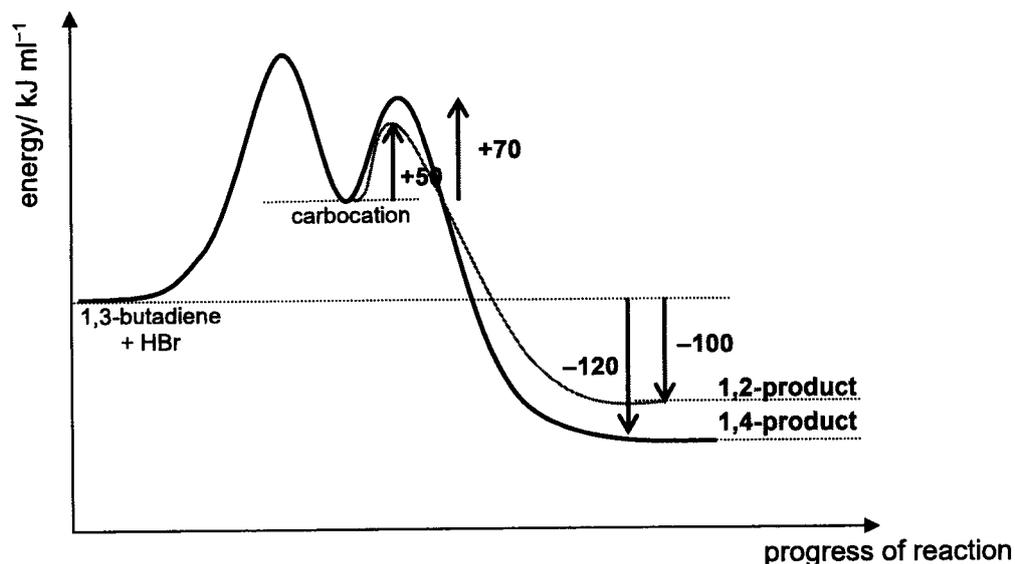
(c) (i)



The continuous overlap of p orbitals [0.5], causes the delocalisation of  $\pi$  electrons. Hence the positive charge can be delocalised to C4. [0.5]

(ii) The bulky I atom on the carbocation on C-1 causes steric hindrance for the attack of  $\text{Br}^-$  on C-2, hence reducing the % of 1,2-product. [1]

(iii)



[2]

(iv) At low temperatures, a greater proportion of the reacting particles would possess sufficient (kinetic) energy to overcome  $E_{a1}$  which is lower compared to  $E_{a2}$ . Hence the 1,2-product dominates. [1]

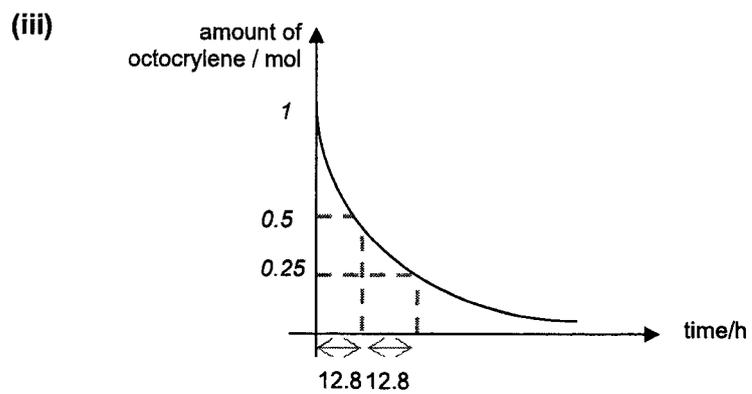
At high temperatures, the particles have sufficient energy to overcome both  $E_a$  and hence the more stable 1,4-product dominates. [1]

(d) (i)  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  have electronic configurations  $d^0$  and  $d^{10}$  (or fully-filled and empty d subshell) [0.5] respectively, hence no d-d transition can occur. [0.5]

(iii) X is the best as octocrylene covers UVB (280–320) while avobenzone covers UVA (310–400) [1] (or it contains both octocrylene and avobenzone which together covers the whole range of UVA and UVB).

(e) (i) The half-life,  $t_{1/2}$ , of a reaction is the time taken for the concentration of a reactant to decrease to half its initial value. [1]

(ii)  $t = 12.8 \times 3 = 38.4$  hours [1]



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[1]





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**MARK SCHEME**

**Paper 3**

- 1 (a) (i) Let the solubility of  $\text{MgCO}_3$  and  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2$  be  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ .

For  $\text{MgCO}_3$

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Mg}^{2+}][\text{CO}_3^{2-}] \quad [0.5]$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-5} = (x)(x)$$

$$x = 3.16 \times 10^{-3} \quad [0.5] \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

For  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2$

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Mg}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2 \quad [0.5]$$

$$1.1 \times 10^{-11} = (y)(2y)^2$$

$$y = 1.40 \times 10^{-4} \quad [0.5] \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

- (ii)  $[\text{Mg}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-11} \quad [0.5]$

$$(3.0 \times 10^{-5})[\text{OH}^-]^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-11}$$

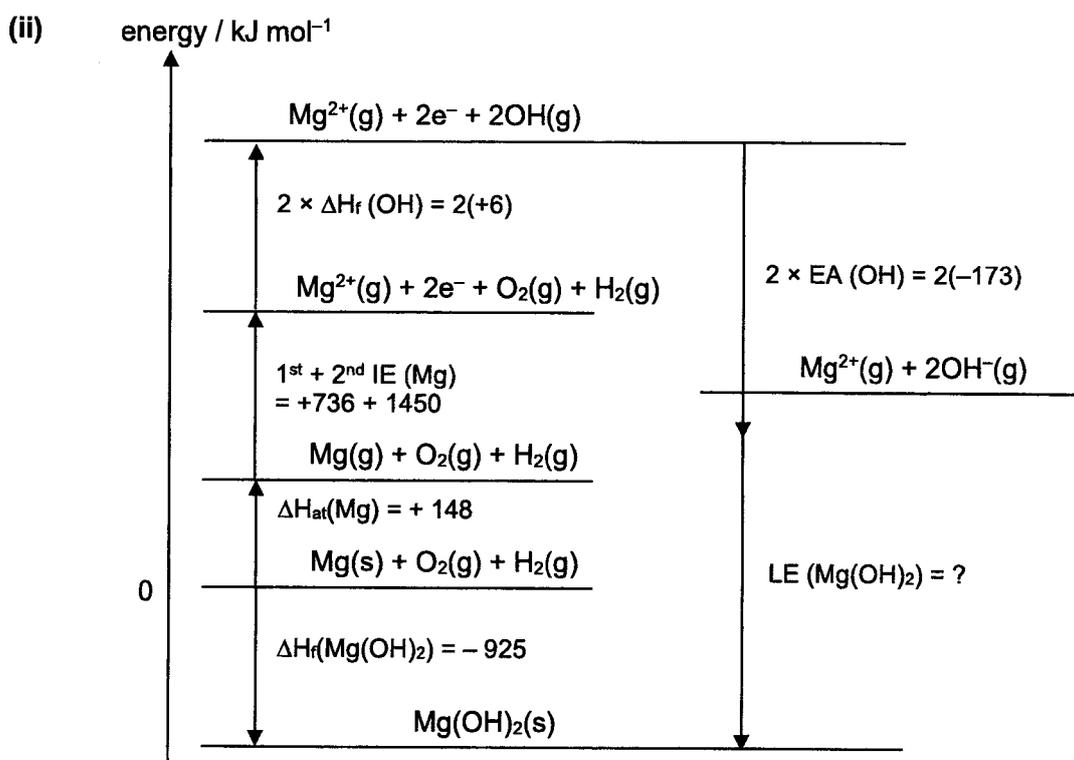
$$[\text{OH}^-] = 6.06 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad [0.5]$$

- (iii) [0.5]  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ions are added first to precipitate  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  as  $\text{CaCO}_3$

[0.5] such that the filtrate contains mainly  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  / very little  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ .

[1] This must be controlled to prevent precipitation of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  as  $\text{MgCO}_3$

- (b) (i) Lattice energy is the heat evolved when 1 mole of solid ionic compound is formed from its constituent gaseous ions. [1]



[3] total for correct Born-Haber cycle

$$\Delta H_{\text{at}}(\text{Mg}) + 1^{\text{st}} + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{IE}(\text{Mg}) + \Delta H_f(\text{OH}) + \text{EA}(\text{OH}) \times 2 + \text{LE}(\text{Mg(OH)}_2) = \Delta H_f(\text{Mg(OH)}_2)$$

$$148 + 736 + 1450 + (6 \times 2) - (173 \times 2) + \text{LE}(\text{Mg(OH)}_2) = -925$$

$$\text{LE}(\text{Mg(OH)}_2) = -2925 \text{ (or } 2900 \text{ or } 2930) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

(iii) [1] *correct trend:*

decreasing magnitude of LE:  $\text{MgO} > \text{Mg(OH)}_2 > \text{Ca(OH)}_2$   
 or LE for  $\text{MgO}$  is larger than for  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2$  + LE for  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2$  is larger than for  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$

[1] *explain why LE of  $\text{MgO} > \text{LE of Mg(OH)}_2$ :*

The cation  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is the same for both compounds.

- $\text{O}^{2-}$  anion has larger charge [0.5]
- but smaller ionic radius than  $\text{OH}^-$  [0.5]

[0.5] *explain why LE of  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2 > \text{LE of Ca(OH)}_2$ :*

The anion  $\text{OH}^-$  is the same for both compounds and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  cation has the same charge as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  but  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  has smaller ionic radius than  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

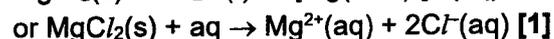
[0.5] *link between ionic radius and charge with magnitude of LE (e.g. quote LE eqn or link to strength of ionic bond / attraction bet. oppositely-charged ion at least once)*

(c) (i)  $\text{Al} : 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^1$  [0.5]  
 $\text{Mg} : 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$  [0.5]

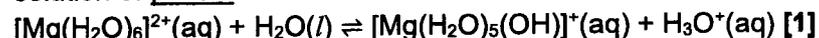
[0.5] The 3p subshell of Al is further away from the nucleus than the 3s subshell (or at higher energy level).

[0.5] There is weaker attraction between the nucleus and the outermost electron of Al (or less energy is needed to remove the 3p electron) resulting in lower ionisation energy.

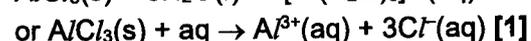
(ii)  $\text{MgCl}_2$  dissolves in water to form aqueous ions.



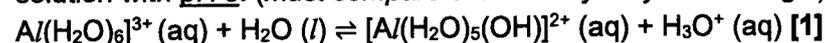
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$  has slightly high charge density. Slight hydrolysis occurs, forming a slightly acidic solution of pH 6.5.



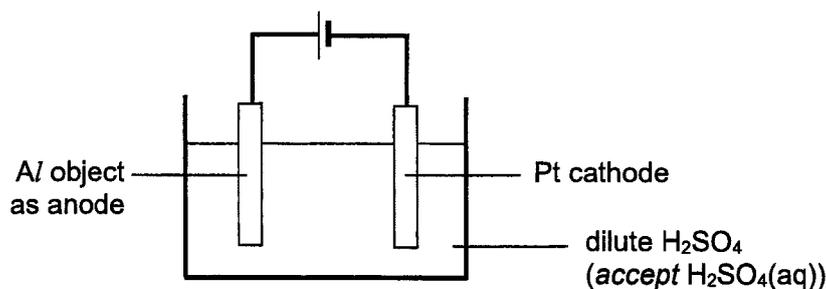
$\text{AlCl}_3$  dissolves in water to form aqueous ions.



$\text{Al}^{3+}$  having high charge density, undergoes hydrolysis to a greater extent to give an acidic solution with pH 3. (*must compare extent of hydrolysis with  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$* )

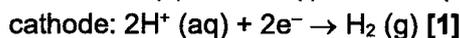
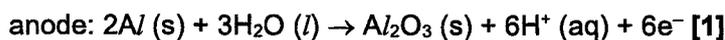


(d)



[1] diagram

- label anode, cathode and electrolyte
- battery in correct orientation

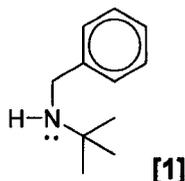


- 2 (a) The negative charge on O atom in phenoxide ion is delocalised into the benzene ring, hence negative charge is dispersed, stabilising the phenoxide ion [1]. So phenol is a stronger acid than alcohol.

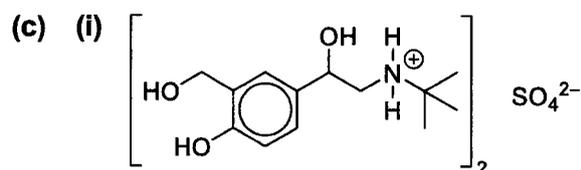
Alkyl group is electron-donating, alkyl group intensifies the negative charge on the alkoxide ion through inductive effect, destabilising the alkoxide ion [1].

- (b) (i) step 1: electrophilic substitution [1]  
step 2: nucleophilic substitution [1]

(ii)



- (iii) Amine in **C** has one more electron-donating ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ) group [1] that increases the electron density on N, making the lone pair of electrons on N more available for donation to form a dative bond with a Lewis acid [1].



[1] cation structure, minus 0.5 if structure of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  was incorrect

[1] cation:anion ratio = 2:1

- (ii) Salbutamol sulfate forms strong ion-dipole interactions [1] and hydrogen bonding [1] with water molecules.

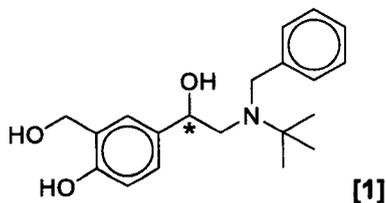
(d) (i)

stage	equation
2	<p><b>[0.5] for two arrows [0.5] dipoles</b></p>
3	<p><b>[1] for two arrows</b></p>

- (ii) Lone pair on O of OCH<sub>3</sub> delocalises into C=O in group X (ester) making ester carbon of group X less electron-deficient [1] than aldehyde carbon of group Y, hence ester carbon attracts electron-rich hydride ion less well as compared to aldehyde carbon.

Ester carbon of group X is more sterically hindered than aldehyde carbon of group Y for the approach of the hydride ion as OCH<sub>3</sub> is larger than H atom [1].

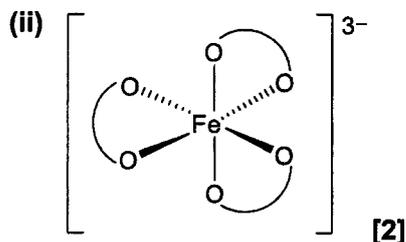
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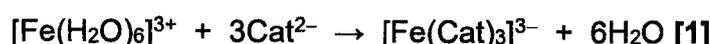
- (iv) In stage 1, the ketone carbon is trigonal planar, there is equal probability for the hydride ion to attack the ketone carbon from the top and bottom [1] of the plane.

3 (a) Iron is a d-block element that forms one or more stable ions (or forms a stable  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ion) with partially filled d subshells. [1]

(b) (i) The phenoxide groups in  $\text{Cat}^{2-}$  donate their lone pair of electrons on O to the partially-filled 3d orbitals of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ion, forming coordinate/dative bonds. [1]



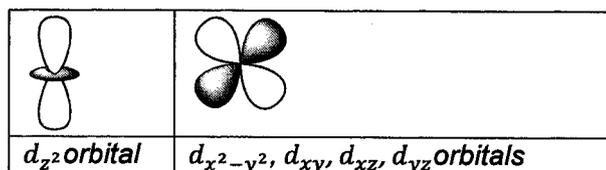
(iv) ligand exchange [1]



(c)  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3\text{OH}^{-}(\text{aq}) \text{ ----- (1) [0.5]}$

The catechin in tea leaves could form a complex with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions, hence concentration of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq})$  decreases [0.5] and shifts the position of equilibrium (1) to the right [0.5] and increases its solubility into the mixture [0.5] to be discarded.

(d) (i) [0.5] for each correct shape (no need for axes or labels of orbitals)



In an octahedral complex, the ligands approach the central metal ion along the x, y and z axes. Hence the electrons in the  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals experience stronger repulsion from the direct approach of the ligands, causing the energies of  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals to be at a higher level than the  $d_{xy}, d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals. This results in d orbital splitting, where the originally degenerate five d orbitals are split into two groups with a small energy gap  $\Delta E$  between them.

The lobes of the  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals lie along the axes, while those of  $d_{xy}, d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals lie in between the axes.

[1] states the 2 different orientations of lobes for the 2 groups of d orbitals

[0.5] states how the ligands approach in an octahedral complex

[0.5] recognizes 1 group experiences stronger repulsion due to direct approach of ligands

[1] states correct group of orbitals in each level

(ii) When white light shines on the complex, an electron from the lower energy d orbitals absorbs energy DE and is promoted to vacancies in the higher energy d orbitals. The energy absorbed in this d-d transition corresponds to wavelength of the visible region of the

electromagnetic spectrum. Hence, we observe colours complementary to the colours absorbed.

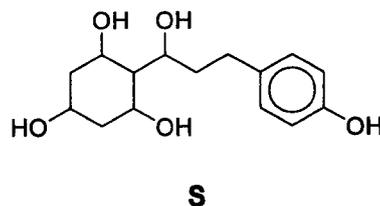
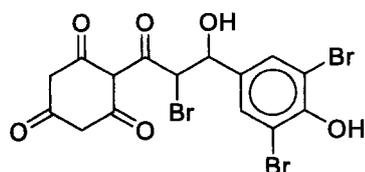
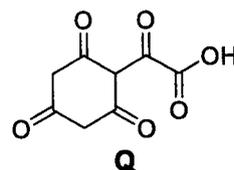
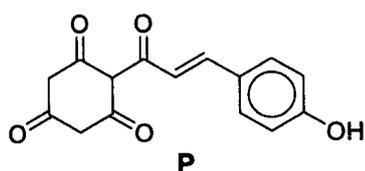
**[0.5]** electron in lower E level absorb energy  $\Delta E$  to promote to higher level

**[0.5]** vacancies in higher level

**[0.5]** energy absorbed/ $\Delta E$  corresponds to visible region

**[0.5]** color observed is complementary of that absorbed

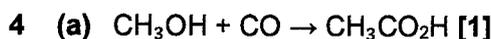
- (e) **P** undergoes oxidative cleavage of alkene/C=C with acidified  $\text{KMnO}_4$ .  
**P** undergoes electrophilic addition of alkene and electrophilic substitution of phenol group to give **R**.  
**P** undergoes reduction of alkene/C=C and ketone groups with  $\text{H}_2$



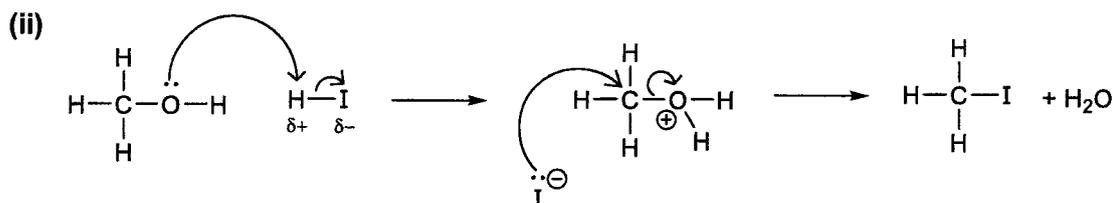
**[1]** for each correct compound

**[1]** for each correct type of reaction

Total **[8]**, award max **[7]**



(b) (i) (nucleophilic) substitution [1]



[1] for each step

(c) (i) When temperature increased, the position of equilibrium shifts to the left. As the system will try to absorb the additional heat / by favouring the backward endothermic reaction [1].

When a catalyst is added, the position of equilibrium is unaffected. As the catalyst just shortens the time taken to reach equilibrium / increases the rates of both forward and backward reactions by the same extent. [1]

(ii)  $K_c = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COI}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{I}][\text{CO}]}$  [1]

	$\text{CH}_3\text{I}(\text{aq})$	+	$\text{CO}(\text{aq})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{CH}_3\text{COI}(\text{aq})$
I / mol	0.400		0.300		-
C / mol	-0.105		-0.105		+0.105
E / mol	<b>0.295</b>		<b>0.195</b>		<b><math>0.15 \times 0.7 = 0.105</math></b> [1]

$$K_c = \frac{\left(\frac{0.105}{0.7}\right)}{\left(\frac{0.295}{0.7}\right)\left(\frac{0.195}{0.7}\right)} \text{ [1]}$$

$$= 1.28 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ [1] ecf}$$

(d) (i) Homogeneous catalyst acts in the same phase as the reactants, while heterogeneous catalyst acts in a different phase from the reactants. [1]

Homogeneous catalyst forms an intermediate with one of the reactants, providing an alternative pathway with lower activation energy. Heterogeneous catalyst has active sites on its surface for reactants to adsorb on, weakening the bonds in the reactants, hence lowering the activation energy. [1]

(ii) In the rhodium(I) complex, the  $\text{Rh}^+$  is coordinated by two CO ligands and two  $\text{I}^-$  ligands and is still able to accommodate two more ligands to form an intermediate. [1]

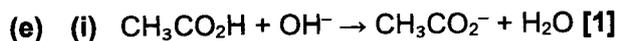
OR

vacant  $d$  orbitals to accept up to 6 electron pairs / coordination number can vary from 4 to 6

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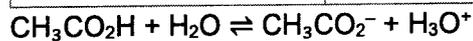
C-I bond breaks, forming  $\text{CH}_3^+$  and  $\text{I}^-$  ligands which can dative bond to rhodium

Rhodium being a transition element can have variable oxidation states. Its oxidation state can increase (accept changes) from +1 to +3 (then regenerated back to +1). [1]



(ii)

	$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	+ $\text{OH}^-$	$\rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$	+ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
amt after adding NaOH / mol	$0.4 - 0.15 = 0.25$	-	0.15	
conc after reaction / mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	$\frac{0.25}{0.8} = 0.313$ [0.5]		$\frac{0.15}{0.8} = 0.188$ [0.5]	



$$K_a = \frac{(0.1875)[\text{H}^+]}{(0.3125)} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ [1]}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\lg(3 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.52 \text{ [1] ecf}$$

(iii) In the buffer:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ----- (1) When  $\text{H}^+$  is added, the position of equilibrium (1) shifts to the left to form more  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ . [1]

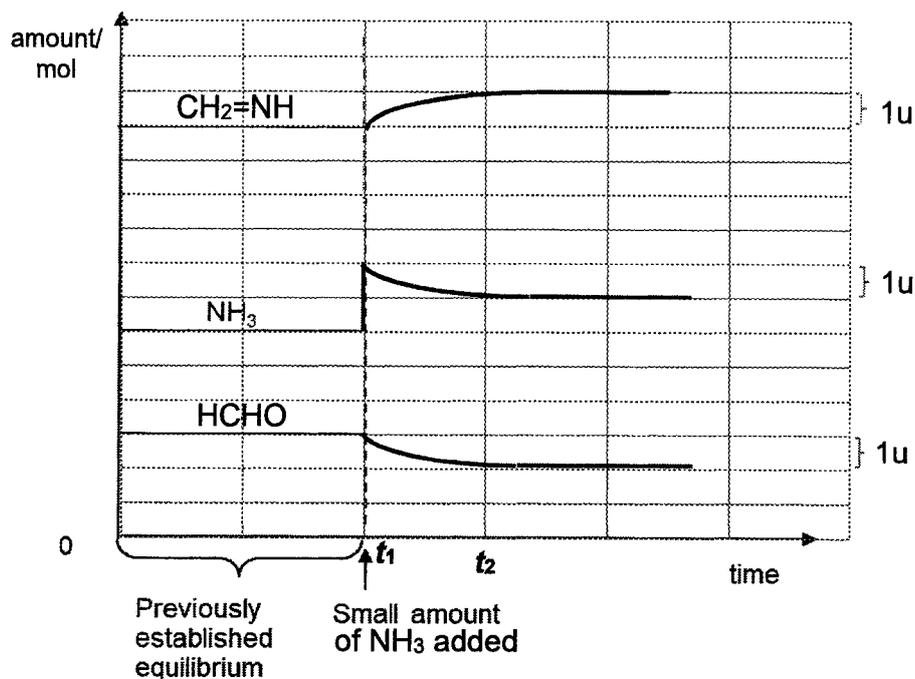
As the original amounts of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$  are large (or large reservoir of both species) compared to the **small** amount of  $\text{H}^+$  ions added, the ratio  $[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-] / [\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}]$  remains almost constant. Since  $K_a = [\text{H}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-] / [\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}]$ , and  $K_a$  is a constant, so  $[\text{H}^+]$  and  $\text{pH}$  remains almost constant. [1]

5 (a) (i) Le Chatelier's Principle states that if the conditions of a system at equilibrium are changed, the position of equilibrium shifts so as to reduce that change. [1]

(ii) When temperature is increased, the system will try to absorb the additional heat by favouring the backward endothermic reaction, hence the position of equilibrium shifts to the left. [1]

The number of moles of gas on both sides of the equation are the same. Hence when pressure is increased, the position of equilibrium is unaffected. [1]

(b) (i)



[1] correct shapes of  $\text{CH}_2=\text{NH}$  and  $\text{HCHO}$  graphs (increase for  $\text{CH}_2=\text{NH}$  and decrease for  $\text{HCHO}$ )

[1] correct shape of  $\text{NH}_3$  graph (sharp increase at  $t_1$ , followed by decrease)

[1] correct relative amounts of increase/decrease according to 1:1:1 mole ratio + new equilibrium established at  $t_2$ .

(ii)  $K_p = \frac{(P_{\text{CH}_2=\text{NH}})(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})}{(P_{\text{NH}_3})(P_{\text{HCHO}})}$  [0.5] no unit [0.5]

(iii)

	$\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$	+	$\text{HCHO}(\text{g})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{CH}_2=\text{NH}(\text{g})$	+	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$
initial amount/mol	5		5		0		0
change/mol	$-(1-0.09)(5)$ $=-4.55$		-4.55		+4.55		+4.55
final amount/mol	0.45		0.45		4.55		4.55

Total amount present at equilibrium =  $0.9 + 0.9 + 4.1 + 4.1 = 10.0$  mol

$$K_p = \frac{(P_{\text{CH}_2=\text{NH}})(P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})}{(P_{\text{NH}_3})(P_{\text{HCHO}})} = \frac{(4.55/10 \times P_T)(4.55/10 \times P_T)}{((0.45/10 \times P_T)((0.45/10 \times P_T))} = \mathbf{102}$$
 (to 3 s.f.)

where  $P_T$  is the total pressure of the system.

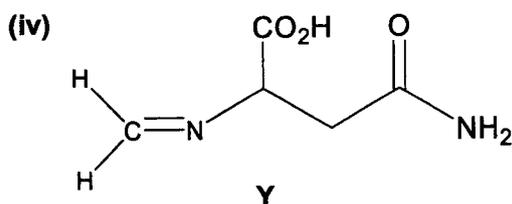
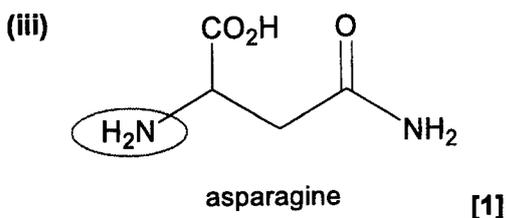
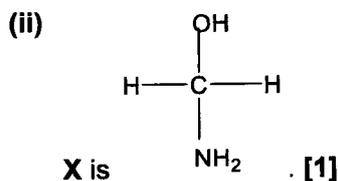
[1] calculate the equilibrium amount of each species

[1] correct substitution into the  $K_p$  expression

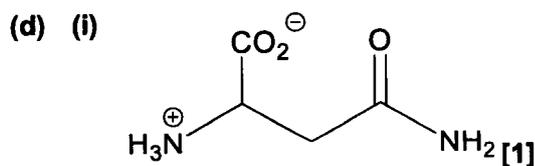
[1] calculates  $K_p$  correctly

- (iv)  $K_p \gg 1$ , which means that at equilibrium, there are much more products than reactants. Hence, the sign for the Gibbs free energy of the forward reaction is negative and the position of equilibrium lies to the right. [1]

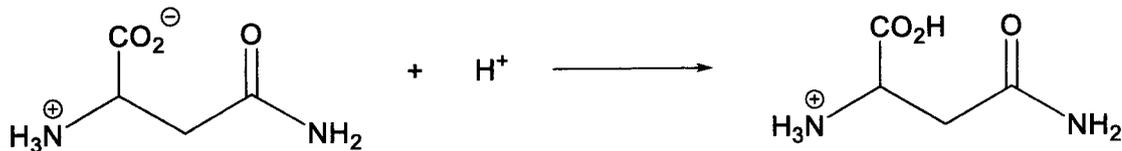
(c) (i) condensation [1]



- (v) In acidic medium, the  $-\text{NH}_2$  group gets protonated to  $-\text{NH}_3^+$  [0.5], reducing its nucleophilicity [0.5] and reactivity in the formation of acrylamide. *no ecf*



(ii) When a small amount of acid is added:



When a small amount of base is added:



[1] for each equation



