Mark schemes

Q1.

(a) 3-bromopropanenitrile

Allow 3-bromopropane-1-nitrile

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(b)

This question is marked using levels of response. Refer to the Mark Scheme Instructions for Examiners for guidance on how to mark this question.	
Level 3 **5-6 marks**	All stages are covered and each stage is generally correct and virtually complete. Answer is communicated coherently and shows a logical progression from Stage 1 to Stages 2 and 3.
Level 2 **3-4 marks**	All stages are covered but stage(s) may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies **OR** two stages are covered and are generally correct and virtually complete. Answer is communicated mainly coherently and shows a logical progression from Stage 1 to Stages 2 and 3.
Level 1 **1-2 marks**	Two stages are covered but stage(s) may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies **OR** only one stage is covered but is generally correct and virtually complete. Answer includes isolated statements but these are not presented in a logical order.
Level 0 **0 marks**	Insufficient correct chemistry to gain a mark.

Indicative Chemistry content

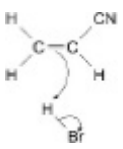
Stage 1 Types of Isomers formed

1a $CH_3CHBrCN$

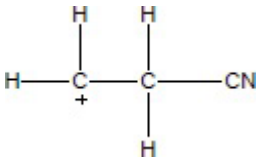
1b Exists as two Optical isomers / enantiomers

Stage 2 Mechanism

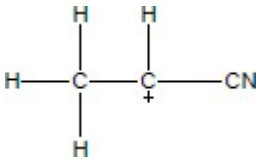
2a 2 curly arrows



2b Intermediate structure primary carbocation OR



2c Alternative Intermediate structure secondary carbocation OR



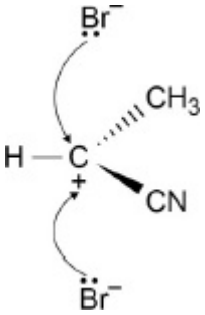
Stage 3 Optical isomerism

3a 2-bromo isomer has chiral carbon / C with four different groups / non superimposable mirror images

OR

3b Optical because (secondary) C^+ planar

3c So can be attacked from above or below



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(c) M1 KCN or NaCN

Penalise acid in M1

M2 Aqueous AND ethanol (alcohol)

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(d) M1 H_2 and Ni/Pt/Pd

Allow $LiAlH_4$ and (Dry) ether BUT <u>not</u> $NaBH_4$

M2 $NCCH_2CH_2CN + 4H_2 \rightarrow H_2N(CH_2)_4NH_2$

Allow with 8[H]

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(e) M1 x = 5

M2 y = 9

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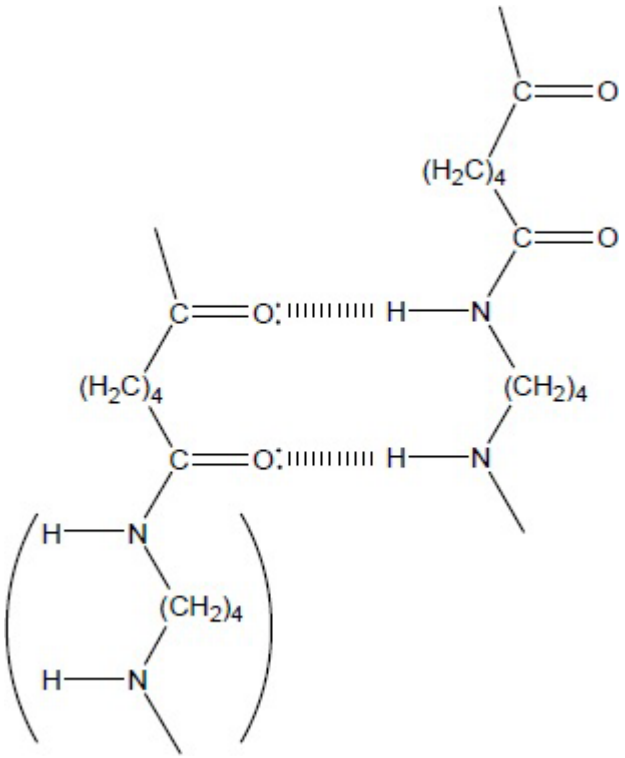
(f)



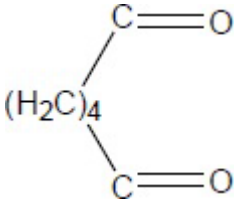
Structure shown on the left of the given structure.

The correct answer is the same irrespective of whether it's drawn on the left or right of the polymer section.

Deduct a mark(s) for error(s)/omission(s)

Must have the following:

• *Minimum correct structure*



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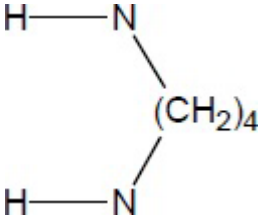
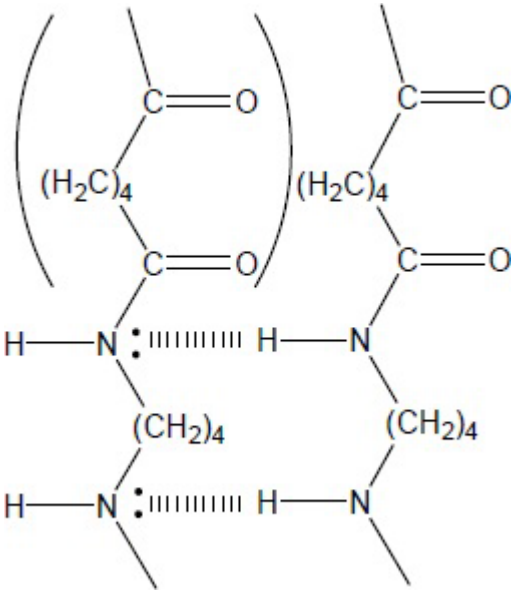


• *Lp on O or N*

• *2 Linear dashed lines from O or N to H*

Allow alternative connection below



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