Q1. Which compound forms optically active compounds on reduction?

A $CH_3CH_2C(CH_3)=CHCH_3$ ⬭

B $CH_3CH_2C(CH_3)=CH_2$ ⬭

C CH_3COCH_3 ⬭

D $CH_3CH_2COCH_3$ ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

Q2. Which one of the following can exhibit both geometrical and optical isomerism?

A $(CH_3)_2C=CHCH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$

B $CH_3CH_2CH=CHCH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$

C $(CH_3)_2C=C(CH_2CH_3)_2$

D $CH_3CH_2CH(CH_3)CH(CH_3)C=CH_2$

(Total 1 mark)

Q3. Which one of the following reactions will produce an organic compound that has optical isomers?

A dehydration of butan-2-ol by heating with concentrated sulphuric acid

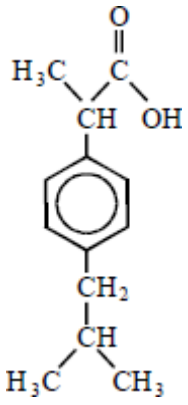
B reduction of pentan-3-one by warming with $NaBH_4$

C addition of Br_2 to 3-bromopropene

D reduction of 2,3-dimethylpent-2-ene with H_2 in the presence of a nickel catalyst

(Total 1 mark)

Q4. Ibuprofen is a drug used as an alternative to aspirin for the relief of pain, fever and inflammation. The structure of ibuprofen is shown below.



Which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

A It has optical isomers.

B It liberates carbon dioxide with sodium carbonate solution.

D It undergoes esterification with ethanol.

D It undergoes oxidation with acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

(Total 1 mark)

Q5. Which one of the following statements about but-2-enal, $CH_3CH=CHCHO$, is **not** true?

A It has stereoisomers.

B It shows a strong absorption in the infra-red at about 1700 cm^{-1}.

C It will turn an acidified solution of potassium dichromate(VI) green.

D It can be dehydrated by concentrated sulphuric acid.

(Total 1 mark)

Q6. On reduction, a racemate can be formed by

A $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$

B $CH_3CH_2CH_2COCH_3$

C $CH_3CH_2COCH_2CH_3$

D $CH_3CH{=}CHCH_2CHO$

(Total 1 mark)

Q7. Which one of the following reaction mixtures would give a product capable of exhibiting optical isomerism?

A $CH_3CH{=}CH_2$ + HBr

B $CH_3CH_2CH_2Br$ + NaOH

C $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$ + H_2SO_4

D CH_3CH_2 CHO + HCN

(Total 1 mark)

Q1. Two isomeric ketones are shown below.

(a) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of compound **Q** with HCN and name the product formed.

Name of mechanism …….....

Mechanism

Name of product .....

(6)

(b) Some students were asked to suggest methods to distinguish between isomers **Q** and **R**.

One student suggested testing the optical activity of the products formed when **Q** and **R** were reacted separately with HCN.

By considering the optical activity of these products formed from **Q** and **R**, explain why this method would **not** distinguish between **Q** and **R**.

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(Total 9 marks)

Q2. Which one of the following reactions will produce an organic compound that has optical isomers?

A dehydration of butan-2-ol by heating with concentrated sulphuric acid

B reduction of pentan-3-one by warming with $NaBH_4$

C addition of Br_2 to 3-bromopropene

D reduction of 2,3-dimethylpent-2-ene with H_2 in the presence of a nickel catalyst

(Total 1 mark)

Q3. Which one of the following can exhibit both geometrical and optical isomerism?

A $(CH_3)_2C=CHCH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$

B $CH_3CH_2CH=CHCH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$

C $(CH_3)_2C=C(CH_2CH_3)_2$

D $CH_3CH_2CH(CH_3)CH(CH_3)C=CH_2$

(Total 1 mark)

Q4. Butanone is reduced in a two-step reaction using $NaBH_4$ followed by dilute hydrochloric acid.

(a) Write an overall equation for the reduction of butanone using [H] to represent the reductant.

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(b) By considering the mechanism of the reaction, explain why the product has **no** effect on plane polarised light.

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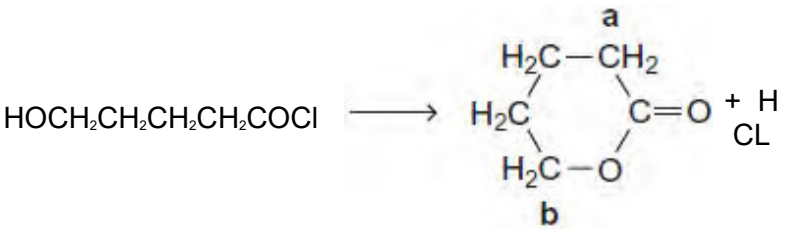
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Q5. This question is about some isomers of $C_5H_8O_2$

(a) Compound **H** is a cyclic ester that can be prepared as shown.

On the structure of **H**, two of the carbon atoms are labelled.



H

(i) Name and outline a mechanism for this reaction.

Use **Table C** on the Data Sheet to give the ^{13}C n.m.r. δ value for the carbon atom labelled **a** and the δ value for the carbon atom labelled **b**.

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(ii) $HOCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2COCl$ can also react to form a polyester in a mechanism similar to that in part (i).

Draw the repeating unit of the polyester and name the type of polymerisation involved.

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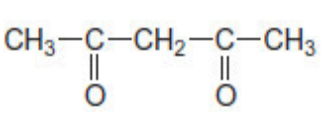
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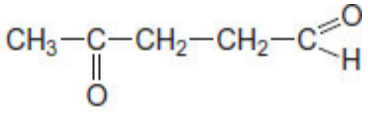
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(b) State how you could distinguish between compounds **J** and **K** by a simple test-tube reaction.

State how you could distinguish between **J** and **K** by giving the number of peaks in the ^1H n.m.r. spectrum of each compound.



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(c) Draw the structure of each of the following isomers of $C_5H_8O_2$
Label each structure you draw with the correct letter **L**, **M**, **N**, **P** or **Q**.

L is methyl 2-methylpropenoate.

M is an ester that shows E-Z stereoisomerism.

N is a carboxylic acid with a branched carbon chain and does **not** show stereoisomerism.

P is an optically active carboxylic acid.

Q is a cyclic compound that contains a ketone group and has only two peaks in its ^{1}H n.m.r. spectrum.

(5)
(Total 19 marks)

Q6. Which compound forms optically active compounds on reduction?

A $CH_3CH_2C(CH_3)=CHCH_3$ ⬭

B $CH_3CH_2C(CH_3)=CH_2$ ⬭

C CH_3COCH_3 ⬭

D $CH_3CH_2COCH_3$ ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

Q7. The carbonyl compound CH_3CH_2CHO reacts very slowly with HCN

(a) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of CH_3CH_2CHO with HCN

Name of mechanism .....

Mechanism

(5)

(b) The reaction in part (a) produces a pair of enantiomers.

(i) Draw the structure of each enantiomer to show how they are related to each other.

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(ii) State and explain how you could distinguish between the two enantiomers.

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(c) Give the IUPAC name of the product of the reaction in part (a).

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(d) In practice, KCN rather than HCN is added to the carbonyl compound.

Given that K_a for HCN = 4.0×10^{-10} mol dm^{-3}, suggest why the reaction with HCN is very slow.

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(e) Acrylic fibres are used as a substitute for wool. Acrylics are copolymers of acrylonitrile with other compounds.

Acrylonitrile is the common name for the following compound.

$$H_2C = CH - C \equiv N$$

(i) Acrylonitrile can be formed from propene.

Write an equation for the reaction of propene with ammonia and oxygen to form acrylonitrile and one other product.

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(ii) The term copolymer is used to describe the product obtained when two or more different monomers form a polymer.

Draw the repeating unit of the acrylic copolymer that contains 75% acrylonitrile monomer and 25% chloroethene monomer.

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(iii) Name the type of polymerisation involved in part (ii)

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Q1. Which one of the following statements about but-2-enal, $CH_3CH=CHCHO$, is **not** true?

A It has stereoisomers.

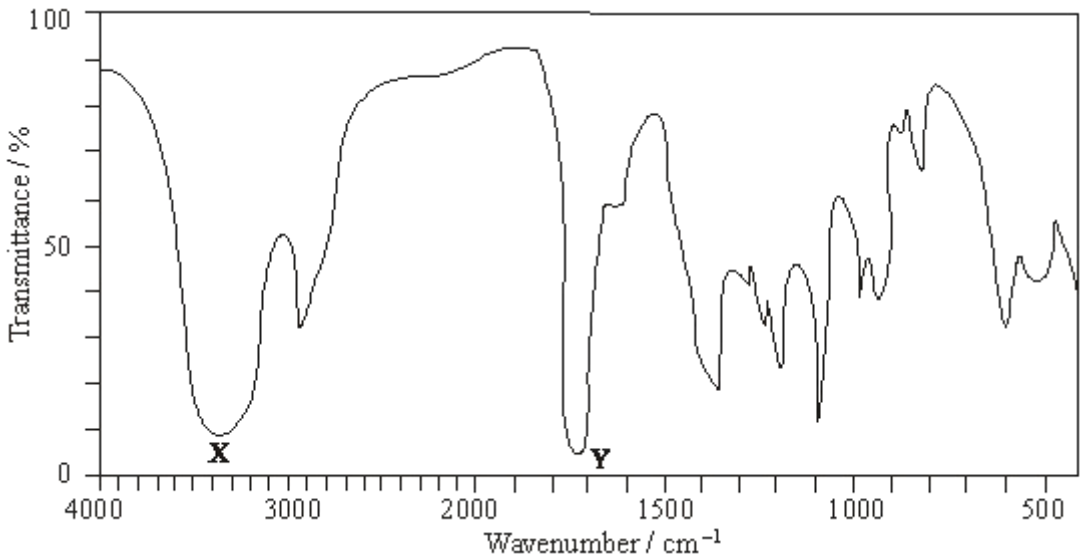
B It shows a strong absorption in the infra-red at about 1700 cm^{-1}.

C It will turn an acidified solution of potassium dichromate(VI) green.

D It can be dehydrated by concentrated sulphuric acid.

(Total 1 mark)

Q2. (a) The infra-red spectrum of compound **A**, $C_3H_6O_2$, is shown below.



Identify the functional groups which cause the absorptions labelled **X** and **Y**.

Using this information draw the structures of the three possible structural isomers for **A**.

Label as **A** the structure which represents a pair of optical isomers.

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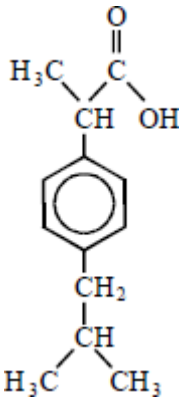
(b) Draw the structures of the three **branched-chain** alkenes with molecular formula C_5H_{10}

Draw the structures of the three dibromoalkanes, $C_5H_{10}Br_2$, formed when these three alkenes react with bromine.

One of these dibromoalkanes has only three peaks in its proton n.m.r. spectrum. Deduce the integration ratio and the splitting patterns of these three peaks.

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(Total 16 marks)

Q3. Ibuprofen is a drug used as an alternative to aspirin for the relief of pain, fever and inflammation.
The structure of ibuprofen is shown below.



Which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

A It has optical isomers.

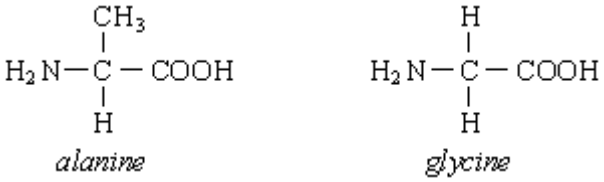
B It liberates carbon dioxide with sodium carbonate solution.

D It undergoes esterification with ethanol.

D It undergoes oxidation with acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

(Total 1 mark)

Q4. The structures of the amino acids *alanine* and *glycine* are shown below.



alanine

glycine

(a) Give the systematic name for *alanine.*

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(b) *Alanine* exists as a pair of stereoisomers.

(i) Explain the meaning of the term *stereoisomers.*

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(ii) State how you could distinguish between the stereoisomers.

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(c) Give the structural formula of the species formed by *glycine* at pH 14.

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(d) When two amino acids react together, a dipeptide is formed. Give the structural formulae of the **two** dipeptides which are formed when *alanine* and *glycine* react together.

Dipeptide 1

Dipeptide 2

(2)

(e) Give the structural formula of the organic compound formed when *glycine* reacts with methanol in the presence of a small amount of concentrated sulphuric acid.

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(Total 9 marks)

Q5. Each of the parts (a) to (e) below concerns a different pair of isomers.

Draw one possible structure for each of the species **A** to **J**, using Table 2 on the Data

Sheet where appropriate.

(a) Compounds **A** and **B** have the molecular formula C_5H_{10}
A decolourises bromine water but **B** does not.

A **B**

(2)

(b) Compounds **C** and **D** have the molecular formula $C_2H_4O_2$

Each has an absorption in its infra-red spectrum at about 1700 cm^{-1} but only **D** has a broad absorption at 3350 cm^{-1}

C **D**

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(c) Compounds **E** and **F** are esters with the molecular formula $C_5H_{10}O_2$

The proton n.m.r. spectrum of **E** consists of two singlets only whereas that of **F** consists of two quartets and two triplets.

E **F**

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(d) Compounds **G** and **H** have the molecular formula $C_3H_6C_{l2}$ **G** shows optical activity but **H** does not.

G **H**

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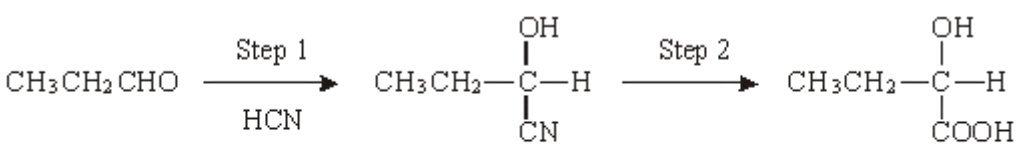
(e) Compounds **I** and **J** have the molecular formula C_6H_{12}

Each has an absorption in its infra-red spectrum at about 1650 cm^{-1} and neither shows geometrical isomerism. The proton n.m.r. spectrum of **I** consists of a singlet only whereas that of **J** consists of a singlet, a triplet and a quartet.

I **J**

(2)
(Total 10 marks)

Q6. Consider the reaction sequence shown below.



propanal **Q**

(a) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction in Step 1.

Name of mechanism .....

Mechanism

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(b) (i) Name compound **Q** formed in Step 2.

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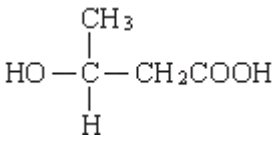
(ii) Two stereoisomers are formed by the dehydration of **Q**. Give the structures of these two isomers and name the type of stereoisomerism shown.

Structures of isomers

Type of stereoisomerism .....

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(c) An isomer of **Q** which has the structure shown below is polymerised to form the biodegradeable polymer known as PHB.



(i) Draw the repeating unit of the polymer PHB.

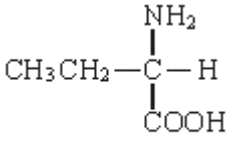
(ii) Suggest a reason why the polymer is biodegradeable.

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(d) The amino acid **R** is shown below.



R

(i) Draw the structure of the zwitterion formed by **R**.

(ii) Draw the structure of the major organic product formed when an excess of **R** is reacted with bromomethane.

(iii) Name the mechanism of the reaction which results in the formation of the product given in part (ii).

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(Total 14 marks)

Q1. (a) **P**, **Q** and **R** have the molecular formula C_6H_{12}

All three are branched-chain molecules and none is cyclic.
P can represent a pair of optical isomers.
Q can represent a pair of geometrical isomers.
R can represent another pair of geometrical isomers different from **Q**.

Draw one possible structure for one of the isomers of each of **P**, **Q** and **R**.

*Structure of **P***

*Structure of **Q***

*Structure of **R***

(3)

(b) Butanone reacts with reagent **S** to form compound **T** which exists as a racemic mixture. Dehydration of **T** forms **U**, C_5H_7N, which can represent a pair of geometrical isomers.

(i) State the meaning of the term *racemic mixture* and suggest why such a mixture is formed in this reaction.

Racemic mixture .....

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Explanation.....

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(ii) Identify reagent **S**, and draw a structural formula for each of **T** and **U**.

*Reagent **S*** .....

*Compound **T***

*Compound **U***

(6)
(Total 9 marks)

Q2. On reduction, a racemate can be formed by

A $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$

B $CH_3CH_2CH_2COCH_3$

C $CH_3CH_2COCH_2CH_3$

D $CH_3CH{=}CHCH_2CHO$

(Total 1 mark)

Q3. Which one of the following reaction mixtures would give a product capable of exhibiting optical isomerism?

A $CH_3CH{=}CH_2$ + HBr

B $CH_3CH_2CH_2Br$ + NaOH

C $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$ + H_2SO_4

D CH_3CH_2 CHO + HCN

(Total 1 mark)

Q4. Hydrogen and carbon monoxide were mixed in a 2:1 mole ratio. The mixture was allowed to reach equilibrium according to the following equation at a fixed temperature

and a total pressure of 1.75×10^4 kPa.

$$2H_2(g) + CO(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_3OH(g)$$

(a) The equilibrium mixture contained 0.430 mol of carbon monoxide and 0.0850 mol of methanol.

(i) Calculate the number of moles of hydrogen present in the equilibrium mixture.

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(ii) Hence calculate the mole fraction of hydrogen in the equilibrium mixture.

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(iii) Calculate the partial pressure of hydrogen in the equilibrium mixture.

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(b) In a different mixture of the three gases at equilibrium, the partial pressure of carbon monoxide was 7550 kPa, the partial pressure of hydrogen was 12300 kPa and the partial pressure of methanol was 2710 kPa.

(i) Write an expression for the equilibrium constant, K_p, for this reaction.

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(ii) Calculate the value of the equilibrium constant, K_p, for the reaction under these conditions and state its units.

K_p .....

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Units .....

(3)

(c) Two isomeric esters **E** and **F** formed from methanol have the molecular formula $C_6H_{12}O_2$

Isomer **E** has only 2 singlet peaks in its proton n.m.r. spectrum.

Isomer **F** is optically active.

Draw the structures of these two isomers.

*Isomer **E***

*Isomer **F***

(2)
(Total 10 marks)