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## CHEMISTRY

Paper 2 Structured Questions

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper

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Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided on the Question Paper.

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1 This question is about different compounds of chlorine.

(a) Sodium chlorate,  $\text{NaClO}$ , is commonly found in household cleaning products like bleach. It is produced when chlorine,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , is mixed with sodium hydroxide,  $\text{NaOH}$ . Both  $\text{Cl}^-$ (aq) and  $\text{ClO}^-$ (aq) ions are produced in the reaction.

(i) By writing appropriate reduction and oxidation half equations, write an overall balanced ionic equation for the reaction.

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(ii) Explain, in terms of oxidation numbers, what happens to chlorine in this reaction.

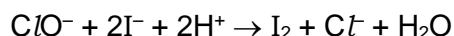
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The concentration of  $\text{ClO}^-$  ions in bleach can be determined by carrying out a redox titration.

25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of a commercial bleach sample was diluted with deionised water and made up to exactly 250 cm<sup>3</sup> in a volumetric flask. 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of the diluted bleach sample was pipetted out into a conical flask and an excess of acidified potassium iodide, KI, was added to it. The solution turns brown as iodine,  $\text{I}_2$  was liberated.



The mixture obtained in the conical flask was titrated with 0.100 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium thiosulfate,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ , using starch indicator. The average titre for the titration was 14.50 cm<sup>3</sup>.

(iii) Calculate the amount of  $\text{I}_2$  present in the 10.0 cm<sup>3</sup> diluted bleach sample.

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(iv) Hence, determine the  $[\text{ClO}^-]$  in the commercial bleach sample.

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- (b) Hydrogen chloride,  $\text{HCl}$ , is formed when  $\text{Cl}_2$  is mixed with hydrogen gas.  $\text{HCl}$ , like other Group 17 hydrides will decompose at high temperatures.

Describe and explain the trend observed in the ease of decomposition of hydrides of chlorine, bromine and iodine.

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- (c) 2-chlorobutane reacts with sodium hydroxide under different conditions to form four different organic products **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**.

When 2-chlorobutane is warmed with aqueous sodium hydroxide, product **B** is formed.

- (i) Name the type of reaction occurring when **B** is formed from 2-chlorobutane.

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- (ii) Describe a simple chemical test to confirm the formation of **B**.

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- (iii) State and explain the relative rate of reaction of 2-chlorobutane and of 2-bromobutane with NaOH(aq).

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Compounds **C**, **D** and **E** are hydrocarbons. **D** and **E** are stereoisomers of each other.

- (iv) State the reagents and conditions needed to favour the formation of a mixture of products **C**, **D** and **E**, rather than **B**.

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- (v) Draw the skeletal formulae of **C**, **D** and **E**.

<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
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(d) Chlorinated phenols are good antiseptics.

- (i) State and explain how the acidity of a chlorinated phenol might differ from that of phenol itself.

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- (ii) Unlike phenols, aliphatic alcohols, ROH, can react with carboxylic acids to form esters.

Explain why aliphatic alcohols can react with carboxylic acids to form esters.

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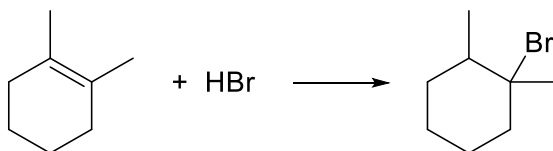
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- 2 1,2-dimethylcyclohexene can be used as a precursor for the synthesis of various flavour compounds.

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When 1,2-dimethylcyclohexene is added to HBr, a reaction occurs.



- (a) (i) Explain why alkenes but not alkanes can react with electrophilic reagents like HBr.

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- (ii) Describe the mechanism of the reaction, showing curly arrows, charges, dipoles and any relevant lone pairs.

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(iii) The product mixture has no effect on the plane of polarised light.

With reference to the mechanism in (a)(ii), explain your reasoning.

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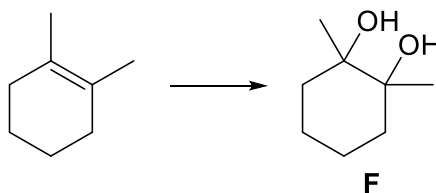
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(iv) The product of this reaction, 1-bromo-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane, exists as a mixture of four stereoisomers.

Draw the structure of each stereoisomer of 1-bromo-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane.

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(b) 1,2-dimethylcyclohexene can be reacted to form F.



(i) State the reagents and condition required for the conversion.

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- (ii) **F** can undergo acid-base reaction in the presence of a strong acid such as concentrated sulfuric acid.

Draw the structure of the species formed when **F** reacts with concentrated sulfuric acid.

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- (c) (i) **G**, an isomer of 1,2-dimethylcyclohexene,  $C_8H_{14}$ , undergoes vigorous oxidation to produce two different organic molecules,  $(CO_2H)_2$  and  $(CH_3)_2CO$ . One of these organic molecules is further oxidised to form  $CO_2$ .

Deduce the structure of **G**.

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As  $CO_2$  is produced, it will dissolve in the water to form a buffer mixture made up of  $H_2CO_3$  and  $HCO_3^-$ .

This buffer is responsible for controlling the pH in blood.

- (ii) Write an equation to show how the buffer system in blood helps to control pH when small amounts of  $OH^-$  ions are added to it.

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- (iii) The pH of the human blood plasma is usually maintained at about 7.4. At this pH, the  $[HCO_3^-]/[H_2CO_3]$  ratio is 20:1.  
Calculate the  $K_a$  of carbonic acid.

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(iv) The concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  is  $0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  in the blood plasma.

$50.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.0100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is added to  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  of blood plasma.

Calculate  $[\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})]$  in this solution. Show your working. Assume  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is fully ionised.

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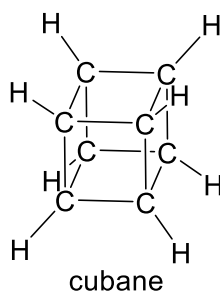
(v)  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2(\text{aq})$  is used to detect the presence of carbon dioxide. The solubility product of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  is  $5.62 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}^3 \text{ dm}^{-9}$ .

Calculate the pH of a saturated solution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

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- 3 (a) Cubane,  $C_8H_8$ , is a solid alkane under standard conditions with an interesting structure as shown.



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The cubane molecule was first synthesised in 1964 by Dr. Philip Eaton. Before its synthesis, researchers believed that cubic carbon-based molecules could only exist in theory as the bonds in cubane are strained.

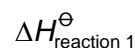
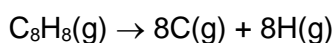
- (i) Define the term bond energy.

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- (ii) Using the data given in Table 3.1, as well as information from the *Data Booklet*, calculate  $\Delta H_{\text{reaction 1}}^\ominus$ .

**Table 3.1**

standard enthalpy change of atomisation, $\Delta H_{\text{at}}^\ominus(\text{C(s)})$	+715 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
standard enthalpy change of sublimation, $\Delta H_{\text{sublimation}}^\ominus(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8(\text{s}))$	+554 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
standard enthalpy change of formation, $\Delta H_{\text{f}}^\ominus(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8(\text{s}))$	+633 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>



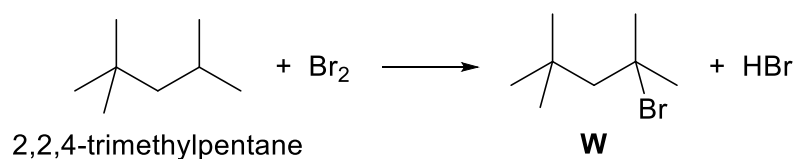
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- (iii) With reference to (a)(ii), as well as information from the *Data Booklet*, calculate the C–C bond energy in cubane.

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- (b) Similar to cubane, 2,2,4-trimethylpentane is another eight-carbon alkane. Bromination of 2,2,4-trimethylpentane produces a mixture of four different monobromoalkanes, **W**, **X**, **Y** and **Z**. Reaction of bromine with the alkane to form **W** is shown.



- (i) Name the type of reaction between 2,2,4-trimethylpentane and bromine to form **W**.

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- (ii) The relative proportion of the four monobromoalkanes **W**, **X**, **Y** and **Z** is given in Table 3.2, assuming that the rate of substitution of any hydrogen atom in 2,2,4-trimethylpentane are equal.

Draw the structures of **X**, **Y** and **Z** in Table 3.2.

**Table 3.2**

structure	relative proportion	structure	relative proportion
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>W</b></p>	1	<b>Y</b>	6
<b>X</b>	2	<b>Z</b>	9

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(c) In the cracking of propane, a side product,  $C_3H_4$ , is formed.

Draw the dot-and-cross diagram of a non-cyclic isomer of  $C_3H_4$  that contains **only one**  $sp^3$  hybridised carbon.

Label clearly the hybridisation of all the three carbon atoms on the diagram.

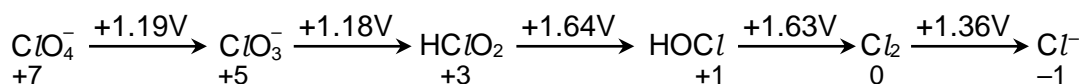
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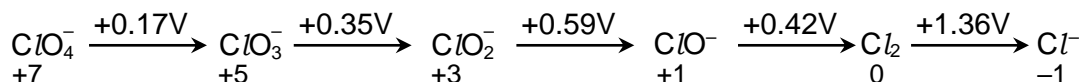
- (d) A Latimer diagram is a compact way to represent the standard reduction potentials of different oxidation states of an element. These diagrams show the sequential reduction potentials starting from the highest oxidation state and moving towards the lowest.

Chlorine has different oxidation states and exhibits different electrochemical behaviors in acidic and basic conditions. The Latimer diagrams for chlorine under both acidic and basic conditions are as shown.

Acidic conditions:



Basic conditions:



- (i) Explain the relative oxidising strengths of  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  under acidic and basic conditions, using the given  $E^\ominus$  values in the Latimer diagram.

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- (ii) Explain why  $E^\ominus(\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-)$  is the same under both acidic and basic conditions.

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- (iii) Calculate  $\Delta G^\ominus$  for the disproportionation reaction of  $\text{ClO}_2^-$  in the basic medium and state whether it is spontaneous.



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- (e) Mohr's titration is a method used to determine the concentration of chloride ions in a solution. In this titration, 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of chloride solution sample is added with 1.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1.00 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> indicator before titrating with 0.100 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution. The end-point of the titration is marked by the formation of a red-brown precipitate of Ag<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>.

The relevant  $K_{sp}$  of the sparingly soluble salts are as shown.

compound	$K_{sp}$
AgCl	$1.77 \times 10^{-10}$
Ag <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub>	$1.12 \times 10^{-12}$

- (i) State the observation in the conical flask when the first few drops of titrant were added.

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- (ii) The [Ag<sup>+</sup>] remaining in the solution is  $1.40 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> after adding 12.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of AgNO<sub>3</sub> to the conical flask.

Calculate the concentration of CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> ions in the solution after the addition of AgNO<sub>3</sub>.

Hence, determine whether the red-brown precipitate is observed.

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- (iii) Mohr's titration should be carried out under conditions of pH 6.5–9. Suggest a reason to account for why the pH cannot be higher than 9.

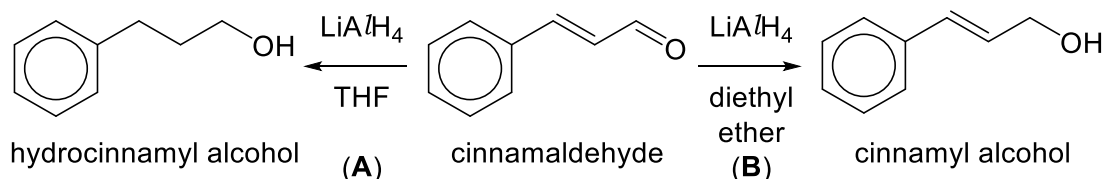
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**Question 4 starts on the next page.**

- 4 It is possible to control the reactivity in  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  reduction by altering the mode of addition. This can be demonstrated by the reduction of cinnamaldehyde to either hydrocinnamyl alcohol or cinnamyl alcohol as described below.

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Data about the compounds including the two solvents, diethyl ether and THF, are given in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1**

compound	melting point <sup>Δ</sup> / °C	boiling point <sup>Δ</sup> / °C	density / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	solubility in water
cinnamaldehyde	-7.5	248	1.05	132	slightly
cinnamyl alcohol	33	250	1.04	134	slightly
hydrocinnamyl alcohol	-18	235	1.04	136	slightly
$\text{LiAlH}_4$	150*	—	0.917	38	react
THF	-108	66	0.89	72	soluble
diethyl ether	-116	35	0.71	74	slightly

\* decomposes

<sup>Δ</sup> under atmospheric pressure

**Procedure A : Reduction of cinnamaldehyde to hydrocinnamyl alcohol**

Synthesis

1. Dry, in an oven, a three-necked flask, an addition funnel and a condenser.
2. Weigh out 2.9 g (0.0763 mol) of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  and introduce it into the three-necked flask.
3. Add in 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of dry THF and quickly fit a stirrer, condenser and addition funnel and set up the apparatus as in Fig. 4.1.
4. Pass a stream of purified argon gas into the reaction flask, switch on the stirrer and heat the flask to a gentle boil.
5. From the addition funnel add a solution of 5 g cinnamaldehyde (0.0379 mol) in dry THF very slowly to maintain the gentle boil.

Isolation

6. When the reaction is completed, cool the flask in an ice bath and cautiously add saturated aqueous sodium sulfate dropwise to the stirred reaction mixture.
7. Add aqueous sulfuric acid.
8. Shake the resultant mixture with diethyl ether in a separating funnel and separate the aqueous layer from the organic layer. Reject the aqueous layer.
9. Add anhydrous calcium chloride to the organic layer.

Purification

10. Filter and evaporate the solvent under reduced pressure and distil the residual oil under reduced pressure. Isolate the hydrocinnamyl alcohol (boiling point 120–121 °C under reduced pressure).



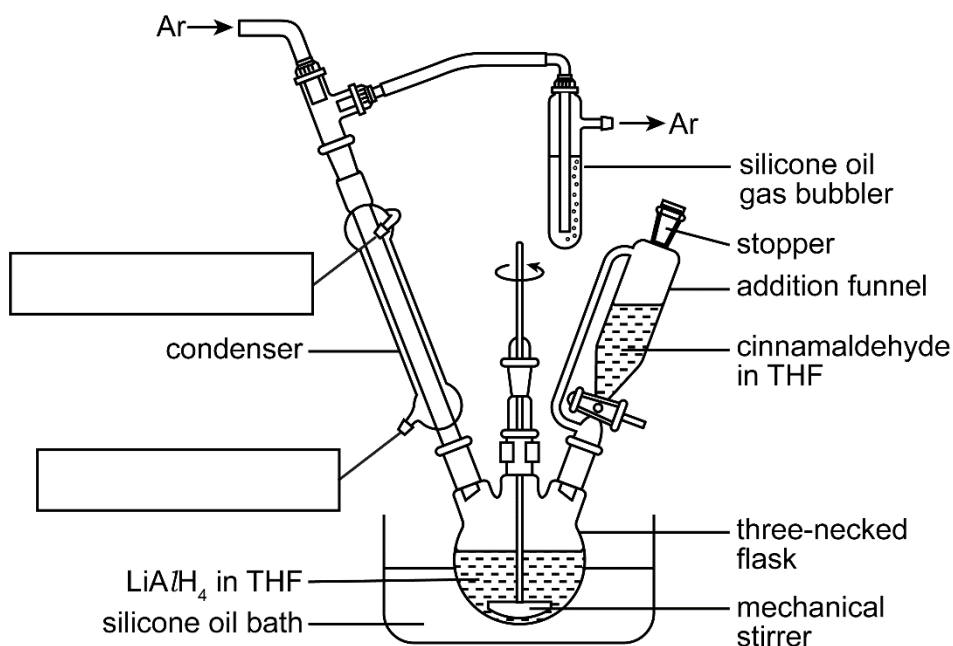


Fig. 4.1

(a) Explain why the apparatus and solvent used must be dried.

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(b) (i) Suggest the purpose of passing purified argon gas into the reaction flask.

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(ii) Suggest a function of the silicone oil gas bubbler.

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(c) (i) Label the direction of “water in” and “water out” for the condenser, in the two boxes in Fig. 4.1. [1]

(ii) Suggest why the solution of cinnamaldehyde in THF must be added slowly in step 5 to maintain the gentle boil.

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- (d) With reference to Table 4.1, explain why diethyl ether is used to extract the organic compounds from the mixture in step 8 instead of THF.

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- (e) State the purpose of adding the anhydrous calcium chloride in step 9.

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- (f) Suggest why the residual oil is distilled under reduced pressure to isolate pure hydrocinnamyl alcohol, rather than under atmospheric pressure.

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- (g) Describe a simple chemical test to show the **absence** of cinnamaldehyde in the distillate obtained.

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**Procedure B : Reduction of cinnamaldehyde to cinnamyl alcohol**

Synthesis

1. Dry, in an oven, a three-necked flask, an addition funnel and a side arm adapter (see Fig. 4.2).
2. Make up a suspension of 0.72 g of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (0.0189 mol) in 50  $\text{cm}^3$  of dry diethyl ether in the addition funnel.
3. Set up the dried apparatus as in Fig. 4.2 with a solution of 10 g of cinnamaldehyde (0.0758 mol) in 25  $\text{cm}^3$  of dry diethyl ether in the flask.
4. Switch on the stirrer, cool the flask with an ice-salt bath until the internal temperature is  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ .
5. Add the suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  in diethyl ether over 30 minutes so that the temperature remains below  $+10^\circ\text{C}$ .

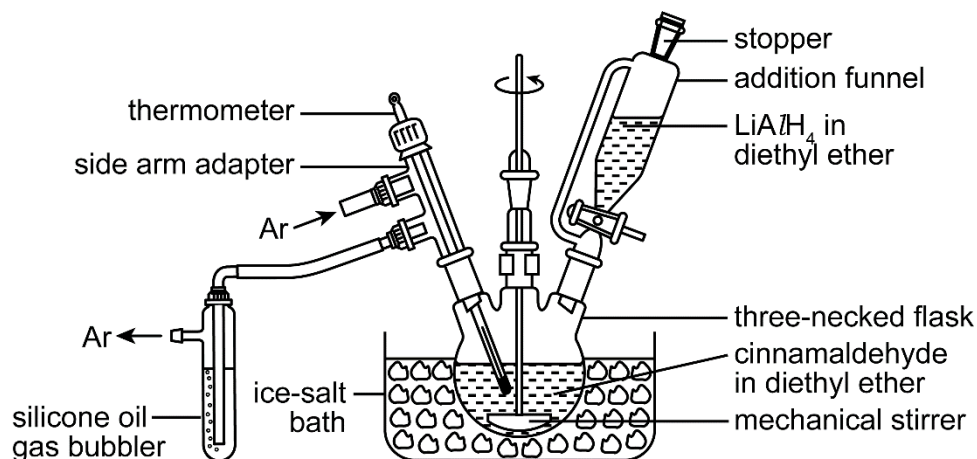


Fig. 4.2

Isolation

6. When the reaction is completed, add water.
7. Add aqueous sulfuric acid.
8. Separate the diethyl ether layer from the aqueous layer.
9. Shake the aqueous layer with fresh diethyl ether in a separating funnel and separate the aqueous layer from the diethyl ether layer. Reject the aqueous layer.
10. Add anhydrous calcium chloride to the combined diethyl ether layers.

Purification

11. Filter and evaporate the diethyl ether under reduced pressure and distil the residual oil under reduced pressure. Isolate the cinnamyl alcohol (boiling point 139 °C under reduced pressure).

(h) Cinnamaldehyde ( $\text{RCHO}$ ) is first reduced to the corresponding alkoxide ( $\text{RCH}_2\text{O}^-$ ), which acts as a ligand to form an anionic complex with aluminium in  $\text{LiAlH}_4$ .

- (i)  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  and cinnamaldehyde reacts in a 1:4 ratio and forms the complex as the only product.

Write an equation for the reaction between  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  and cinnamaldehyde. You may use  $\text{RCHO}$  to denote cinnamaldehyde.

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Water is added in step 6 of Procedure **B** to break down the complex by protonating the alkoxide to liberate cinnamyl alcohol and two metal hydroxides, one of which is insoluble.

- (ii) Suggest the identity of the insoluble metal hydroxide.

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- (iii) Considering the answer to (h)(ii), explain how the addition of aqueous sulfuric acid in step 7 allows a solution to be obtained for steps 8 and 9.

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$\text{LiAlH}_4$  reacts with the aldehyde functional group in cinnamaldehyde expectedly. However, reaction with the alkene functional group is unexpected.

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- (i) (i) Explain why  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  is expected to react with the aldehyde functional group but not with the alkene functional group.

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- (ii) (ii) With reference to both Procedure **A** and Procedure **B**, suggest a reason why Procedure **A** is able to give the unexpected product, hydrocinnamyl alcohol.

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