

Answer any **four** questions

- 1 Enzymes are biological molecules that catalyse chemical reactions. Almost all chemical reactions in a biological cell need enzymes in order to occur at rates sufficient for life.

(a) Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease of the human immune system caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV-1 Protease is an enzyme which speeds up the reproduction of HIV. In the development of anti-HIV drugs, scientists often study the amino acid sequence of the HIV-1 Protease to understand how this enzyme displays its biological properties in the human body.

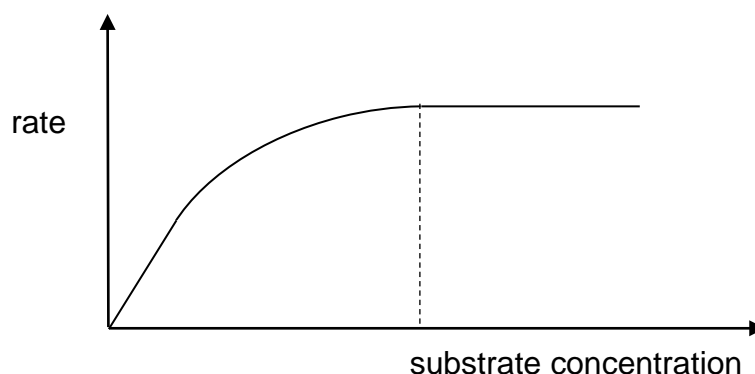
- (i) A segment of the polypeptide structure of HIV-1 Protease, containing 10 amino acids, was digested using an enzyme and the following fragments were obtained.

leu – asn – phe
ile – gly – cys – thr – leu
leu – thr – glu – ile – gly

Deduce the primary structure of this segment of HIV-1 Protease.

leu – thr – glu – ile – gly – cys – thr – leu – asn – phe

- (ii) A segment of the HIV strand acts as a substrate, which binds to the active site of the HIV-1 Protease which speeds up the reproduction of the HIV virus. The rate of this enzyme-catalysed reaction is investigated and can be represented by the following graph.



Explain the difference in the rate of reaction at high and low concentrations of substrate.

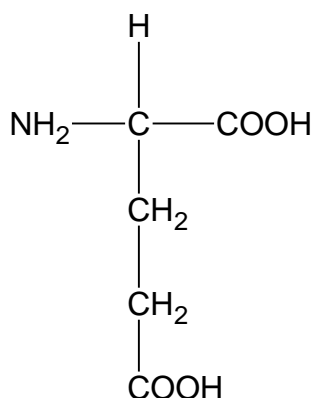
At low substrate concentration,

§ **Rate of reaction increases linearly / reaction is first order wrt the substrate concentration as active sites of the enzyme are not fully occupied.**

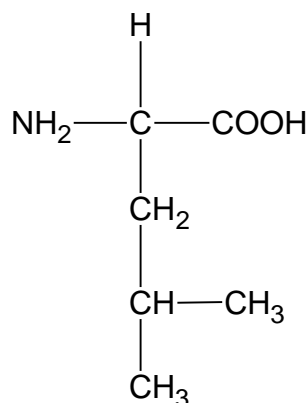
At high substrate concentration,

§ **Rate of reaction is constant / rate is independent of substrate concentration / reaction is zero order wrt the substrate concentration as all active sites occupied.**

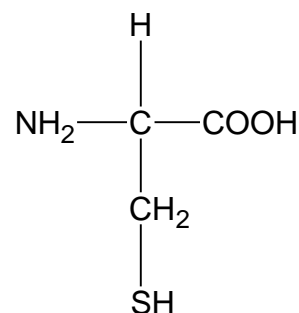
- (iii) The structural formulae of the three most common amino acids present in the protein chain in HIV-1 Protease are shown below.



glutamic acid
(glu)



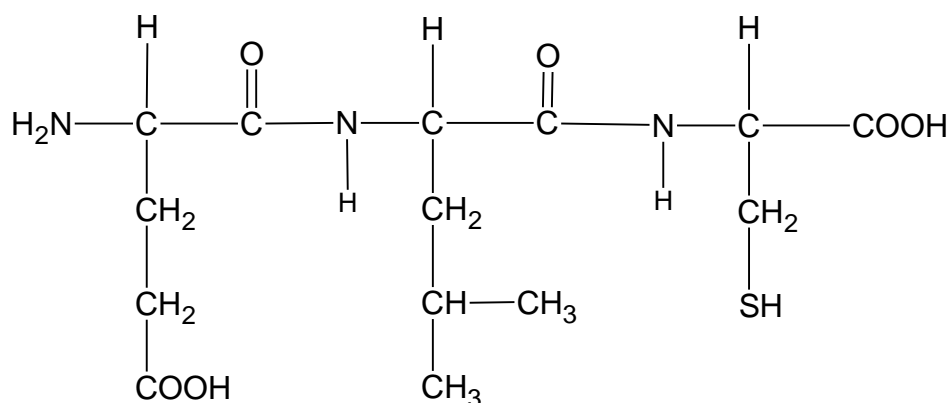
leucine
(leu)



cysteine
(cys)

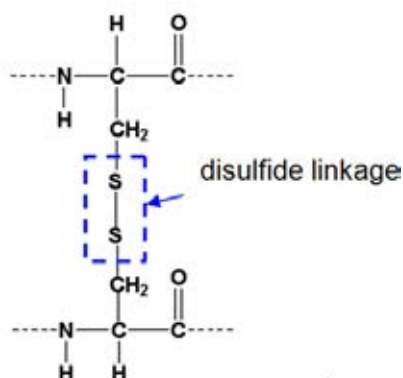
In how many different ways can these three amino acids be coupled by peptide bonds to form a tripeptide? Draw the structural formula of one such peptide.

$3! = 6$ ways



***Accept other correct tripeptides*

- (iv) The side chains of these three amino acids are responsible for maintaining the tertiary structure of HIV-1 Protease.
State and draw the type of side-chain interaction between two cysteine (cys) residues.
State the type of reaction that is involved in the formation of the side-chain interaction.



Type of reaction: oxidation

- (v) Since its discovery in 1981, scientists have studied the protein structure of HIV in order to prevent its transmission. The World Health Organisation recommends heat treatment of breast-milk prior to giving it to the child, as a way to reduce the risk of HIV transmission to the baby in sub-Saharan Africa.

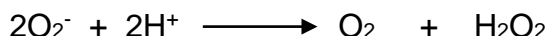
Explain how this treatment of breast-milk reduces the risk of HIV infection in infants.

Heating leads to denaturation of protein. When temperature increases, molecular vibrations agitate the polypeptide chains sufficiently to overcome the weak interactions that stabilise protein conformation. (Also accept loss of 3d conformation)

As the secondary and tertiary structures are broken down, it results in the loss of function of the HIV protein.

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- (b) An example of a copper-containing enzyme is superoxide dismutase (SOD) that aids in the disproportionation of the strongly oxidising superoxide ion, O_2^- to oxygen and hydrogen peroxide. Thus, they are an important antioxidant defense in nearly all cells exposed to oxygen, thereby protecting the body from harm.



- (i) The activity of SOD hinges on the active site Cu^{2+} ion.

By referring to the following E^\ominus data, suggest a mechanism for the catalysis of the disproportionation of O_2^- by SOD.

You may represent the oxidised and reduced forms of the enzyme as $SOD-Cu^{2+}$ and $SOD-Cu^+$ respectively.

	E^\ominus / V
$O_2 + e^-$ Error! Objects cannot be created from editing field codes. O_2^-	-0.33
$O_2^- + e^- + 2H^+$ Error! Objects cannot be created from editing field codes. H_2O_2	+0.89
$SOD-Cu^{2+} + e^-$ Error! Objects cannot	+0.42

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SOD- Cu ⁺	
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Step 1: SOD- Cu²⁺ + O₂⁻ ® O₂ + SOD- Cu⁺

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = +0.42 - (-0.33) = +0.75\text{V} (> 0, \text{hence feasible})$$

Step 2: SOD- Cu⁺ + O₂⁻ + 2H⁺ ® H₂O₂ + SOD- Cu²⁺

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = +0.89 - (+0.42) = +0.47\text{V} (> 0, \text{hence feasible})$$

- (ii) State the type of catalysis and explain how SOD-Cu²⁺ can act as a catalyst.

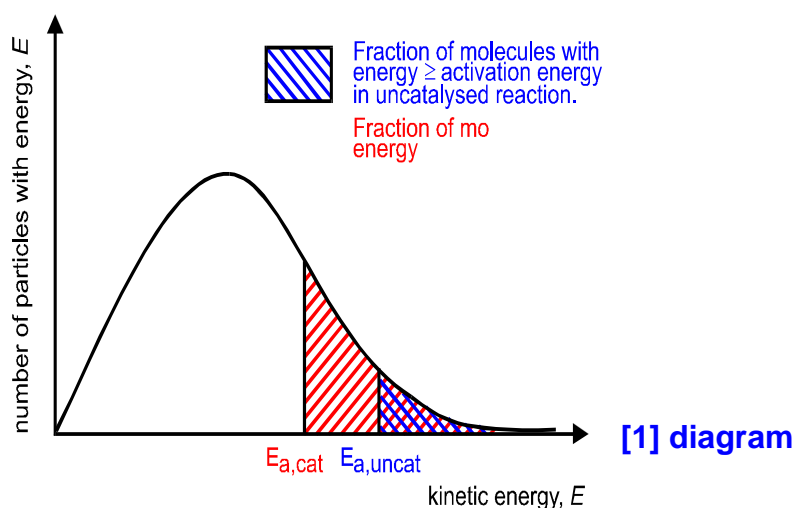
Homogenous catalysis

The catalytic effect is due to the ability of Cu to have variable oxidation states.

- (iii) With the aid of a sketch of the Boltzmann distribution, explain how the presence of a catalyst affects the rate of reaction.

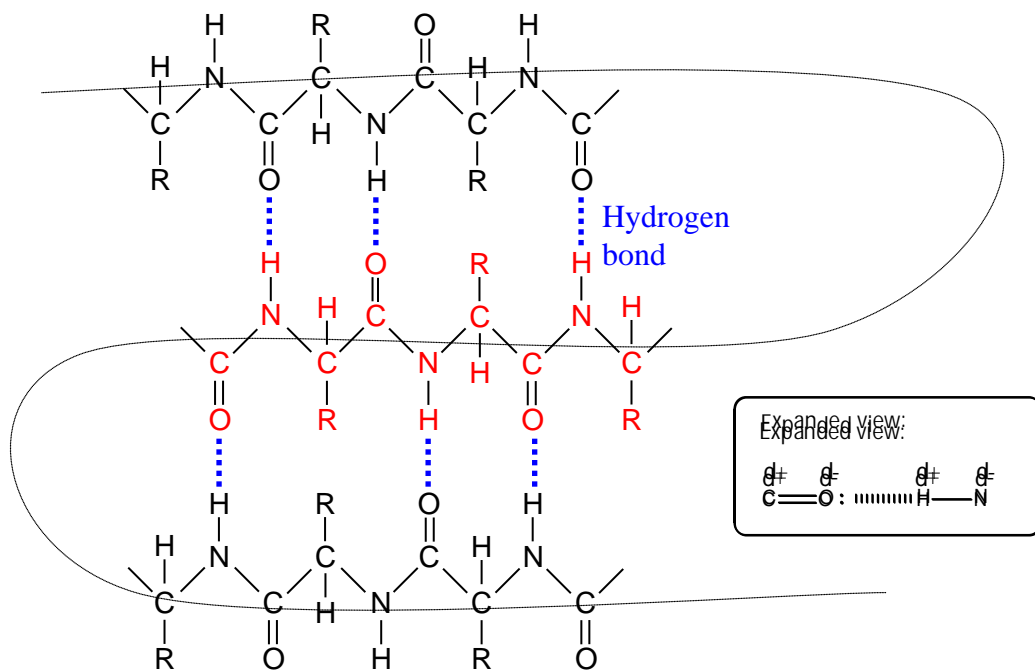
When a catalyst is used in a reaction, it:

- **increases the rate of the reaction by providing an alternative reaction pathway with lower activation energy**
- **increases the number of reacting particles with energy ³ E_a**
- **increases the number of effective collisions per unit time**
- **increases the rate of reaction.**



- (iv) The secondary structure of SOD is composed mainly of beta-pleated sheets, as well as some regions of alpha-helices.

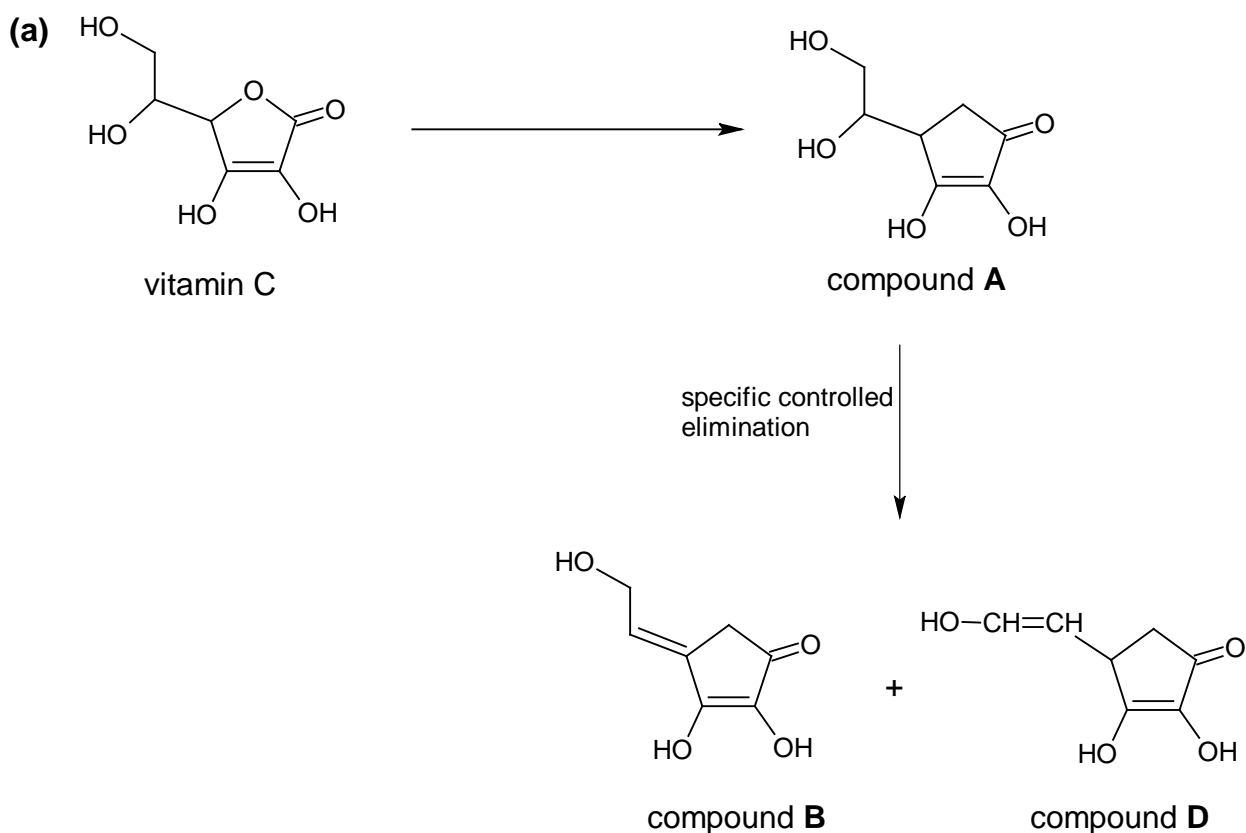
Draw a diagram of the beta-pleated sheet, showing the bonding which maintains the structure of the secondary structure of the enzyme.



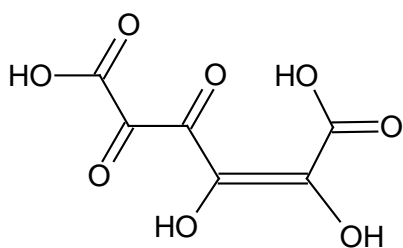
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- 2 Ginger has been used as a natural remedy for many ailments for centuries. Researchers around the world are finding that ginger works wonders in the treatment of everything from cancer to migraines. Ginger consists of many chemicals. Vitamin C and chlorogenic acid are two of the chemicals present in ginger.



- (i) Draw the structures of compounds formed when vitamin C reacts with hot acidified potassium dichromate(VI).



- (ii) Compound **A** undergoes elimination to produce compounds **B** and **D**.

State and explain which compound is the major product.

Compound B should be the major product.

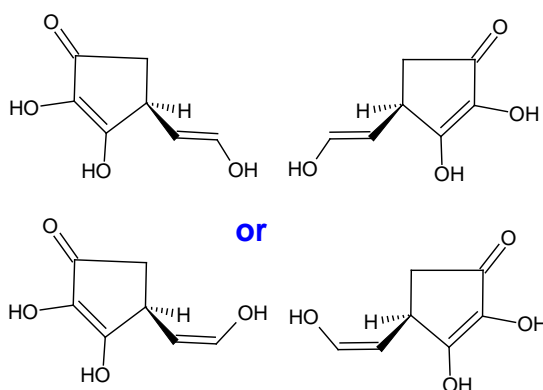
Alkene B is more highly substituted than alkene D. By Saytzev's rule, the more highly substituted alkene is the major product.

OR

Alkene B is a more stable product as it has an extended conjugate system (involving both alkenes and the ketone group).

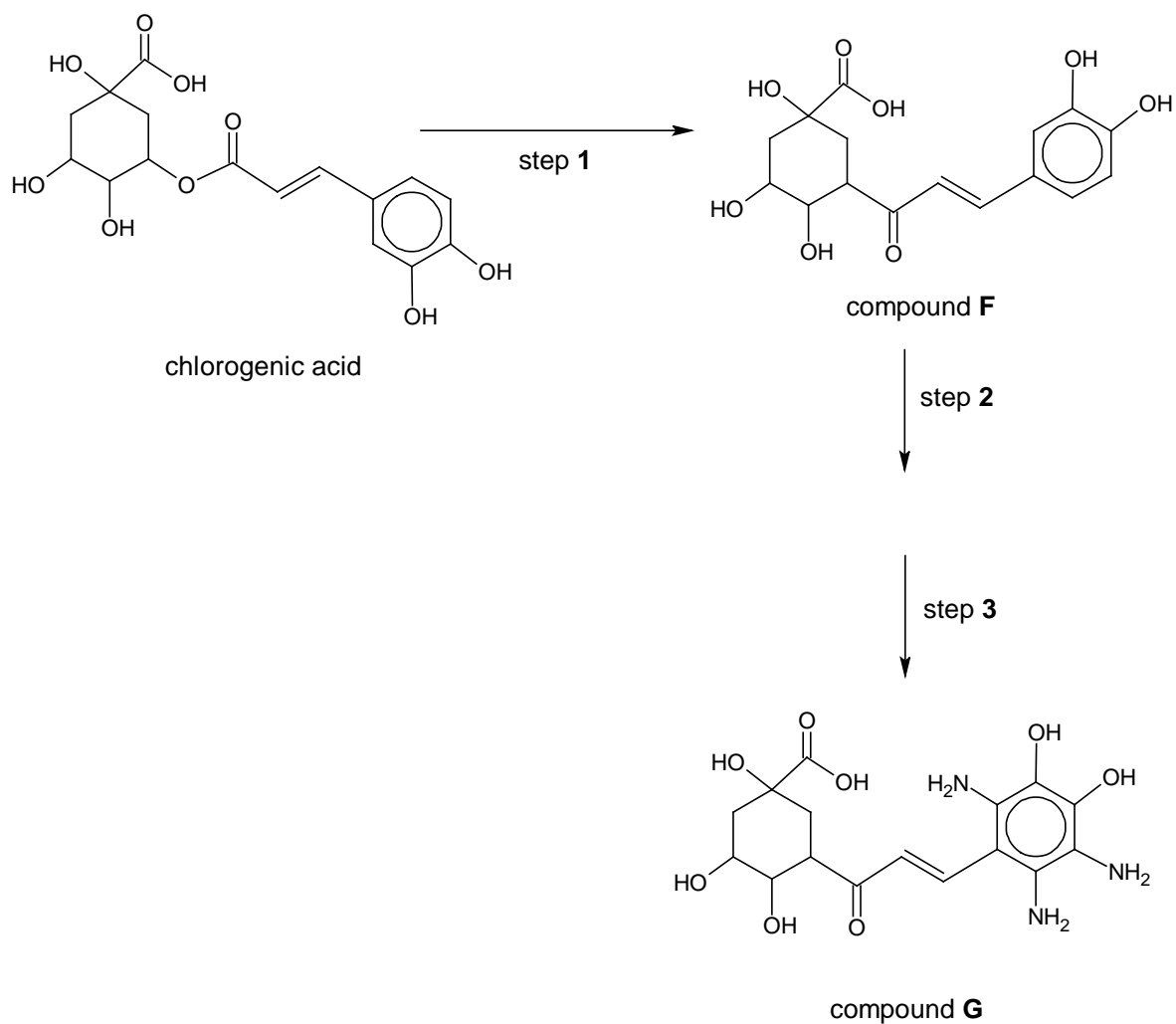
- (iii) Determine the maximum number of stereoisomers of compound **D**. Draw the pair that has the same boiling point.

Maximum no. of stereoisomers = $2^2 = 4$



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- (b) The structure of chlorogenic acid and its reaction pathway is shown below.



- (i) Compound **F** can be converted to compound **G** in two steps.

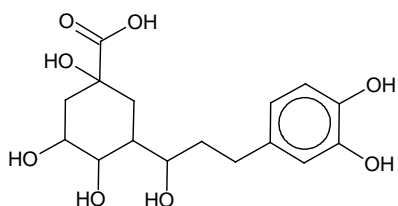
Suggest reagents and conditions for steps **2** and **3**.

Step 2 – dilute HNO_3 / $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$

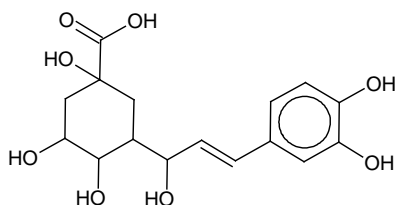
Step 3 – Sn , concentrated HCl , heat,
followed by controlled addition of $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$

- (ii) Draw the structures of the compounds formed when compound **G** reacts with

I H_2 , $\text{Ni}(\text{s})$, 200°C



II NaBH_4 in methanol



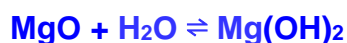
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- (c) Ginger also contains nutrients like magnesium. Magnesium is a vital component of a healthy human diet. Magnesium taken in the proper amount plays a role in preventing both stroke and heart attack.

- (i) Describe what is observed when a piece of magnesium ribbon is burnt in air.

Mg burns to give a bright white flame. A white solid residue (of MgO) is left behind.

- (ii) The product obtained in (i) is placed in a beaker of water containing a few drops of universal indicator. State the observation(s) and write equations for the reaction(s) that occur.



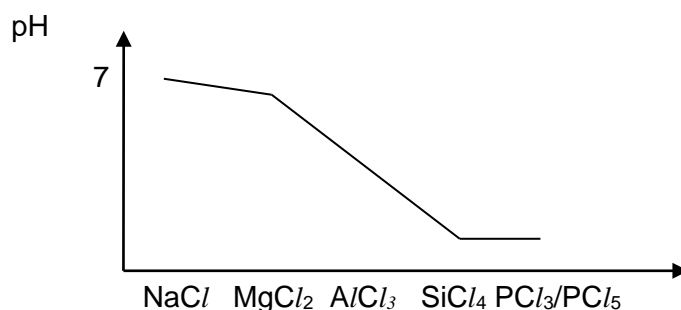
Magnesium oxide is sparingly soluble in water.



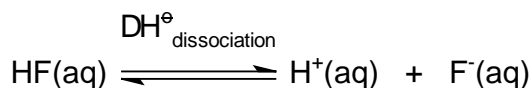
Green solution turns blue.

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- (d) Sketch a graph of the pH of the solution when the chlorides of the elements from sodium to phosphorus are added separately to water. Label your graph clearly. [2]



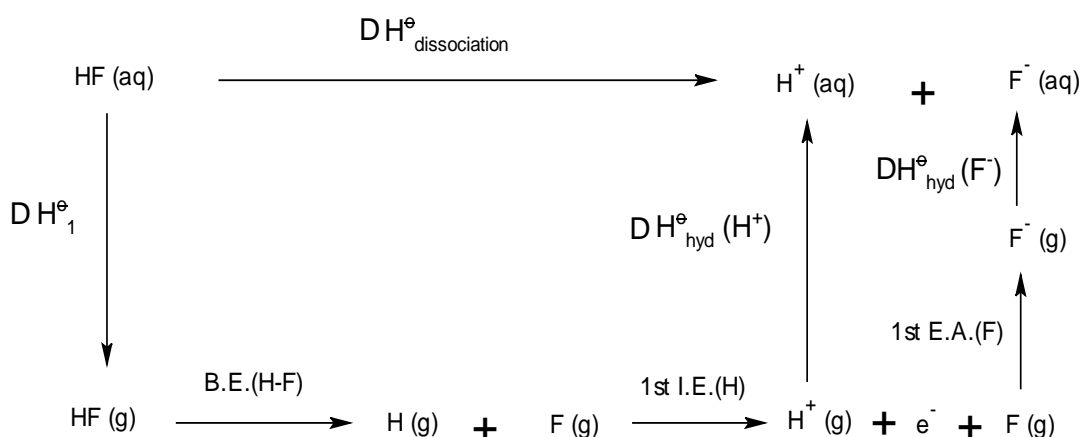
- (e) Hydrofluoric acid dissociates in water according to the following equation:



The following are some enthalpy changes related to hydrogen fluoride.

First electron affinity of fluorine/ kJ mol^{-1}	-328
Standard enthalpy change of hydration of fluoride ion / kJ mol^{-1}	-506
Standard enthalpy change of reaction, $\text{HF(aq)} \rightarrow \text{HF(g)}$ / kJ mol^{-1}	+39
Standard enthalpy change of hydration of hydrogen ion / kJ mol^{-1}	-1090

- (i) By using the data provided and other relevant data from the Data Booklet, construct an energy cycle and calculate the standard enthalpy change of dissociation of hydrofluoric acid.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta H^\circ_{\text{dissociation}}(\text{HF}) &= \Delta H^\circ_1 + \text{BE}(\text{H-F}) + 1^{\text{st}} \text{I.E.}(\text{H}) + 1^{\text{st}} \text{E.A.}(\text{F}) + \Delta H^\circ_{\text{hyd}}(\text{H}^+) + \Delta H^\circ_{\text{hyd}}(\text{F}^-) \\
 &= +39 + (+562) + (+1310) + (-328) + (-1090) + (-506) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{-13.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Aqueous hydrofluoric acid is a weak acid under standard conditions. One explanation for the relatively weaker acid strength of hydrofluoric acid is its negative standard entropy change of dissociation, $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{dissociation}}$. Account for the sign of $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{dissociation}}$.

A negative sign of $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{dissociation}}$ indicates a decrease in disorderliness of the system.

Small anionic radius of F^- ion leads to a high charge density, resulting in a more regular arrangement of water molecules around the F^- ions.

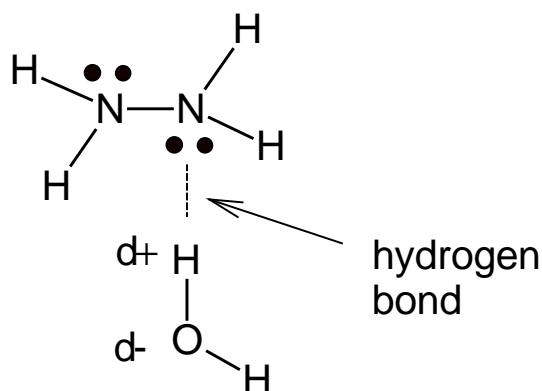
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- 3 (a) Hydrazine (N_2H_4) is a colourless liquid with a slight odour like ammonia. However, the solubility of hydrazine in water is very much higher than that of ammonia.

Draw a diagram to show the bonding between a molecule of hydrazine and a molecule of water. Account for the difference in solubility of hydrazine and ammonia in water.

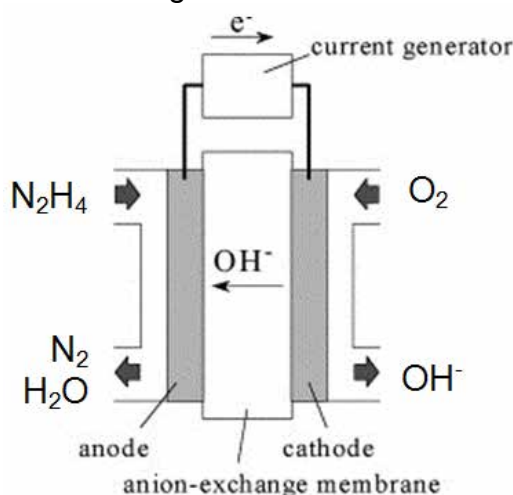
Each hydrazine molecule has two $-\text{NH}_2$ groups, which allow it to form more extensive hydrogen bonds with water molecules than ammonia. Hence, hydrazine has a higher solubility than ammonia.



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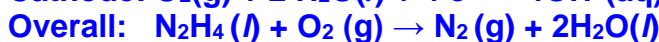
- (b) The Italian catalyst manufacturer *Acta* proposed using hydrazine as an alternative to hydrogen in fuel cells. The chief benefit of using hydrazine is that it can produce more energy than a similar hydrogen-oxygen cell.

The diagram below shows a typical hydrazine-oxygen fuel cell system incorporated with an anion exchange membrane between the electrodes.



- (i) Write the two ion-electron half equations for the reactions that take place at each electrode. Hence, write an overall equation for the cell reaction.





- (ii) Given that $E^\ominus(\text{N}_2/\text{N}_2\text{H}_4)$ is -1.16 V , calculate the cell e.m.f. if the process takes place under standard conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} E^\ominus_{\text{cell}} &= E^\ominus (\text{Reduction}) + E^\ominus (\text{Oxidation}) \\ &= + 0.40 \text{ V} + (+ 1.16) \\ &= \underline{+ 1.56 \text{ V}} \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) The hydrazine-oxygen fuel cell that is used to power a satellite produces an average current of 5 A per day. Assuming that the fuel cell is only 70% efficient, calculate the mass of hydrazine required in a day.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total charge generated per day} &= I \times t \times \frac{100}{70} \\ &= 5 \times (24 \times 60 \times 60) \times \frac{100}{70} \\ &= \underline{617100 \text{ C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of electron transferred} &= \frac{Q}{F} \\ &= \frac{617100}{96500} = \underline{6.40 \text{ mol}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Amount of } \text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \text{ required} = \frac{6.40}{4} = \underline{1.60 \text{ mol}}$$

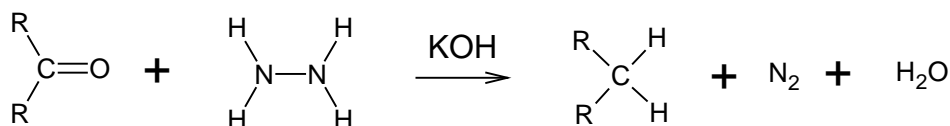
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of } \text{N}_2\text{H}_4 \text{ required} &= 1.60 \times [2(14.0) + 4(1.0)] \\ &= \underline{51.2 \text{ g (3sf)}} \end{aligned}$$

- (iv) Based on the physical properties of hydrazine, suggest an advantage of the hydrazine-oxygen fuel cell over the hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell.

Hydrazine is a liquid at room temperature and can be handled and stored more easily than hydrogen gas.

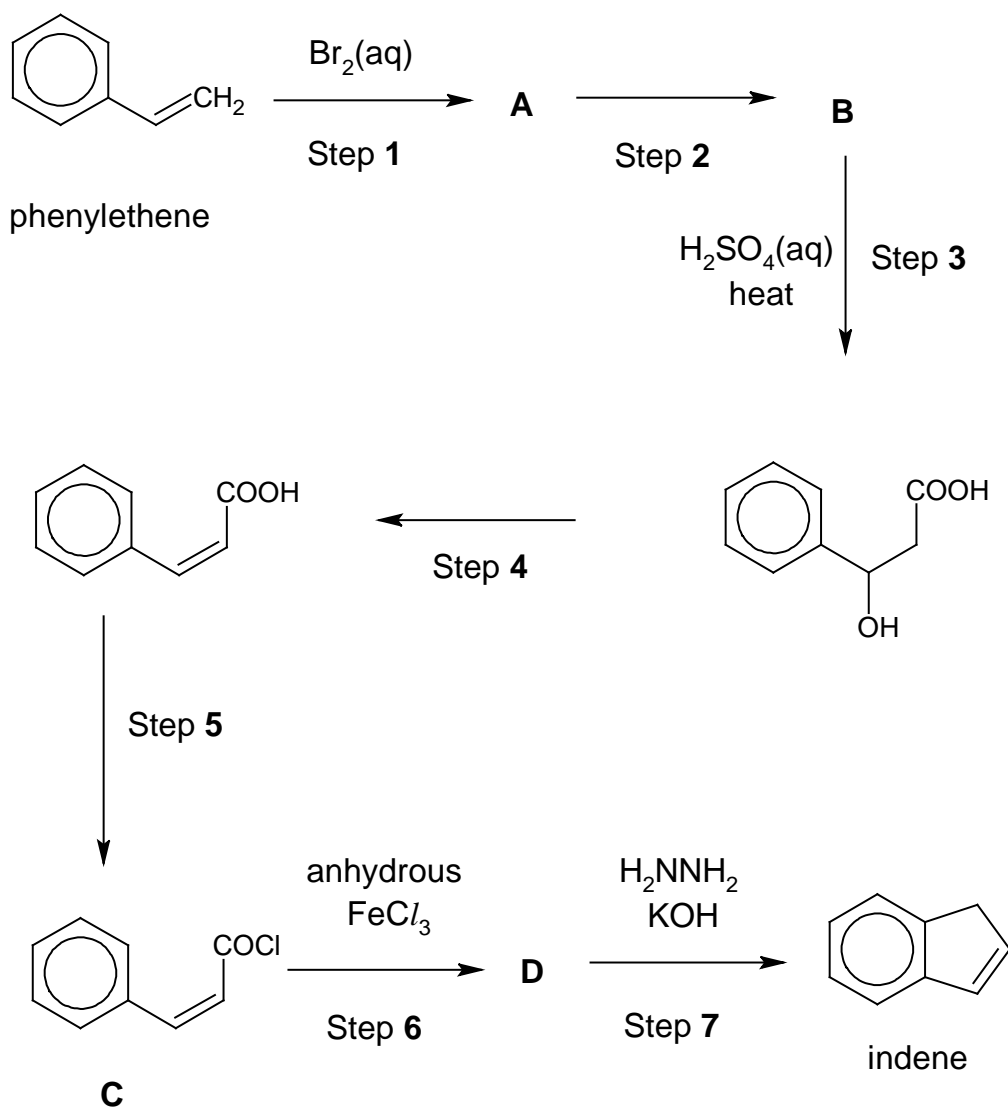
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- (c) Wolff-Kishner reaction was discovered independently in 1911 by Ludwig Wolff in Germany and N. M. Kishner in Russia. It is a valuable synthetic method for converting ketones or aldehydes into alkanes using hydrazine in the presence of potassium hydroxide.

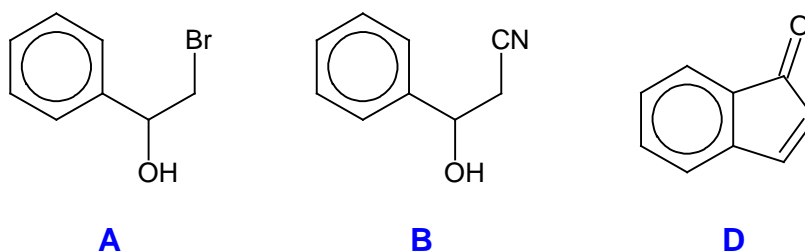


Indene (C_9H_8) is a colourless organic liquid obtained from coal tar and used in preparing synthetic resins. It can be synthesised from phenylethene by the

following route, incorporating Wolff-Kishner reaction.



(i) Give the structures of compounds **A**, **B** and **D**.



(ii) State the reagents and conditions for Steps 2, 4 and 5.

Step 2: **KCN in ethanol, heat**

Step 4: **excess concentrated H₂SO₄, 170°C**

Step 5: **PCl₅**

*Also accept PCl₃, warm

OR SOCl₂, warm

- (iii) State the types of reaction occurring in Steps 6 and 7.

Step 6: Electrophilic substitution

Step 7: Reduction

- (iv) When aqueous silver nitrate is added to compound **C**, a white precipitate is observed immediately. The precipitate dissolves when dilute aqueous ammonia is added to it. The addition of aqueous sodium iodide to the resulting mixture produces a yellow precipitate. Identify the precipitates formed and account for the observation.

White precipitate formed is AgCl is formed.

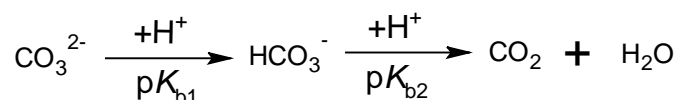
In the presence of aqueous ammonia, aqueous Ag^+ ions react to form the diamminesilver(I) complex, $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+$. The formation of the complex, decreases $[\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq})]$, lowering its ionic product. Thus, ionic product falls below the K_{sp} of AgCl , causing it to dissolve.

When aqueous sodium iodide is added to the resulting solution, a yellow precipitate of AgI is formed. As the K_{sp} (AgI) is extremely small, the ionic product exceeds its K_{sp} , accounting for the formation of the precipitate.

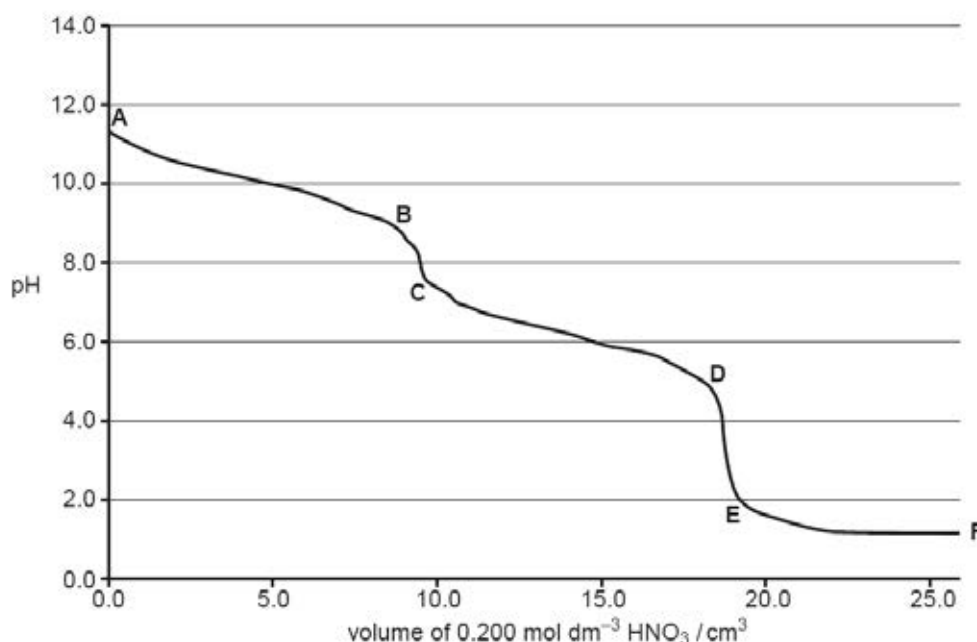
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- 4 (a) A solution of carbonate reacts with H^+ in two stages.



The pH changes during the addition of $0.200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ nitric acid to a 20.0 cm^3 solution of sodium carbonate and sodium hydrogencarbonate are shown below.



- (i) A list of indicators and their pK_a values is given below.

indicator	thymol blue	methyl yellow	methyl red	cresol red	thymolphthalein
pK_a	1.7	3.1	5.1	8.3	9.2

From the given list of indicators, choose two suitable indicators that can be used to determine the two end-points in the titration. Explain your choice.

1st indicator: **cresol red**
 2nd indicator: **methyl yellow** } **both correct**

pK_a of indicator matches the pH change at equivalence point

OR

Equivalence point pH lies within the working range of the indicator.

- (ii) Calculate the concentration, in g dm^{-3} , of sodium carbonate present in the original solution, given that the end-point between **B** and **C** occurs after 8.40 cm^3 of nitric acid is added.



amount of Na_2CO_3 = amount of HNO_3 = 0.00168 mol

$$\text{concentration of } \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = \frac{0.00168}{\frac{20.0}{1000}} \times 106 = \underline{\underline{8.90 \text{ g dm}^{-3}}}$$

- (iii) Calculate the concentration, in g dm^{-3} , of sodium hydrogencarbonate present in the original solution, given that the end-point between **D** and **E** occurs after 18.80 cm^3 of nitric acid is added.



volume of HNO_3 used to react with the total amount of HCO_3^-

$$= 18.80 - 8.40 = 10.40 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{total amount of HCO}_3^- = \text{amount of HNO}_3 \text{ used} = 0.00208 \text{ mol}$$

At first end-point, $1\text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow 1\text{HCO}_3^-$,

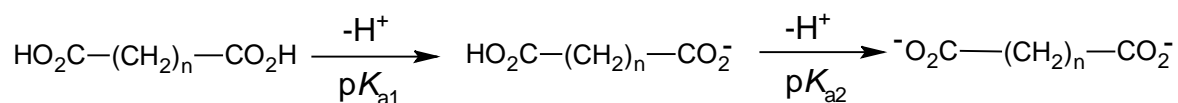
$$\text{amount of HCO}_3^- \text{ formed from Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = 0.00168 \text{ mol}$$

$$\therefore \text{original amount of HCO}_3^- = 0.00208 - 0.00168 = 0.0004 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{concentration of NaHCO}_3 = \frac{0.0004}{\frac{20.0}{1000}} \times 84.0 = \underline{1.68 \text{ g dm}^{-3}}$$

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(b) Dicarboxylic acids ionise in two stages.



The following table compares the $\text{p}K_a$ values of three dicarboxylic acids.

acid	formula	$\text{p}K_{a1}$	$\text{p}K_{a2}$
oxalic	$\text{HO}_2\text{C}-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	1.25	4.27
malonic	$\text{HO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	2.85	5.70
succinic	$\text{HO}_2\text{C}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	4.21	5.64

(i) Explain why succinic acid has the highest $\text{p}K_{a1}$ value.

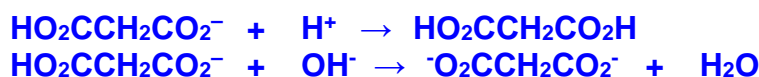
In succinic acid, the two $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ groups are unable to form intramolecular hydrogen bond to stabilise the negative charge of the monoanion formed after the first dissociation.

(ii) An amphoteric species is one that reacts with an acid and a base. The monocarboxylate ion of a dicarboxylic acid, $\text{HO}_2\text{C}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CO}_2^-$, is an amphoteric species.

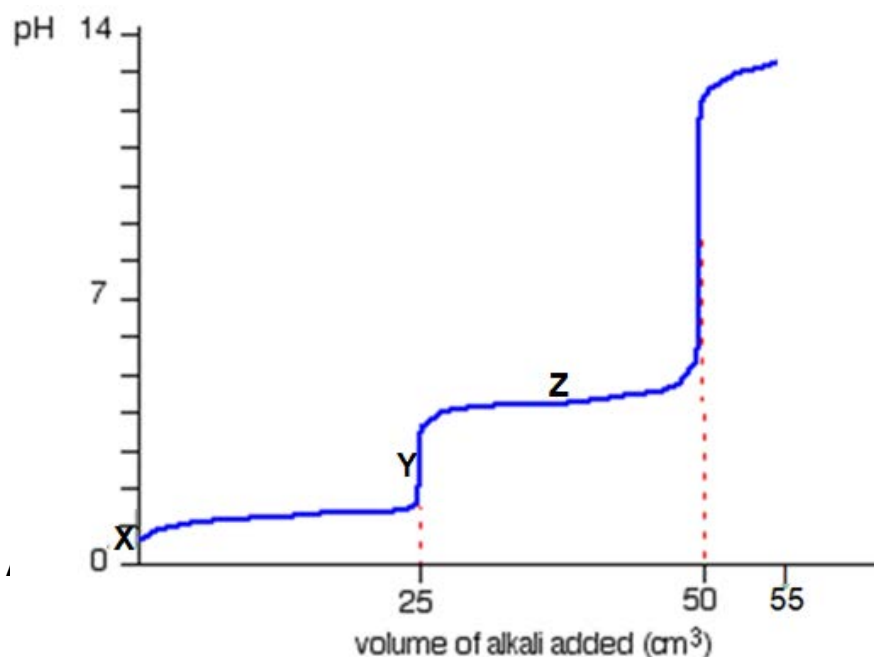
The pH of an amphoteric species is given by the following expression.

$$\text{pH} = \frac{1}{2}(\text{p}K_{a1} + \text{p}K_{a2})$$

Using malonic acid as an example, write two equations to show that its monocarboxylate ion is an amphoteric species.



- (iii) The pH-volume added curve when 55 cm³ of 0.20 mol dm⁻³ NaOH is added to 25 cm³ of 0.20 mol dm⁻³ oxalic acid is shown below.



Calculate the pH of the curve at points X, Y and Z.

X - Initial pH = 0.974

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 = K_{a1}[\text{acid}] = (10^{-1.25})(0.20) = 0.01124 \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\lg[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\lg \sqrt{(0.01124)} = \underline{0.974} \text{ (3 s. f.)}$$

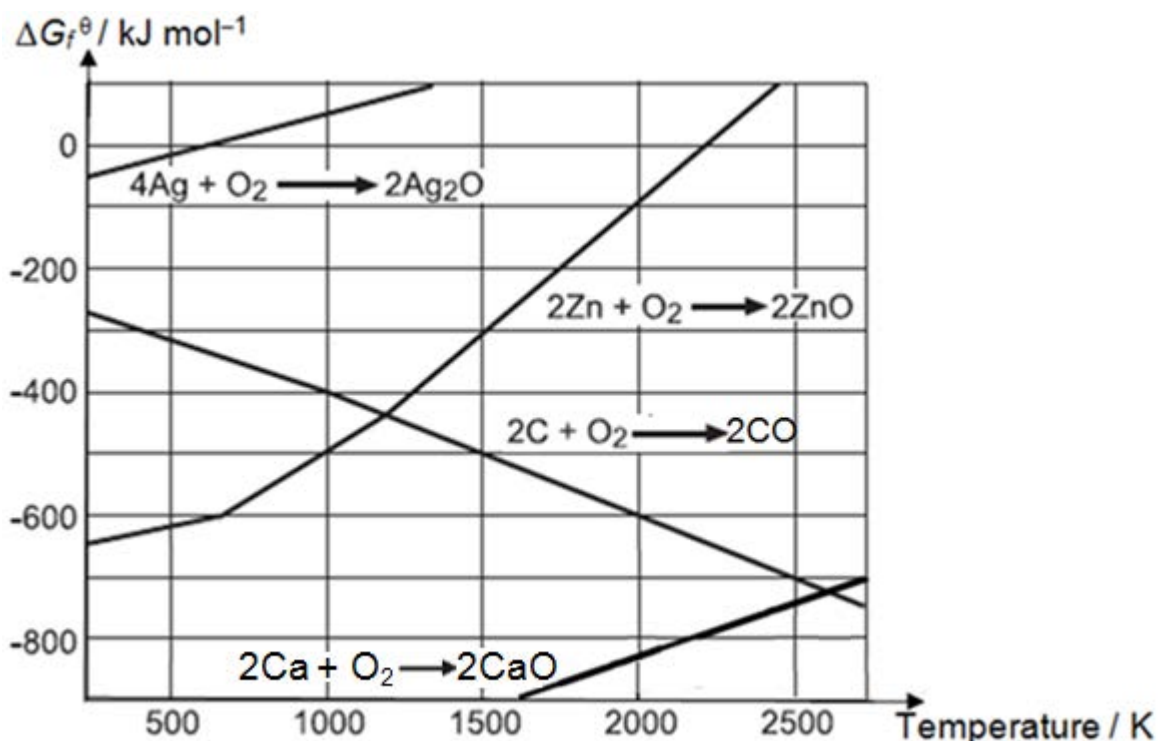
Y - pH at 1st equiv. point = $\frac{1}{2}(\text{p}K_{a1} + \text{p}K_{a2}) = \frac{1}{2}(1.25 + 4.27) = \underline{2.76}$
 (HO₂CCO₂⁻ is an amphoteric species)

Z - pH at MBC₂ (when [HO₂CCO₂⁻] = [-O₂CCO₂⁻]) = pK_{a2} = 4.27

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- (c) Thermal decomposition of the calcium salt of oxalic acid, calcium oxalate, produces calcium oxide and oxides of carbon.

The graph below is an Ellingham diagram, which shows the variation in the standard Gibbs free energy change of formation, ΔG_f^\ominus , with temperature, T, for various oxides.



- (i) Which oxide, calcium oxide, zinc oxide or silver(I) oxide, could be decomposed by heat at 1000 K? Explain your choice.

Silver(I) oxide

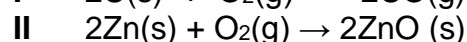
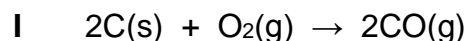
$\Delta G < 0$ for the decomposition of $2\text{Ag}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{Ag} + \text{O}_2$

- (ii) What does the gradient of the graph in the Ellingham diagram represent? Hence, explain why the gradient for $2\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}$ is as shown.

Gradient represents $-DS^\ddagger$ (equation of line is $DG^\ddagger = -TDS^\ddagger + DH^\ddagger$).

A negative gradient implies that DS^\ddagger is positive. An increase in disorderliness of the system ($DS^\ddagger > 0$) is due to an increase in amount of gases (from 1 to 2 mol) as the reaction proceeds.

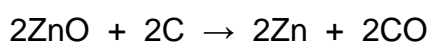
- (iii) From the Ellingham diagram, find the ΔG^\ddagger values of the following reactions at 1500 K.



$2\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO} \quad DG^\ddagger = \underline{-500 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$

$2\text{Zn} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{ZnO} \quad DG^\ddagger = \underline{-300 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}} \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$

- (iv) Use your answer in (iii) to calculate ΔG^\ddagger value for the reaction in which carbon reduces zinc oxide at 1500 K.



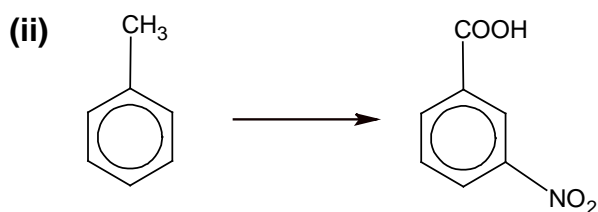
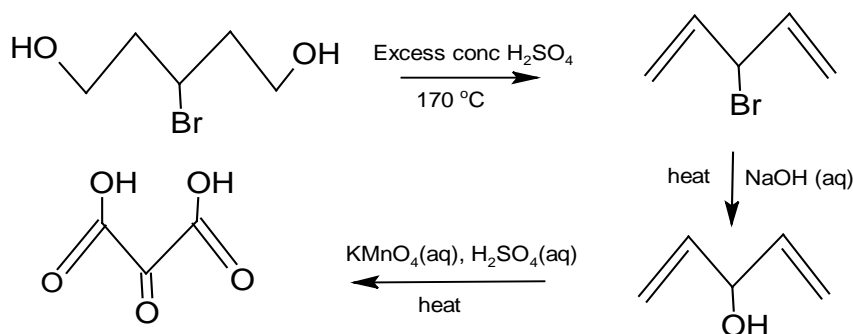
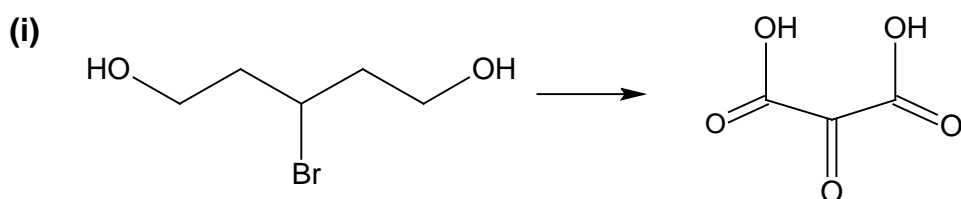
Hence, comment on the feasibility of the reaction at 1500 K.



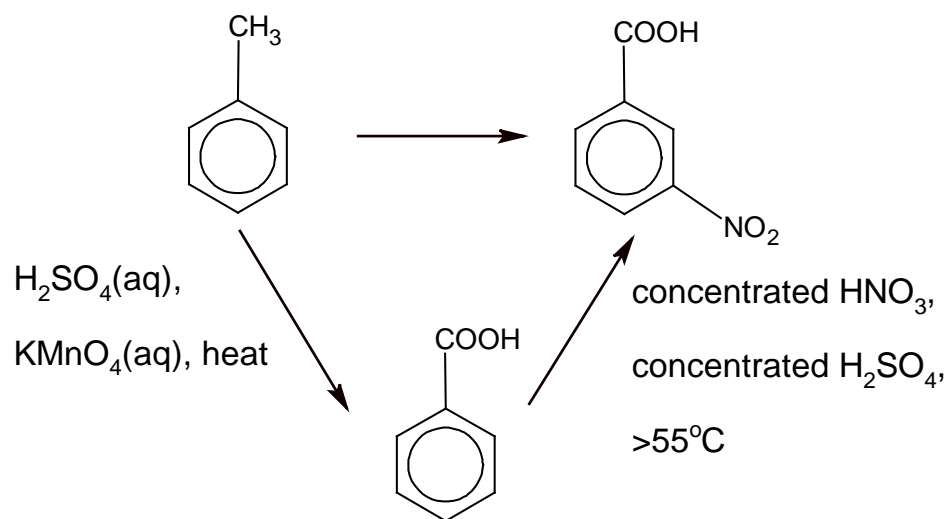
The reaction is thermodynamically feasible at 1500 K.

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- (d) In **no more than 3 steps**, suggest how each of the following transformations can be achieved. You are required to state the reagents and conditions for each step and give the structures of the intermediate compounds.



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- 5 (a) Magnesium carbonate occurs naturally in several forms. Due to its hygroscopic properties, anhydrous magnesium carbonate is used in organic reactions to remove moisture.

The decomposition temperature of magnesium carbonate is 540 °C. Explain how you would expect the decomposition temperature of barium carbonate to differ from magnesium carbonate.

Ba²⁺ ion has a smaller ionic radius compared to Mg²⁺. Ba²⁺ ion has a lower charge density and hence is less polarising/ lower polarising power. Ba²⁺ ion polarises and weakens the C-O bond in CO₃²⁻ to a smaller extent than Mg²⁺. Thus, the C-O bond in BaCO₃ is stronger. More energy is required to break the bond and hence the decomposition temperature of barium carbonate would be higher.

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- (b) The solubility of magnesium carbonate is 0.267 g dm⁻³.

- (i) Calculate the solubility product, K_{sp} , of magnesium carbonate.

$$\begin{aligned} M_r \text{ MgCO}_3 &= 24.3 + 12.0 + 3(16.0) \\ &= 84.3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solubility} &= 0.267 / 84.3 \\ &= 3.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{sp} &= (3.17 \times 10^{-3})^2 \\ &= \underline{1.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}} \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) To a 1.0 dm³ saturated solution of magnesium carbonate, 50.0 cm³ of 1.00 mol dm⁻³ aqueous magnesium chloride was added. Find the mass of precipitate formed.

Let the solubility of MgCO₃ in MgCl₂ be s mol dm⁻³.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total volume} &= 1.0 + 0.0500 \\ &= 1.05 \text{ dm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Mg}^{2+}] &= s + \left(\frac{1 \times 50}{1000} / 1.05 \right) \\ &= s + 0.04762 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s(s + 0.04762) &= 1 \times 10^{-5} \\ s(0.04762) &\gg 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (since } 0.04762 \gg s) \\ s &= 2.100 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of MgCO}_3 \text{ extracted} &= (3.17 \times 10^{-3}) \\ &\quad - (2.100 \times 10^{-4} \times 1.05) \\ &= 2.950 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass extracted} &= 2.950 \times 10^{-3} \times 84.3 \\ &= \underline{0.249 \text{ g}} \end{aligned}$$

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- (c) Compound **A** ($C_{11}H_{22}$) decolourises aqueous bromine. Compound **A** was heated with a mixture of aqueous sodium hydroxide and potassium manganate(VII). After the reaction was completed (assuming 100% yield), the reaction mixture was extracted several times with an organic solvent.

The aqueous and organic layers were then collected separately. Acidification of the aqueous layer yielded compound **B** ($M_r = 102$), which rotated the plane of polarised light. Compound **B** produced a colourless gas with sodium metal.

- (i) Use **all** of the information to determine the identity of functional group present in

- I compound **A**
II compound **B**.

For each functional group you identify, explain how you came to your decision.

Compound A contains an alkene.

It has one degree of unsaturation and undergoes electrophilic addition with aqueous bromine. A undergoes oxidative cleavage/ strong oxidation with $KMnO_4$.

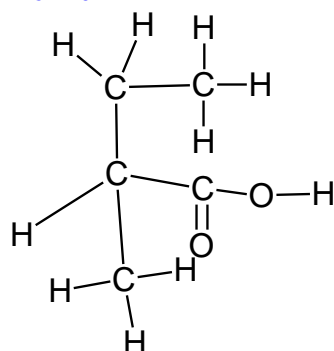
Compound B contains a carboxylic acid.

Alkenes undergo oxidative cleavage/ strong oxidation to form carbon dioxide, ketones or carboxylic acids.

Only carboxylic acid can react with sodium metal via redox reaction.

- (ii) Deduce the molecular formula of compound **B** and hence, draw its displayed formula.

$C_5H_{10}O_2$

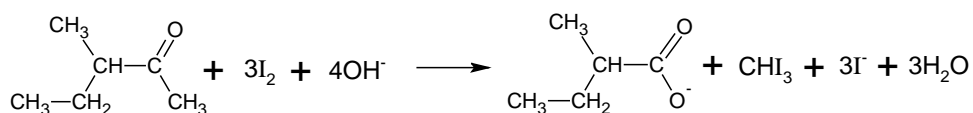
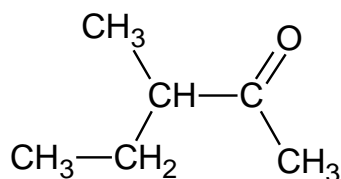


- (iii) Explain why the salt of compound **B** was found in the aqueous layer after the separation of the reaction mixture.

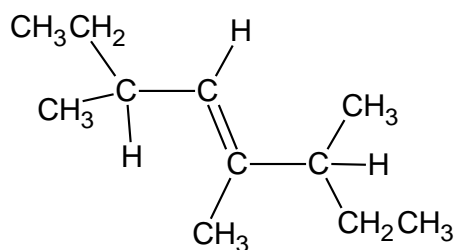
The carboxylate anion, produced by strong oxidation of alkene A, can form favourable ion-dipole interactions with water, and is hence highly soluble in water.

The organic layer was then distilled to give compound **C** ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$). Warming compound **C** with aqueous alkaline iodine, followed by controlled addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid produced compound **B**.

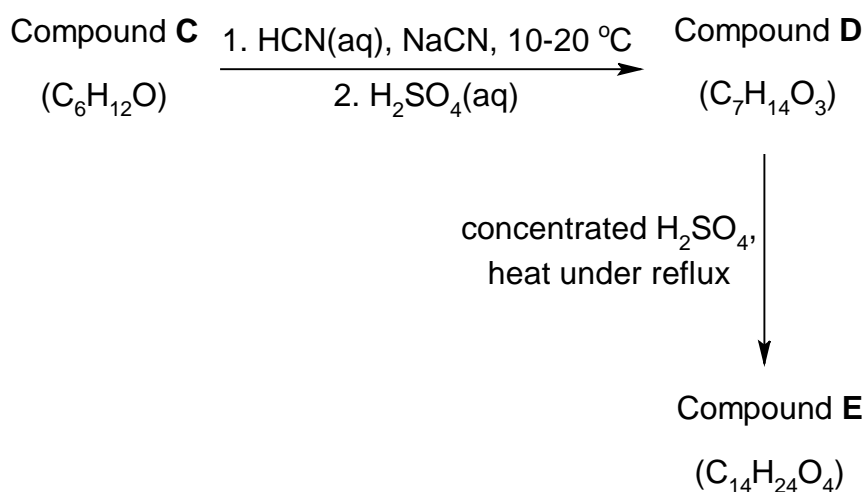
- (iv) Propose the structure of compound **C** and give a balanced equation for its reaction with aqueous alkaline iodine.



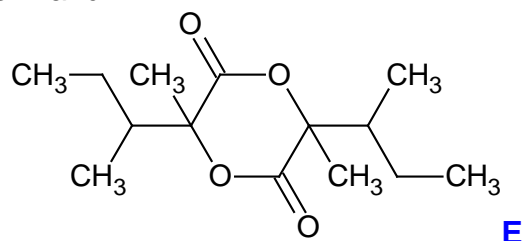
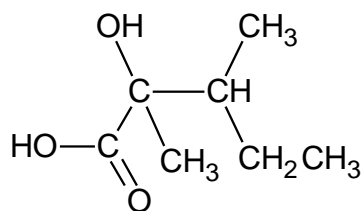
- (v) Hence or otherwise, deduce the structure of compound **A**.



Compound **C** was converted to compound **E** via the following reaction scheme.



- (vi) Draw the structures of compounds **D** and **E**.



- (vii) Describe a simple chemical test to distinguish between compounds **C** and **D**, clearly stating how each compound behaves in the test. You should **not** use any of the reagents and conditions outlined in this question.

Test: Aqueous sodium carbonate, room temperature. Bubble any gas evolved into limewater.

Observation for C: No effervescence observed.

Observation for D: Effervescence observed. Gas evolved forms a white precipitate with limewater.

OR

Test: 2, 4- dinitrophenylhydrazine, room temperature.

Observation for C: Orange precipitate/ orange crystalline solid observed.

Observation for D: No orange precipitate observed.

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