1 Lactic acid, $CH_3CH(OH)COOH$, is formed in the human body during metabolism and exercise. This acid is also formed by the fermentation of carbohydrates such as sucrose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$.

(a) (i) Give the IUPAC name for lactic acid.

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(ii) Write an equation for the formation of lactic acid from sucrose and water.

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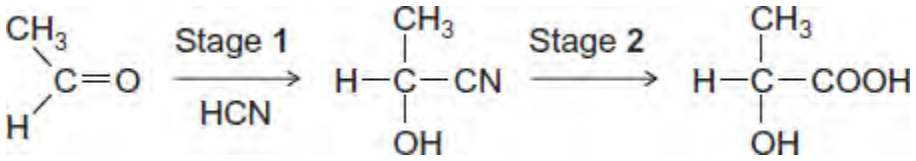
(b) A molecule of lactic acid contains an asymmetric carbon atom.
The lactic acid in the body occurs as a single enantiomer.
A racemic mixture (racemate) of lactic acid can be formed in the following two-stage synthesis.



(i) Name and outline a mechanism for Stage **1**.

Name of mechanism .....

Mechanism

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(ii) Give the meaning of the term *racemic mixture (racemate)*.

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(iii) Explain how you could distinguish between a racemic mixture (racemate) of lactic acid and one of the enantiomers of lactic acid.

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(c) A mixture of lactic acid and its salt sodium lactate is used as an acidity regulator in some foods. An acidity regulator makes sure that there is little variation in the pH of food.

(i) Write an equation for the reaction of lactic acid with sodium hydroxide.

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(ii) The acid dissociation constant K_a for lactic acid has the value 1.38×10^{-4} mol dm^{-3} at 298 K.

Calculate the pH of an equimolar solution of lactic acid and sodium lactate.

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(iii) Suggest an alternative name for the term *acidity regulator*.
Explain how a mixture of lactic acid and sodium lactate can act as a regulator when natural processes increase the acidity in some foods.

Name .....

Explanation .....

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The cup shown is made from PLA, poly(lactic acid).
PLA is the condensation polymer formed from lactic acid.

The polymer is described as 100% biodegradable and 100% compostable.

Compostable material breaks down slowly in contact with the moist air in a garden bin. This produces compost that can be used to improve soil.

The manufacturers stress that PLA cups differ from traditional plastic cups that are neither biodegradable nor compostable.

(i) Draw a section of PLA that shows **two** repeating units.

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(ii) Name the type of condensation polymer in PLA.

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(iii) An intermediate in the production of PLA is a cyclic compound ($C_6H_8O_4$) that is formed from two PLA molecules.

Draw the structure of this cyclic compound.

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(iv) Traditional non-biodegradable plastic cups can be made from poly(phenylethene), commonly known as *polystyrene*.

Draw the repeating unit of poly(phenylethene).

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(v) The manufacturers of PLA claim that the material will break down to compost in just 12 weeks.

Suggest **one** reason why PLA in landfill may take longer than 12 weeks to break down.

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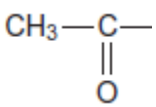
2 The triiodomethane reaction is often used as a test for aldehydes and ketones that contain the CH_3CO group shown.



The aldehyde or ketone is reacted with an alkaline solution of iodine. Triiodomethane (CHI_3) is formed as a precipitate. Compounds that contain a group that can be oxidised to the CH_3CO group will also give a positive result in this test.

(a) State, with a reason, whether or not ethanol will give a positive result in the triiodomethane reaction.

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(b) The equation for the reaction of ethanal with an alkaline solution of iodine is

$CH_3CHO + 3I_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow CHI_3 + HCOONa + 3NaI + 3H_2O$

In an experiment using this reaction, the yield of triiodomethane (CHI_3) obtained by a student was 83.2%.

Calculate the minimum mass of iodine that this student would have used to form 10.0 g of triiodomethane.
Give your answer to the appropriate precision.
Show your working.

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(c) Triiodomethane can be separated from the reaction mixture by filtration.
State **one** reason why the solid residue is then washed with water after the filtration.

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(d) State **one** reason, other than cost or availability, why water is suitable for washing this solid residue after the filtration.

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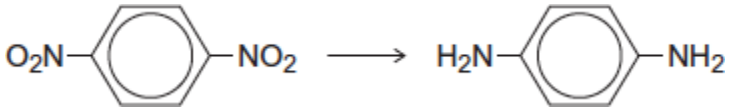
3 Each of the following conversions involves reduction of the starting material.

(a) Consider the following conversion.



Identify a reducing agent for this conversion.

Write a balanced equation for the reaction using molecular formulae for the nitrogen-containing compounds and [H] for the reducing agent.

Draw the repeating unit of the polymer formed by the product of this reaction with benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid.

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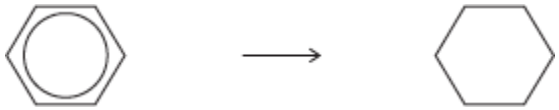
(b) Consider the following conversion.



Identify a reducing agent for this conversion.

State the empirical formula of the product.

State the bond angle between the carbon atoms in the starting material and the bond angle between the carbon atoms in the product.

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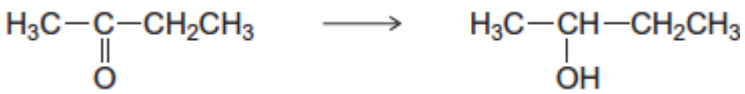
(c) The reducing agent in the following conversion is $NaBH_4$



(i) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction.

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Mechanism

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(ii) By considering the mechanism of this reaction, explain why the product formed is optically inactive.

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4 Chemists have to design synthetic routes to convert one organic compound into another.

Propanone can be converted into 2-bromopropane by a three-step synthesis.

Step 1: propanone is reduced to compound **L**.
Step 2: compound **L** is converted into compound **M**.
Step 3: compound **M** reacts to form 2-bromopropane.

Deduce the structure of compounds **L** and **M**.

For each of the three steps, suggest a reagent that could be used and name the mechanism.

Equations and curly arrow mechanisms are **not** required.

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