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General Certificate of Education
January 2006
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



CHEMISTRY
Unit 3(a) Introduction to Organic Chemistry

CHM3/W

Wednesday 11 January 2006 9.00 am to 10.00 am

For this paper you must have

- a calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer questions in **Section A** and **Section B** in the spaces provided.
- All working must be shown.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- The Periodic Table/Data Sheet is provided on pages 3 and 4. Detach this perforated sheet at the start of the examination.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- This paper carries 25 per cent of the total marks for AS. For Advanced Level this paper carries 12½ per cent of the total marks.
- You are expected to use a calculator where appropriate.
- The following data may be required.
Gas constant $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
- Your answers to the question in **Section B** should be written in continuous prose, where appropriate.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on **Section A** and about 15 minutes on **Section B**.

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SECTION A

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

1 The fractions obtained from petroleum contain saturated hydrocarbons that belong to the homologous series of alkanes.

(a) Any homologous series can be represented by a general formula.

(i) State **two** other characteristics of homologous series.

Characteristic 1

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Characteristic 2

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(ii) Name the process which is used to obtain the fractions from petroleum.

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(iii) State what is meant by the term *saturated*, as applied to hydrocarbons.

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(4 marks)

(b) Decane has the molecular formula $C_{10}H_{22}$

(i) State what is meant by the term *molecular formula*.

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(ii) Give the molecular formula of the alkane which contains 14 carbon atoms.

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(iii) Write an equation for the incomplete combustion of decane, $C_{10}H_{22}$, to produce carbon and water only.

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(3 marks)

Table 1
Proton n.m.r chemical shift data

| Type of proton | δ/ppm |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| RCH_3 | 0.7–1.2 |
| R_2CH_2 | 1.2–1.4 |
| R_3CH | 1.4–1.6 |
| RCOCH_3 | 2.1–2.6 |
| ROCH_3 | 3.1–3.9 |
| RCOOCH_3 | 3.7–4.1 |
| ROH | 0.5–5.0 |

Table 2
Infra-red absorption data

| Bond | Wavenumber/ cm^{-1} |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| C—H | 2850–3300 |
| C—C | 750–1100 |
| C=C | 1620–1680 |
| C=O | 1680–1750 |
| C—O | 1000–1300 |
| O—H (alcohols) | 3230–3550 |
| O—H (acids) | 2500–3000 |

(c) When petrol is burned in an internal combustion engine, some nitrogen monoxide, NO, is formed. This pollutant is removed from the exhaust gases by means of a reaction in a catalytic converter.

(i) Write an equation for the reaction between nitrogen and oxygen to form nitrogen monoxide.

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(ii) Identify a catalyst used in a catalytic converter.

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(iii) Write an equation to show how nitrogen monoxide is removed from the exhaust gases as they pass through a catalytic converter.

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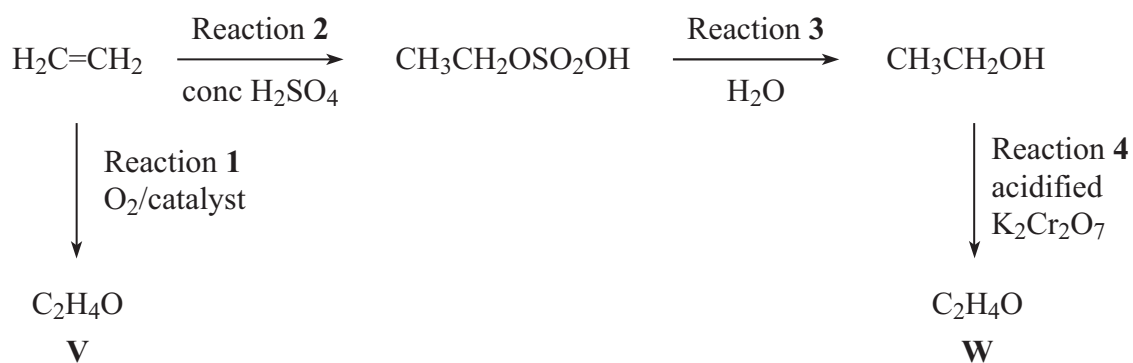
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Turn over 

- 2 Consider the following reaction scheme, which leads to the formation of two compounds **V** and **W**.



- (a) Give a suitable catalyst for Reaction 1 and name compound **V**.

Catalyst

Name of compound V

(2 marks)

- (b) Name and outline a mechanism for Reaction 2.

Name of mechanism

Mechanism

(5 marks)

(c) In Reaction 4, compound **W** is distilled from the reaction mixture.

(i) Name compound **W** and draw its structure.

Name

Structure

(ii) Name the type of reaction shown by Reaction 4.

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(3 marks)

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Turn over for the next question

Turn over 

3 (a) Dichloromethane, CH_2Cl_2 , is one of the products formed when chloromethane, CH_3Cl , reacts with chlorine.

(i) Name the type of mechanism involved in this reaction and write an equation for each of the steps named below.

Name of type of mechanism

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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(ii) Write an overall equation for the formation of dichloromethane from chloromethane.

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(5 marks)

(b) A compound contains 10.1% carbon and 89.9% chlorine by mass. Calculate the molecular formula of this compound, given that its relative molecular mass (M_r) is 237.0

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(3 marks)

(c) Suggest the formulae of two bromine-containing organic compounds formed when dibromomethane, CH_2Br_2 , reacts with bromine.

Compound 1

Compound 2

(2 marks)

- 4 The table below gives some of the names and structures of isomers having the molecular formula C_4H_9Br

| Structure | Name |
|--|-------------------------|
| $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2Br$ | |
| $\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ \\ H_3C - C - CH_3 \\ \\ Br \end{array}$ | 2-bromo-2-methylpropane |
| | 1-bromo-2-methylpropane |
| $\begin{array}{c} CH_3CH_2 - CH - CH_3 \\ \\ Br \end{array}$ | 2-bromobutane |

- (a) Complete the table.

(2 marks)

- (b) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of 2-bromo-2-methylpropane with ethanolic potassium hydroxide to form the alkene 2-methylpropene, $(CH_3)_2C=CH_2$

Name of mechanism

Mechanism

(4 marks)

Turn over 

- (c) Two stereoisomers of but-2-ene are formed when 2-bromobutane reacts with ethanolic potassium hydroxide.

(i) Explain what is meant by the term *stereoisomers*.

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(ii) Draw the structures and give the names of the **two** stereoisomers of but-2-ene.

Stereoisomer 1

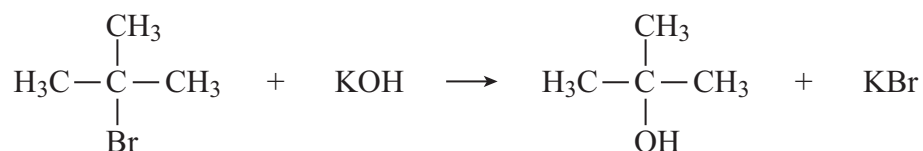
Stereoisomer 2

Name *Name*

(iii) Name this type of stereoisomerism.

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(5 marks)

- (d) When 2-bromo-2-methylpropane reacts with aqueous potassium hydroxide, 2-methylpropan-2-ol is formed as shown by the following equation.



State the role of the hydroxide ions in this reaction.

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(1 mark)

- (e) Write an equation for the reaction that occurs when $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ reacts with an excess of ammonia. Name the organic product of this reaction.

Equation

Name of product
(3 marks)

SECTION B

Answer the question in the space provided.

5 Glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$, can be converted into ethanol. Ethanol can be used as a fuel or can be converted into ethene by acid-catalysed dehydration. Most of the ethene used by industry is formed by the thermal cracking of alkanes.

(a) State **four** essential conditions for the conversion of glucose into ethanol. Name the process and give an equation for the reaction which takes place. Write an equation for the complete combustion of ethanol.

(7 marks)

(b) Explain what is meant by the term *dehydration*. Identify a catalyst which could be used in the acid-catalysed dehydration of ethanol. Write an equation for the reaction which takes place.

(3 marks)

(c) State what is meant by the term *cracking*. Describe what happens during the thermal cracking of alkanes and name the type of reactive intermediate. Give an essential condition for this process. Write an equation for the thermal cracking of butane to give ethene as one of the products.

(5 marks)

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