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Paper 4 A Level Structured Questions

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.
- Important values, constants and standards are printed in the question paper.

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- 1 (a) Disodium phosphate, $(\text{Na}^+)_2(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})$, reacts with an acid to form monosodium phosphate, $\text{Na}^+(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-)$.

- (i) Identify the ions that are a conjugate acid–base pair in this reaction, using the formulae of the species involved.

conjugate acid

conjugate base

..... [1]

- (ii) Define buffer solution.

..... [2]

- (iii) Write **two** equations to show how a mixture of $(\text{Na}^+)_2(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})$ and $\text{Na}^+(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-)$ can act as a buffer solution.

equation 1

equation 2 [2]

- (iv) Identify **one** inorganic ion that acts as a buffer in blood.

..... [1]

- (b) Compound **E** is the hydroxide of a Group 2 element. Compound **E** is a strong alkali.

2.63 g of **E** is dissolved in water to make 250 cm^3 of solution **F**. Solution **F** has a pH of 13.09 at 298 K.

- (i) Show that the concentration of hydroxide ions in solution **F** is 0.123 mol dm^{-3} .

[2]

- (ii) Explain why the concentration of compound **E** in solution **F** is $0.0615\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$.

..... [1]

- (iii) Use the concentration given in (ii) to identify compound **E**.

compound **E** [1]



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- (c) Compound **E** is much more soluble than magnesium hydroxide.

A saturated solution of magnesium hydroxide in water has a concentration of $1.40 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 298 K.

Calculate the solubility product, K_{sp} , of magnesium hydroxide. Include units.

$K_{\text{sp}} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ units } \dots\dots\dots [3]$

- (d) Explain why compound **E** is much more soluble than magnesium hydroxide.

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..... [3]

[Total: 16]



- 2 (a) Predict and explain the variation in enthalpy change of hydration for the ions F^- , Cl^- , Br^- and I^- .

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 [2]

- (b) Fig. 2.1 shows an incomplete energy cycle involving calcium fluoride, CaF_2 .

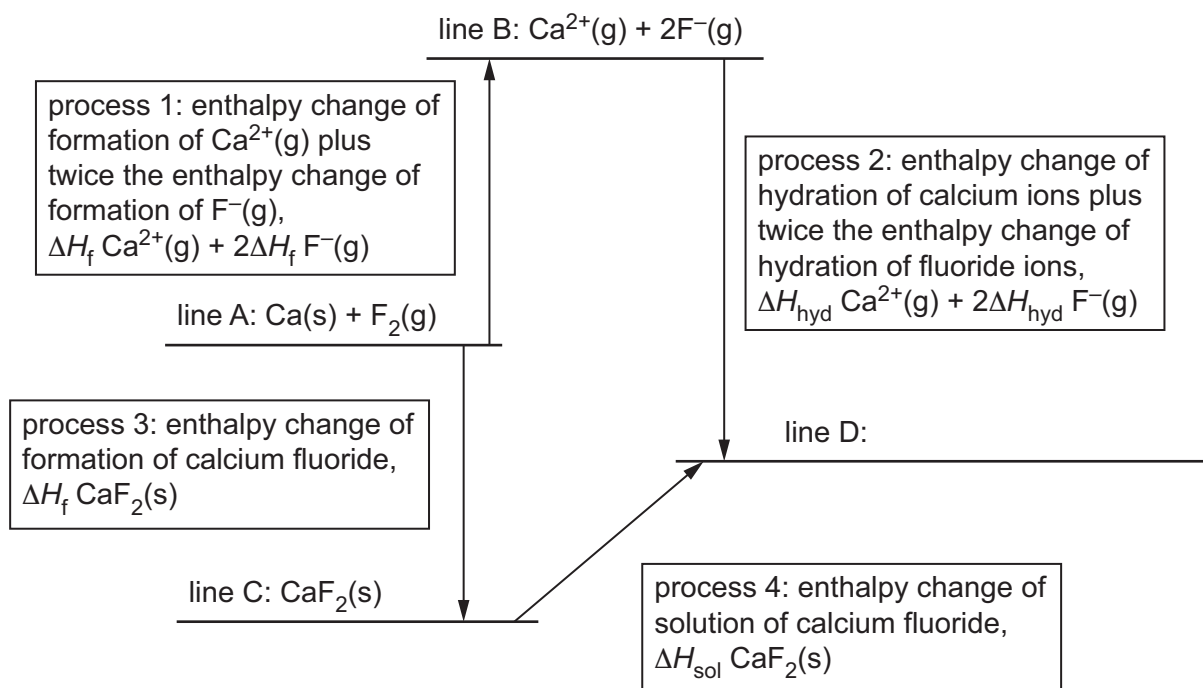
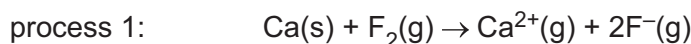


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Complete line D. Include state symbols. [1]
- (ii) The value of the enthalpy change for process 1 can be calculated using the values of **five** other enthalpy changes which are **not** referred to in Fig. 2.1.



Identify these **five** other enthalpy changes, using either names or symbols.

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 [2]





(iii) Define lattice energy, ΔH_{latt} .

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..... [2]

(iv) Complete the expression to give the mathematical relationship between ΔH_{latt} of calcium fluoride and the enthalpy changes for processes 1 and 3.

$$\Delta H_{\text{latt}} =$$

[1]

(c) Use data from Table 2.1 to calculate a value for the hydration energy, ΔH_{hyd} , of fluoride ions, $\text{F}^-(\text{g})$.

Table 2.1

	value / kJ mol^{-1}
enthalpy change of solution of calcium fluoride, $\text{CaF}_2(\text{s})$	+13
overall enthalpy change of process 1 in Fig. 2.1	+1395
enthalpy change of formation of calcium fluoride	–1214
enthalpy change of hydration of $\text{Ca}^{2+}(\text{g})$	–1650

$$\Delta H_{\text{hyd}} \text{F}^-(\text{g}) = \dots\dots\dots \text{kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

(d) Define entropy.

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..... [1]





- (e) At 298 K, the Gibbs free energy change, ΔG , for the solution of compound **T** is $+6.00 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

The enthalpy change of solution, ΔH_{sol} , of compound **T** is $+30.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ at 298 K.

Calculate the value of the entropy change, ΔS , for the solution of compound **T** at 298 K.

$$\Delta S = \dots\dots\dots \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (f) Predict whether compound **T** becomes more or less soluble as the water is heated from 298 K to 360 K. Explain your answer.

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..... [1]

[Total: 14]





- 3 (a) A and B react together to give product AB.



When the concentrations of A and B are both $0.0100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$, the rate of formation of AB is $7.62 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. When the concentrations of A and B are both $0.0200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$, the rate of formation of AB is $3.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

- (i) Complete the **three** possible rate equations that are consistent with these data.

rate =

rate =

rate =

[2]

- (ii) Choose **one** of the rate equations you have written in (i), and calculate the value of the rate constant, k . Include the units of k .

$k = \dots$ units $\dots$ [2]

- (iii) Explain why it is **not** possible to calculate a value for the half-life, $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$, of this reaction using the value of the rate constant k calculated in (ii) and the equation $k = 0.693/t_{\frac{1}{2}}$.

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..... [1]





(b) Catalysts may be homogeneous or heterogeneous.

- (i) Identify **two** metals that act as heterogeneous catalysts in the removal of NO_2 from the exhaust gases of car engines.

..... and [1]

- (ii) Iron acts as a heterogeneous catalyst in the Haber process.

Describe the mode of action of this iron catalyst.

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 [2]

- (iii) Fe^{2+} ions act as a homogeneous catalyst in the reaction between $\text{I}^-(\text{aq})$ and $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}(\text{aq})$.

Write equations for the **two** reactions that occur when $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ is added to a mixture of $\text{I}^-(\text{aq})$ and $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}(\text{aq})$.

equation 1 $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-} + \dots\dots\dots$

equation 2 $\dots\dots\dots$ [2]

- (iv) Explain the difference between a homogeneous catalyst and a heterogeneous catalyst.

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 [1]



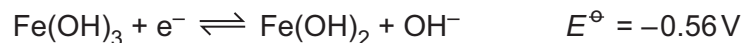


(c) Fe^{2+} ions can be oxidised to Fe^{3+} ions under alkaline conditions by suitable oxidising agents.

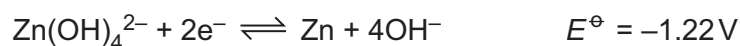
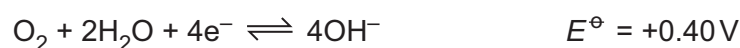
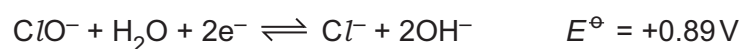
- (i) Iron is a transition element. Explain why iron forms stable compounds in both the +2 and the +3 oxidation states.

..... [1]

- (ii) The half-equation for the reduction of Fe^{3+} under alkaline conditions, and its $E^\ominus$ value, are shown.



Four more half-equations for reactions under alkaline conditions, and their $E^\ominus$ values, are shown.



Select **two** oxidising agents that can oxidise Fe^{2+} ions to Fe^{3+} ions under alkaline conditions.

Write an equation, and give the $E^\ominus_{\text{cell}}$ value, for **each** of the **two** reactions that occur.

oxidising agent 1:

equation:

$$E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = \dots\dots\dots \text{V}$$

oxidising agent 2:

equation:

$$E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} = \dots\dots\dots \text{V}$$

[4]

[Total: 16]





4 Transition metal atoms and transition metal ions form complexes by combining with ligands.

(a) Explain why transition elements form complex ions.

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 [1]

(b) Co^{2+} ions form complex ion **G**.

Each **G** ion contains **two** Co^{2+} ions, both of which are octahedrally coordinated.

Each **G** ion contains one O_2 molecule, which donates one pair of electrons to **each** Co^{2+} ion, and one NH_2^- ion, which donates one pair of electrons to **each** Co^{2+} ion.

The remaining ligands are NH_3 molecules.

(i) Deduce the formula of complex ion **G**. Include its overall charge.

formula of **G** [2]

(ii) The d-orbitals of the Co^{2+} ions present in complex ion **G** are split. State the number of d-orbitals that are at a higher energy level and the number of d-orbitals that are at a lower energy level in **each** Co^{2+} ion.

number of d-orbitals at a higher energy level	
number of d-orbitals at a lower energy level	

[1]

(iii) Co^{2+} ions form a different complex ion, **M**.

Each **M** ion contains **two** Co^{2+} ions, both of which are octahedrally coordinated, but the ligands are different from the ligands in **G**.

Explain why **G** and **M** have different colours.

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 [2]





- (c) Cadmium forms complex ion **X**, $[\text{Cd}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$.

When a solution containing CN^- ions is added to an aqueous solution of **X**, a ligand exchange reaction takes place, forming complex ion **Y**. **Y** contains no NH_3 ligands and no H_2O ligands.

Y is in a much higher concentration in the mixture than **X**.

The oxidation state and coordination number of cadmium do **not** change in this reaction.

- (i) Write an ionic equation for this reaction, using the formulae of the complex ions.

..... [2]

- (ii) Cadmium forms complex ion **Z** in the same oxidation state and with the same coordination number as in **X**. All the ligands in **Z** are Cl^- ions.

When $\text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$ is added to a solution of **X**, very little **Z** forms.

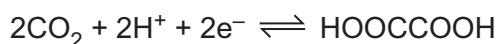
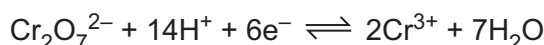
Write the **three** cadmium complexes, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, in order of increasing stability constant, K_{stab} .

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 smallest value of K_{stab} largest value of K_{stab} [1]

- (d) Ethanedioate ions, $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, form complexes with transition element ions.

The concentration of $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ ions can be found by reaction with acidified $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ions. $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ ions are protonated and form HOOC-COOH molecules which are oxidised by $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$.

The half-equations are shown.



- (i) Construct an equation for the reaction between acidified $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ and HOOC-COOH .

..... [1]

- (ii) A 25.0 cm^3 sample of a solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ reacts with exactly 16.20 cm^3 of an acidified solution of $0.0500\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$.

Calculate the concentration of the solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$.

$[\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4] = \dots\dots\dots \text{mol dm}^{-3}$ [2]

[Total: 12]





- 5 The shapes of four different complexes, **P**, **Q**, **R** and **S**, are shown in Table 5.1.

The symbol **J** represents an atom or ion of a transition element.

The symbol **L** is used to represent a monodentate ligand.

Table 5.1

P	Q
R	S

- (a) Label **one** bond angle on **each** of complexes **P**, **Q**, **R** and **S**, and identify the size of the angle in degrees. [2]

- (b) Identify the shapes of complexes **P**, **Q**, **R** and **S**.

P

Q

R

S [2]

- (c) Two **L** ligands are exchanged with two **different** monodentate ligands **X** and **Y** in each of complexes **P**, **Q**, **R** and **S**.

Identify all the complexes which form new complexes that show geometrical isomerism.

..... [1]

- (d) Three **L** ligands are exchanged with three **different** monodentate ligands **X**, **Y** and **Z** in each of complexes **P**, **Q** and **R**.

Identify all the complexes which form new complexes that show optical isomerism.

..... [1]

[Total: 6]



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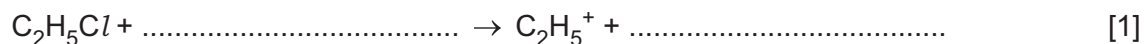
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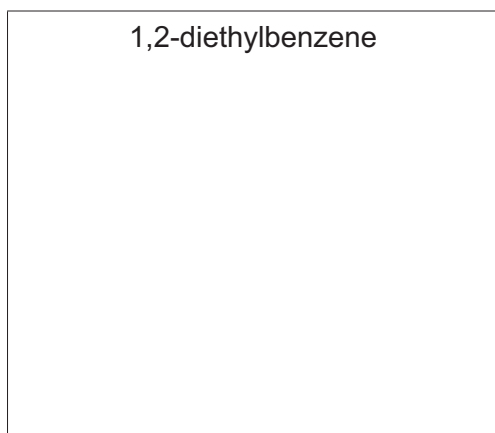
- 6 Benzene, C_6H_6 , reacts with chloroethane, C_2H_5Cl , in the presence of a suitable catalyst to form ethylbenzene, $C_6H_5C_2H_5$. In the presence of the catalyst, the ion $C_2H_5^+$ is formed. This ion reacts with benzene.

- (a) Complete the equation for the reaction of C_2H_5Cl with this catalyst to form $C_2H_5^+$ as one product.



- (b) Ethylbenzene reacts with more C_2H_5Cl , forming a mixture containing 1,2-diethylbenzene and 1,4-diethylbenzene.

- (i) Draw the structures of 1,2-diethylbenzene and 1,4-diethylbenzene.



[1]

- (ii) Explain why there is very little 1,3-diethylbenzene in the product mixture.

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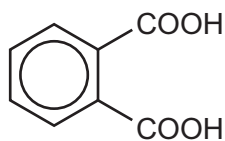
..... [1]





(c) 1,2-diethylbenzene can be oxidised to benzene-1,2-dioic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})_2$.

benzene-1,2-dioic acid



(i) State the reagent and conditions used for this reaction.

..... [1]

(ii) Complete the overall equation for this reaction.

An atom of oxygen from the oxidising agent is represented as [O].

All of the atoms in the two ethyl groups are fully oxidised in this reaction.

..... + [O] $\rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})_2$ + +
(1,2-diethylbenzene) [2]

(iii) Predict the number of peaks in the carbon-13 NMR spectrum of benzene-1,2-dioic acid.

..... [1]



- (d) The proton (^1H) NMR spectra of ethylbenzene, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, in CDCl_3 and of benzene-1,2-dioic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})_2$, in CDCl_3 are shown. They have **not** been identified.

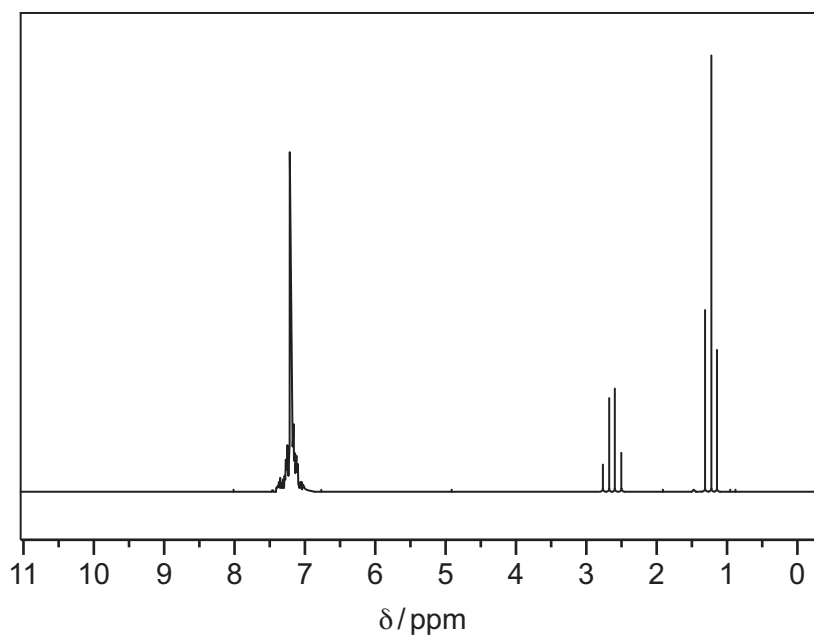


Fig. 6.1

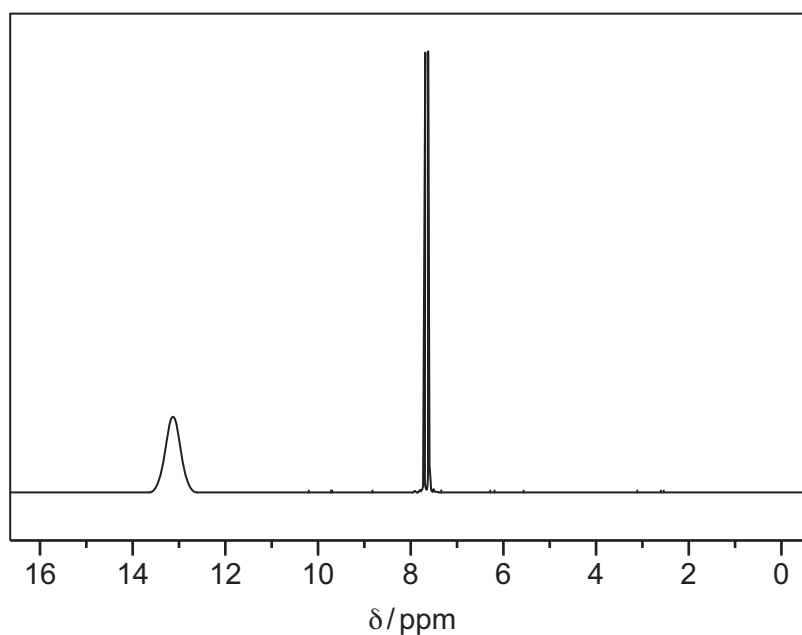


Fig. 6.2

- (i) Explain the use of CDCl_3 , instead of CHCl_3 , as the solvent when obtaining these spectra.

..... [1]



- (ii) Identify the substance shown by the spectrum in Fig. 6.1, and complete Table 6.1.

substance

Table 6.1

	peak at $\delta = 1.2$	peak at $\delta = 2.6$
name of splitting pattern		
group responsible for peak		
explanation of splitting pattern		

[3]

- (iii) Identify the substance shown by the spectrum in Fig. 6.2, and complete Table 6.2.

substance

Table 6.2

	peak at $\delta = 7.8$	peak at $\delta = 13.1$
group responsible for peak		

[1]

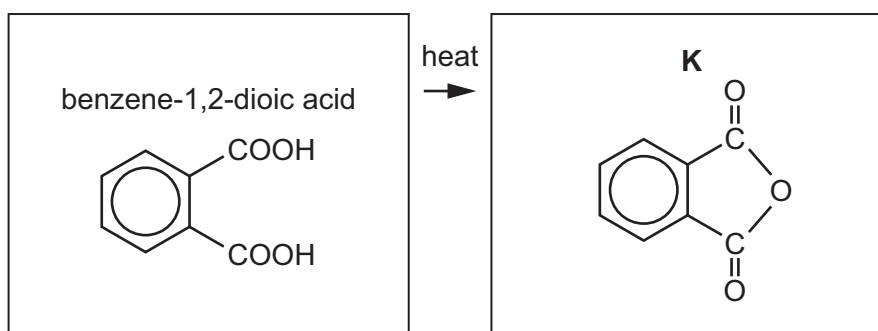
- (iv) When D_2O is used as a solvent, the spectrum obtained is different from the spectrum in Fig. 6.2.

Describe this difference and explain your answer.

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 [1]

- (e) Benzene-1,2-dioic acid can be used to produce **K**.



Suggest the name of this type of reaction.

..... [1]





7 A reaction scheme is shown in Fig. 7.1.

The reagents needed for reaction 2 and reaction 3 are stated.

Reaction 5 takes place when $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ is mixed with compound **V**. No special conditions are required.

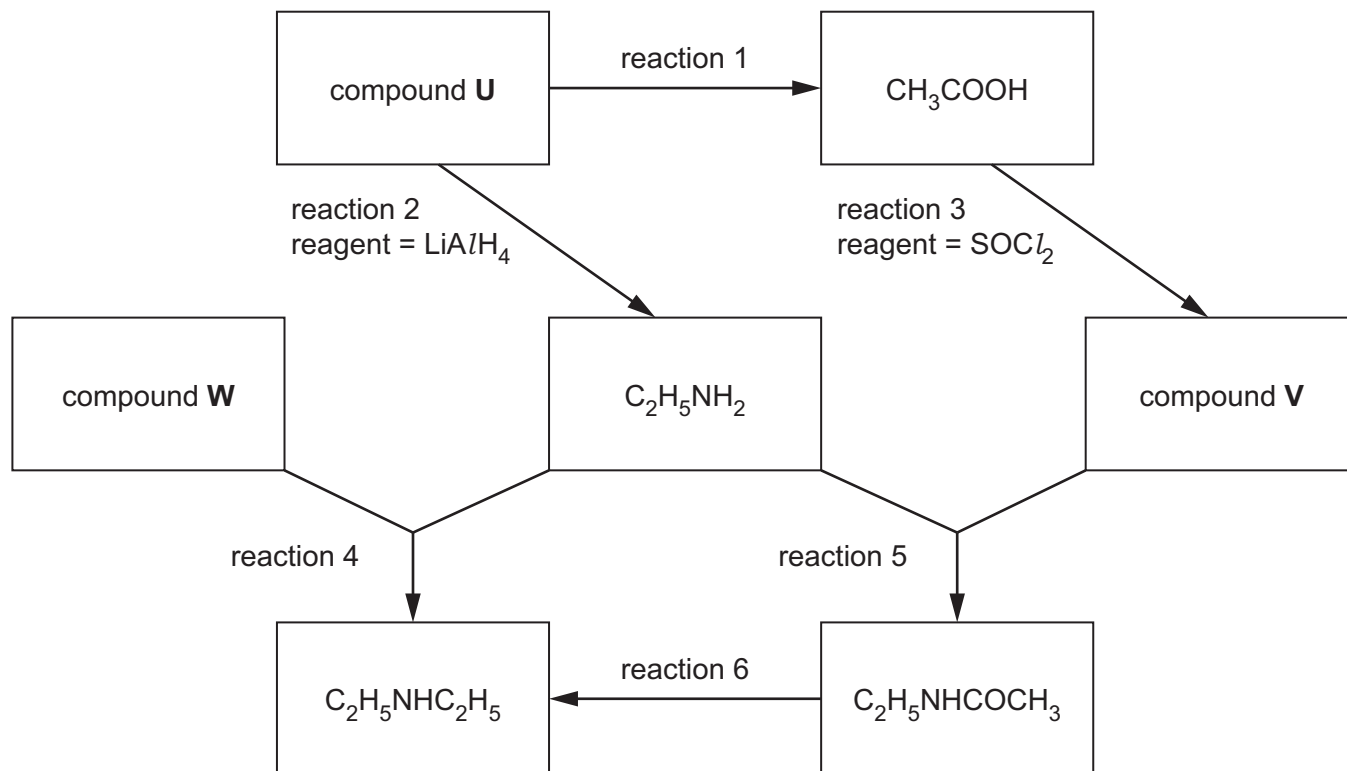


Fig. 7.1

(a) Identify compound **U** which contains only three elements.

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(b) Describe the reagents and conditions for reaction 1.

..... [1]

(c) Identify compound **V**.

..... [1]

(d) Complete the equation for reaction 3.

$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{SOCl}_2 \rightarrow$ [1]

(e) Identify compound **W**.

..... [1]

(f) Describe the conditions for reaction 4.

..... [1]





- (g) Suggest the reagent needed for reaction 6.

..... [1]

- (h) Complete Table 7.1 by adding the reaction numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to the right-hand column. Use the reaction numbers given in Fig. 7.1.

Each of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be used once only.

Table 7.1

type of reaction	reaction number(s)
hydrolysis	
addition	
reduction	
substitution	

[4]

- (i) Compare the basicities of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NHCOCH}_3$, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NHC}_2\text{H}_5$ and NH_3 .

Explain your answer.

.....
 most basic least basic

 [4]

[Total: 15]





- 8 (a) An aqueous solution of phenol, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, is acidic at 298 K.

Explain why phenol is more acidic than water.

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 [2]

- (b) (i) Name the **two** products formed when phenol reacts with an excess of $\text{Br}_2(\text{aq})$.

..... and [1]

- (ii) Draw the structures of the **two** isomeric organic products, with $M_r = 139$, that are formed when phenol reacts with $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$ at room temperature.



[1]

- (iii) Write the equation for the reaction between phenol, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, and sodium metal.

..... [1]

- (c) Phenol can be produced from phenylamine in a two-step synthesis.



Describe the reagents and conditions needed in each step.

step one:

reagents

conditions

step two:

reagents

conditions

[2]

[Total: 7]



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Important values, constants and standards

molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday constant	$F = 9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Avogadro constant	$L = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
electronic charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
molar volume of gas	$V_m = 22.4 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at s.t.p. (101 kPa and 273 K) $V_m = 24.0 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at room conditions
ionic product of water	$K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ (at 298 K (25 °C))
specific heat capacity of water	$c = 4.18 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (4.18 J g ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)





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