

A Level Chemistry B (Salters)

H433/01 Fundamentals of chemistry

Question Set 12

1 (a) DNA carries the instructions for synthesising the primary structures of protein molecules. Its backbone consists of alternating phosphate and deoxyribose sugar units. Bases are attached to the sugar units.

Use the Data Sheet to draw a section of DNA.

The section of DNA must consist of two phosphate units, one deoxyribose sugar unit and one thymine unit, all joined by condensation reactions.

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(b) The double helix of DNA is formed by the bases pairing using hydrogen bonds.

Complete the diagram to show all the hydrogen bonds between guanine and cytosine. Show the relevant lone pairs and partial charges.

(c) The sequence of bases in DNA determines the primary structure of the protein synthesised.

Draw the structural formula for a section of a protein molecule formed from one each of theamino acids shown in **Fig. 32.1**.

Phenylalanine	Valine
CH ₂ H ₂ N-C-COOH	H ₃ C CH ₃ CH H ₂ N-C-COOH H

Fig. 32.1

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(d) An HIV protease enzyme acts on the protein substrate shown in Fig. 32.2.

Protein substrate

Fig. 32.2

The substrate in Fig. 32.3 acts as an inhibitor to the HIV protease enzyme.

HIV protease inhibitor

Fig. 32.3

Explain how an enzyme works and suggest how the HIV protease inhibitor affects the function of the protease enzyme.

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Total Marks for Question Set 12: 14



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