Questions

Q1.

Alanine and lysine are amino acids.

(a) Draw the structure of a dipeptide formed when one molecule of alanine reacts with one molecule of lysine.

(1)

(b) The dipeptide formed in part (a) is hydrolysed under **acidic** conditions and the resulting mixture is analysed by column chromatography. The column uses a polar stationary phase.

Explain why lysine leaves the chromatography column after alanine.

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(Total for question = 3 marks)

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Q2.

Chromatography is a technique used to separate the components of a mixture.

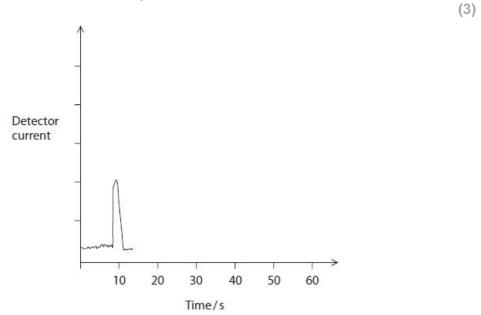
Gas chromatography can be used both to separate the components in a mixture and to determine the amount of each present.

 State why argon and nitrogen are suitable carrier gases for gas chromatography. 	
	(1)

(ii) A mixture containing one part substance **X**, two parts substance **Y** and one part substance **Z** was separated by gas chromatography.

Substance ${\bf X}$ has a retention time of 10 seconds, substance ${\bf Y}$ of 15 seconds and substance ${\bf Z}$ of 40 seconds.

Complete the sketch of this chromatogram.



(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q3.

This question is about the arenes, ethylbenzene, xylene, and phenol, which can be identified in wine samples using gas chromatography.



The time taken for a compound to pass through the column in gas chromatography is called the retention time.

Explain why different compounds will have different retention times in the same column, under the same conditions.

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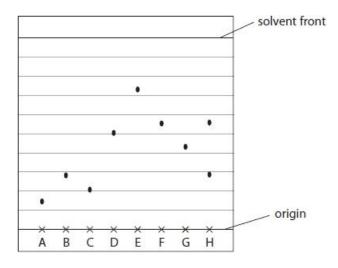
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Q4.

Chromatography is a technique used to separate the components of a mixture.

A sample of a tripeptide was hydrolysed and then placed on a thin layer chromatography (TLC) plate. Samples of possible amino acids present were also placed on the TLC plate for reference.

A simplified diagram of the developed TLC plate is shown.



A – Lysine	B – Serine	C – Histidine	D – Tyrosine
E – Isoleucine	F – Methionine	G – Proline	H – Hydrolysed tripeptide

(i) Calculate the R_f value for the amino acid lysine.

Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

(1)

(ii) Identify by name the two amino acids present in the tripeptide, giving a reason for the lack of a third spot.	
	(3)

(iii)	Gi۱	ve tv	vo reasons why different	amino acids have c	lifferent R _f values.	
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		chro ourle	matography, a 'locating' ress.	eagent is often use	ed when the components	in a mixture
	Whi	ich r	eagent is used to locate t	ne amino acid spot	s?	(1)
	×		iodine methyl orange ninhydrin phenolphthalein			(-)
					(Total for question	n = 7 marks)

Mark Scheme

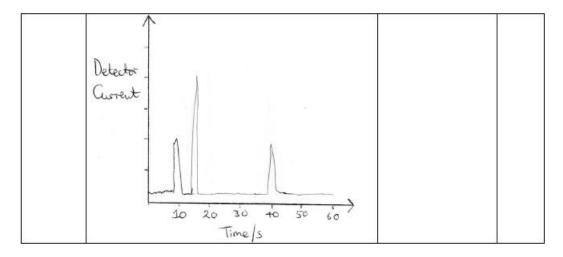
Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable Answers	Additional Guidance	Mark
(a)	Any one of: H ₂ NCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ — G — G — N — C — COOH NH ₂ H O H O H O H O H CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ H O H O C C O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	Must be the dipeptide and not the repeat unit Allow -CO₂H Allow -H₂N Allow -CONH- / -COHN- unless C-H-N Allow zwitterions or cyclic dipeptides Allow skeletal / part-skeletal formulae	(1)
Question Number	Acceptable Answers	Additional Guidance	Mark
(b)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points: (In acidic conditions) lysine (ion) has two positive charges (whereas	Ignore comments on retention time, solubility, polarity, dipoles or intermolecular forces Allow 'greater positive charge' Allow lysine has 2 NH2 groups that can be protonated	(2)
	alanine has only one) (1) (So lysine ion has) has greater attraction for the stationary phase (1)	Allow 'greater affinity for stationary phase' 'adheres better to stationary phase' 'better adsorption onto stationary phase' Allow 'polar phase' for 'stationary phase' Allow reverse argument for alanine Mark points M1 and M2 independently	

Q2.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(i)	A statement that makes reference to • gases are inert / do not react	Ignore references to	(1)
	(with the components of the mixture)	intermolecular bonding / stability Do not award for not an oxidising agent	

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(ii)	peak at 15 seconds and 40 seconds (1)	Penalise additional peaks Max 1 for the differences in height if both peaks are not at correct positions	(3)
	(peak at 15 seconds) with height at approximately twice that of the peak at 10 seconds (1)		
	(peak at 40 seconds with) height at approximately the same height as that of the peak at 10 seconds		
	(1)		
	Exemplar sketch		



Q3.

Question Number	Answer	Additional Guidance	Mark
Number	An explanation that makes reference to the following points: EITHER • retention time depends on the polarity or attraction / affinity / solubility / of the component for the stationary phase (1) • The greater attraction / affinity / solubility / of the	Allow 'solid phase' or 'liquid phase' for 'stationary phase' Allow 'retention time depends interaction with stationary phase'	(2)
	component for the stationary phase the greater the retention time (1) OR	Ignore attractions to the mobile / gas phase Ignore comments related to mass of compounds	
	retention time depends on the boiling temperature of the compound (1)		
	higher boiling temperature compounds spend less time in the gas phase / mobile phase so have longer retention time (1)		

Q4.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(i)	Answer to 2 SF	Example of calculation: Rf= 1.5 = 0.15 10 Allow 0.14 - 0.16 Do not award 3SF, e.g. 0.140/0.150/0.160 Do not award an answer with units	(1)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(ii)	An answer that makes reference to the following:		(3)
	• serine (1)		
	• methionine (1)	Allow for 1 mark out of the first two for F and B	
	(reason) one amino acid is present twice (in the tripeptide)	Allow 'there are two serine amino acids/ there are two methionine amino acids'	
	OR Another amino acid has the same R _f value as either serine or methionine (1)	Do not award if given with any other amino acid stated in the question	
		Ignore reference to another amino acid not given in the table	

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(iii)	An answer that makes reference to the following:	Allow reverse arguments	(2)
	 amino acids have different solubility / adsorption to the stationary phase 	Do not award react with the stationary phase	
	(1)	Allow "TLC plate" for stationary phase	
		Allow interact with/affinity for/form different intermolecular forces with the stationary or mobile phase	
	amino acids have different solubility in the mobile phase (1)	Allow "solvent" for mobile phase Ignore references to molecular mass/size	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(iv)	The only correct answer is C	
	A is incorrect because this is a test for starch	
	B is incorrect because this is a strong acid-weak base indicator	
	D is incorrect because this is a weak acid-strong base indicator	