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Paper 2 Structured Questions AS Core

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1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Data Booklet

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Write in dark blue or black pen.
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Answer **all** questions.
You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.
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The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
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- (d) Hydrogen cyanide, HCN, is a gas which is also isoelectronic with N_2 and with CO. Each molecule contains a strong triple bond with the following bond energies.

bond	bond energy / kJ mol^{-1}
$\text{--C}\equiv\text{N}$ in HCN	890
$\text{N}\equiv\text{N}$	994
$\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$	1078

Although each compound contains the same number of electrons and a strong triple bond in its molecule, CO and HCN are both very reactive whereas N_2 is not.

Suggest a reason for this.

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- (e) HCN reacts with ethanal, CH_3CHO .

(i) Give the **displayed formula** of the organic product formed.

(ii) What type of reaction is this?

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(iii) Draw the mechanism of this reaction. You should show all full and partial charges and represent the movement of electron pairs by curly arrows.

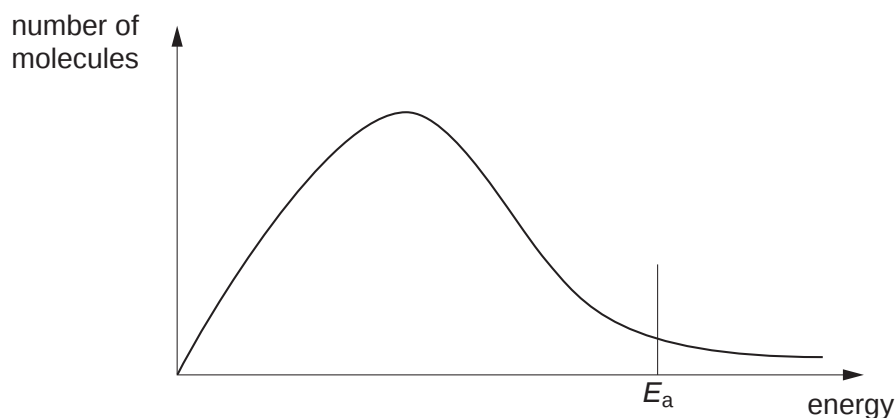
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- 2 The diagram below shows, for a given temperature T , a Boltzmann distribution of the kinetic energy of the molecules of a mixture of two gases that will react together, such as nitrogen and hydrogen.
The activation energy for the reaction, E_a , is marked.

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(a) On the graph above,

- draw a new distribution curve, **clearly labelled T'** , for the same mixture of gases at a higher temperature, T' ;
- mark clearly, as H**, the position of the activation energy of the reaction at the higher temperature, T' .

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(b) Explain the meaning of the term *activation energy*.

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The reaction between nitrogen and hydrogen to produce ammonia in the Haber process is an example of a large-scale gaseous reaction that is catalysed.

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- (c) (i) State the catalyst used and give the operating temperature and pressure of the Haber process.

catalyst

temperature

pressure

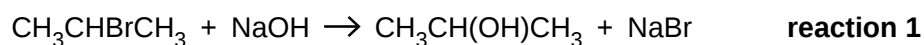
- (ii) On the energy axis of the graph opposite, mark the position, clearly labelled C, of the activation energy of the reaction when a catalyst is used.

- (iii) Use your answer to (ii) to explain how the use of a catalyst results in reactions occurring at a faster rate.

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- (d) Two reactions involving aqueous NaOH are given below.



In order for **reaction 1** to occur, the reagents must be heated together for some time. On the other hand, **reaction 2** is almost instantaneous at room temperature.

Suggest brief explanations why the rates of these two reactions are very different.

reaction 1

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reaction 2

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- (b) (i) Give the formula of the oxide of the most electronegative element.

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- (ii) Several of these elements form more than one acidic oxide.
Give the formulae of **two** such oxides formed by the **same** element.

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The formulae and melting points of the fluorides of the elements in Period 3, Na to Cl, are given in the table.

formula of fluoride	NaF	MgF ₂	AlF ₃	SiF ₄	PF ₅	SF ₆	ClF ₅
m.p./K	1268	990	1017	183	189	223	170

- (c) (i) Suggest the formulae of **two** fluorides that could possibly be ionic.

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- (ii) What is the shape of the SF₆ molecule?

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- (iii) In the sequence of fluorides above, the oxidation number of the elements increases from NaF to SF₆ and then falls at ClF₅.
Attempts to make ClF₇ have failed but IF₇ has been prepared.
Suggest an explanation for the existence of IF₇ and for the non-existence of ClF₇.

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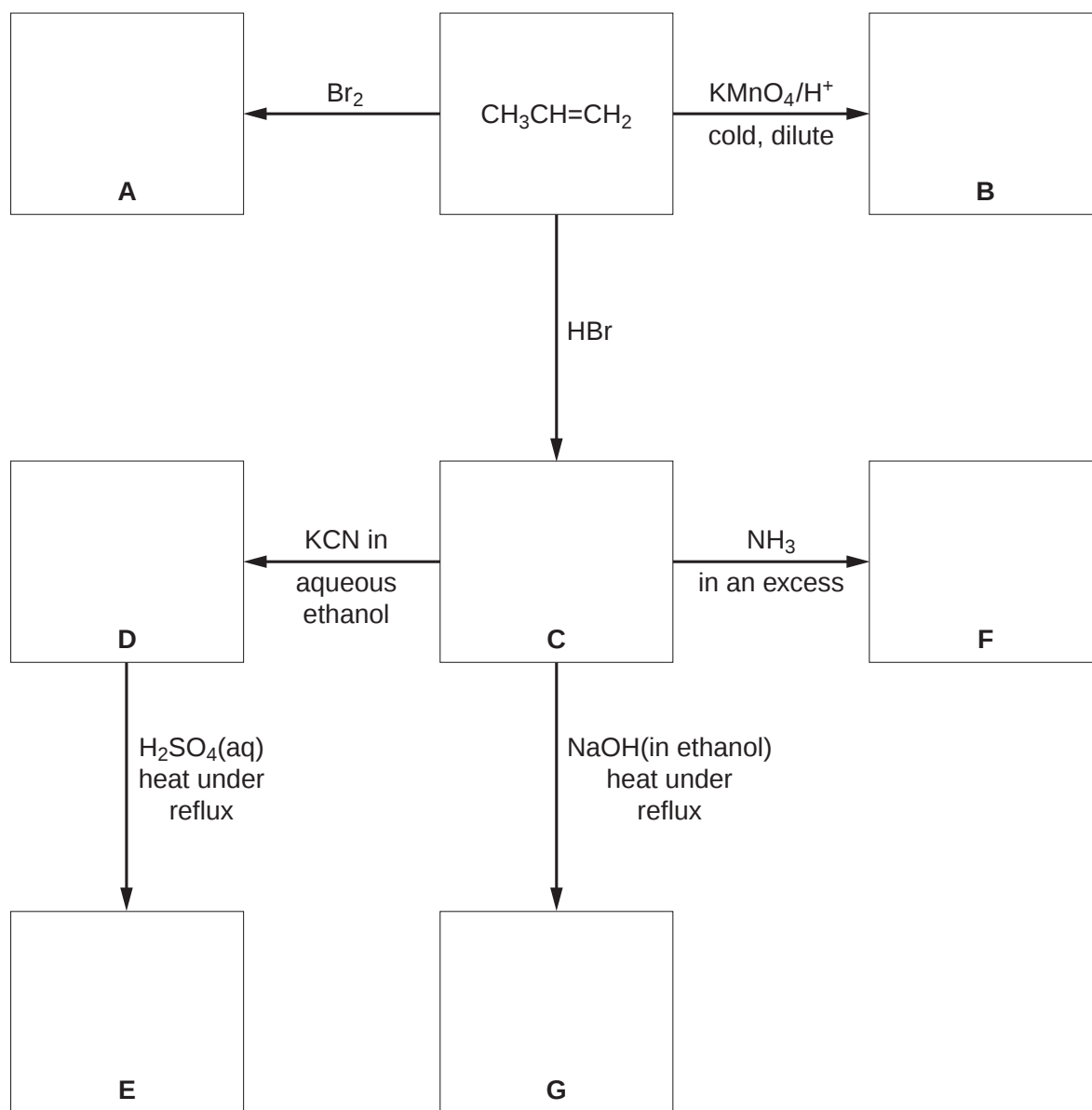
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- 4 (a) Complete the following reaction scheme which starts with propene. In **each empty** box, write the **structural formula** of the organic compound that would be formed.

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(b) Under suitable conditions, compound **E** will react with compound **B**.

(i) What functional group is produced in this reaction?

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(ii) How is this reaction carried out in a school or college laboratory?

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- 5 Isomerism occurs in many organic compounds. The two main forms of isomerism are structural isomerism and stereoisomerism. Many organic compounds that occur naturally have molecules that can show stereoisomerism, that is *cis-trans* or optical isomerism.

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- (a) (i) Explain what is meant by *structural isomerism*.

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- (ii) State **two** different features of molecules that can give rise to **stereoisomerism**.

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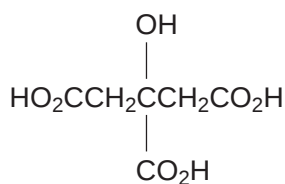
Unripe fruit often contains polycarboxylic acids, that is acids with more than one carboxylic acid group in their molecule.

One of these acids is commonly known as tartaric acid, $\text{HO}_2\text{CCH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_2\text{H}$.

- (b) Give the structural formula of the organic compound produced when tartaric acid is reacted with an excess of NaHCO_3 .

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Another acid present in unripe fruit is citric acid,



- (c) Does citric acid show optical isomerism? Explain your answer.

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A third polycarboxylic acid present in unripe fruit is a colourless crystalline solid, **W**, which has the following composition by mass: C, 35.8%; H, 4.5%; O, 59.7%.

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(d) (i) Show by calculation that the empirical formula of **W** is $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_5$.

(ii) The M_r of **W** is 134. Use this value to determine the molecular formula of **W**.

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A sample of **W** of mass 1.97 g was dissolved in water and the resulting solution titrated with 1.00 mol dm^{-3} NaOH. 29.4 cm^3 were required for complete neutralisation.

(e) (i) Use these data to deduce the number of carboxylic acid groups present in one molecule of **W**.

(ii) Suggest the displayed formula of **W**.

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