



A-level CHEMISTRY 7405/2

Paper 2 Organic and Physical Chemistry

Mark scheme

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Mark Scheme Instructions for Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded.

The extra information in the 'Comments' column is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

You should mark according to the contents of the mark scheme. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme to a particular response, consult your Team Leader.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which might confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

The use of M1, M2, M3 etc in the right-hand column refers to the marking points in the order in which they appear in the mark scheme. So, M1 refers to the first marking point, M2 the second marking point etc.

2. Emboldening

- 2.1** In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.
- 2.2** A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.
- 2.3** Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **OR**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general 'List' principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (often prefaced by 'Ignore' in the mark scheme) are not penalised.

For example, in a question requiring 2 answers for 2 marks:

Correct answers	Incorrect answers (ie incorrect rather than neutral)	Mark (2)	Comment
1	0	1	
1	1	1	They have not exceeded the maximum number of responses so there is no penalty.
1	2	0	They have exceeded the maximum number of responses so the extra incorrect response cancels the correct one.
2	0	2	
2	1	1	
2	2	0	
3	0	2	The maximum mark is 2
3	1	1	The incorrect response cancels out one of the two correct responses that gained credit.
3	2	0	Two incorrect responses cancel out the two marks gained.
3	3	0	

3.2 Marking procedure for calculations

Full marks should be awarded for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown, unless the question states ‘Show your working’ or ‘justify your answer’. In this case, the mark scheme will clearly indicate what is required to gain full credit.

If an answer to a calculation is incorrect and working is shown, process mark(s) can usually be gained by correct substitution / working and this is shown in the ‘Comments’ column or by each stage of a longer calculation.

3.3 Errors carried forward, consequential marking and arithmetic errors

Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation ECF or consequential in the marking scheme.

An arithmetic error should be penalised for one mark only unless otherwise amplified in the marking scheme. Arithmetic errors may arise from a slip in a calculation or from an incorrect transfer of a numerical value from data given in a question.

3.4 Equations

In questions requiring students to write equations, state symbols are generally ignored unless otherwise stated in the ‘Comments’ column.

Examiners should also credit correct equations using multiples and fractions unless otherwise stated in the 'Comments' column.

3.5 Oxidation states

In general, the sign for an oxidation state will be assumed to be positive unless specifically shown to be negative.

3.6 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.7 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term or if the question requires correct IUPAC nomenclature.

3.8 Brackets

(.....) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.9 Ignore / Insufficient / Do not allow

Ignore or insufficient is used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

3.10 Marking crossed out work

Crossed out work that **has not been** replaced should be marked as if it were not crossed out, if possible. Where crossed out work **has been** replaced, the replacement work and not the crossed out work should be marked.

3.11 Reagents

The command word 'Identify', allows the student to choose to use **either** the name **or** the formula of a reagent in their answer. In some circumstances, the list principle may apply when both the name and the formula are used. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

The guiding principle is that a reagent is a chemical which can be taken out of a bottle or container. Failure to identify complete reagents **will be penalised**, but follow-on marks (eg for a subsequent equation or observation) can be scored from an incorrect attempt (possibly an incomplete reagent) at the correct reagent. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

For example, **no credit** would be given for:

- the cyanide ion or CN^- when the reagent should be potassium cyanide or KCN;
- the hydroxide ion or OH^- when the reagent should be sodium hydroxide or NaOH;
- the $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+$ ion when the reagent should be Tollens' reagent (or ammoniacal silver nitrate). In this example, no credit is given for the ion, but credit could be given for a correct observation following on from the use of the ion. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

In the event that a student provides, for example, **both** KCN and cyanide ion, it would be usual to ignore the reference to the cyanide ion (because this is not contradictory) and credit the KCN. Specific details will be given in mark schemes.

3.12 Organic structures

Where students are asked to draw organic structures, unless a specific type is required in the question and stated in the mark scheme, these may be given as displayed, structural or skeletal formulas or a combination of all three as long as the result is unambiguous.

In general

- Displayed formulae must show all of the bonds and all of the atoms in the molecule, but need not show correct bond angles.
- Skeletal formulae must show carbon atoms by an angle or suitable intersection in the skeleton chain. Functional groups must be shown and it is essential that all atoms other than C atoms are shown in these (except H atoms in the functional groups of aldehydes, secondary amines and N-substituted amides which do not need to be shown).
- Structures must not be ambiguous, e.g. 1-bromopropane should be shown as $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ and not as the molecular formula $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Br}$ which could also represent the isomeric 2-bromopropane.
- Bonds should be drawn correctly between the relevant atoms. This principle applies in all cases where the attached functional group contains a carbon atom, eg nitrile, carboxylic acid, aldehyde and acid chloride. The carbon-carbon bond should be clearly shown. Wrongly bonded atoms will be penalised **on every occasion**. (see the examples below)
- The same principle should also be applied to the structure of alcohols. For example, if students show the alcohol functional group as $\text{C} - \text{HO}$, they should be penalised **on every occasion**.
- Latitude should be given to the representation of $\text{C} - \text{C}$ bonds in alkyl groups, given that CH_3- is considered to be interchangeable with $\text{H}_3\text{C}-$ even though the latter would be preferred.
- Similar latitude should be given to the representation of amines where $\text{NH}_2 - \text{C}$ will be allowed, although $\text{H}_2\text{N} - \text{C}$ would be preferred.
- Poor presentation of vertical $\text{C} - \text{CH}_3$ bonds or vertical $\text{C} - \text{NH}_2$ bonds should **not** be penalised. For other functional groups, such as $-\text{OH}$ and $-\text{CN}$, the limit of tolerance is the half-way position between the vertical bond and the relevant atoms in the attached group.

By way of illustration, the following would apply.

allowed	allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
allowed	allowed	allowed	allowed	not allowed
not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed

- Representation of CH_2 by $\text{C}-\text{H}_2$ will be penalised
- Some examples are given here of **structures** for specific compounds that should **not** gain credit (but, exceptions **may** be made in the context of balancing equations)

CH_3COH	for	ethanal
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{HO}$	for	ethanol
OHCH_2CH_3	for	ethanol
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$	for	ethanol
CH_2CH_2	for	ethene
$\text{CH}_2.\text{CH}_2$	for	ethene
$\text{CH}_2:\text{CH}_2$	for	ethene

- Each of the following **should gain credit** as alternatives to correct representations of the structures.

$\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2$	for	ethene, $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$
$\text{CH}_3\text{CHOHCH}_3$	for	propan-2-ol, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$

- In most cases, the use of ‘sticks’ to represent C – H bonds in a structure should **not** be penalised. The exceptions to this when “sticks” will be penalised include
 - structures in mechanisms where the C – H bond is essential (eg elimination reactions in halogenoalkanes and alcohols)
 - when a displayed formula is required
 - when a skeletal structure is required or has been drawn by the candidate.

3.13 Organic names

As a general principle, non-IUPAC names or incorrect spelling or incomplete names should **not** gain credit. Some illustrations are given here.

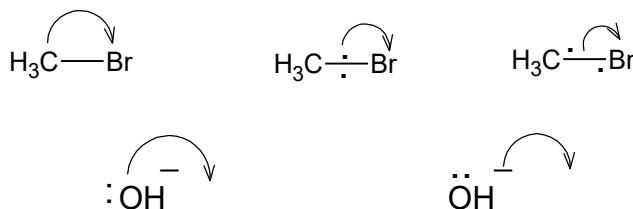
Unnecessary but not wrong numbers will **not** be penalised such as the number ‘2’ in 2-methylpropane or the number ‘1’ in 2-chlorobutan-1-oic acid.

but-2-ol	should be butan-2-ol
2-hydroxybutane	should be butan-2-ol
butane-2-ol	should be butan-2-ol
2-butanol	should be butan-2-ol
ethan-1,2-diol	should be ethane-1,2-diol
2-methpropan-2-ol	should be 2-methylpropan-2-ol
2-methylbutan-3-ol	should be 3-methylbutan-2-ol
3-methylpentan	should be 3-methylpentane
3-mythylpentane	should be 3-methylpentane
3-methypentane	should be 3-methylpentane
propanitrile	should be propanenitrile
aminethane	should be ethylamine (although aminoethane can gain credit)
2-methyl-3-bromobutane	should be 2-bromo-3-methylbutane
3-bromo-2-methylbutane	should be 2-bromo-3-methylbutane
3-methyl-2-bromobutane	should be 2-bromo-3-methylbutane
2-methylbut-3-ene	should be 3-methylbut-1-ene
difluorodichloromethane	should be dichlorodifluoromethane

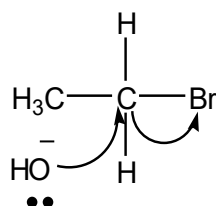
3.14 Organic reaction mechanisms

Curly arrows should originate either from a lone pair of electrons or from a bond.

The following representations should not gain credit **and will be penalised each time** within a clip.



For example, the following would score zero marks



When the curly arrow is showing the formation of a bond to an atom, the arrow can go directly to the relevant atom, alongside the relevant atom or **more than half-way** towards the relevant atom.

In free-radical substitution:

- the absence of a radical dot should be penalised **once only** within a clip.
- the use of half-headed arrows is not required, but the use of double-headed arrows or the incorrect use of half-headed arrows in free-radical mechanisms should be penalised **once only** within a clip.

The correct use of skeletal formulae in mechanisms is acceptable, but where a C-H bond breaks, both the bond and the H must be drawn to gain credit.

3.15 Extended responses

For questions marked using a 'Levels of Response' mark scheme:

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into three levels, each of which has a descriptor. Each descriptor contains two statements. The first statement is the Chemistry content statement and the second statement is the communication statement.

Determining a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the Chemistry content descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level, then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level.

Once the level has been decided, the mark within the level is determined by the communication statement:

- If the answer completely matches the communication descriptor, award the higher mark within the level.
- If the answer does not completely match the communication descriptor, award the lower mark within the level.

The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help you to determine the appropriate level. There will be an exemplar in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme and for each mark within each level. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the exemplar to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the exemplar.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other chemically valid points. Students may not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme. The mark scheme will state how much chemical content is required for the highest level.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

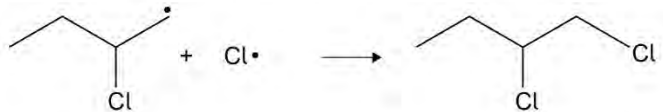
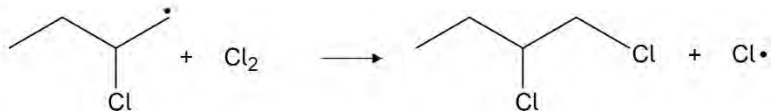
For other extended response answers:

Where a mark scheme includes linkage words (such as 'therefore', 'so', 'because' etc), these are optional. However, a student's marks for the question may be limited if they do not demonstrate the ability to construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured. In particular answers in the form of bullet pointed lists may not be awarded full marks if there is no indication of logical flow between each point or if points are in an illogical order.

The mark schemes for some questions state that the maximum mark available for an extended response answer is limited if the answer is not coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured. During the standardisation process, the Lead Examiner will provide marked exemplar material to demonstrate answers which have not met these criteria. You should use these exemplars as a comparison when marking student answers.

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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.1	M1 (Free) radical substitution M2 UV (light / radiation)	Allow high temperature Ignore heat/warm/pressure	2 (2 x AO1)

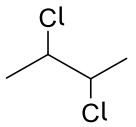
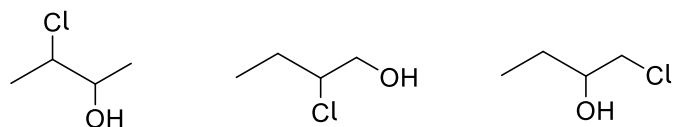
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.2	M1 $\text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{Cl}^\bullet$ M2  M3  OR M3  M2 and M3 can be scored with non-skeletal structures M2 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_3 + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow [\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2]^\bullet + \text{HCl}$ M3 $[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2]^\bullet + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}^\bullet$ OR M3 $[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2]^\bullet + \text{Cl}^\bullet \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHClCH}_2\text{Cl}$	Apply list principle to M3 Ignore alternative termination steps	3 (3 x AO2)

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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.3	Any two from: Reaction 1 could give rise to further substitution (polysubstitution) Reaction 1 could give rise to substitution in different positions Combination of radicals to get longer chain product	Allow chain reactions other isomers are possible	2 (2 x AO1)

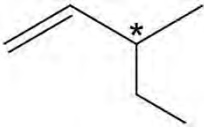
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.4	M1 KOH or NaOH (Formulae or names allow other strong alkalis) M2 Hot / reflux / ethanolic	Ignore warm Can score both marks on same line provided no contradiction elsewhere	2 (1 x AO1, 1 x AO2)

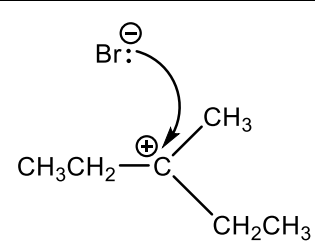
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.5	M1 Chlorine / Cl ₂ M2 Electrophilic addition	Allow chlorine water Apply list principle	2 (2 x AO3)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
01.6	Any correct structure showing 2,3-dichlorobutane e.g. CH ₃ CHClCHClCH ₃ or 	Allow CH ₃ CH(OH)CHClCH ₃ or CH ₃ CH ₂ CHClCH ₂ OH or CH ₃ CH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ Cl 	1 (1 x AO3)

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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
02.1	M1 Z-3-methylpent-2-ene M2 cannot rotate about C=C / double bond M3 (Two) different groups attached to each C in C=C / double bond	M2 allow restricted/limited rotation	3 (2 x AO1, 1 x AO2)

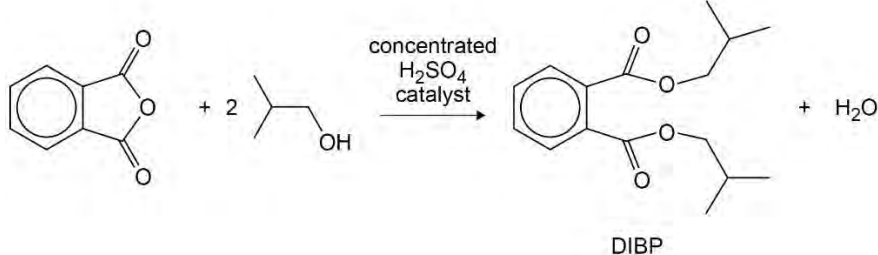
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
02.2	M1 $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ OR other valid structural representation eg  M2 It has a chiral centre or asymmetric carbon or a C with four different groups attached (need not be shown in structure)	M2 allow: can form two non-superimposable mirror images	2 (2 x AO2)

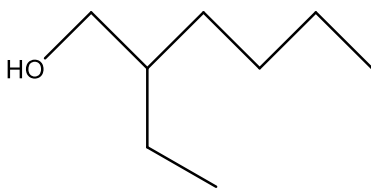
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
02.3	 M1 Structure of <u>tertiary</u> carbocation M2 Curly arrow from lone pair on Br:⁻ to C⁺		2 (2 x AO2)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.1	M1 Chloroethene M2 $ \begin{array}{c} \text{H} & & \text{H} \\ & \diagdown & / \\ & \text{C} = \text{C} \\ & / & \diagdown \\ \text{H} & & \text{Cl} \end{array} $	Allow vinyl chloride OR chloroethylene	2 (2 x AO1)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.2	<u>Carbon Carbon bonds</u> are non polar or (too) strong or not attacked by nucleophiles Or <u>Carbon Carbon bonds</u> cannot be hydrolysed		1 (1 x AO2)

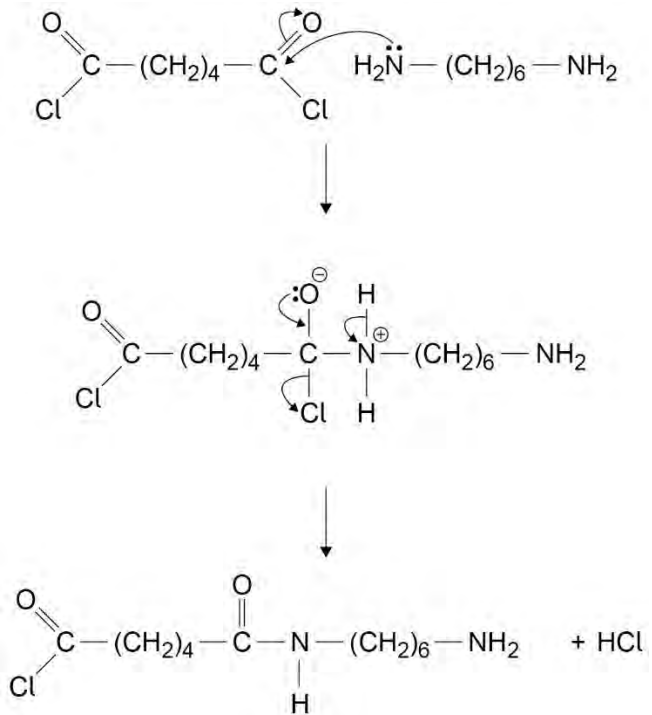
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.3	(Makes the PVC) softer / more flexible OR Lowers the glass transition temperature	Must use comparative language	1 (1 x AO1)

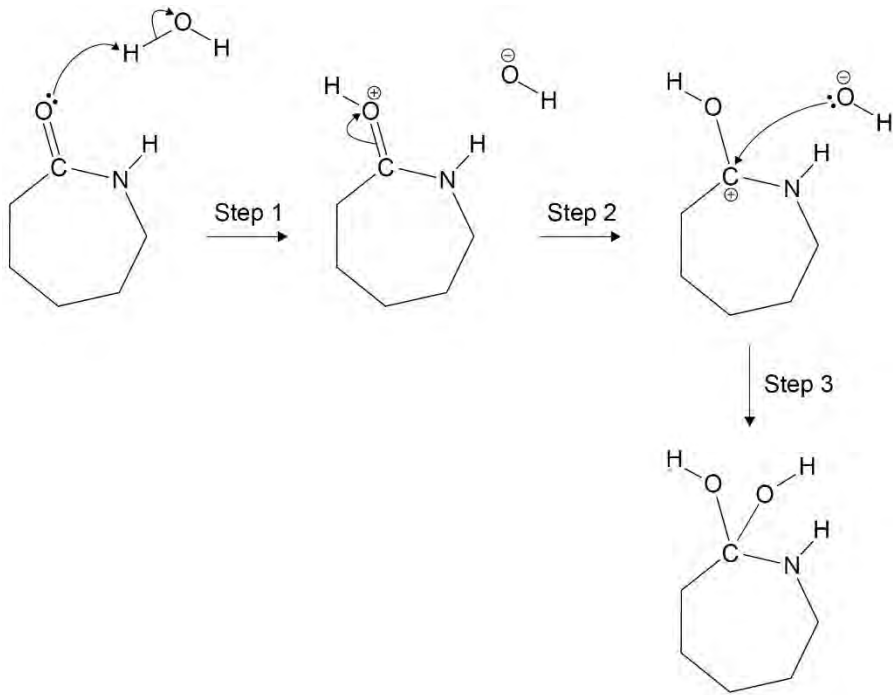
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.4	 M1 either formula of alcohol or water M2 for balanced equation M3 (Nucleophilic) Addition–elimination M4 C₈H₁₁O₂		4 (1 x AO1, 3 x AO2)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.5	2-ethylhexan-1-ol Or suitable structural formula eg CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CH(CH₂CH₃)CH₂OH or 		1 (1 x AO2)

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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.6	M1 The more fat is present, the larger the mass DEHA (is absorbed from plastic to the food) M2 DEHA (and oils / fats / fatty acids) contain long alkyl chains OR DEHA is non-polar OR DEHA hydrophobic M3 (Relatively strong / many) van der Waals' / London / dispersion forces are formed between DEHA and fats/butter	M1 allow converse for water content M2 DEHA doesn't have any O-H (groups) M3 Water/milk doesn't form H bonds with DEHA	3 (1 x AO1, 2 x AO3)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.7	 M1 Arrow from lone pair on N to C M2 Arrow from C=O bond to O M3 Structure including –ve on O and +ve on N M4 Three arrows; lone pair on O to C–O bond, C–Cl bond to Cl and N–H bond to N		4 (4 x AO1)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
03.8	 Two arrows in step 1 M1 Arrow from lone pair on O to H M2 Arrow from O–H bond to O One arrow in step 2 M3 Arrow from C=O to O One arrow in step 3 M4 Arrow from lone pair on O of :OH[−] to C⁺		4 (4 x AO2)

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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
04.1	N ₂ O is unknown so should be treated as a toxic or N ₂ O can cause respiratory problems	Allow N ₂ O / cyclohexanol / methanol / nitric acid is harmful / irritant / corrosive / toxic	1 (1 x AO3)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
04.2	Oxidising agent		1 (1 x AO2)

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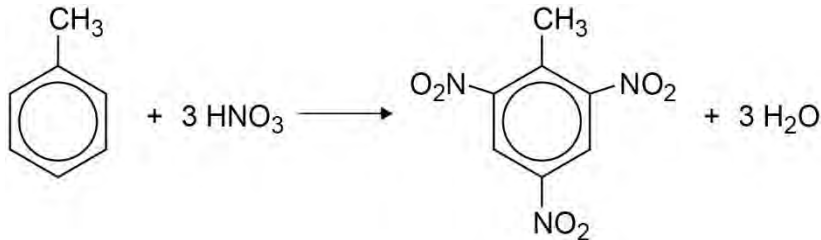
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04.3	M1 <u>Dissolve</u> in minimum / small volume of hot methanol/solvent M2 Hot Filtration (not Buchner) M3 Cool/ leave (to crystallise) M4 Filter (under reduced pressure) M5 Dry between filter papers or in a warm place	M1 allow <u>Dissolve</u> in hot methanol/solvent to make saturated solution	5 (5 x AO3)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
04.4	(Use of water at room temperature) dissolves product OR Use of ice cold water prevents / reduces amount of product that dissolves		1 (1 x AO2)

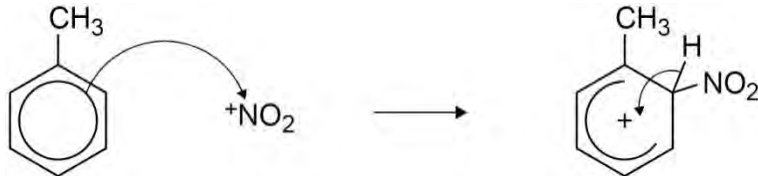
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Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
04.5	Mistake: Water is being used to warm sample Problem caused: Temperature will not reach high enough (to melt sample) Mistake: Sample is much higher than bottom of thermometer Problem caused: Temperature of sample will be <u>lower / different</u> than reading on the thermometer	Mistake: no stirrer is in the boiling tube or boiling tube used instead of D-tube / Thiele tube Problem caused: variation in temperature	4 (4 x AO3)

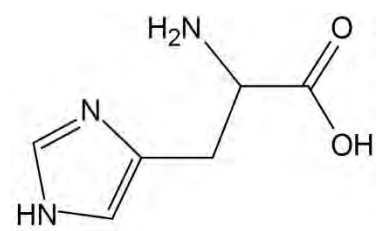
Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
04.6	Reason process is more sustainable: Any one from - Glucose is a renewable resource / feedstock - Biological reactant / <i>E. coli</i> bacteria is renewable - Pt catalyst can be re-used - Higher atom economy Reason process is less sustainable: Any one from - Synthesis is a 2-stage process - Hydrogen gas is a non-renewable - High pressures (are required in Stage 2) - Uses a Pt catalyst that has been mined from the earth		2 (2 x AO3)

Question	Answers	Additional comments/Guidelines	Mark
05.1	M1 for structure of TNT M2 for the rest of the equation 		2 (2 x AO1)

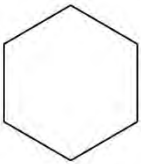
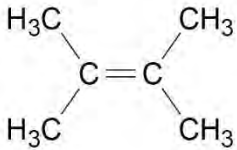
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05.2	M1 Mass 1050 cm^3 methyl benzene = $1050 \times 0.867 = 910.35 \text{ g}$ M2 $n \text{ C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3 = \frac{\text{M1}}{92}$ M3 $n \text{ C}_6\text{H}_2\text{CH}_3(\text{NO}_2)_3 = \text{M2} \times 0.425$ M4 Mass TNT = $\text{M3} \times 227 = 955 \text{ g}$ (3sf) allow 954.6 to 2 or more sf	M2 $n \text{ C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3 = \frac{910.35}{92} = 9.895 \text{ mol}$ M3 $n \text{ C}_6\text{H}_2\text{CH}_3(\text{NO}_2)_3 = 9.895 \times 0.425 = 4.205 \text{ mol}$ M4 Mass TNT = $4.205 \times 227 = 955 \text{ g}$ (3sf) allow 954.6 or more sf	4 (4 x AO2)

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05.3	M1 $\text{HNO}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{O}_2\text{N}^+ + 2\text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ M2 Electrophile  M3 Positive must be on N and arrow from inside hexagon to N or + on N M4 Intermediate structure with horseshoe not beyond C2–C6 M5 Arrow from C–H bond back into the hexagon	M1 $\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{O}_2\text{N}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ OR via two equations	5 (5 x AO1)

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06.1	One reason for D ₂ O rather than CCl ₄ M1 D ₂ O is polar One reason why D ₂ O rather than water M2 D ₂ O has no H atoms	Allow converse in both reasons Allow M1 D ₂ O is a good solvent for lysine / Amino acids	2 (2 x AO2)

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06.2		Allow zwitterion	1 (1 x AO1)

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06.3	M1 (before heating) α helix M2 (after heating) β pleated sheet		2 (2 x AO1)

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07.1	M1 $84.09396 = (6 \times 12.00000) + (12 \times 1.00783)$ Hence C_6H_{12} M2 and M3 Structures e.g.   M4 Look for a peak at $1620\text{--}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ M5 Alkene has this peak for $C=C$ or cycloalkane doesn't		5 (2 x AO1, 3 x AO2)

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07.2	This question is marked using Levels of Response. Refer to the Mark Scheme Instructions for Examiners for guidance.		Stage 1 ^{13}C NMR	7 (3 x AO2, 4 x AO3)
	Level 3 5–6 marks	All stages are covered and the explanation of each stage is correct and virtually complete (i.e. two from stages 1, 2 and 3) Answer communicates the whole explanation, including equations, coherently and shows a logical progression through all three stages	1a (5 peaks so) there are 5 (different) C environments 1b (2) peaks with chemical shift 190–220 ppm so there are (2 different C=O) aldehyde / ketone groups 1c (3) peaks with chemical shift 5–50 ppm so could be C–C alone or C–C and R–CO–C	
	Level 2 3–4 marks	All stages are covered (NB ‘covered’ means min one from each stage) but the explanation of each stage may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR two stages covered and the explanations are generally correct and virtually complete (i.e. two from 2 stages either 1, 2 or 3) Answer is coherent and shows some progression through all three stages. Some steps in each stage may be incomplete	Stage 2 ^1H NMR chemical shift data 2a peak at chemical shift 0.7 – 1.4 R–CH ₃ or R ₂ CH ₂ 2b peak at chemical shift 2.1 – 2.6 R–CO–CH 2c peak at chemical shift 2.6 – 2.8 R–CO–CH	

07.2 cont	Level 1 1–2 marks	Two stages are covered (NB ‘covered’ means min one from a stage) but the explanation of each stage may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR only one stage is covered but the explanation is generally correct and virtually complete (i.e. two from stages 1, 2 or 3) Answer shows some progression between two stages	Stage 3 ^1H splitting 3a Triplet (0.7 – 1.4 CH) next to CH_2 3b Singlet (2.1 – 2.6 CH) no H on adjacent C 3c Quartet (2.6 – 2.8 CH) next to CH_3 M7 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCOCH}_3$ or $ \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{H} & & & \text{H} & \text{H} & \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{H} \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & \text{H} & & \text{O} & & \text{O} & & \text{H} & & \text{H} & & \end{array} $	
	Level 0	Insufficient correct chemistry to gain a mark.		

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08.1	Method 1 M1 $n = \frac{PV}{RT}$ M2 converting P to 101×10^3 AND V to 105×10^{-6} AND T to 428 K M3 $n = \frac{101\,000 \times 0.000105}{8.31 \times 428} (= 2.982 \times 10^{-3})$ M4 mass of Y = 0.402 g M5 $M_r = \frac{M_4}{M_3} = 135$ (Allow 134.8) Method 2 M1 $n = \frac{pV}{RT}$ M2 $M_r = \frac{mRT}{pV}$ M3 converting P to 101×10^3 AND V to 105×10^{-6} AND T to 428 K M4 mass of Y = 0.402 g M5 $M_r = \frac{0.402 \times 8.31 \times 428}{101\,000 \times 0.000105} = 135$ (Allow 134.8)	M1 for rearrangement of $PV = nRT$ M2 three unit conversions M3 insertion of their numbers into rearranged expression	5 (5 x AO2)

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08.2	M1 % uncertainty for balance = $\frac{0.001}{M4 \text{ from 8.1}} \times 100 = \frac{0.001}{0.402} \times 100$ = 0.249% (Allow 0.25%) M2 Total % apparatus uncertainty = 0.95 + 0.12 + M1 (= 1.32%) M3 M_r Range M5 from Q8.1 $\pm (M5 \times \frac{M2}{100}) = (133.2 - 136.8 \text{ or } 135 \pm 1.8)$ To be marked with 8.1	M3 'dummy' answer gives range 139.1 – 142.9 or 141 $\pm$ 1.9	3 (3 x AO3)

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08.3	Seal prevents evaporation / loss (of Y so the mass/volume recorded will be more accurate) OR Seal will cover the sharp needle making the experiment safer		1 (1 x AO3)

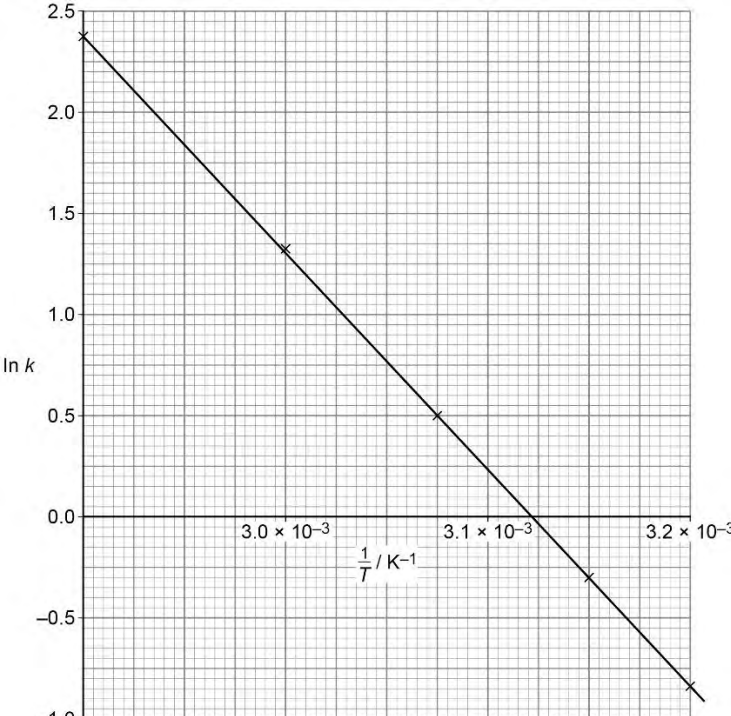
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08.4	M1 If vol $\text{CH}_4 = a \text{ cm}^3$ then vol $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = (40 - a) \text{ cm}^3$ M2 vol $\text{O}_2 = 2a + 5(40 - a) = 170 \text{ cm}^3$ M3 $30 = 3a$ so vol $\text{CH}_4 = 10 \text{ cm}^3$ M4 vol $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = 40 - \text{M3} = 30 \text{ cm}^3$	Simultaneous equations where vol $\text{CH}_4 = x \text{ cm}^3$ vol $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = y \text{ cm}^3$ M1 $x + y = 40$ i.e. $2x + 2y = 80$ M2 $2x + 5y = 170$ M3 $3y = 90$ so $y = 30$ M4 $x = 40 - y = 10$ OR via M2 $x + 2x + y + 5y = 210$ i.e. $3x + 6y = 210$ Alternative method M1 If 100% CH_4 then vol $\text{O}_2 = 80$ M2 If 100% C_3H_8 then vol $\text{O}_2 = 200$ M3 Since vol $\text{O}_2 = 170$ ratio $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 : \text{CH}_4 = 3:1$ M4 vol $\text{CH}_4 = 10 \text{ cm}^3$ and vol $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 = 30 \text{ cm}^3$	4 (4 x AO2)

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09.1	(The silver halide) product is a precipitate / insoluble		1 (1 x AO1)

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09.2	Any 1 of these Start timer at the same point of addition View the cross from the same distance Light level Same swirling / agitation Same person observing 'disappearance of cross'		1 (1 x AO3)

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09.3	3.08×10^{-3}	Allow 0.003075 or 3.075×10^{-3} or 0.00308	1 (1 x AO1)

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09.4	M1 Appropriate x axis scale used M2 All 4 points given in table 2 plotted correctly and suitable straight line drawn M3 $-\frac{E_a}{R}$ = calculated gradient (between -10469 and -10830) M4 $E_a = -M3 \times 8.31 \text{ (J mol}^{-1}\text{)}$ M5 $E_a = M4 \div 1000$ (between 87 and 90) 	M1 data plotted covers at least half the x axis M3 $-\frac{E_a}{R} = -\frac{2.38}{2.25 \times 10^{-4}} = -10578$ M4 $E_a = 10578 \times 8.31 \text{ (J mol}^{-1}\text{)} = 87903$ M5 $E_a = 87.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$	5 (5 x AO2)

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09.5	Option B $\text{Br}-\text{CHR}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Slow}} \text{Br}^- + ^+\text{CHR}_2$ $\text{HO}^- + ^+\text{CHR}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Fast}} \text{HO}-\text{CHR}_2$		1 (1 x AO1)

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09.6	M1 (Br more electronegative than C so) Br is δ^- and C is δ^+ (and so the C–Br bond breaks when heated) M2 (Lone pair of electrons on) HO^- attacks/attracted to C^+ (after C–Br bond breaks) OR $\delta^+\text{C}$ (in C–Br bond) attracts / susceptible to attack by (lone pair of electrons on oxygen of) HO^-		2 (2 x AO2)