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12 Alkanes Answers to practice questions

Question number	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	 (Same) General formula /allow a named homologous series with its general formula Chemically similar/same (chemical) reactions Same functional group Trend in physical properties/ e.g., including boiling point as <i>M</i>_r increases (Molecules) increase by CH₂/<i>M</i>_r = 14 	2	Any two points
1 (b)	Fractional distillation/ fractionation/ chromatography	1	Allow GLC
1 (c)	(Molecules/compounds/substances) with the same molecular formula / same number and type of atomsbut different structural formula/ different displayed formula/ different arrangement of 	1 1 1 1	Allow alkanes with same molecular formula Allow same chemical formula in M1 = 0 but can allow M2 Not different positions in space M2 dependent on M1 Ignore the absence of dash and/or commas
1 (d)	less surface contact / less surface area/ less polarisable molecule	1	Allow more spherical or fewer ponts of contact Not smaller molecule/ not more compact molecule/ not shorter chain Allow converse arguments
	so fewer/weaker/less <u>Van der Waals"/vdw</u> forces	1	Must be comparative answer, i.e., not just few VDW forces QoL Assume "it" refers to the branched isomer
2 (a)	$C_{16}H_{34} + 24.5O_2 \rightarrow 16CO_2 + 17H_2O$	1	Allow multiples Ignore state symbols in equation
2 (b)	Solidifies /freezes /goes viscous /waxing occurs	1	Allow does not vaporise/ less volatile Lack of Oxygen = 0 Apply list principle
2 (c) (i)	$N_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2NO$ Spark/ (very) high temp/ 2500 °C – 4000 °C	1	Allow multiples/ Ignore state symbols in equation Ignore pressure/catalyst/low % of

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		1	oxygen
			Not just heat/hot
			Apply list principle, e.g., if high temp $150 \text{ °C} = 0$
2 (c) (ii)	$2CO + 2NO \rightarrow 2CO_2 + N2$	1	Allow multiples/ Ignore state
	OR		symbols in equation
	$C_8H_{18} + 25NO \rightarrow 8CO_2 + 12.5N_2 + 9H_2O$		Allow other alkane reacting with
	OR		NO in correctly balanced equation
	$C + 2NO \rightarrow CO_2 + N_2$		
	OR		
	$2NO \rightarrow N_2 + O_2$		
			Penalise contradiction of name
	Pt/ Pd/ Rh/ Ir	1	and symbol
		I	
2 (c) (iii)	$4NO_2 + 2H_2O + O_2 \rightarrow 4HNO_3$	1	Allow multiples/ Ignore state
2 (C) (III)	$4100_2 + 211_2 + 0_2 \rightarrow 411100_3$	1	symbols in equation
2 (d) (i)	High temp/	1	Not catalyst/heat
2 (0) (1)	anywhere in range 400 °C – 900 °C/		Not outaryourroat
	anywhere in range 670-1200 K / high pressure/		
	anywhere in range 5000 kPa up to 8000 kPa/		
2 (d) (ii)	$C_{16}H_{34} \rightarrow C_{6}H_{14} + 2C_{4}H_{8} + C_{2}H_{4}$	1	Do not allow multiples
= (0) (0)	$Or C_{16}H_{34} \rightarrow C_6H_{14} + C_4H_8 + 3C_2H_4$		Ignore state symbols in equation
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2 (d) (iii)	Polymers/ plastics/ named polymer	1	Allow polyesters or polyamides
() ()			Ignore object made from polymer
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3 (a) (i)	Crude oil / oil / petroleum	1	Do not allow "petrol"
3 (a) (ii)	Fractional distillation / fractionation /	1	Not distillation alone
	fractionating		
3 (b) (i)	5	1	Allow five / V
3 (b) (ii)	Chain (isomerism)	1	Allow branched chain / chain
*			branched / side chain (isomerism)
			Ignore position (isomerism)
			Do not allow straight chain /
			geometric / branched / function
- () ()			
3 (c) (i)	C ₁₂ H ₂₆ / H ₂₆ C ₁₂	1	Only
3 (c) (ii)	Thermal cracking	1	If not thermal cracking, $CE = 0/2$
J (J) (II)			If blank mark on
			Allow 'high heat' for 'high
			temperature' Not 'heat' alone
	High temperature	1	

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	(400 °C ≤ T ≤ 900 °C) or (650 K ≤ T ≤ 1200 K) and High pressure (≥ 10 atm, ≥ 1 MPa, ≥1000 kPa)		If no T, units must be 650 - 900
3 (c) (iii)	To produce substances which are (more) in demand / produce products with a high value / products worth more	1	Ignore 'to make more useful substances'
3 (d) (i)	Corrosive or diagram to show this hazard symbol	1	Ignore irritant, acidic, toxic, harmful
3 (d) (ii)	120.5 / (86 + 71) × 100	1	Allow answers > 3 sig figs
	=76.75% or 76.8%		
3 (e)	2,2-dichloro-3-methylpentane	1	Ignore punctuation
	C ₃ H ₆ Cl	1	Any order
4 (a) (i)	$C_8H_{18} + 8\frac{1}{2}O_2 \rightarrow 8CO + 9H_2O$	1	Accept multiples
4 (a) (ii)	Not enough oxygen or air (available for complete combustion) /lack of oxygen or air / too much octane	1	Ignore poor ventilation, low temp poor mixing, incomplete combustion
4 (b) (i)	$2CO + 2NO \rightarrow 2CO_2 + N_2$	1	Allow multiples
4 (b) (ii)	Pt / Pd / Rh / Ir or names Big(ger) surface area / increased reaction rate / removes more of the gases / ensures complete reaction	1	Apply list principle Allow (ceramic) withstands high temperatures
4 (c) (i)	Acid rain	1	Allow consequence of acid rain Ignore greenhouse gas / global warming / ozone
4 (c) (ii)	CaO/ lime / CaCO ₃ /limestone	1	Allow chemical names
	Neutralises the gas or words to that effect/it is basic/ SO_2 is acidic	1	Allow 'reacts with it' or 'it is alkaline' Ignore 'absorb'
5 (a)	$\label{eq:linear} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Initiation} \\ Cl_2 \rightarrow 2Cl \bullet \\ \mbox{First propagation} \\ Cl \bullet + CH_3Cl \rightarrow \bullet CH_2Cl + HCl \\ \mbox{Second propagation} \\ Cl_2 + \bullet CH_2Cl \rightarrow CH2Cl_2 + Cl \bullet \end{array}$	4	Penalise absence of dot once only. Credit the dot anywhere on the radical. Penalise C ₂ H ₄ Cl ₂

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	Termination (must make 1,2-dichloroethane) 2 •CH ₂ Cl \rightarrow CH ₂ ClCH ₂ Cl		
5 (b) (i)	(chlorine free) radical	1	Ignore formula
5 (b) (ii)	M1 Cl• + $O_3 \rightarrow ClO• + O_2$ M2 ClO• + $O_3 \rightarrow Cl• + 2O_2$	2	M1 and M2 could be in either order. Credit the dot anywhere on the radical. Penalise absence of dot once only. Individual multiples acceptable but both need to be doubled if two marks are to be awarded.