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QUESTION BOOK

Structure of book

| Section | Number of questions | Number of marks |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|
| A | 30 | 30 |
| B | 10 | 90 |
| | | Total 120 |

SECTION A - Multiple-choice questions

Instructions for Section A

Answer **all** questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** or that **best answers** the question.

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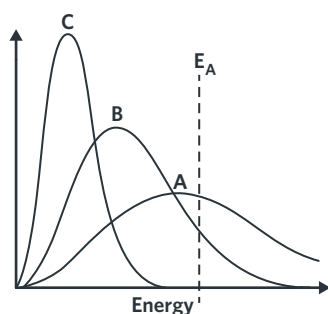
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Question 1

A reaction was subjected to three different conditions, resulting in the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution shown.

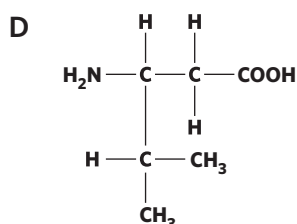
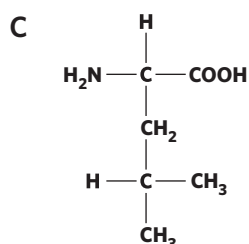
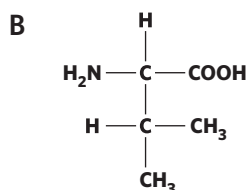
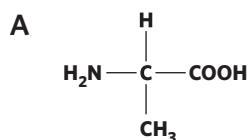


Which of the following statements about the curve is most likely to be correct?

- A The reaction resulting in curve A contains the greatest number of particles.
- B The independent variable of the experiment is temperature.
- C The reaction resulting in curve B will have the highest yield.
- D All particles in curve C will be converted to products.

Question 2

The proteins in the human body are predominately made from α -amino acids. Based on this description, which of the following amino acids is **least likely** to be found in the human body?



Question 3

A titration experiment was performed by preparing a 500 mL 0.100 M solution of sodium carbonate. An aliquot of 25.00 mL was then pipetted into a conical flask and titrated against an unknown concentration of hydrochloric acid. Which of the following would cause an overestimation of the concentration of HCl?

- A Washing the conical flask with de-ionised water.
- B The use of a 20.00 mL pipette instead of a 25.00 mL pipette.
- C The use of a 0.200 mol L⁻¹ solution of sodium carbonate.
- D Pre-washing the burette with de-ionised water.

Question 4

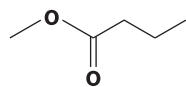
A triglyceride consists of three stearic acid residues. Calculate the molar mass of this triglyceride.

$$M_r(\text{stearic acid}) = 284.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

- A 944.0 g mol⁻¹
- B 890.0 g mol⁻¹
- C 872.0 g mol⁻¹
- D 793.0 g mol⁻¹

Question 5

Determine the molecular formula for the molecule shown.



- A C₅H₁₀O₂
- B C₃H₆O₂
- C C₄H₆O₂
- D C₆H₈O₂

Question 6

Three different electrolytic cells were set up involving platinum electrodes. Each cell contained 1.50 L of either molten Cu(NO₃)₂, Fe(NO₃)₃ or KNO₃. Over 15 minutes, a charge of 48,250 C was applied to each electrolytic cell.

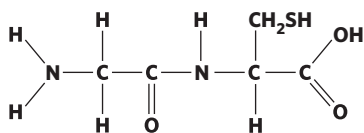
Which of the following shows the mass of metal that would be produced at the cathode?

| | m(Cu) | m(Fe) | m(K) |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A | 4.8 × 10 ² g | 2.3 × 10 ² g | 2.9 × 10 ² g |
| B | 64 g | 84 g | 20 g |
| C | 16 g | 9.3 g | 20 g |
| D | 21 g | 53 g | 14 g |

Question 7

Which of the following statements regarding the molecule shown is true?

- I It is a tripeptide.
- II In an acidic solution, the molecule exists as a negative ion.
- III It contains cysteine.
- IV A water molecule was released during the formation of the molecule.



- A I and II only
- B II and III only
- C III and IV only
- D I and IV only

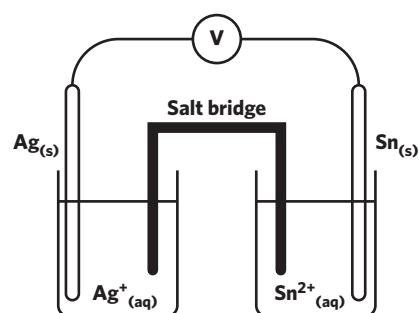
Question 8

Calculate the total energy released from a combustion engine operating at 85.0% efficiency when 212 g of liquid octane is added in the presence of excess oxygen?

- A 1.02×10^4 kJ
- B 8.63×10^3 kJ
- C 8.12×10^4 kJ
- D 2.11×10^3 kJ

Question 9

An electrochemical cell was set up under standard conditions as shown.

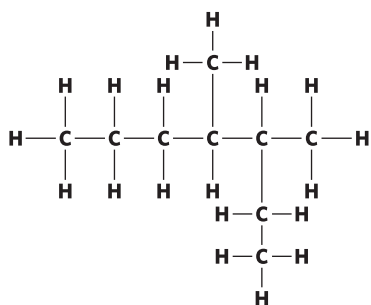


As the cell discharges, which of the following is correct?

| | The positive electrode is | From the salt bridge |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A | $\text{Ag}_{(s)}$ | cations would flow towards the Ag^+/Ag half cell. |
| B | $\text{Ag}_{(s)}$ | cations would flow towards the Sn^{2+}/Sn half cell. |
| C | $\text{Sn}_{(s)}$ | anions would flow towards the Sn^{2+}/Sn half cell. |
| D | $\text{Sn}_{(s)}$ | cations would flow towards the Ag^+/Ag half cell. |

Question 10

Identify the number of peaks that would be seen in the spectrum of a low-resolution ^1H NMR of the molecule shown.



- A 6
- B 7
- C 8
- D 9

Question 11

A student used a sample of ethanol to increase the temperature of 100 mL of water from 25.0°C to 46.1°C. The mass, in g, of ethanol used is closest to

- A 0.879 g.
- B 0.297g.
- C 0.594 g.
- D 0.311 g.

Question 12

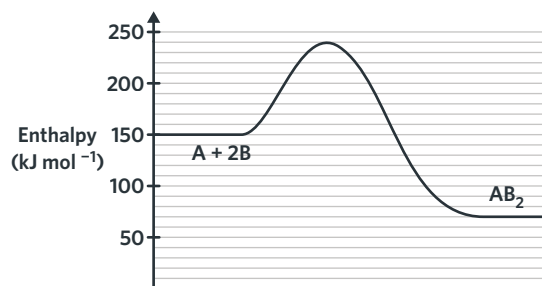
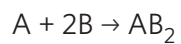
A calorimeter was calibrated using an external power source. A potential difference of 3.0 V was applied for three minutes using a current of 1.2 A. The thermometer showed a temperature change of 3.21°C.

The calibration factor for this calorimeter is closest to

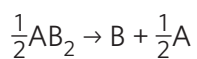
- A $7.0 \times 10^2 \text{ J}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$.
- B $2.2 \times 10^2 \text{ J}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$.
- C $11 \text{ J}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$.
- D $3.4 \text{ J}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$.

Question 13

The energy profile diagram for the following reaction is shown:



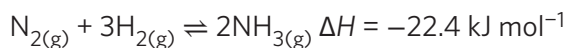
The E_a of the reaction below is



- A 70 kJ mol^{-1} .
- B 240 kJ mol^{-1} .
- C 85 kJ mol^{-1} .
- D 150 kJ mol^{-1} .

Use the following information to answer Questions 14 and 15.

The Haber process produces an ammonia through a reaction between nitrogen and hydrogen as shown.



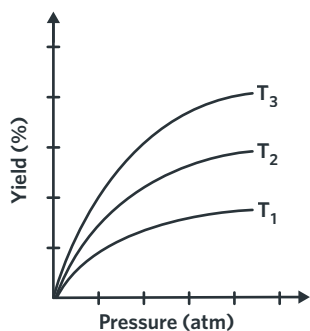
Question 14

At the start of the reaction, 2.0 mol of $\text{N}_{2(\text{g})}$ and 1.5 mol of $\text{H}_{2(\text{g})}$ was added to a 2.0 L vessel and allowed to reach equilibrium. At equilibrium, 1.15 mol of $\text{H}_{2(\text{g})}$ remained. At equilibrium,

| | $[\text{N}_2]$ | $[\text{H}_2]$ | $[\text{NH}_3]$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A | 0.19 | 0.58 | 0.39 |
| B | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.35 |
| C | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.23 |
| D | 0.94 | 0.58 | 0.12 |

Question 15

The amount of ammonia produced in this process can be affected by changes in temperature and pressure through changing the volume of the vessel.

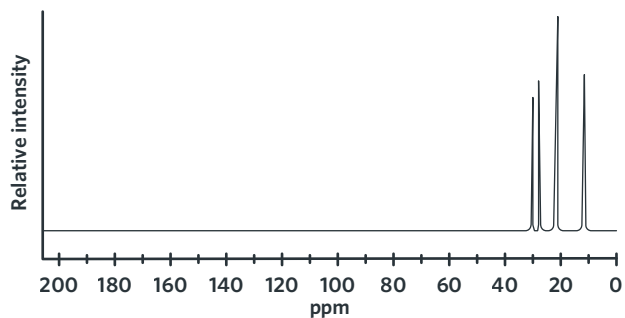


Based on the graph, the temperatures of T_1 , T_2 and T_3 are

- A $T_3 > T_2 > T_1$.
- B $T_3 = T_2 = T_1$.
- C $T_1 > T_2 > T_3$.
- D $T_2 > T_1 > T_3$.

Question 16

The ^{13}C NMR shown is most likely to belong to



- A $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.
- B $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.
- C $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.
- D $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

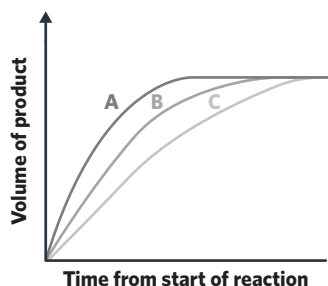
Question 17

Two containers of identical volume contained two different gases at standard laboratory conditions (SLC). It was found that 0.250 g of N_2 was present in one container and that the other container had 0.286 g of an unknown gas. The gas in the second container is

- A O_2 .
- B H_2 .
- C SO_2 .
- D CH_4 .

Question 18

A sample of solid zinc was left to react with hydrochloric acid in a closed vessel under different conditions. The progress of each different reaction is shown.

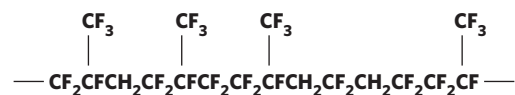


Compared to reaction A, reaction C

- A occurred at a lower temperature.
- B had a higher concentration of hydrochloric acid.
- C involved a catalyst whereas reaction A did not.
- D involved a reaction with powdered zinc whereas reaction A used a block of solid zinc.

Question 19

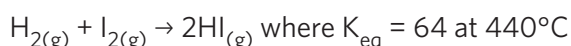
The number of different monomers found in the polymer chain shown below is:



- A 5
B 4
C 3
D 2

Question 20

Hydrogen gas and iodide are pumped into a closed vessel, resulting in the following reaction.



At a temperature of 489°C, the equilibrium constant for this reaction is 46. This suggests that

- A the production of hydrogen iodide is an exothermic process.
B the production of hydrogen iodide is an endothermic process.
C the backwards reaction is favoured with a decrease in temperature.
D the forward reaction would be favoured if the volume of the vessel is halved.

Question 21

Some machinery that use fuels operate under high temperatures. For safety reasons, engineers minimize the amount of vapor available that can undergo ignition in air.

The fuel best suited in this situation is:

| | Flashpoint (°C) | Cloud point (°C) | Autoignition temperature (°C) |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Petrodiesel | 55 | -22 | 280 |
| E10 | 28 | 8 | 312 |
| Biodiesel | 130 | -5.0 | 427 |
| LPG | -104 | -3.0 | 400 |

- A Petrodiesel
B E10
C Biodiesel
D LPG

Question 22

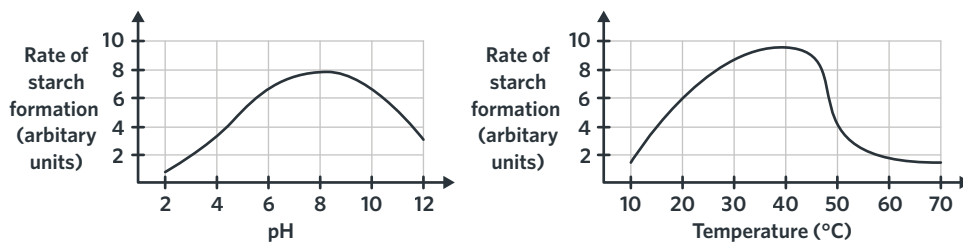
Different analytical techniques help to determine certain characteristics of the structure of organic compounds. Which of the following combinations of techniques would be most useful for determining the structure of a single compound derived from petroleum?

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| A | HPLC | IR |
| B | IR | ¹ H NMR |
| C | ¹ H NMR | HPLC |
| D | ¹³ C NMR | ¹ H NMR |

Use the following information for Questions 23 and 24

Due to their specificity, different enzymes are responsible for catalysing different reactions. Starch phosphorylase for example, is responsible for the formation of starch from glucose.

In an experiment, students wanted to see the effect of different environments on the function of starch phosphorylase. The results of the experiment are shown.

**Question 23**

At a temperature of 12°C

- A the hydrogen bonds in the tertiary structure of starch phosphorylase have broken.
- B starch phosphorylase has been denatured.
- C not all of the starch phosphorylase present has formed a complex with starch.
- D starch phosphorylase is inactive.

Question 24

The optimal environment for starch phosphorylase function is at

- A 60°C in a highly basic environment.
- B 37°C in a slightly alkaline environment.
- C 30°C in a slightly acidic environment.
- D 10°C in an acidic environment.

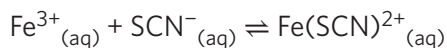
Question 25

Gas heaters are common in households and often use methane as the fuel source. One of the biggest concerns with these heaters is the fact that inefficiencies can result in incomplete combustion, which can often result in serious health effects. Which of the following statements highlights the dangers of inefficient gas heaters?

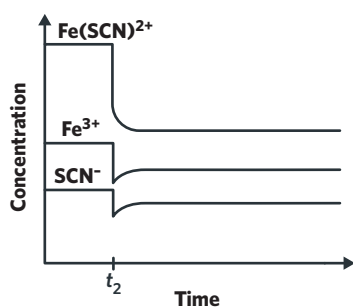
- I The high production of carbon dioxide.
 - II The K value for the interaction between haemoglobin and oxygen is higher than the K value for the interaction between haemoglobin and carbon monoxide.
 - III The K value for the interaction between haemoglobin and carbon monoxide is higher than the K value for the interaction between haemoglobin and oxygen.
 - IV At similar concentrations, carbon monoxide is preferentially bound to haemoglobin compared to oxygen.
- A I & IV only
 - B I & III only
 - C II & III only
 - D III & IV only

Question 26

Consider the reaction



A change was made to the equilibrium mixture, resulting in the graph shown.

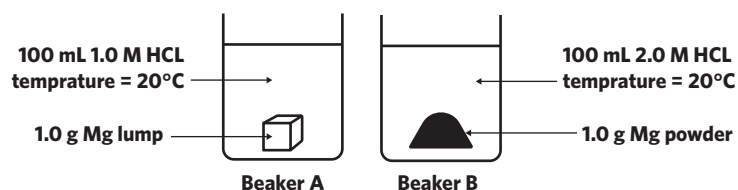


The change was most likely

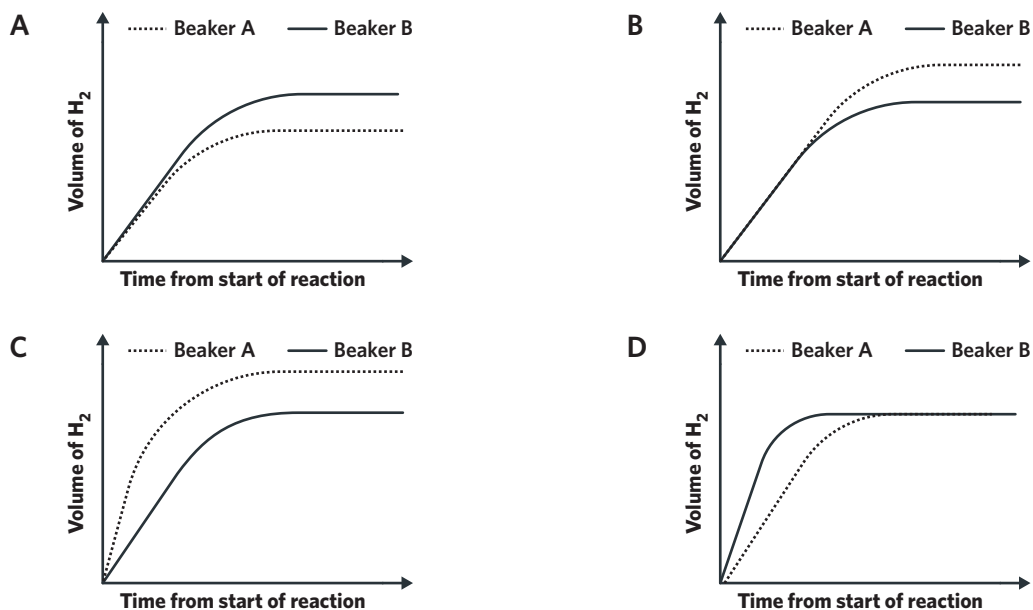
- A halving the volume of the reaction mixture.
- B the removal of some product.
- C an increase in pressure.
- D the addition of water.

Question 27

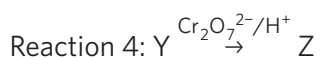
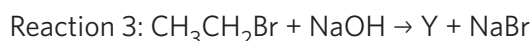
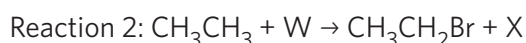
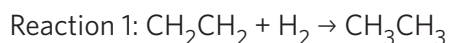
A student wanted to test the effect of surface area on the rate of reactions. The experimental setup is shown.



Which of the following is the most accurate representation of a comparison of the two reactions?

**Question 28**

The following series of unbalanced reactions were used to produce an organic compound.

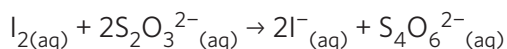


If in reaction 4, the $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ was limiting, then which of the following correctly identifies the nature of X, Y and Z?

| | X | Y | Z |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A | HBr | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | CH_3CHO |
| B | HBr | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | CH_3COOH |
| C | H_2 | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | CH_3CHO |
| D | Br_2 | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | CH_3COOH |

Use the following information for Questions 29 and 30

Iodine solutions are often used to treat wounds. A commercially available 20.00 mL iodine-containing solution was diluted to 250.0 mL. A 20.00 mL aliquot of this diluted solution was titrated against a 0.010 M solution containing thiosulfate to determine the concentration of iodine. The reaction can be represented by the following equation.

**Question 29**

Given that an average titre of 12.70 mL of thiosulfate was used, the concentration (%m/v) of iodine in the original solution is

- A 2.1 g/100 mL
- B 0.24 g/100 mL
- C 1.0 g/100 mL
- D 0.79 g/100 mL

Question 30

Following the same procedure, a student conducted the titration experiment until concordant titres were achieved. During the trials, the student washed the burette and conical flask containing the 20.00 mL aliquot with distilled water. Which of the following would occur as a result?

- A An accurate calculation of the unknown concentration of iodine.
- B A random error resulting in the calculation of a concentration of iodine that is lower concentration than the true value.
- C A systematic error resulting in the calculation of a concentration of iodine that is higher than expected.
- D The measurement of accurate titres.

SECTION B**Instructions for Section B**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. Write using blue or black pen.

Give simplified answers to **all** numerical questions, with an appropriate number of significant figures; unsimplified answers will not be given full marks.

Show all working in your answers to numerical questions; **no marks** will be given for an incorrect answer unless it is accompanied by details of the working.

Ensure chemical equations are balanced and that the formulas for individual substances include an indication of state, for example, $\text{H}_{2(g)}$, $\text{NaCl}_{(s)}$.

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Question 1 (9 MARKS)

The label on a packet of biscuits is shown.

| | Per 100g |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Protein | 3.2 g |
| Fat | |
| Saturated | 0.79 g |
| Unsaturated | 0.12 g |
| Carbohydrates | |
| Starches & sugars | 15.0 g |
| Cellulose | 2.9 g |
| Sodium | 102 mg |

- a Calculate the amount of energy available to the body per gram of biscuit.

2 MARKS

b A student wanted to test the energy content of the biscuit to confirm the advertised nutritional value. A 5.0 g sample of the biscuit was burned in a bomb calorimeter with excess oxygen, raising the temperature in the vessel from 19.7°C to 23.8°C.

i Given that the calibration factor was determined to be 1711 J°C⁻¹, calculate the energy, in kJ, released per gram of biscuit.

2 MARKS

ii Compare the result from the experimental value and the value calculated in part a. Give a possible explanation for any differences seen.

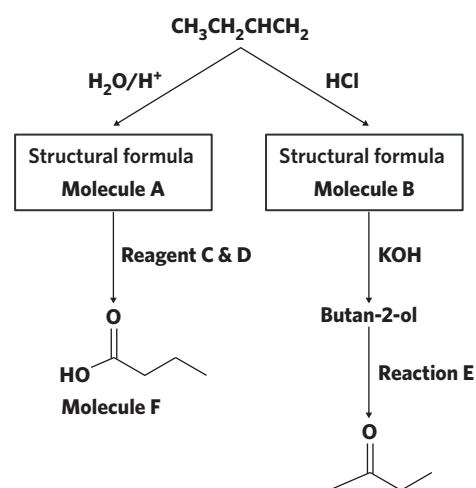
1 MARK

c Different types of fats have different effects on the body. It was known that the only unsaturated fat present was a triglyceride with three identical unsaturated fatty acid residues and 100 g of the biscuit reacted with 0.1308 g of bromine gas. The molar mass of the triglyceride is 879.4 g mol⁻¹. Identify the name of the unsaturated fatty acid present in the triglyceride.

2 MARKS

d The breakdown of fats in the body occurs mostly in the intestines which has a relatively alkaline environment. The process also involves the use of the enzyme lipase. Explain why the breakdown of fats is unable to occur in the stomach.

2 MARKS

Question 2 (6 MARKS)

a Draw the structural formula for molecules A and B.

2 MARKS

b Give the name for reaction E.

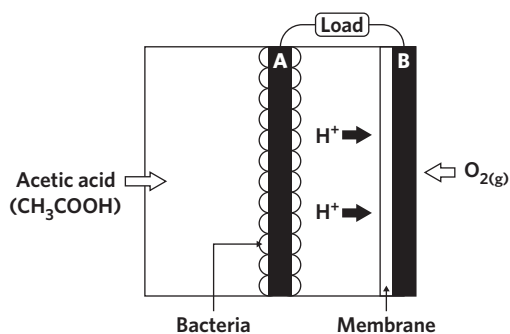
1 MARK

c Reagent C & D can be used to produce two different types of organic compounds. Identify the names of reagent C & D and describe the conditions that would result in the production of molecule F.

3 MARKS

Question 3 (7 MARKS)

As the need for energy increases, fuel cells are continually being developed. A newly developed fuel cell known as the microbial fuel cell involves the use of bacteria to break down acetic acid (CH_3COOH) into carbon dioxide. The result of the bacterial breakdown can then be used by the cell to convert chemical energy into electrical energy.



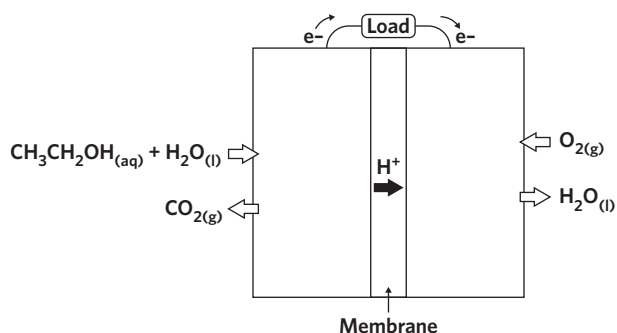
- a Write the balanced half-equation for the reaction occurring during the bacterial breakdown of acetic acid (states not required).

1 MARK

- b Identify which of the electrodes are acting as the anode and cathode.

1 MARK

Unlike the microbial fuel cell, direct ethanol fuel cells (DEFC) use ethanol as the fuel source. A diagram of the DEFC is shown.



- c Write the half equation occurring at the anode.

1 MARK

d Ethanol can be produced from a variety of different methods, one of which involves the oxidation of glucose, $C_6H_{12}O_6$ in sugar cane in the presence of yeast.

i Write a balanced equation to represent this reaction.

1 MARK

ii Compare the impact of the use of fossil fuels and biofuels on the level of CO_2 in the atmosphere.

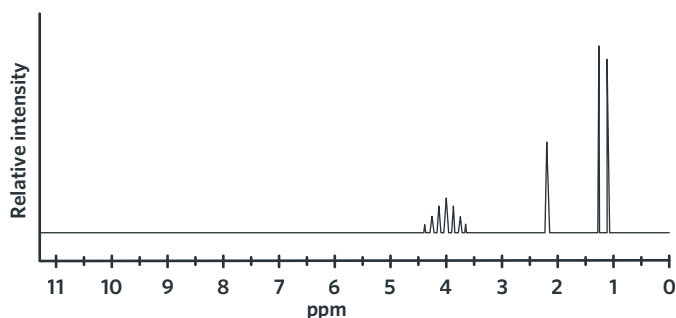
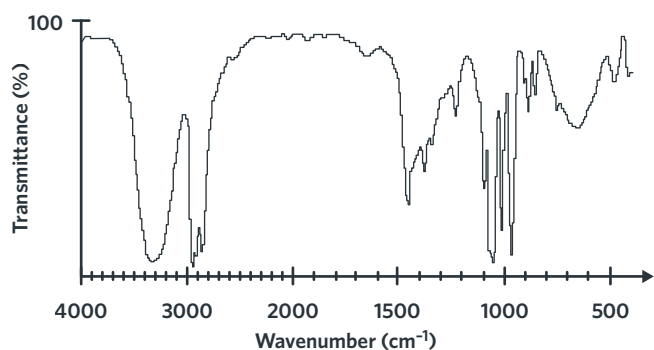
2 MARKS

iii Identify one disadvantage of using ethanol produced in this manner for the generation of large amounts of electricity.

1 MARK

Question 4 (9 MARKS)

The empirical formula of an unknown compound is C_3H_8O . The IR and 1H NMR spectra of the molecule are shown.



1H NMR Data

| Chemical shift (ppm) | Peak splitting |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1.3 | Doublet |
| 2.2 | Singlet |
| 4.1 | Septet |

- a** Identify the number of different hydrogen environments that are present in this compound. 1 MARK
- _____
- b** Identify the name of the functional group(s) present in the compound. Justify your response. 2 MARKS
- _____
- _____
- _____
- c** The oxidation of this compound results in the production of a molecule that does not react with bases. Draw the skeletal structure of this compound and identify its name. 2 MARKS

- d How many peaks would be present on a ^{13}C NMR spectrum for this compound? Explain. 2 MARKS

- e An isomer of this compound was allowed to react with acetic acid (CH_3COOH) in the presence of sulfuric acid.

- i Name the compounds produced as part of this reaction. 1 MARK

- ii A catalyst used during the above reaction has the following MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) information:



Signal Words: Danger

Hazard statement(s):

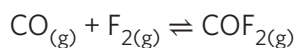
H290: May be corrosive to metals.

H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

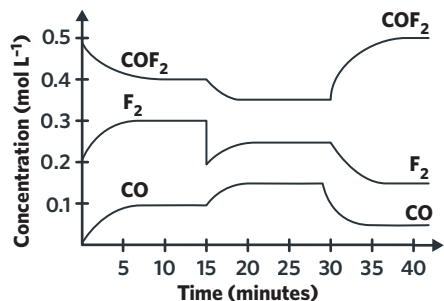
- Identify two safety precautions that need to be taken when handling this substance. 1 MARK

Question 5 (9 MARKS)

Carbon oxyfluoride can be formed as a result of a reaction between carbon monoxide and fluorine gas as shown in the equation:



An experiment was conducted to measure the changes in concentration of carbon monoxide over time. The reaction was allowed to take place in a 1.5 L sealed vessel. The results can be seen below.



- a Determine the equilibrium constant when the reaction first reached equilibrium. 1 MARK

- b Describe the change that occurred to the system at $t = 15$ minutes and the impact this had on the reaction. 2 MARKS

- c After the second equilibrium was established, scientists wanted to test the effects of a change in temperature on the production of COF_2 . To do so, scientists increased the temperature of the vessel. State whether the forward reaction is exothermic or endothermic. Justify your answer by referring to the results. 2 MARKS

- d As part of the experiment, the scientists also conducted tests to determine the effect of changing other variables on the extent of the reaction. In the table below, indicate the effect of changing volume and the addition of a catalyst on the production of COF_2 .

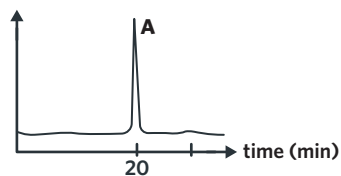
4 MARKS

| Change | Direction of the reaction favoured | Explanation |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| The volume was halved | | |
| Catalyst was added | | |

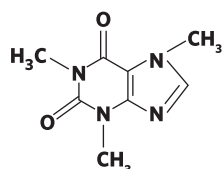
Question 6 (8 MARKS)

Energy drinks are known to contain a variety of different ingredients that are said to increase alertness. One of the main ingredients that results in an increased alertness is caffeine. The average concentration of caffeine in an energy drink is approximately 0.32 mg/L, similar to that of a cup of coffee.

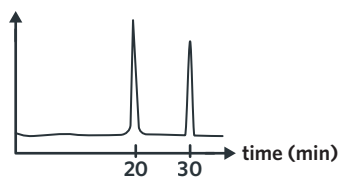
An unknown energy drink was tested to determine the concentration of caffeine using HPLC. The results of the test are shown.



Chromatogram of a pure caffeine sample



Caffeine molecule



Chromatogram of a drink sample

- a Identify whether the drink sample contains caffeine and justify your answer using the data obtained.

2 MARKS

- b A non-polar compound of similar size to caffeine was also known to be found in this drink.

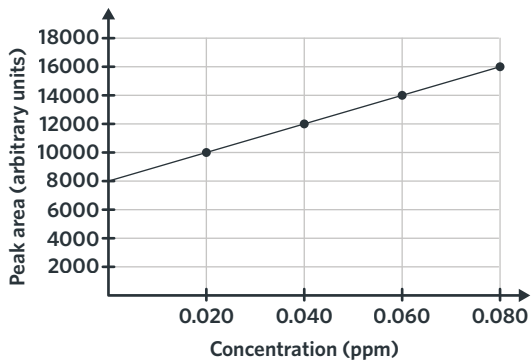
- i Based on this information, determine the polarity of the stationary phase used.

1 MARK

- ii In a follow up experiment, the experimenters increased the temperature in the column. Identify the effect that this change would have on the results of the test.

1 MARK

- c To determine the concentration of caffeine in the drink, the experimenters developed a calibration curve as shown.



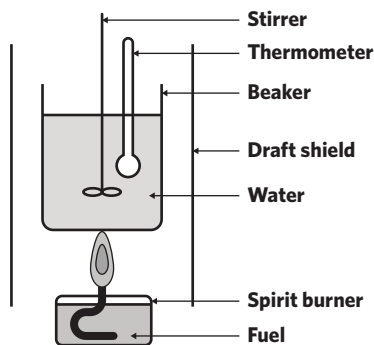
- i Considering the peak area of caffeine in the sample had a peak area of 11 050, determine the molarity of caffeine in the drink. (Molar mass of caffeine = 194.2 g mol^{-1}). 3 MARKS

- ii Compare the concentration of caffeine in this sample with the average concentration of caffeine in energy drinks. 1 MARK

Question 7 (8 MARKS)

As part of an assignment, a group of chemistry students conducted an experiment to compare the energy content of two different fuels; olive oil and methanol.

Olive oil is a triglyceride consisting of three main fatty acids: oleic acid, linoleic acid and palmitic acid and is derived from olive trees. In contrast, methanol is mainly produced through fossil fuels.

Diagram**Results**

| | Olive oil | Methanol |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Mass of water (g) | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Mass of spirit burner (g) | 23.30 | 22.87 |
| Mass of spirit burner & fuel (g) before heating | 26.94 | 27.41 |
| Mass of spirit burner & fuel (g) after heating | 25.63 | 25.89 |
| Initial temperature (°C) | 17.5 | 20.1 |
| Final temperature (°C) | 66.8 | 53.8 |

a Calculate the experimental energy content of olive oil in kJ g^{-1} .

2 MARKS

b State the reason why the energy content of olive oil is expressed in kJ g^{-1} ?

1 MARK

c Calculate the experimental energy content of methanol. Give your answer in kJ g^{-1} .

2 MARKS

- d** Both of the fuels tested are quite different in both their origin and structure. Which fuel source would you expect to have a higher boiling point? Justify your answer with reference to the structure of both compounds.

2 MARKS

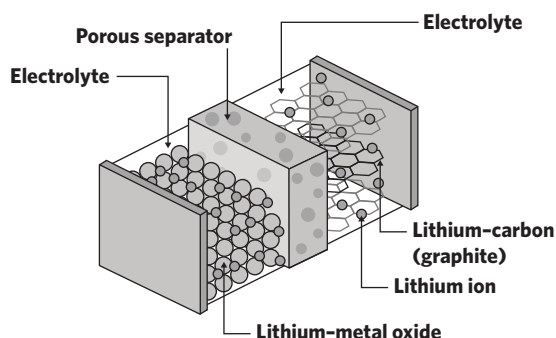
- e** Using the known heat of combustion for methanol, determine the percentage energy loss into the surrounding environment.

1 MARK

$$\text{Percentage energy loss} = \frac{(\text{theoretical value of energy released} - \text{experimental value of energy released})}{\text{theoretical value of energy released}} \times \frac{100}{1}\%$$

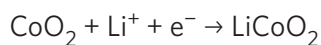
Question 8 (9 MARKS)

Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries often used in portable consumer electronics. The structure of a lithium battery is shown.

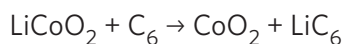


- a** Identify a key difference between a primary and secondary cell in terms of the energy conversion involved in both cells. 1 MARK

The equation at the cathode during discharge for the lithium-ion battery is:



The complete recharge equation is:



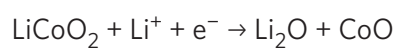
- b** State the chemical process that occurs at the anode during discharge. 1 MARK

- c** Write the equation at the anode during discharge. 1 MARK

- d** Identify the condition that needs to be met in order to recharge a battery. 1 MARK

- e** These batteries rely on lithium ions flowing through a polymer, rather than an aqueous solution. Why are lithium batteries unable to use aqueous solutions? 2 MARKS

When the battery is overdischarged, solid lithium oxide forms in an irreversible reaction.



- f** With reference to the above, identify three different factors that affect the battery performance and battery life of the lithium-ion battery.

3 MARKS

Question 9 (16 MARKS)

A student designed an experiment to investigate the kinetic properties of the enzyme lactase which is responsible for the hydrolysis of the disaccharide lactose. The student decided to measure the effect of pH on the enzyme's rate of reaction. The following is an excerpt of the student's poster.

The effect of changing pH on the enzyme lactase's ability to hydrolyse lactose

Aim: To investigate the effect of pH on the ability of lactase to increase the rate of reaction for the hydrolysis of lactose

Method:

Step 1: Rinse 5 test tubes with distilled water and place in a controlled water bath at 20°C.

Step 2: Set up the test tubes as described by the following table:

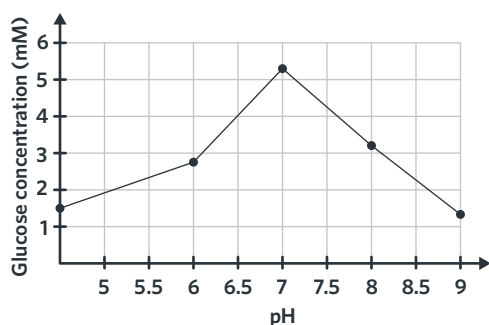
| Tube | pH | Volume of 0.0001M HCl (mL) | Volume of 0.0001M NaOH (mL) | Volume of enzyme solution (mL) | Volume of lactose solution (mL) | Volume of distilled water |
|------|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 5 | 0.800 | 0 | 1.00 | 1 | 5.20 |
| 2 | 6 | 0.0800 | 0 | 1.00 | 1 | 5.92 |
| 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 | 1 | 6.00 |
| 4 | 8 | 0 | 0.800 | 1.00 | 1 | 5.20 |
| 5 | 9 | 0 | 0.0800 | 1.00 | 1 | 5.92 |

Step 3: For each test tube, record the concentration of glucose after 2 minutes by using a glucose test strip (frequently used for the management of diabetes).

- a** Identify the dependent and independent variable. 1 MARK
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- b** Why are the test tubes kept at a controlled temperature? 2 MARKS
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- c** When preparing test tube 3, a few extra drops of enzyme solution was accidentally added and lactose is in excess. What type of error is this and how would it affect the results? 2 MARKS
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- d** Why has the student varied the volume of distilled water in this experiment? Justify the purpose of varying the volume of distilled water in this experiment with reference to the variables. 2 MARKS
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The student generates the following table of data and graph based on the experimental results.

| pH | Glucose concentration (mM) |
|----|----------------------------|
| 5 | 1.5 |
| 6 | 2.7 |
| 7 | 5.4 |
| 8 | 3.1 |
| 9 | 1.2 |



- e The table of results and graph is from one experiment only. Comment on the precision and accuracy of the results.

2 MARKS

- f The average temperature of the body is 37°C. Determine the most likely optimal temperature for the majority of enzymes. Based on enzyme structure and function, explain what happens outside of the optimum temperature.

3 MARKS

The student is presenting the poster in front of the class and is asked to explain why measuring glucose concentration provides us with information about enzyme activity.

- g With reference to the structure of lactose, explain how enzyme activity can be derived from glucose concentration over time.

4 MARKS

Question 10 (9 MARKS)

Hydrogen has often been regarded as the 'automobile fuel of the future' which will eventually replace more conventional combustion engines. However, its adoption has not been as rapid as predicted.

"Hydrogen is the most abundant element on earth but its adoption in the automotive sector has been very slow. While many automotive manufacturers are experimenting with this technology and pouring millions of dollars into research and development, sceptics are declaring that its mass-market adoption will never happen. One proposed reason is that there is growing consumer demand for electric vehicles because consumers can easily relate to what electricity is, its safety and they can understand how the car works as opposed to a lesser known and more foreign technology. People simply don't know enough information about hydrogen and its benefits. Another reason is a lack of hydrogen infrastructure which is termed the chicken-and-egg dilemma. That is, why would I buy a hydrogen powered car if I can't fuel it anywhere and as a manufacturer, why would I build hydrogen refuelling stations if no hydrogen cars are present on the road? However, hydrogen is certainly the fuel of the future due to its environmentally friendly nature."

- a** With reference to the article and the chemistry you have studied this year, explain the advantages and disadvantages of hydrogen fuel cells. To what extent do you agree with the statement that 'hydrogen is certainly the fuel of the future'?

5 MARKS

One method of hydrogen production in fuel cells is the electrolysis of water.

“Hydrogen can be obtained from many different sources such as the steam reformation of fossil fuels. However, the cleanest and highest purity hydrogen gas can only be obtained by the electrolysis of water. With respect to renewability and environmental effects, the electrolysis of water is promising because it emits only oxygen as a byproduct and doesn’t release any carbon emissions or require the extraction of fossil fuels from the ground. The hydrogen and oxygen produced can then be used in fuel cells and other applications. Although there are many benefits to the production of hydrogen through the electrolysis of water, only 4% of global industrial hydrogen is produced by this method due to economic and technological restraints. ”

- b** With reference to the chemical equations and the article, describe the production of hydrogen from water electrolysis and explain whether it is truly a ‘zero-emission’ form of hydrogen production.

4 MARKS

END OF QUESTION BOOK