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**Wednesday 8 January 2025**

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**Chemistry**

**International Advanced Level**

**UNIT 4: Rates, Equilibria and Further Organic Chemistry**

**You must have:**  
Scientific calculator, Data Booklet, ruler

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
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- Answer **all** questions.
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### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- In the question marked with an **asterisk** (\*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically, showing how the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.
- A Periodic Table is printed on the back cover of this paper.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Show all your working in calculations and include units where appropriate.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

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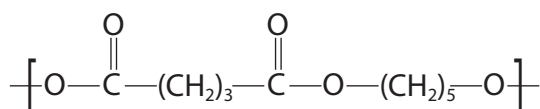
1 Which reducing reagent is used to convert carboxylic acids to alcohols?

- ☒ A acidified potassium dichromate(VI)  
☐ B concentrated sulfuric acid  
☐ C hydrogen gas with a nickel catalyst  
☐ D lithium tetrahydridoaluminate(III) in dry ether

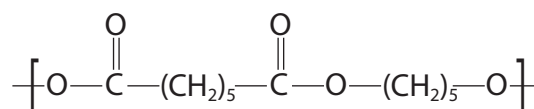
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2 A polyester is made from pentane-1,5-diol and pentanedioic acid.  
Which is the repeat unit of this polyester?

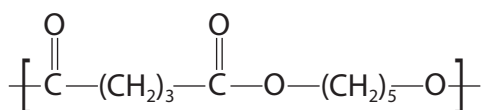
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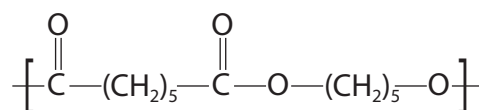
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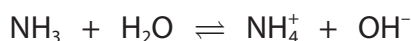
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(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

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- 3 When ammonia dissolves in water, an equilibrium results. The equation for this equilibrium is shown.



Which of these species act as a Brønsted–Lowry acid in this equilibrium?

- ☐ A  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  only
- ☐ B  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{OH}^-$
- ☐ C  $\text{NH}_4^+$  only
- ☐ D  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

- 4 A strong monoprotic acid, of concentration  $0.0100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , has a  $\text{pH} = 2.0$ .

What is the **decrease in pH** if the concentration is increased to  $0.0110 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ?

- ☐ A 0.001
- ☐ B 0.04
- ☐ C 1.04
- ☐ D 1.96

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

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- 5 One of the stages in the manufacture of sulfuric acid involves the oxidation of sulfur dioxide to sulfur trioxide.

The equation for this reaction can be written in either of the two ways shown.



The value of  $K_p$  at 25°C using Equation 1 is  $4.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ atm}^{-1}$ .

- (a) What is the numerical value of  $K_p$  at 25°C using Equation 2?

(1)

- ☐ A  $2.0 \times 10^{12}$   
☐ B  $2.0 \times 10^{22}$   
☐ C  $2.0 \times 10^{24}$   
☐ D  $4.0 \times 10^{24}$

- (b) The relationship between  $K_p$  and  $K_c$  is shown.

$$K_c = \frac{K_p}{(R \times T)^{\Delta n}}$$

where  $T$  is the temperature in kelvin,  
 $R$  is the gas constant  $0.082 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  and  
 $\Delta n$  = moles of product – moles of reactants.

What is the value of  $K_c$  at 25°C for the equilibrium using Equation 1?

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- ☐ A  $1.64 \times 10^{23}$   
☐ B  $1.95 \times 10^{24}$   
☐ C  $8.20 \times 10^{24}$   
☐ D  $9.77 \times 10^{25}$

(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

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6 Which equation represents the standard enthalpy change of atomisation of iodine?

- ☐ A  $\frac{1}{2}\text{I}_2(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{I}(\text{g})$
- ☐ B  $\frac{1}{2}\text{I}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{I}(\text{g})$
- ☐ C  $\text{I}_2(\text{s}) \rightarrow 2\text{I}(\text{g})$
- ☐ D  $\text{I}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{I}(\text{g})$

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 Which equation represents the second electron affinity of oxygen?

- ☐ A  $\text{O}^-(\text{g}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}^{2-}(\text{g})$
- ☐ B  $\text{O}(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}^{2-}(\text{g})$
- ☐ C  $\text{O}^+(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{O}^{2+}(\text{g}) + \text{e}^-$
- ☐ D  $\text{O}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{O}^{2+}(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^-$

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)

8 Which compound has the greatest covalent character?

- ☐ A  $\text{CaBr}_2$
- ☐ B  $\text{CaI}_2$
- ☐ C  $\text{MgBr}_2$
- ☐ D  $\text{MgI}_2$

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9 Which pair of values will **always** give a thermodynamically feasible reaction?

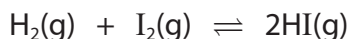
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(Total for Question 9 = 1 mark)

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10 This question is about the effect of changes on a system at equilibrium.

(a) The equation for the reaction between hydrogen and iodine is shown.

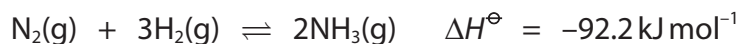


What is the effect, if any, of an **increase** in pressure on the appearance of the equilibrium mixture?

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- ☐ A no change
- ☐ B the mixture becomes more purple
- ☐ C the mixture becomes more brown
- ☐ D the mixture becomes less brown

(b) The equation for the manufacture of ammonia by the Haber process is shown.



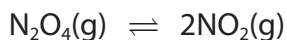
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$$K_p = 6.76 \times 10^5 \text{ atm}^{-2} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}$$

Which change(s), if any, will result in an **increase** in the value of  $K_p$ ?

- ☐ A an increase in pressure only
- ☐ B a decrease in temperature only
- ☐ C an increase in pressure and an increase in temperature
- ☐ D no changes in pressure or temperature will affect the value of  $K_p$

(c) The equation for the equilibrium between nitrogen dioxide and dinitrogen tetroxide is shown.



A change in conditions results in  $K_p$  increasing from 0.115 atm to 3.89 atm.

What can be deduced about the change in position of the equilibrium?

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- ☐ A the equilibrium position has shifted towards the products
- ☐ B the equilibrium position has shifted towards the reactants
- ☐ C the equilibrium position is unchanged
- ☐ D there is almost complete conversion of reactants into products

(Total for Question 10 = 3 marks)





11 What is the pH of a  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of sodium hydroxide at 283 K?

$[\text{p}K_{\text{w}} = 14.53 \text{ at } 283 \text{ K}]$

- ☐ A 13.00
- ☐ B 13.53
- ☐ C 14.43
- ☐ D 14.53

(Total for Question 11 = 1 mark)

12 The pH of a dilute solution of a weak carboxylic acid can be calculated from its  $K_{\text{a}}$  value.

Which is **not** a relevant assumption in the calculation of pH?

- ☐ A the ionisation of water is insignificant
- ☐ B the initial and equilibrium concentrations of the acid are the same
- ☐ C the concentrations of the protons and carboxylate ions are the same
- ☐ D the dissociation of the carboxylic acid is almost complete

(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 This is a question about buffers.

- (a) The Henderson–Hasselbalch equation can be used to determine the pH of a buffer solution. This equation is shown.

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{\text{a}} + \log \frac{[\text{salt}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

What is the pH of a buffer solution containing  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  ethanoic acid and  $0.200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  sodium ethanoate?

$[K_{\text{a}}(\text{ethanoic acid}) = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K}]$

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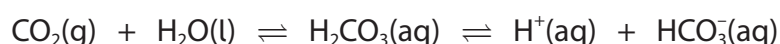
- ☐ A 4.47
- ☐ B 4.77
- ☐ C 5.07
- ☐ D 5.46

(b) What is the **best** reason for the use of buffers in foods?

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- ☐ **A** to improve taste
- ☐ **B** to help digestion of the food
- ☐ **C** to prevent deterioration by fungal activity
- ☐ **D** to enhance the colour and appearance of the food

(c) The carbonic acid/hydrogencarbonate ion buffer system in the blood involves the equilibria shown.



How is the pH of blood affected by increased exercise?

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- ☐ **A** there is no effect because the equilibria are not affected by activity
- ☐ **B** the pH will decrease due to the equilibria shifting to the left
- ☐ **C** the pH will decrease due to the equilibria shifting to the right
- ☐ **D** the pH is constant because it is a buffer system

(Total for Question 13 = 3 marks)

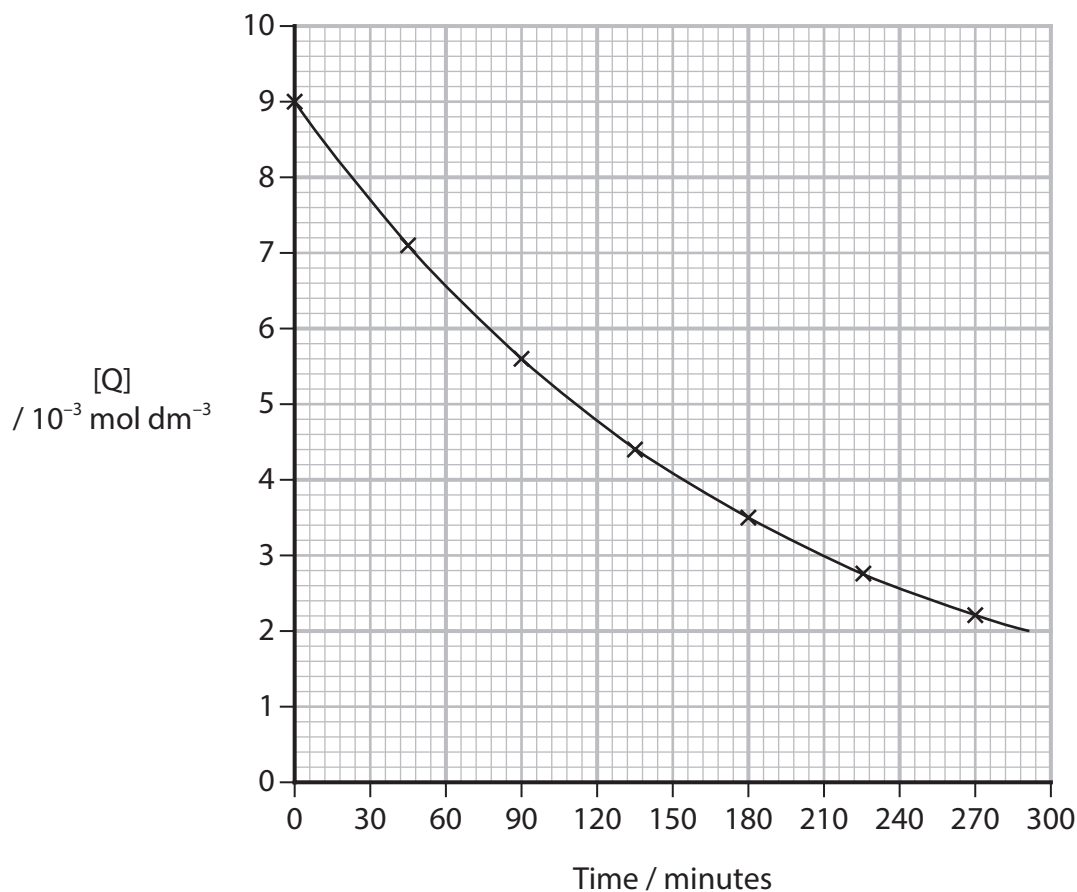
**14** Which has the greatest molar entropy?

- ☐ **A** Hg(l)
- ☐ **B** H<sub>2</sub>O(l)
- ☐ **C** NO(g)
- ☐ **D** NO<sub>2</sub>(g)

(Total for Question 14 = 1 mark)



15 A graph of the concentration of Q during decomposition is shown.



What is the half-life for this decomposition?

- ☐ A 93 minutes
- ☐ B 132 minutes
- ☐ C 146 minutes
- ☐ D 291 minutes

(Total for Question 15 = 1 mark)

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## SECTION B

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16 This question is about pentan-2-one,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ .

(a) Explain why pentan-2-one has a lower boiling temperature than pentan-2-ol.

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(b) Give a chemical test which distinguishes between pentan-2-one and pentan-3-one,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ .  
Include the results for both substances.

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(c) Give a different chemical test which distinguishes between pentan-2-one and pentanal,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$ .  
Include the results for both substances.

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- (d) Pentan-2-one, pentan-3-one and pentanal react in a similar way with one test reagent to form solid products. Identify the reagent and describe how these solid products may be used to distinguish the original compounds.

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- (e) Pentan-2-one and pentan-3-one both react with hydrogen cyanide in the presence of KCN. With pentan-2-one a racemic mixture is formed but with pentan-3-one there is only one product.

Explain this difference by referring **both** to the reaction mechanism and to the structures of the two molecules.

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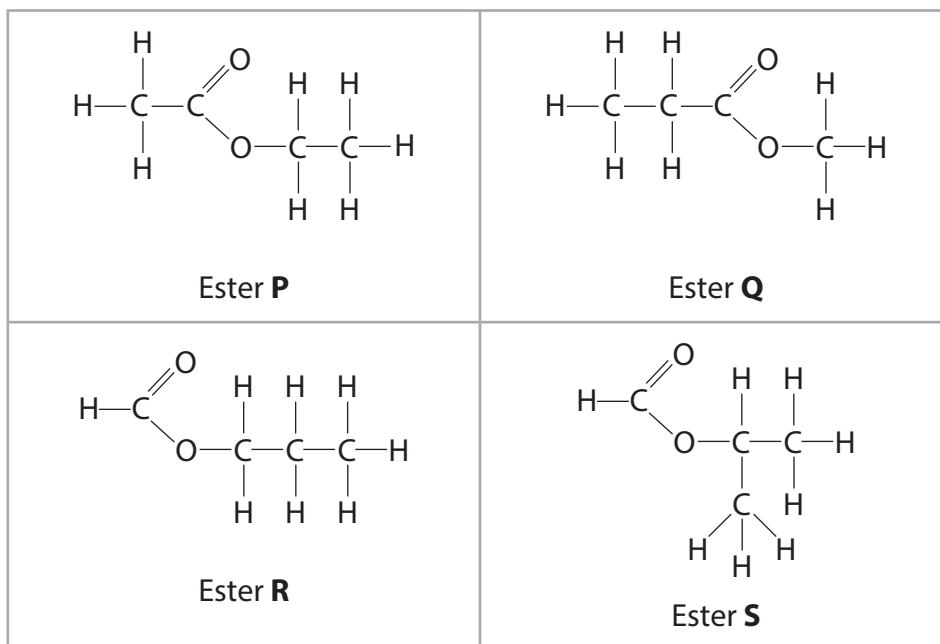
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17 Esters are difficult to distinguish from each other using chemical tests, so NMR spectroscopy is often used.

- (a) There are four ester isomers with the molecular formula  $C_4H_8O_2$ . Their displayed formulae are shown.



Explain which of the four esters can be distinguished from the other three by the numbers of peaks in the carbon-13 ( $^{13}C$ ) NMR spectra.

Justify your answer by labelling any equivalent carbon atoms.

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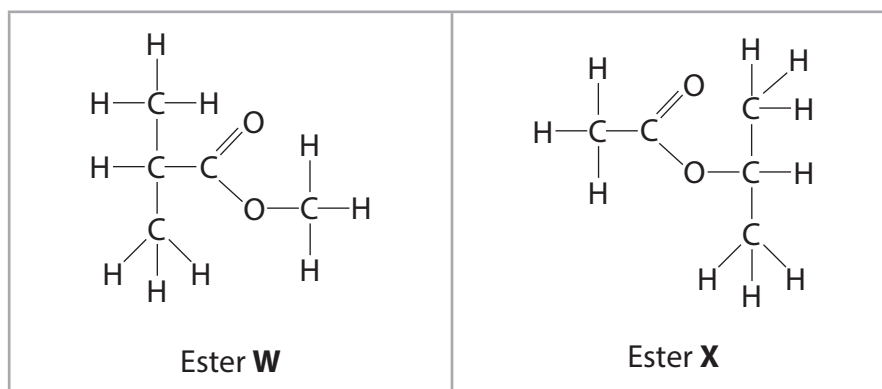
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(b) There are nine ester isomers with the molecular formula  $C_5H_{10}O_2$ .

(i) The displayed formulae of two of these esters are shown.



Esters **W** and **X** both have one peak with a relative area of 3 in their **low**-resolution proton NMR spectra.

Explain how these peaks can be used to distinguish these two esters.

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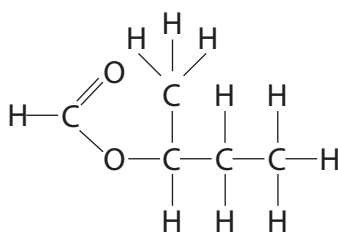
- (ii) The displayed formulae of two different esters are shown in the boxes.

Label the displayed formulae of the two esters **Y** and **Z** to show the proton environments and the splitting patterns of the peaks in the **high**-resolution proton NMR spectra.

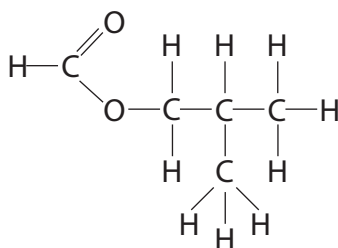
Clearly indicate any equivalent proton environments.

For any multiplet, you may refer to the number of separate peaks in the multiplet rather than giving a name.

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Ester **Y**



Ester **Z**

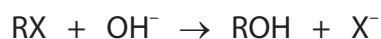
- (iii) Draw the displayed formula of the  $C_5H_{10}O_2$  ester which has **only** 2 peaks in its low-resolution proton NMR structure.

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**18** This question is about reaction kinetics.

\*(a) Halogenoalkanes are hydrolysed by aqueous alkali to form alcohols.



The rate equations for these reactions with two halogenoalkanes are shown.

1-bromobutane	rate = $k[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}][\text{OH}^-]$
2-bromo-2-methylpropane	rate = $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]$

Explain how these rate equations can be used to deduce the different reaction mechanisms of the reaction of hydroxide ions with these halogenoalkanes.

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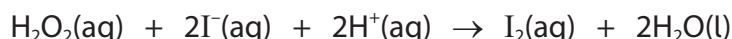
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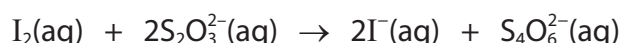


- (b) An initial-rates method may be used to investigate the kinetics of the reaction between hydrogen peroxide and iodide ions in acid solution. The equation for this reaction is shown.



The reaction mixture contains a small amount of thiosulfate ions which reduce the iodine back to iodide ions.

The equation for this reduction is shown.



As soon as the thiosulfate is used up, the iodine that is further produced reacts with the starch present and results in a colour change. The time taken for this colour change is noted and the reciprocal of this time is used as a measure of reaction rate.

The results from a series of experiments where the volume of the hydrogen peroxide was changed are given in the table.

Reaction rate / s <sup>-1</sup>	$0.9 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.6 \times 10^{-2}$
Volume of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> / cm <sup>3</sup>	10	20	30	40	50

- (i) Give the colour **change** after all the thiosulfate is used up.

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- (ii) Plot a graph of reaction rate against volume of hydrogen peroxide.

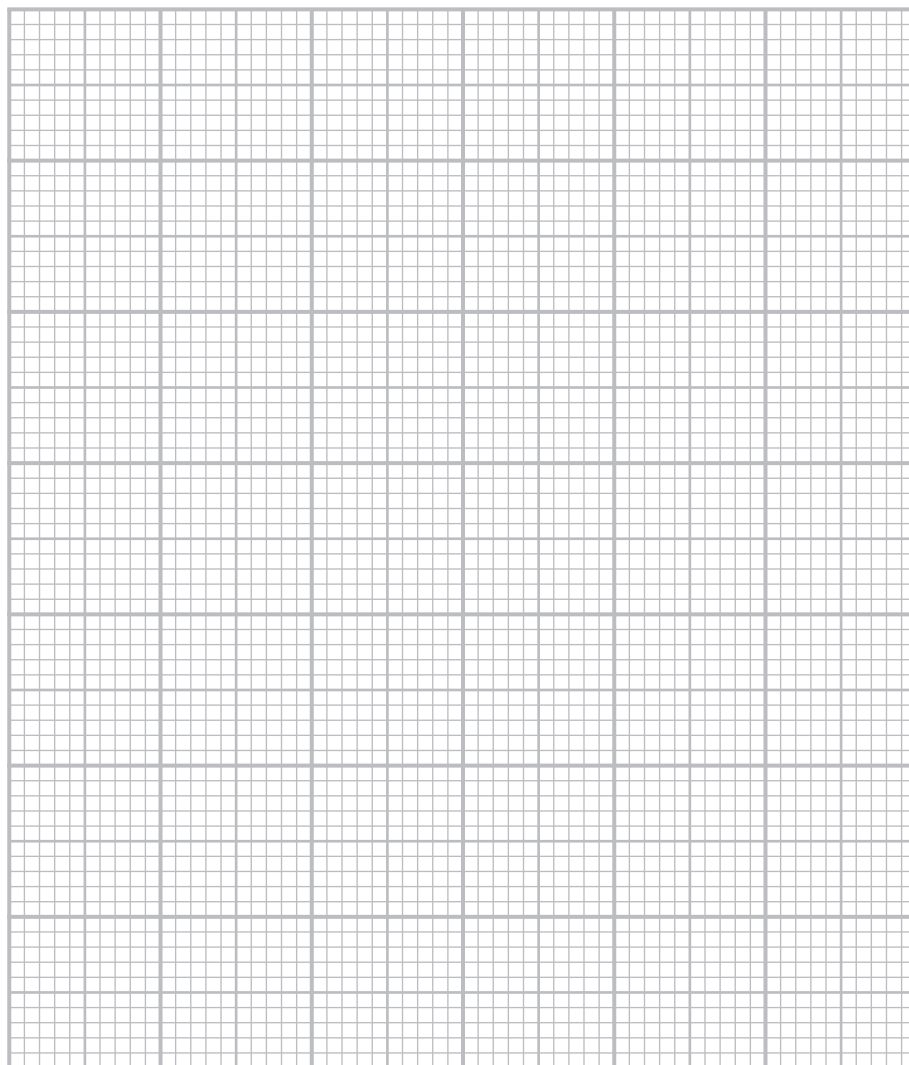
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- (iii) State and justify the reaction order with respect to hydrogen peroxide by using your graph.

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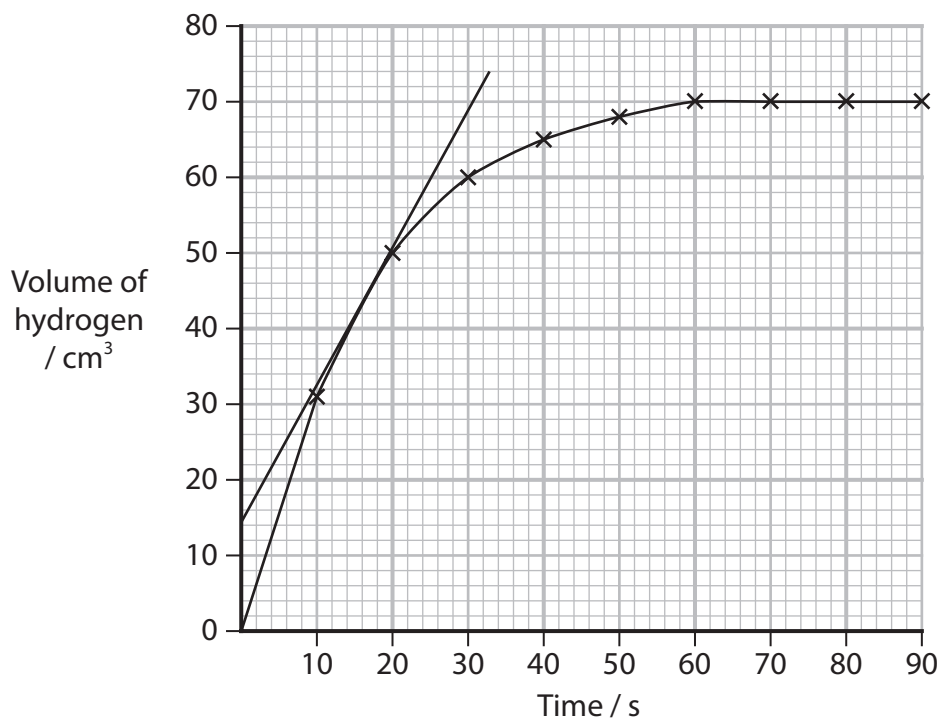
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- (c) The continuous monitoring method was used to investigate the kinetics of the reaction between magnesium and sulfuric acid at different temperatures. The equation for the reaction is shown.



- (i) The graph shows the results of an experiment at 80°C.



Calculate the reaction rate at 15 seconds using the tangent shown.

Give your answer to two significant figures and include units, if any.

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- (ii) The temperature of the reaction was changed to 75°C.  
Draw a line on the graph to show the possible results if this was the only change. Justify any similarities and differences in the lines.

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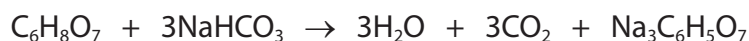
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- 19 Many effervescent products such as vitamin tablets are solids which contain citric acid,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_7$ , and sodium hydrogencarbonate. Only when these tablets are added to water is fizzing observed. The equation for the reaction is shown.



- (a) Give **two** reasons why this reaction is thermodynamically feasible when considering the entropy of the system.

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- (b) Describe, in terms of the particles involved, why the reaction does not occur until the tablets are dissolved in water.

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- (c) For the reaction at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , the standard entropy change of the surroundings,  $\Delta S^\ominus_{\text{surroundings}} = -234.9 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the enthalpy change of the reaction.  
Include a sign and units in your answer.

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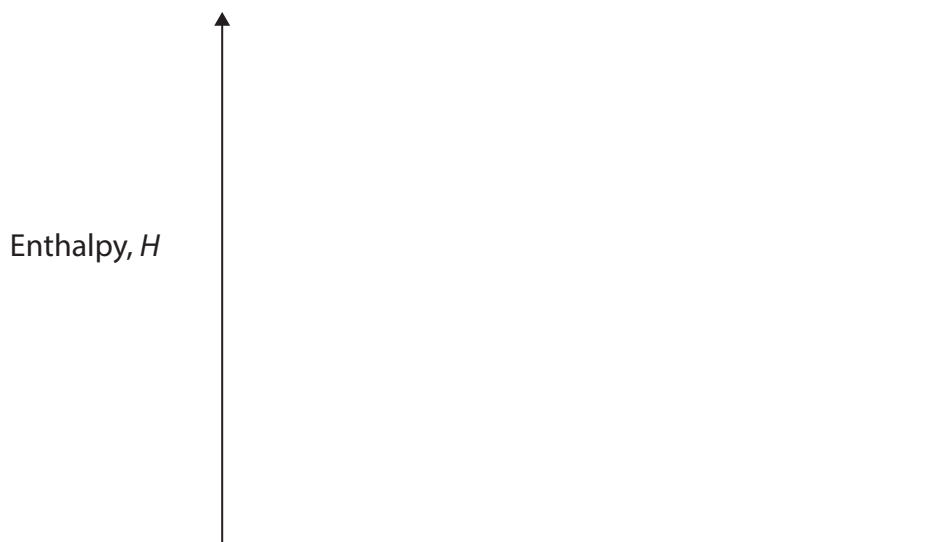


- (d) The enthalpy change of solution,  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H$ , of sodium hydrogencarbonate is  $+18.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

Sketch the enthalpy level diagram to show the relationship between the enthalpy change of solution, lattice energy and enthalpies of hydration for the dissolving of sodium hydrogencarbonate in water.

Fully label your diagram.

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(Total for Question 19 = 10 marks)

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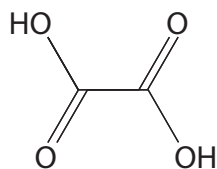
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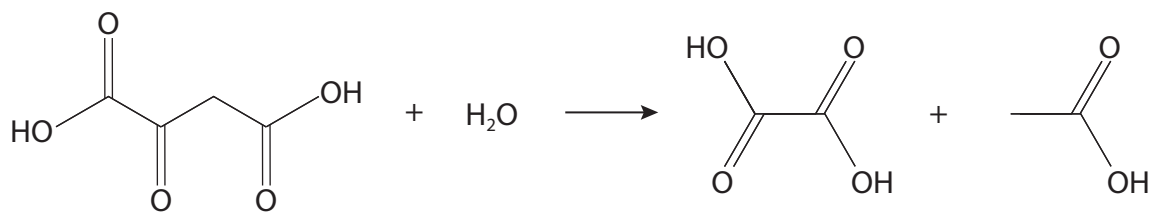
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### Oxalic acid

Oxalic acid has the IUPAC name ethanedioic acid and a molar mass =  $90 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .



The name oxalic acid originated from the fact that it was first isolated from plants of the genus *Oxalis*. The formation of oxalic acid in plants involves the hydrolysis of 2-oxobutanedioic acid.



Plants can also form oxalic acid from glycolic acid,  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{COOH}$ .

Oxalic acid can be manufactured by oxidising sucrose using nitric acid in the presence of a vanadium(V) oxide catalyst. Over 100,000 tonnes of oxalic acid are produced each year.

Much of the oxalic acid produced is used for cleaning or bleaching, because it converts insoluble iron compounds into soluble iron salts.

- (a) Calculate the atom economy, by mass, for the formation of oxalic acid from the hydrolysis of 2-oxobutanedioic acid.

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- (b) Give the laboratory reagents and conditions required to convert glycolic acid,  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{COOH}$ , to oxalic acid.

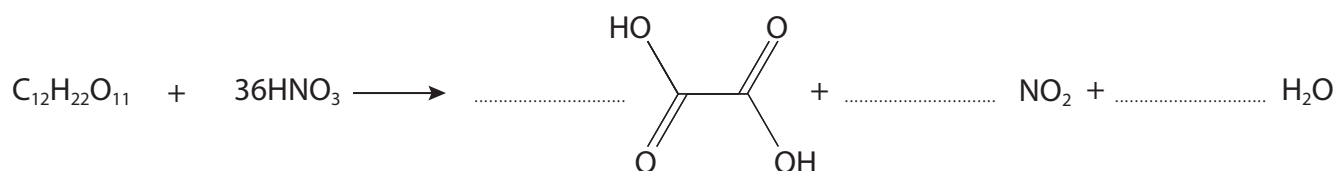
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- (c) Sucrose is oxidised by concentrated nitric acid to form oxalic acid.

- (i) Complete the equation for the reaction of one mole of sucrose with nitric acid.

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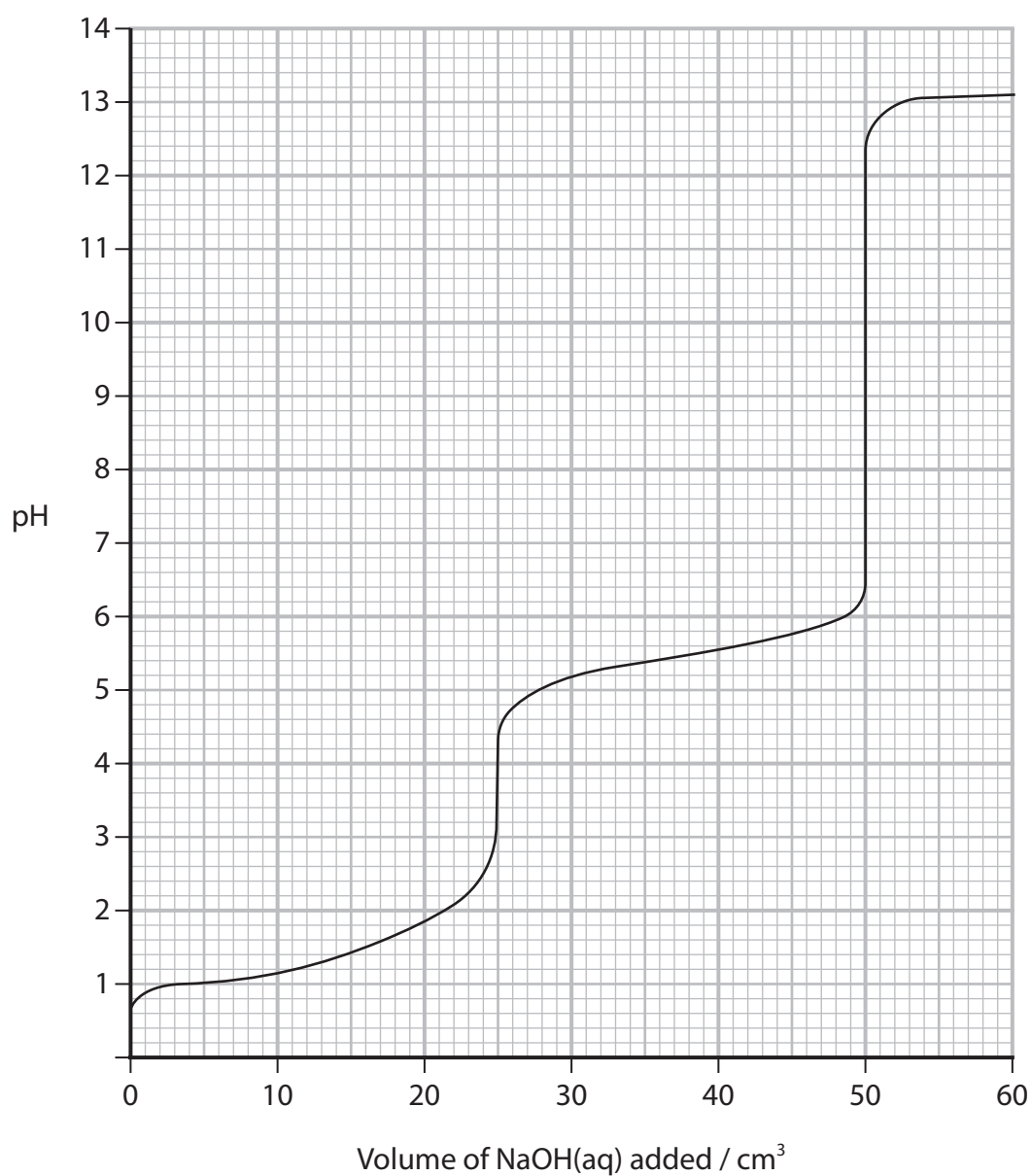
- (ii) Give **one** observation that would be seen during this reaction.

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(d) A solution of sodium hydroxide was titrated against  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  of oxalic acid solution. Both solutions were of equal concentrations.

(i) A student sketched a curve to show the changing pH during the titration.



Select **one** indicator for each equivalence point from this titration graph.  
Include the colour at the end-point for each indicator.  
Use your Data Booklet.

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First indicator

Colour at the end-point

Second indicator

Colour at the end-point

- (ii) Suggest a difficulty that would occur if both indicators were present in the same mixture.

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- (iii) Determine, by using the graph, the **two**  $K_a$  values for oxalic acid.  
You **must** show your working on the graph.

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(e) Spinach is one plant source of oxalic acid. Approximately 700 mg of oxalic acid can be extracted from 100 g of spinach.

- (i) High-performance liquid chromatography, HPLC, is used for analysis in the extraction process. The HPLC equipment is connected to a detector which records peaks when substances pass through the HPLC column.

Suggest how a pure sample of oxalic acid would be used to identify the oxalic acid peak in the chromatogram of the spinach extract.

(1)

- (ii) A  $0.558 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of oxalic acid is used for cleaning.

Calculate the mass of spinach required to make  $500 \text{ cm}^3$  of this oxalic acid cleaning solution.

[Data:  $M_r$  oxalic acid = 90]

(3)



- (f) Write the equation for the reaction of oxalic acid with **excess** phosphorus(V) chloride.

(2)

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(Total for Question 20 = 21 marks)

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\* Lanthanide series

\* Actinide series

140	Ce	cerium	58	141	Pr	praseodymium	59	144	Nd	neodymium	60	147	Pm	promethium	61	150	Sm	samarium	62	152	Eu	europium	63	157	Gd	gadolinium	64	159	Tb	terbium	65	163	Dy	dysprosium	66	165	Ho	holmium	67	167	Er	erbium	68	169	Tm	thulium	69	173	Yb	ytterbium	70	175	Lu	lutetium	71
232	Th	thorium	90	231	Pa	protactinium	91	238	U	uranium	92	237	Np	neptunium	93	242	Pu	plutonium	94	243	Am	americium	95	247	Cm	curium	96	245	Bk	berkelium	97	251	Cf	californium	98	254	Es	einsteinium	99	253	Fm	fermium	100	256	Md	mendeleevium	101	254	No	nobelium	102	257	Lr	lawrencium	103

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