Q1. Glucose can decompose in the presence of microorganisms to form a range of products. One of these is a carboxylic acid (M_r = 88.0) containing 40.9% carbon and 4.5% hydrogen by mass.

(a) Deduce the empirical and molecular formulas of the carboxylic acid formed.

Empirical formula = ... Molecular formula = ...

(4)

(b) Ethanol is formed by the fermentation of glucose.
A student carried out this fermentation reaction in a beaker using an aqueous solution of glucose at a temperature of 25 °C in the presence of yeast.

Write an equation for the reaction occurring during fermentation.

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(c) In industry, this fermentation reaction is carried out at 35 °C rather than 25 °C.

Suggest **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage for industry of carrying out the fermentation at this higher temperature.

Advantage .....

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Disadvantage .....

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(d) The method used by the student in part (b) would result in the ethanol being contaminated by ethanoic acid.

How does this contamination occur?

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(e) Give **two** differences between the infrared spectrum of a carboxylic acid and that of an alcohol other than in their fingerprint regions.
Use **Table A** on the Data Sheet.

Difference 1 .....

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Difference 2 .....

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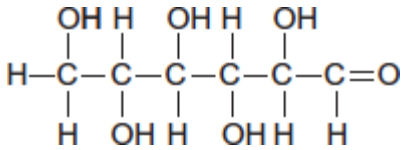
(Total 10 marks)

Q2. Glucose is an organic molecule. Glucose can exist in different forms in aqueous solution.

(a) In aqueous solution, some glucose molecules have the following structure.



(i) Deduce the empirical formula of glucose.

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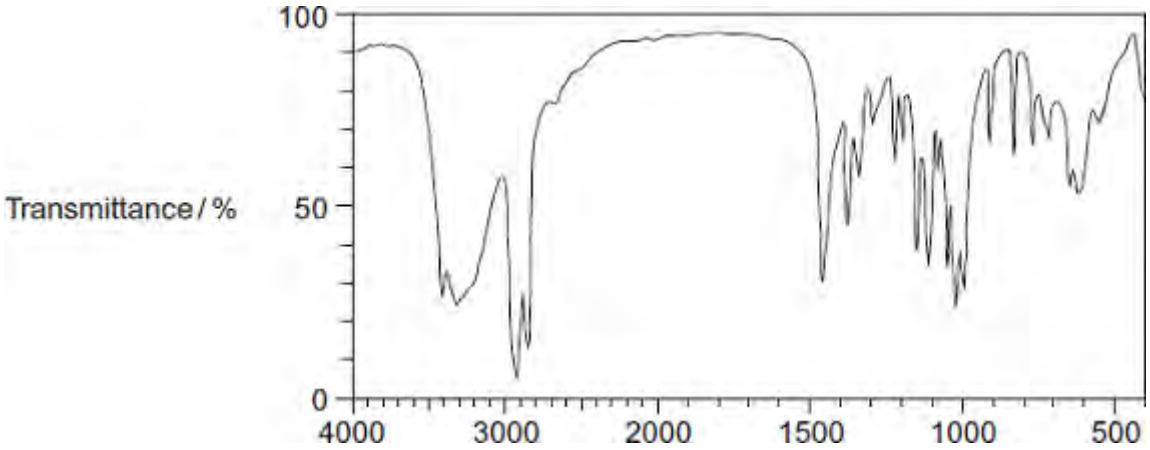
(ii) Consider the infrared spectrum of solid glucose.



Wavenumber / cm^{-1}

State why it is possible to suggest that in the solid state very few molecules have the structure shown.
You may find it helpful to refer to **Table 1** on the Data Sheet.

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(b) In the absence of oxygen, an aqueous solution of glucose can be fermented to produce ethanol for use in alcoholic drinks.

Write an equation for this fermentation reaction.
Give **two** other essential conditions for the production of ethanol in this fermentation.

Equation

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Condition 1 .....

Condition 2 .....

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(c) Any ethanol present in the breath of a drinker can be detected by using a breathalyser.
The ethanol is converted into ethanoic acid. The breathalyser has negative and positive electrodes. A current is measured and displayed in terms of alcohol content.

The overall redox equation is as follows

$$CH_3CH_2OH(l) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow CH_3COOH(l) + H_2O(l)$$

(i) Draw the displayed formula for ethanoic acid.

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(ii) Deduce a half-equation for the reduction of atmospheric oxygen to water in

acidic solution at one electrode of the breathalyser.

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(iii) Deduce a half-equation for the oxidation of ethanol in water to ethanoic acid at the other electrode of the breathalyser.

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(iv) The earliest breathalysers used laboratory chemicals to oxidise the ethanol to ethanoic acid. Detection was by a colour change.

Identify a reagent or combination of reagents that you would use in the laboratory to oxidise ethanol to ethanoic acid.
State the colour **change** that you would expect to see.

Reagent or combination of reagents .....

Colour change .....

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(d) The fermentation of glucose from crops is the main method for the production of ethanol. The product is called bioethanol. The European Union has declared that bioethanol is carbon-neutral.

(i) State the meaning of the term *carbon-neutral*.

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(ii) Other than carbon-neutrality, state the **main** advantage of the use of glucose from crops as the raw material for the production of ethanol.

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(iii) Give *one* disadvantage of the use of crops for the production of ethanol.

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Q3. The reaction of butane-1,4-diol with butanedioic acid produces the polymer PBS used in biodegradable packaging and disposable cutlery.
Butanedioic acid is produced by two different processes.

Process 1

- Aqueous sodium hydroxide reacts with 1,4-dibromobutane to make butane-1,4-diol.
- Butane-1,4-diol is oxidised to butanedioic acid.

Process 2

- Glucose reacts with carbon dioxide in the presence of microorganisms to produce butanedioic acid directly.
- The carbon dioxide used in this process is obtained from a local factory that produces bioethanol.

(a) Deduce **one** safety reason and one environmental reason why **Process 2** is preferred to **Process 1**.

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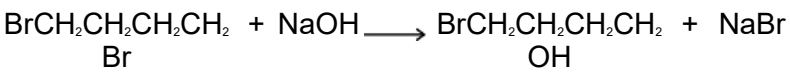
(b) (i) Name and outline a mechanism for the following reaction that occurs in **Process 1**.



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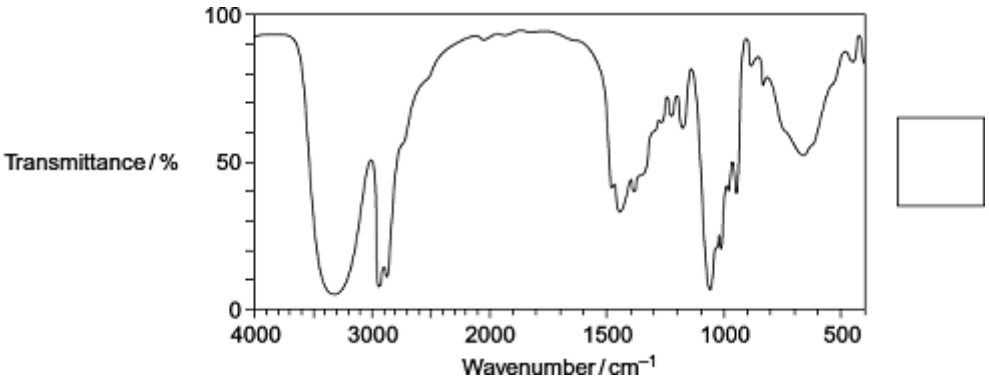
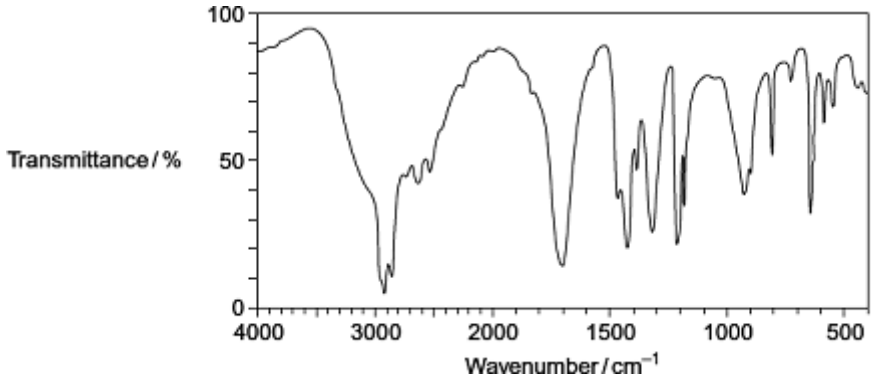
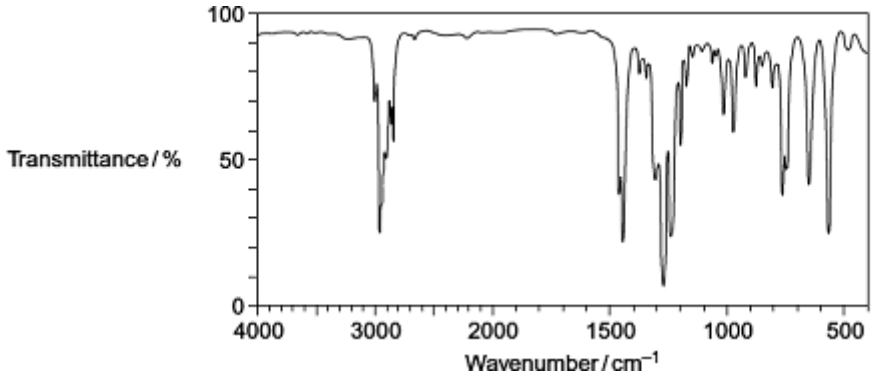
(ii) The infrared spectra shown are those of three compounds.

Compound **A** 1,4-dibromobutaneCompound **B** butane-1,4-diol
Compound **C** butanedioic acid

Identify the compound responsible for each spectrum by writing the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**, in the box next to each spectrum.
You may find it helpful to refer to **Table 1** on the Data Sheet.







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(c) In the production of bioethanol, glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) is converted into a dilute aqueous solution of ethanol and carbon dioxide.

Give the name of this process and state **three** essential conditions necessary to produce a good yield of ethanol.

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(d) State the class of alcohols to which the diol butane-1,4-diol belongs.

Identify a suitable reagent or combination of reagents for the conversion of butane-1,4-diol into butanedioic acid ($HOOCCH_2CH_2COOH$).

Write an equation for this oxidation reaction using [O] to represent the oxidising agent.

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Q4. Ethanol is an important fuel.

(a) A dilute aqueous solution of ethanol can be produced by the fermentation of an aqueous solution of glucose.
It is claimed that the ethanol obtained from this solution is a carbon-neutral biofuel.

Write an equation for this fermentation reaction.

Give **two** other essential conditions for this reaction to produce a good yield of ethanol.

Name a process used to produce a much more concentrated solution of ethanol from a dilute aqueous solution.

State the meaning of the term **carbon-neutral** in the context of this biofuel.

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(b) A student carried out a laboratory experiment to determine the enthalpy change when a sample of ethanol was burned. The heat produced was used to warm some water in a copper calorimeter. The student found that the temperature of 75.0 g of water increased by 5.50 °C when 2.40×10^{-3} mol of pure ethanol was burned in air.

Use the student's results to calculate a value, in kJ mol^{-1}, for the enthalpy change when one mole of ethanol is burned.
(The specific heat capacity of water is 4.18 J K^{-1} g^{-1})

Deduce **two** reasons why the student's value for the standard enthalpy of combustion of ethanol is different from a Data Book value of –1279 kJ mol^{-1}.

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(c) Mean bond enthalpies can be used to calculate enthalpies of reaction.

(i) Give the meaning of the term **mean bond enthalpy**.

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(ii) Consider the mean bond enthalpy data in the following table.

	C—H	**C—C**	**C—O**	**O=O**	**C=O**	**O—H**
Mean bond enthalpy / kJ mol^{-1}	412	348	360	to be calculated	805	463

Use the data in the table above and the equation shown to calculate a value for the bond enthalpy for the O=O double bond in an oxygen molecule.

$CH_3CH_2OH(g) + 3O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2CO_2(g) + 3H_2O(g)$ $\Delta H = -1279$ kJ mol^{-1}

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