Mark scheme - Haloalkanes

Qı	uest n	io	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance
1	а	i	FIRST, CHECK THE ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE IF atom economy = 46.1(%) award 2 marks Atom economy $= \frac{M_{\rm f} \text{ of } (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}}{M_{\rm f} (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + M_{\rm f} \text{ NaBr}} \times 100$ $OR = \frac{88}{190.9} \times 100$ $= 46.1(\%) \checkmark$	(AO1.2×1)	ALLOW $\frac{M_r \text{ (CH_3)}_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}}{M_r \text{ (CH_3)}_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + M_r \text{ NaOH}} \times 100$ ALLOW 46% up to calculator value (46.09743321) ALLOW ECF from incorrect M_r values Examiner's Comments Most candidates were able to recall the formula to calculate atom economy, however a number made errors in working out M_r values. However, some left this blank or just gave an answer without any working.
			ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES	3 (AO2.5×1) (AO1.1×1)	• go to the C of C–Br AND • start from, OR be traced back to any point across width of lone pair on O of OH– • OR start from – charge on O of –OH ion • OR start from – charge on O of for High some some on O of OH ion • OR start from – charge on O of of other ion of the control of the
		ii	i.e. Na+OH–can be allowed if criteria met	(AO2.5×1)	2nd curly arrow must start from, OR be traced back to, any part of C–Br bond and go to Br C—βr C—βr C—βr ALLOW S _N 1 mechanism for 2 curly arrow marks First mark Dipole shown on C–Br bond, C ^{δ+} and Br ^{δ-} , AND curly arrow from C–Br bond to Br atom ✓ (CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ — C+ H Br ^{δ-} (CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ — C+ H Br ⁻ Second mark Curly arrow from OH– AND to correct carbocation (CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ — C+ OH H CH ₃ CHCH ₂ — C+ OH CH

					Examiner's Comments Mechanisms were often seen showing curly arrows going in the wrong direction and between the wrong bonds and atoms, charges and dipoles were often incorrect, and partial changes used where full charges were required. Writing mechanisms is an important skill in organic chemistry so it is vital that time is spent practising writing them out and fully understanding the significance of the curly arrow.
					Examiner's Comments
		iii	Nucleophilic substitution ✓	1 (AO1.1×1)	Many candidates gave the correct mechanism here, with common incorrect responses being other types of mechanism, substitution only, or isomerism.
					IGNORE reference to bond polarity
	b		Rate slower with chloroalkane ORA \checkmark C-C/ bond is stronger than C-Br bond OR C-C/ bond has greater bond enthalpy OR more energy needed to break C-C/ bond \checkmark	2 (AO3.1×1) (AO2.5×1)	Examiner's Comments Very few candidates gained both marks here. It was not enough here to just state faster/slower without specifying which haloalkane they were referring to. It was also important to specify the C-X bond not just vague reference to the chlorine or bromine bond. Many described the difference in bond polarity so had the wrong order. Some were more general and discussed the reactivity of bromine and chlorine themselves.
			Total	8	
2		<u> </u>	Curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbon atom of C¬I bond ✓ Dipole shown on C¬I bond, C⁵⁺ and I⁵¬ AND curly arrow from C¬I bond to I atom ✓ CH CH CH CH 3 2 2 2 4 4	3(AO2.5×3)	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES NOTE: curly arrows can be straight, snake-like, etc. but NOT double headed or half headed arrows 1st curly arrow must • go to the C of C-I AND • start from, OR be traced back to any point across width of lone pair on O of OH- SHE SHOW TO SHE SHOW THE SHOW
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	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂		2nd curly arrow must start from, OR be traced back to, any part of C-I bond and go to I
			Examiner's Comments
			Those that had learnt this important mechanism scored all 3 marks with very precisely drawn arrows and partial charges. Although many candidates wrote out the correct organic product, many wrote Nal instead of I ⁻ which lost them the final mark.
			Exemplar 4
			CH ₂
			This candidate scored all 3 marks. The lone pair of electrons on the oxygen and partial charges on the C-I bond are clearly marked on the diagram and the arrows are precisely drawn. Connectivity is good on the organic product and I ⁻ identified as the additional product.
			Time AND precipitate required Question asks for measurement
			Examiner's Comments
ii	Time for precipitate to appear √	1(AO3.3)	The question asked for the measurement AND observation, many students did not answer both parts and therefore did not gain any marks. "How fast" and "how long" were not given as they did not detail the measurement.
			For 2 marks, ALLOW C-I is broken more easily (than C-Br) as the bond is weaker
	C–I bond is weaker (than C–Br bond) OR		There must be a comparison between C–Br and C–I bonds
iii	C–I bond has a lower bond enthalpy (than C–Br bond) ✓	2(AO3.2)	Examiner's Comments
	Carbon – halogen bond breaks √		Answers were too vague to be given in most cases. Candidates referred to bonds being broken or overcome, but did not specify C-I bonds breaking, or discussed iodine and bromine in terms of reactivities.

	Total	6	
3 i	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES Curly arrows 2 marks curly arrow from OH- to C atom of C-Br bond dipole shown on C-Br bond, C5+ and Br5-, AND curly arrow from C-Br bond to Br atom CrH3 CrH4 CrH3 CrH3 CrH3 CrH3 CrH4 CrH3 CrH4 CrH4 CrH4 CrH4 CrH4 CrH5 CrH5 CrH5 CrH5 CrH5 CrH5 CrH5 CrH6 CrH6 CrH6 CrH6 CrH6 CrH7 CrH7 CrH7 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH8 CrH9 C	3	• go to the C of C–Br AND • start from, OR be traced back to any point across width of lone pair on O of OH- SH SH SH SH SH OR start from – charge on O of ¬OH ion Charles SH SH Charles SH

					mark available is for the correct organic product and a Br ion. Some mechanisms were so poor that it was impossible to credit many candidates with any marks. Writing mechanisms is an important skill in organic chemistry and it is recommended that candidates learn and practice their writing. Exemplar 7 (b) An alcohol can be prepared by hydrolysing the haloalkane C2H6CHBrCH3 with aqueous sodium hydroxide. (i) Outline the mechanism for this reaction. Show curly arrows and relevant dipoles. (b) An alcohol can be prepared by hydrolysing the haloalkane C2H6CHBrCH3 with aqueous sodium hydroxide. (b) An alcohol can be prepared by hydrolysing the haloalkane C2H6CHBrCH3 with aqueous sodium hydroxide. (c) Outline the mechanism for this reaction. Show curly arrows and relevant dipoles. Show curly arrows and relevant dipoles. Challet H Br
		ii	Disappearance of peak at 500-800 cm ⁻¹ OR C–Br peak √ Appearance of peak at 3200-3600 cm ⁻¹ OR alcohol O–H peak	2	ALLOW value within range 500–800 cmcm ⁻¹ DO NOT ALLOW responses that only describe the spectrum shown Examiner's Comments This part discriminated very well with able candidates identifying that the absorption for the C–Br bond would disappear, with a new peak appearing for the alcohol O–H bond. A significant number of candidates did not seem to understand what was required, with many interpreting the spectrum as that of the alcohol, rather than predicting how the spectrum would change during the reaction. A common error was to interpret the absorption for a C–H bond at ~3000 cm ⁻¹ as that of an O–H bond.
			Total	5	
4	а		Links rate of reaction to strength of bond/bond enthalpy	2	Each marking point must be a comparison

e.g.
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the weaker the bond the faster the reaction stronger
bond takes longer to break lower bond enthalpy reacts
faster

Correct comparison of rate of reaction for at least **two** C–Hal bonds

e.g.

C-F bond is hydrolysed slowest

C-I bond is hydrolysed faster than C-Br

C-Br has shorter reaction time than

C-CI

OR

Correct comparison of C–Hal bond strength/enthalpy of at least **two** of C–Hal bonds

e.g.

C-I bond is the weakest

C-I has lower bond enthalpy than C-Br

C-Br is broken more easily/readily than

C–C

C–Hal bond strength decreases down group (7) √

IGNORE references to halogens as elements: *i.e.* chlorine is less reactive than bromine etc.

DO NOT ALLOW chloride, bromide and iodide

IGNORE references to bond length, polarity and electronegativity

Examiner's Comments

This question required candidates to link the rate of hydrolysis with the strength of the carbon-halogen bond present in different haloalkanes. Higher ability candidates were able to do this succinctly, making clear comparisons between different C-X bonds. Exemplar 5 shows a commonly seen one mark response.

Exemplar 5

The bond strength of the cortion-lealings to all affects that of hydrolysis. The weather the book, the faster the book of hydrolysis. This is because less angly it required to break the book.

This response correctly describes the effect of bond strength on the rate of hydrolysis and receives one mark. To score the second mark a comparison of two different carbon-halogen bonds is required.

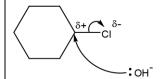
Curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbon atom of C−Cl bond ✓

Dipole shown on C–Cl bond, $C^{\delta+}$ and $Cl^{\delta-}$

AND

b

curly arrow from C-Cl bond to Cl atom √



IGNORE presence of Na⁺ but OH⁻ needed i.e. Na⁺OH⁻can be allowed if criteria met

Correct organic product **AND** Cl⁻ ✓

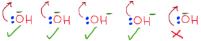
ANNOTATE ANSWER TICKS AND CROSSES

NOTE: curly arrows can be straight, snake-like, etc. but **NOT** double headed or half headed arrows

1st curly arrow must

3

- go to the C of C–CI AND
- start from, OR be traced back to any point across width of lone pair on O of OH-



IGNORE presence of Na⁺ but Cl⁻ needed i.e. Na⁺Cl⁻ can be allowed BUT NaCl does NOT show Cl⁻

• OR start from – charge on O of –OH ion

(Lone pair NOT needed if curly arrow shown from O⁻) 2nd curly arrow must start from, OR be traced back to, any part of C–Cl bond and go to Cl

ALLOW S_N¹ mechanism

First mark

Dipole shown on C–Cl bond, $C^{\delta+}$ and $Cl^{\delta-}$, **AND** curly arrow from C–Cl bond to Cl atom \checkmark

Second mark

Correct carbocation **AND** curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbocation

Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HOOR OHO

OR from minus on O of HO⁻ ion (no need to show lone pair if curly came from negative charge) ✓

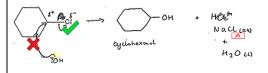
Third mark

Correct organic product **AND** Cl⁻ ✓

Examiner's Comments

Candidates were very familiar with this nucleophilic substitution mechanism. Consequently the majority of candidates scored two or three marks. Common errors included inaccurate curly arrows from the hydroxide ion and failure to show the chloride ion as a product. Exemplar 6 highlights both of these.

Exemplar 6



This response demonstrates the two most common errors seen in this part. The first marking point

				cannot be credited as the curly arrow from the hydroxide ion does not involve either the lone pair or minus sign on the O atom. The organic product is correct but the chloride ion produced by the heterolytic fission of the C-C/ bond is not shown so marking point three cannot be credited. This response only scores one mark for the correct partial charges and curly arrow on the C-C/ bond. Candidates are encouraged to practice drawing mechanisms so as to avoid costly errors during examinations.
C i	i	Diagram Diagram showing round bottom/pear shaped flask AND upright condenser ✓ Condenser Water out (Round-bottom /pear-shaped) flask Labels (Round-bottom/pear-shaped) flask AND condenser AND water in at bottom and out at top AND heat (source) ✓	2	DO NOT ALLOW conical flask, volumetric flask, beaker in place of round bottom/pear shaped flask DO NOT ALLOW distillation DO NOT ALLOW stopper/bung on top of condenser IGNORE a thermometer in condenser IGNORE a small gap between flask and condenser IGNORE a small gap between flask and condenser Most candidates were able to draw a suitable diagram to show the apparatus required for reflux but some included a stopper on top of the condenser. Many of the diagrams were labelled appropriately but common errors included incorrect direction of water flow or omission of the 'flask' label. A small but significant proportion of candidates drew a diagram showing distillation.
		Precipitate G 1 mark		ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous
	ii	silver bromide/AgBr AND $M = 1.88/0.01 = 188 \text{ (g mol}^{-1})$ 188 - 107.9 = 80.1 (so halide is Br)	3	Note: working is required for first mark ALLOW use of 108 as Ar of Ag

		Alcohol F and Haloalkane E 2 marks E and F clearly identified		Note: E and F can be identified by correct name or structure BUT IGNORE incorrect names
		F/alcohol: butan-2-ol		Examiner's Comments
		H ₃ C — C — CH ₃ E/haloalkane: E is haloalkane of C ₄ H ₉ X with • same halogen as G AND • same carbon chain as F ✓		This question, requiring candidates to analyse the information to identify compounds E , F and G , discriminated well. Many candidates deduced that G was a silver halide but not all provided working to back up their choice of AgBr. Some candidates appeared to guess and AgC/ was commonly seen. Some candidates used the molar mass of F provided to deduce the molecular formula of C ₄ H ₁₀ O but lower ability responses did not process this further. Higher ability candidates identified F as butan-2-ol, showing the chiral carbon clearly. Other alcohols were also seen including butan-1-ol and methylpropan-2-ol. The highest ability candidates linked all the information and provided a structure for E that was consistent with their suggestions for F and G .
		Total	10	
5	i	Reflux	1	
	ii	Nucleophilic substitution (1) Mechanism Curly arrow from lone pair on OH⁻ to δ+ carbon atom (1) Curly arrow and dipole on C–I bond (1) Correct products (1)	4	The curly arrow must start from the oxygen atom of the OH ⁻ and must start from either the lone pair or the negative charge
		Total	5	
6	i	OH ✓ Acid (catalyst) AND heat ✓	2	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above as long as unambiguous ALLOW (heat under) reflux ALLOW H ₃ PO ₄ OR H ₂ SO ₄ OR H+ DO NOT ALLOW other named acids

					IGNORE water / steam
					Examiner's Comments
					Candidates who were able to give the structure of the intermediate were not always able to state the conditions for the elimination of water from an alcohol. The presence of an acid catalyst and heat are stated in the specification. Some candidates confused this reaction with addition reactions of alkenes suggesting that a Ni catalyst or the presence of steam is required.
					If there is an alternative answer, check to see if there is any ECF credit possible
		ii	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE IF answer = 44.4(%) award all 3 marks for calculation Amount cyclohexene (m / M) = 1.23/82 OR 0.0150 mol ✓ Amount of brnmocyclohexane (m / M) = 5.50/162.9 OR 0.0338 mol ✓ % yield = (0.0150/0.0338) × 100 = 44.4(%) ✓ Final answer must be to 3 significant figures	3	 ALLOW 3 SF: 0.0338 up to calculator value of 0.033763044 correctly rounded Common ECFs (2 marks) Incorrect M_r → incorrect moles of cyclohexene Incorrect M_r → incorrect moles of 2- bromocyclohexane e.g. ALLOW two marks for use of incorrect mass of bromocyclohexane with other calculations correct e.g. (5.50/163) = 0.033742331 → 44.5% ALLOW calculation in mass Theoretical mass yield: m(C₆H₁₀) = 0.0338 × 82 = 2.77 g % yield = (1.23/2.77) × 100 = 44.4% Examiner's Comment:
			Taria anower must be to a significant rigures		Although some candidates simply calculated 1.23/5.50, most followed an effective strategy for the calculation of percentage yield. Many gained full marks but a large number of candidates relied on the application of error carried forward when they made one or more careless errors during the calculation of molar mass and / or moles. Intermediate answers were sometimes rounded to 2 significant figures and marks were lost by candidates who presented their final answer to 2 or 4 significant figures.
			Total	5	
7	а	i		3	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES

		curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbon atom of C - Br bond ✓ Dipole shown on C−Br bond, C⁵+ and Br⁵−, AND curly arrow from C−Br bond to Br atom ✓ C₃H7 C³+ Br OH⁻ correct organic product AND Br⁻ ✓ CH₃CH₂CH₂ CH₂ CH + Br⁻ H		Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HO¹ OR OH¹ OR OH¹ OR from minus on O of HO¹ ion (no need to show lone pair if curly arrow came from negative charge) IGNORE alkyl group in the first marking point ALLOW SN1 mechanism First mark Dipole shown on C-Br bond, C⁵⁺ and Br⁵⁻, AND curly arrow from C - Br bond to Br atom ✓ C₃H႗ C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
	iii	Nucleophilic substitution ✓ 1-iodobutane AND C–I bonds are weaker (than C-Br) OR C–I bond has a lower bond enthalpy	1	Note: the haloalkane could be identified by a correct structure e.g. CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ I IGNORE molecular formula IGNORE iodobutane (no locant number) Statement must be comparative ALLOW ORA
b	i	OR C–I bond has a lower bond entirialpy OR C–I bond needs less energy to break OR C–I bond is easier to break ✓ CF ₃ C <i>I</i> → CF ₃ • + C <i>I</i> •√	1	IGNORE C–I bond is longer IGNORE polarity and references to electronegativity Note: dots are required
	ii	Step 1: $CI^{\bullet} + O_3 \rightarrow CI O^{\bullet} + O_2 \checkmark$ Step 2: $CIO^{\bullet} + O \rightarrow CI^{\bullet} + O_2 \checkmark$ Overall equation: $O_3 + O \rightarrow 2O_2 \checkmark$	3	ALLOW one mark for both correct symbol equations in propagation steps with (any or all) dots missing or extra dots. e.g. C/• + O₃• → C/O + O₂ C/O• + O• → C/ + O₂•

	iii	FIRST CHECK THE ANSWER ON THE ANSWER LINE IF answer = 9.98×10^4 award 3 marks $n(Cl^{\bullet}) = \frac{1}{35.5} = 0.02817 \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $n(O_3) = \frac{135000}{48} = 2812.5 \text{ (mol)} \checkmark$ $n(Cl^{\bullet}) : n(O_3) = \frac{2812.5}{0.02817} = 9.98 \times 10^4 \checkmark$	3	If there is an alternative answer, check to see if there is any ECF credit possible ALLOW 0.0282 up to calculator value of 0.02816901408 correctly rounded to 3 or more sig. fig. ALLOW 3SF: 2810 up to calculator value of 2812.5 correctly rounded
		Must be in standard form AND to 3SF Total	12	Note: use of 0.0202 fillor of gives 9.97 × 10
8 :	a	Empirical / molecular formula 3 marks Mole ratio C: H: Br is 2.44: 5.70: 0.814 √ (Empirical formula) = C₃HrBr √ QWC (Molecular formula) = C₃HrBr AND relative mass linked to 150 evidence √ Structural isomers 2 marks CH₃CH₂CH₂Br √ CH₃CHBrCH₃ √	5	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ALLOW 29.29 : 5.70 / 1.0 : 79.9 Evidence could include a calculation of the relative mass of C ₃ H ₇ Br as 122.9 linking to M _r being less than 150 ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long as unambiguous) DO NOT ALLOW missing H atom(s) in a displayed formula for one structure but ALLOW missing H atoms in subsequent structure Note: structures from an incorrect molecular formula will be credited on their merits. Please consult TL for advice on how to mark the subsequent parts of this question Examiner's Comments Calculation of empirical formula has always been a strength of candidates at this level. Consequently the vast majority were able to deduce the structures of the two isomers correctly. A significant number of candidates failed to secure full marks as they did not link the M _r of the empirical formula with the information about the M _r of the isomers being less than 150. Some candidates tried to use the value of 150 to determine the formula of C and D, ultimately ending up with an incorrect answer. However, error carried forward marks were allowed through

			subsequent parts of this question where appropriate.
			ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES
b i	Infrared for G 2 marks	6	LOOK ON THE SPECTRUM for labelled peaks which can be given credit
	1700 cm ⁻¹ AND C=O/carbonyl group ✓ (broad) 2300–3600 cm ⁻¹ AND O–H in carboxylic acid ✓		ALLOW ranges from <i>Data Sheet</i> : C=O within range 1640–1750 cm ⁻¹ ; (broad) O-H within range 2500–3300 cm ⁻¹
	Structures 2 montes		ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long as unambiguous)
	Structures 3 marks CH₃CH₂CH₂OH ✓		ALLOW CH ₃ CH ₂ CO ₂ H for carboxylic acid
i	CH₃CHOHCH₃ ✓		IGNORE names
	CH₃CH₂COOH ✓		IGNORE labels
			DO NOT ALLOW missing H atom(s) in a displayed formula for one structure but ALLOW missing H atoms in subsequent structures
			ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above in equation
			Examiner's Comments
i	Equation for formation of G 1 mark $C_3H_8O + 2[O] \rightarrow C_3H_6O_2 + H_2O \checkmark$		Candidates were well prepared for a structural determination question and examiners were encouraged by the number of high quality of responses to this question. Most candidates were able interpret the key peaks in the IR spectrum and identified the O-H bond of a carboxylic acid and C=O bond accurately. Most candidates identified all three structures correctly. Only the strongest responses included a correct equation for the formation of G by oxidation of E . Many responses failed to include this and others often had H ₂ as the inorganic product. Candidates are advised to revise oxidation reactions of alcohols thoroughly as it is often the case that incorrect equations are frequently seen in responses to exam questions.
ii		2	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES

		2 marks for correct ester. CH₃CH₂COOCH(CH₃)₂ ✓✓ Award 1 mark for: CH₃CH₂COOCH₂CH₂CH₃ OR Ambiguous ester: CH₃CH₂COOC₃H₁ ✓		ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long as unambiguous) ALLOW C ₂ H ₅ CO ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ IF there is one bond and its H missing from the correct ester award 1 mark Examiner's Comments Most candidates were able to show the structure of the ester formed from propanoic acid (G and propan-2-ol (F) correctly. Some candidates used the incorrect alcohol, propan-1-ol (E) and such responses received only one of the two marks available.
		Total	13	
9	i	Thunderstorms / lightning AND aircraft √	3	Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to state two sources of nitrogen oxides in the stratosphere. Whilst most candidates identified one, this was often accompanied by vague or irrelevant statements such as 'car engines' or 'the burning of fossil fuels'. Consequently only the strongest candidates scored in this part.
	ii	$NO + O_3 \rightarrow NO_2 + O_2 \checkmark$ $NO_2 + O \rightarrow NO + O_2 \checkmark$	2	ALLOW $NO_2 + O_3 \rightarrow NO + 2O_2$ IGNORE dots IGNORE $O + O_3 \rightarrow 2O_2$ IGNORE $2O_3 \rightarrow 3O_2$ Examiner's Comments The majority of candidates were able to provide the two equations that describe the catalytic role of NO in ozone depletion. A small but, significant proportion, of candidates provided equations involving N atoms.
		Total	3	
1 0	i	CI + NaOH — OH + Nao	1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above ALLOW equation with OH ⁻ as reactant and CI ⁻ product

				e.g (CH ₃) ₃ CCH ₂ CI + OH $^ \rightarrow$ (CH ₃) ₃ CCH ₂ OH + CI $^-$
				IGNORE equations with KOH / H₂O as reactant (question states sodium hydroxide)
				IGNORE molecular formulae (question requires structures)
				Examiner's Comments
				Most candidates were able to identify the correct chloroalkane required to produce 2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol and provided a correctly balanced equation. A small but significant proportion of candidates failed to show the inorganic product in their equation. Candidates are encouraged to check equations carefully to ensure the correct formulae appear on both sides.
				Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HO ⁻ OR OH ⁻ OR from minus sign on O of HO ⁻ ion (No need to show lone pair if curly arrow came from negative charge)
				NOTE: ALLOW mechanism involving ANY halogenoalkane as structures have been assessed in (i)
		δ+ Ccl δ-		ALLOW S _N 1 mechanism: First mark Dipole shown on C—Cl bond, C ^{δ+} and Cl ^{δ−} AND curly arrow from C—Cl bond to Cl atom ✓
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	ii		2	Second mark Correct carbocation AND curly arrow from HO ⁻ to carbocation
		curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbon atom of C—Cl bond ✓		
		Dipole shown on C—Cl bond, C ^{δ+} and Cl ^{δ-} AND curly arrow from C–Cl bond to Cl atom ✓		ОН
				Note: '+' is fine for charge (circle used for clarity)
				Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HO ⁻ OR OH ⁻
				OR from minus sign on O of HO⁻ ion (No need to show lone pair if curly arrow came from negative charge) ✓
				Examiner's Comments
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				The mechanism of the hydrolysis of a primary halogenoalkane was well known and consequently most candidates scored both marks. A small, but significant, proportion of candidates started their curly arrow from the H atom of the hydroxide ion. Candidates should be advised to take care when drawing mechanisms to ensure curly arrows are used accurately.
		Total	3	
1 1	i	C ₂ H ₅ O √	1	ALLOW elements in any order DO NOT ALLOW any other answer Examiner's Comments This part was answered well by most candidates. Some candidates however wrote the molecular rather than the empirical formula, or attempted to show the empirical formula as C ₂ H ₄ OH instead of C ₂ H ₅ O.
	ii	Compound E: H CH ₃ Br C C C Br H CH ₃ Stage 1: Compound E: Bromine/Br ₂ ✓ NaOH/KOH OR OH ✓ Stage 2: Only award if intermediate contains at least one halogen atom	3	For structures: ALLOW correct structural OR skeletal OR displayed formula OR mixture of the above ALLOW dichloro/diiodo compound IGNORE connectivity of bonds to CH3 ALLOW chlorine/Cl2 OR iodine/I2 IGNORE conditions, e.g. u.v. DO NOT ALLOW H2O IGNORE conditions NOTE: Max of 2 marks available for monobrominated intermediate 1 mark Reagent: HBr AND Intermediate: CH3C(CH3)2Br OR BrCH2CH(CH3)2 1 mark Intermediate: CH3C(CH3)2Br OR BrCH2CH(CH3)2 AND Reagent: NaOH Examiner's Comments

					This demanding part was answered poorly by weaker candidates and was good for differentiating higher ability candidates. The mark scheme allowed some credit for using a hydrogen halide to obtain a monosubstituted haloalkane for compound E. Surprisingly, reaction mechanism names were often given instead of reagents. Many candidates seemed to guess, sometimes showing the same reagents for both stages in the hope of getting a mark. Many showed an intermediate containing no halogen atom.
			Total	4	
1 2			Propagation step 1 $NO \cdot + O_3 \rightarrow NO_2 \cdot + O_2 \checkmark$	1	ALLOW one mark for both correct symbol equations with (any or all) dots missing or extra dots
					e.g. NO + O ₃ \rightarrow NO ₂ · + O ₂ NO ₂ + O \rightarrow NO + O ₂ ·
			Propagation step 2		Examiner's Comments
			$NO_{2'} + O \rightarrow NO' + O_2 \checkmark$	1	Many incorrect equations or correct symbol equations containing incorrect radicals were observed. A large proportion of candidates scored no marks on this question although the most able often provided both equations to gain two marks.
			Total	2	
1 3	а	İ	Movement of an electron pair √	1	ALLOW movement of a lone pair OR movement of a bond Examiner's Comments Although the definition of a curly arrow was well known, many imprecise responses were seen. The most common was that a curly arrow represents the movement of electrons. Candidates should be aware that it is important to refer to an electron pair,
					when describing the meaning of a curly arrow. ALLOW can donate a lone pair
		ii	Electron pair donor √	1	Examiner's Comments Most candidates could state the correct definition. However, as with part (i) a significant number of candidates failed to specify 'electron pair' and stated that a nucleophile is an electron donor.
	b	i	$\begin{array}{c c} H_2C & H \\ C & C \\ H & G \\ H & G \\ \hline \\ OH \end{array}$	3	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HO ⁻ OR OH ⁻ OR from minus sign on HO ⁻ ion (No

				need to show lone pair if curly arrow came from negative charge on O)
		curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbon atom of C−Br bond ✓		ALLOW S _N 1 mechanism:
		Dipole shown on C–Br bond, $C^{\delta+}$ and $Br^{\delta-}$, AND curly arrow from C–Br bond to Br atom \checkmark		Dipole shown on C–Br bond, $C^{\delta+}$ and $Br^{\delta-}$, AND curly arrow from C–Br bond to Br atom \checkmark
		H ₂ C CH ₂ OH + Br correct organic product AND Br ✓		Correct carbocation AND curly arrow from HO⁻ to carbocation Curly arrow must come from lone pair on O of HO⁻ OR OH⁻ OR from minus sign on HO⁻ ion (No need to show lone pair if curly arrow came from negative charge on O) ✓ correct organic product AND Br⁻ ✓ $H_2C \qquad H_2C \qquad H_3 \qquad H_2C \qquad H_4
				and neglected to show the Br ⁻ ion formed from the heterolytic fission of the C—Br bond. Candidates are advised to only show the relevant ions when drawing mechanisms.
	ii	Nucleophilic substitution ✓	1	Examiner's Comments
				The majority of candidates could name this mechanism as nucleophilic substitution.
				ALLOW name or formula for each IGNORE any stated temperature and pressure
c	i	H₂ AND Ni (catalyst) ✓	1	Examiner's Comments
				To score the mark in this question candidates had

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			to state that both hydrogen and nickel were required for step 1. It was often the case that only one of these was stated. Although hydrogen was often seen as a reagent it was common to see an incorrect catalyst, such as H ₂ SO ₄ .
ii	(Initiation) $CI_2 \rightarrow 2CI$ AND UV \checkmark (Propagation) $C_3H_7Br + CI \rightarrow C_3H_6Br + HCI \checkmark$ $C_3H_6Br + CI_2 \rightarrow C_3H_6BrCI + CI \checkmark$ (Termination) Two from the three termination equations below \checkmark $2CI \rightarrow CI_2$ $C_3H_6Br + CI \rightarrow C_3H_6BrCI$ $2C_3H_6Br \rightarrow C_6H_{12}Br_2$ names of steps initiation, propagation and termination linked to one correct equation for each step in this mechanism \checkmark	5	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC DO NOT ALLOW any ECF in this question IGNORE references to temperature THROUGHOUT, ALLOW correct molecular formulae OR structural OR displayed OR skeletal OR mixture of the above IGNORE dots IGNORE state symbols IGNORE one incorrect termination equation Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to apply their knowledge of the radical substitution mechanism to form a bromochloroalkane. Examiners were encouraged by the number of excellent attempts and it is clear that candidates had prepared well for this type of question. Consequently most candidates scored four or five marks. A common reason for a candidate only scoring four marks was the omission of UV radiation as an essential condition.
iii	further substitution OR produces different termination products OR More than one termination step√ substitution at different positions along chain ✓	2	IGNORE mixture of organic products (in question) ALLOW dichloro / multichloro / dibromo / multibromo compounds formed OR an example of a further substitution product OR an example of a different termination product ALLOW more than one hydrogen (atom) can be replaced ALLOW radicals react with each other to form other products ALLOW forms different structural isomers ALLOW a hydrogen (atom) on a different carbon (atom) can be replaced Examiner's Comments Candidates often found it difficult to provide clearly written explanations for this question. The majorly of responses focused on further substitution or the idea of different termination steps. Only the best candidates recognised that chlorination of 1-

				bromopropane would produce a mixture of structural isomers.
		Total	14	
1 4	Ī	ANY TWO FROM THE FOLLOWING ✓ Low reactivity OR will not burn / non-flammable Volatile OR low boiling point non-poisonous OR non-toxic	1	ALLOW inert OR stable DO NOT ALLOW inflammable ALLOW it is a gas IGNORE easily compressed IGNORE not harmful IGNORE references to solubility Examiner's Comments Stronger candidates were able to identify two suitable properties of G. Although the majority were able state a single property it was often accompanied by a repetitive or incorrect statement. Vague statements, which included 'it is a CFC' and 'it is easily compressed' were also frequently seen.
	ii	Benefit of ozone layer to life (1 mark) Ozone absorbs UV (radiation) UV at Earth's surface is reduced \checkmark OR Maintenance of O ₃ concentration (1 mark) O ₃ \rightleftharpoons O ₂ + O \checkmark Production of radicals from G (1 mark) $CF_2CI_2 \rightarrow CI + CF_2CI \checkmark$ Breakdown of O ₃ (2 marks)	5	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC For all equations, IGNORE dots on radicals Essential idea for first mark is that UV is removed in some way. ALLOW Prevents UV damaging life or stated type of damage, e.g. cataracts, skin cancer, mutation, crop damage DO NOT ALLOW ozone absorbs IR ALLOW $O_3 \rightarrow O_2 + O$ AND $O_2 + O \rightarrow O_3$ DO NOT ALLOW $2O_3 \rightleftharpoons 3O_2$ OR $O_3 + O \rightarrow 2O_2$ for this mark

			$CI + O_3 \rightarrow CIO + O_2 \checkmark$		DO NOT ALLOW equations with other CFCs
			OR $CIO + O \rightarrow CI + O_2$ $CIO + O_3 \rightarrow CI + 2O_2 \checkmark$		DO NOT ALLOW CF ₂ C <i>l</i> ₂ → 2C <i>l</i> + CF ₂
					These are the only acceptable equations
					IGNORE overall equation (does not show role of catalyst)
					e.g. $O_3 + O \rightarrow 2O_2$
					Examiner's Comments
					This question was answered very well. Almost all candidates were able to recall the benefit of the ozone layer. The equations showing the catalytic breakdown of ozone with CI radicals were reproduced accurately by the majority of the cohort. Although most candidates were able explain how the concentration of ozone was maintained in words, the statements were not always accompanied by the relevant equations. The majority of candidates did not provide an equation to show the formation of CI radicals from G and consequently only the strongest candidates received full marks.
					ALLOW CHF ₂ C/ ALLOW B OR C ₂ F ₄ OR CF ₂ CF ₂
		iii	D√	1	Examiner's Comments The majority of candidates suggested a suitable compound from the selection provided.
			Total	7	
1 5			The C-Br bond is weaker (than the C-C/ bond)	1	ORA
			Total	1	
1 6	а		H_3C C H_3 H_3C H_3C H_3 H_3C H_3	1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above DO NOT ALLOW molecular formula ALLOW dichloro or diiodo compound instead of the dibromo compound as the only alternatives. Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to interpret the reaction scheme and suggest an intermediate compound that could be formed from 2-methylbut-2-

				shown. The most able candidates demonstrated their understanding of this scheme and often suggested the correct dihalo compound. Most candidate favoured the dibromo compound however some chose to show the dichloro or diiodo compound. All of these responses received credit. A large proportion of structures suggested were obtainable from 2-methylbut-2-ene but could not be hydrolysed. These included the products of hydrogenation e.g. 2-methylbutane, or hydration e.g. 2-methylbutan-2-ol. Consequently only the most able candidates achieved a mark in part (b), as this was essentially dependant on part (a).
þ		Reagent A : correct halogen ✓ e.g. Br₂ / bromine	1	ALLOW C/2 if dichloro compound drawn ALLOW I2 if diiodo compound drawn IGNORE state symbols Answer must match box from (a) to score Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to interpret the reaction scheme and suggest an intermediate compound that could be formed from 2-methylbut-2-ene that could be also hydrolysed to give the diol shown. The most able candidates demonstrated their understanding of this scheme and often suggested the correct dihalo compound. Most candidate favoured the dibromo compound however some chose to show the dichloro or diiodo compound. All of these responses received credit. A large proportion of structures suggested were obtainable from 2-methylbut-2-ene but could not be hydrolysed. These included the products of hydrogenation e.g. 2-methylbutane, or hydration e.g. 2-methylbutan-2-ol. Consequently only the most able candidates achieved a mark in part (b), as this was essentially dependant on part (a).
С	i	Steam AND acid catalyst √	1	ALLOW H* / named acid / H ₂ SO ₄ / H ₃ PO ₄ ALLOW H ₂ O(g) ALLOW water only if a temperature of 100 °C or above is quoted. IGNORE any temperature given with steam IGNORE pressure Examiner's Comments One would expect the majority of candidates to do well in a question which required them to state the

			reagents and conditions required for the hydration of alkenes; however this was not the case. The most able candidates provided accurate responses which referred to both steam and the acid catalyst, which was often shown to be H ₃ PO ₄ . Other candidates stated only one of the two required responses and it was common to see the acid catalyst stated alongside a temperature and pressure but with no reference to steam. Some candidates stated the reagent as H ₂ O instead of steam and this was allowed if accompanied by a temperature of over 100 °C.
			Candidates should be encouraged to learn reagents and conditions required for organic reactions. ALLOW different structure OR different displayed
ii	(compounds or molecules) having the same molecular formula but different structural formulae ✓	1	formula OR different skeletal formula for structure Same formula is not sufficient Different arrangement of atoms is not sufficient Examiner's Comments The majority of candidates were able to explain the
iii	CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ H ₃ C—C—C—H OH H ✓ H OH ✓	2	term structural isomers. ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above ALLOW any vertical bond to OH DO NOT ALLOW OH- Examiner's Comments Many candidates found this question difficult and a large number of candidates showed structures of alcohols with the molecular formula C ₅ H ₁₂ O, but that could not be formed from 2- methylbut-2-ene. Examples of these incorrect responses included 2-methylbutan-1-ol, pentan-1-ol, pentan-2-ol and pentan-3-ol. Only the most able could show the structures of both alcohols produced by the hydration of 2-methylbut-2-ene. Candidates should be reminded to check that any structures they suggest are consistent with the context of the question.
i	Does not contain OH group(s) OR does not contain hydroxyl group(s) OR is not an alcohol ✓ Does not form hydrogen bonds with water ✓	2	ALLOW ORA throughout DO NOT ALLOW OH- (ions) / hydroxide (ions) 'Does not form hydrogen bonds' is not sufficient Examiner's Comments The majority of candidates were able to recognise

1 7	а	Total It is an electron pair donor OR can donate a lone pair ✓	8	that the key to the solubility of the isomers in water is that they contain the OH group whereas 2-methylbut-2-ene does not. Most candidates scored the second mark by accurately explaining that the OH group could form hydrogen bonds with water. Examiner's Comments Most candidates were able to state that the methoxide ion acted as an electron pair donor. In some cases imprecise responses such as 'donates electrons' were seen. Candidates should be
				encouraged to give specific answers when asked to explain scientific terms. ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC IGNORE connectivity to C ₃ H ₇ throughout
	Ф	C ₃ H ₇ H C ₄ H C ₄ H C ₄ H C ₅ H C ₆ H	3	IGNORE alkyl group in first marking point. Curly arrow must start from C–Br bond and not from C atom. Dipole must be partial charge and not full charge CH₃O⁻ curly arrow must come from one lone pair on O of CH₃O⁻ ion OR from negative sign on O of the CH₃O⁻ ion ALLOW arrow from lone pair on O in OCH₃⁻ Lone pair not required DO NOT ALLOW incorrect connectivity of CH₃O group in the final product −CH₃O IGNORE Br⁵⁻ as a product ALLOW SN1 mechanism Dipole shown on the C—Br bond, C⁵⁺ and Br⁵⁻ and curly arrow from C—Br bond to the Br atom ✓ curly arrow from CH₃O⁻ to carbonium ion ✓ correct organic product ✓ Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to apply their knowledge of the nucleophilic substitution mechanism in an unfamiliar context. The first mark was awarded for showing the dipole on the C-Br bond and the curly arrow to demonstrate the heterolytic fission of the bond. This

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			proved to be the most accessible mark and most candidates scored it.
			The second mark was awarded for the curly arrow from the methoxide ion to the C atom of the C-Br bond. The more able candidates were able to show their understanding and provided accurately drawn arrows. A common misconception was to start the curly arrow from a lone pair on the C atom of the methoxide ion.
			The third mark was awarded for the correct organic product and was often scored by the stronger candidates. As a consequence of showing nucleophilic attack from the C atom of the CH ₃ O ⁻ ion, a significant number of responses showed the incorrect connectivity, as the nucleophile was joined via the C atom rather than the O atom.
			Unfortunately a number of candidates attempted to show the mechanism using OH ⁻ ions as the nucleophile rather than CH ₃ O ⁻ . Although they were able to score the first mark no other marks were awarded.
			A very small proportion of candidates chose to show the S_N1 mechanism rather than the expected S_N2 and full credit was allowed if the response was correct.
	1-lodobutane increases the rate AND		All statements must be comparative ALLOW ORA IGNORE C—I bond is longer IGNORE polarity and references to electronegativity
C	C—I bonds are weaker (than C—Br) OR C—I bond has a lower bond enthalpy OR C—I bond needs a smaller amount of energy to break OR C—I bond is easier to break ✓	1	Examiner's Comments Many candidates were able to predict that the rate of the reaction would increase. In addition to this the Mark Scheme required candidates to explain this by referring to the effect of the different C-halogen bond. Most candidates were able to identify that the C-I bond would be weaker. Some candidates often referred to 1-iodobutane having weaker bonds but failed to specify which bond. Other candidates referred to the reactivity of iodine and bromine.
d		2	ALLOW only skeletal formula
	butyl ethanoate ✓		DO NOT ALLOW ECF from incorrect structure.

								ALLOW butylethanoate ALLOW butanyl for butyl DO NOT ALLOW butly Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to interpret the information and deduce that an ester would be
								produced. Many candidates found this challenging but the strongest candidates were able to provide a correct skeletal formula and name for the product. Common incorrect responses showed carboxylic acid structures and names.
			Total				7	
1 8	а						1	
	b	i	2Na + 2CH₃OH → 2Na+ + 2CH₃O- + H₂ ✓				1	ALLOW 2Na + 2CH ₃ OH → 2CH ₃ ONa + H ₂
		ii	Curly arrow from CH ₃ O ⁻ to carbon atom of C-Br bond ✓ Dipole shown on C–Br bond, C ^{δ+} and Br ^{δ-} AND curly arrow from C–Br bond to the Br atom ✓ Products of reaction (must not be ambiguous) ✓				3	ALLOW correct structural OR skeletal OR displayed formula OR mixture of the above as long as non-ambiguous. The curly arrow must start from O atom of CH ₃ O ⁻ AND must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge. No need to show lone pair if curly arrow comes from negative charge. ALLOW S _N 1 Dipole shown on C–Br bond, C ^{δ+} and Br ^{δ-} , and curly arrow from C–Br bond to the Br atom. Correct carbocation drawn. AND curly arrow from CH ₃ O ⁻ to carbocation. The curly arrow must start from the oxygen atom of the CH ₃ O ⁻ , and must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge.
		iii	CH₃O⁻ donates an electric AND heterolytic fission \	-			1	ASSUME 'it' refers to CH₃O⁻
			δ/ppm	elative peak area	Splitting pattern			ALLOW δ values \pm 0.2 ppm, as a range or a value within the range
	С		0.5-1.9 3.0-4.3	3	Triplet Quartet	✓ ✓	4	
			0.5-1.9	6	Doublet	√		
			3.0-4.3	1	Heptet	✓		ALLOW multiplet for heptet

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	d	i	Curly arrow from CH ₃ O ⁻ to H of CH ₂ \checkmark Curly arrow from C-H bond to C of CH ₂ \checkmark Curly arrow from C-H bond to \checkmark Ch ₃ C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	3	The curly arrow must start from O atom of CH ₃ O ⁻ AND must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge. No need to show lone pair if curly arrow comes from negative charge. ALLOW any unambiguous structure, skeletal, displayed, structural or combination.
		ii	CH₃O⁻ accepted a proton √	1	ASSUME 'it' refers to CH₃O⁻
			Total	14	
1 9		i	$Ag^+ + CI^- \rightarrow AgCI$ OR $Ag^+ + Br^- \rightarrow AgBr$ OR $Ag^+ + I^- \rightarrow AgI$	1	
		ii	Bond enthalpy decreases C-C/ > C-Br > C-I	1	allow chlorine–carbon bonds are strongest.
		iii	Heat the test tubes in a water bath.	1	
			Total	3	