# Oxford A Level Sciences

**AQA Chemistry** 

## 31 Organic synthesis and analysis Practice questions

Question number	Answer					Marks	Guidance	
1	<ul> <li>In each section:</li> <li>If wrong or no reagent given, no marks for any observations;</li> <li>Penalise incomplete reagent or incorrect formula – but mark observations</li> <li>Mark each observation independently</li> <li>Allow <i>no reaction</i> for no change / no observable reaction in all three parts, but not none or nothing</li> <li>Q says <b>one test</b>. If two tests are given, score zero</li> </ul>							
1 (a)	R primary alcohol S tertiary alcohol	K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> / H <sup>+</sup> (Orange) goes green no change	KMnO₄ / H <sup>+</sup> (purple) goes colourless no change	Lucas test (ZnCl <sub>2</sub> / HCl) No cloudiness Rapid cloudiness		1 1 1	1 mark for reager R observation, 1 observation. allow acidified po manganate and a potassium dichro oxidation number Penalise wrong s colour	mark for S tassium acidified mate without 's
1 (b)	T ester U acid	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> / NaHCO <sub>3</sub> named carbonate No change Effervesce nce or (CO <sub>2</sub> ) gas formed	metal No change Effervesc ence or (H <sub>2</sub> ) gas formed	named indicator No effect acid colour		1 1 1	SOCI <sub>2</sub> no change Fumes /	

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1 (c)						1 mark for reagent, 1 mark for R observation, 1 mark for S
		Fehling's / Benedict's	Tollens' / [Ag(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	$K_2Cr_2O_7$ / H <sup>+</sup>	1	observation.
	<b>V</b> Ketone	no change	no change	no change	1	
	<b>W</b> aldehyde	Red precipitate	Silver mirror	(Orange) goes green	1	penalise wrong starting colour



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propan-1-ol	Acidified potassium dichromate	sodium	Named acid + conc H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	named acyl chloride	PCI <sub>5</sub>	1	
	(orange) turns Green	effervescence	Sweet smell	Sweet smell /misty fumes	Misty fumes	1	
propanal	add Tollens OR Fehling's / Benedict's	acidified potassium dichromate	Brady's or 2,4-dnph			1	if dichromate used for alcohol cannot be used for aldehyde
	Tollens: silver mirror OR Fehling's/ Benedict's: red precipitate	(orange) turns green	Yellow or orange precipitate			1	
propanoic acid	Named carbonate/ hydrogencarb onate	water and UI (paper)	Named alcohol + conc $H_2SO_4$	Sodium or magnesium	PCI <sub>5</sub>	1	if sodium used for alcohol cannot be used for acid
	effervescence	orange/red	Sweet smell	effervescence	Misty fumes	1	if $PCI_5$ used for alcohol cannot be used for acid
1-chloro propane	NaOH then acidified AgNO <sub>3</sub>	AgNO <sub>3</sub>				1	If acidification missed after NaOH, no mark here but allow mark for observation
	white ppt	white ppt				1	

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3	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1	Allow (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHOH <b>OR</b> CH <sub>3</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> . Allow name propan-2-ol. Penalise contradiction of name and structure
	$\mathbf{M}: \overset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\overset{H}{\underset{H}{\atopH}{\underset{H}{\atopH}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\atopH}}{\underset{H}{\underset{H}{\atopH}}{\underset{H}{\atopH}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$	1	Allow CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub> . Allow name propene ignore -1- but penalise other numbers. Penalise contradiction of name and structure
	<b>Step 1</b> : NaBH <sub>4</sub> <b>OR</b> LiAlH <sub>4</sub> <b>OR</b> Zn/HCl <b>OR</b> H <sub>2</sub> /Ni <b>OR</b> H <sub>2</sub> /Pt	1	Ignore name if formula is correct ignore solvent ignore acid (for 2nd step) but penalise acidified NaBH <sub>4</sub> Apply list principle for extra reagents and catalysts
	nucleophilic addition	1	Accept addition. Penalise electrophilic. Ignore reduction.
	Step 2: conc H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> OR conc H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> OR Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1	Apply list principle for extra reagents and catalysts.
	Elimination	1	Independent from M5 penalise nucleophilic or electrophilic ignore dehydration
	Step 3: HBr electrophilic addition	1 1	Apply list principle for extra reagents and catalysts. Independent from M7
4 (a) (i)	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	1	
4 (a) (ii)	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	1	
4 (a) (iii)	CH₃COOH	1	
4 (b) (i)	catalyst	1	
4 (b) (ii)	catalyst	1	
4 (b) (iii)	oxidising agent	1	
5	Add sodium hydroxide and warm	1	
	Add nitric acid	1	
	Add silver nitrate solution If compound A is a chloroalkane a white precipitate of silver chloride would be formed.	1	
6 (a)	aldehyde	1	
6 (b)	propanal	1	
7	Add bromine water to the sample and shake. If a C=C is present the bromine water would decolourise.	1 1	