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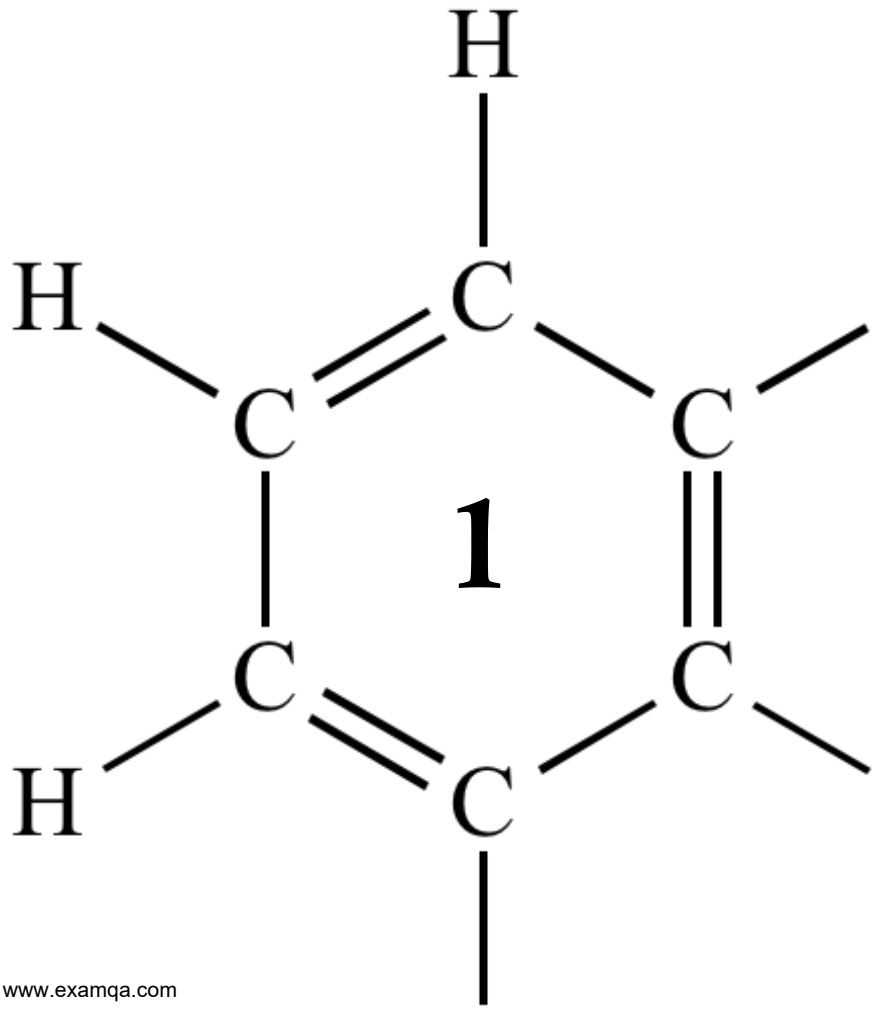
OCR A2 CHEMISTRY

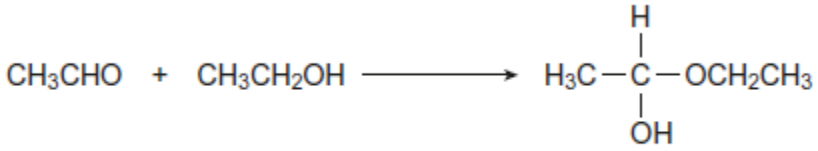
MODULE 6.1

AROMATICS

CARBONYLS



1 Hemiacetals and acetals are compounds formed by the reaction of aldehydes with alcohols, such as the reaction of ethanal with ethanol.



a hemiacetal

(a) (i) Use your knowledge of carbonyl mechanisms to suggest the name of the mechanism of this reaction.

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(ii) Outline how an ethanol molecule reacts with an ethanal molecule in the first step of this mechanism. Include two curly arrows to show the movement of electron pairs.

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(b) The reaction produces a racemic mixture of chiral molecules.

(i) Explain the meaning of the term racemic mixture.

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(ii) State the relationship between two chiral molecules with the same structural formula.

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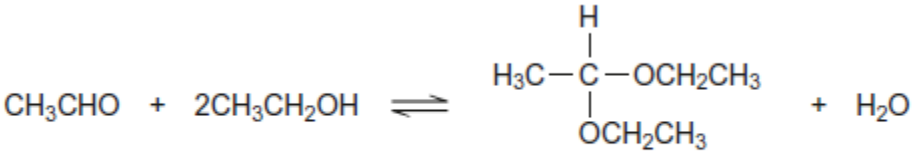
(c) In the presence of an acid catalyst such as dry hydrogen chloride, ethanal reacts with an excess of ethanol to form an acetal.

The overall reaction of ethanal with an excess of ethanol forms an equilibrium mixture as shown. All reactants and products are liquids.



an acetal

A mixture of 0.75 mol of ethanal and 5.00 mol of ethanol was left to reach equilibrium in the presence of dry hydrogen chloride at a given temperature. The equilibrium mixture contained 0.42 mol of the acetal.

(i) Calculate the amount, in moles, of ethanal and of ethanol in this equilibrium mixture.

Amount of ethanal ..... mol

Amount of ethanol ..... mol

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(ii) In a different experiment using the same reaction as in part **(c)**, an equilibrium mixture was established at a given temperature.
This mixture contained 0.58 mol of ethanal, 3.76 mol of ethanol, 0.37 mol of the acetal and 0.65 mol of water in a total volume of 310 cm^3.

Write an expression for the equilibrium constant K_c for this reaction.
Calculate a value for K_c at this temperature. Give units with your answer.

K_c.....

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Calculation .....

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(d) Draw the structure of the acetal ($C_4H_8O_2$) formed by the reaction of ethanal with ethane-1,2-diol.

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(Total 12 marks)

2 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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(Total 7 marks)

3 Ethanol can be oxidised by acidified potassium dichromate(VI) to ethanoic acid in a two-step process.

ethanol ⟶ ethanal ⟶ ethanoic acid

(a) In order to ensure that the oxidation to ethanoic acid is complete, the reaction is carried out under reflux.

Describe what happens when a reaction mixture is refluxed and why it is necessary, in this case, for complete oxidation to ethanoic acid.

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(b) Write a half-equation for the overall oxidation of ethanol into ethanoic acid.

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(c) The boiling points of the organic compounds in a reaction mixture are shown in the following table.

Compound	ethanol	ethanal	ethanoic acid
Boiling point / °C	78	21	118

Use these data to describe how you would obtain a sample of ethanal from a mixture of these three compounds. Include in your answer a description of the apparatus you would use and how you would minimise the loss of ethanal. Your description of the apparatus can be either a description in words or a labelled sketch.

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(d) Use your knowledge of structure and bonding to explain why it is possible to separate ethanal in this way.

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(e) A student obtained a sample of a liquid using the apparatus in part **(c)**.

Describe how the student could use chemical tests to confirm that the liquid contained ethanal and did **not** contain ethanoic acid.

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(Total 16 marks)

4 Which alcohol could **not** be produced by the reduction of an aldehyde or a ketone?

A 2-methylbutan-1-ol ⬭

B 2-methylbutan-2-ol ⬭

C 3-methylbutan-1-ol ⬭

D 3-methylbutan-2-ol ⬭

(Total 1 mark)

5 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

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(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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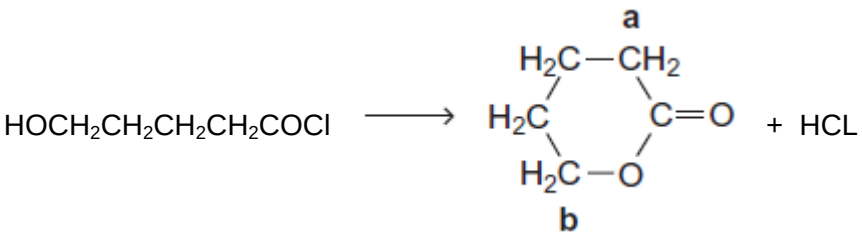
(Total 15 marks)

6 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.



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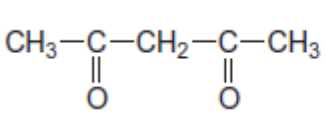
(b) State how you could distinguish between compounds **J** and **K** by a simple test-tube reaction.

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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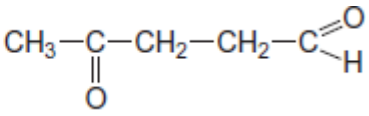

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(c) Draw the structure of each of the following isomers of $C_5H_8O_2$
Label each structure you draw with the correct letter **L**, **M**, **N**, **P** or **Q**.

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 ^1H n.m.r. spectrum.

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(Total 19 marks)

7 Lactic acid, $CH_3CH(OH)COOH$, is formed in the human body during metabolism and exercise. This acid is also formed by the fermentation of carbohydrates such as sucrose, $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$.

(a) (i) Give the IUPAC name for lactic acid.

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(ii) Write an equation for the formation of lactic acid from sucrose and water.

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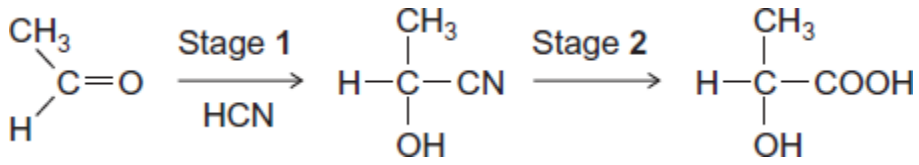
(b) A molecule of lactic acid contains an asymmetric carbon atom.
The lactic acid in the body occurs as a single enantiomer.
A racemic mixture (racemate) of lactic acid can be formed in the following two-stage synthesis.



(i) Name and outline a mechanism for Stage **1**.

Name of mechanism .....

Mechanism

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(ii) Give the meaning of the term *racemic mixture (racemate)*.

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(iii) Explain how you could distinguish between a racemic mixture (racemate) of lactic acid and one of the enantiomers of lactic acid.

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(c) A mixture of lactic acid and its salt sodium lactate is used as an acidity regulator in some foods. An acidity regulator makes sure that there is little variation in the pH of food.

(i) Write an equation for the reaction of lactic acid with sodium hydroxide.

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(ii) The acid dissociation constant K_a for lactic acid has the value 1.38×10^{-4} mol dm^{-3} at 298 K.

Calculate the pH of an equimolar solution of lactic acid and sodium lactate.

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(iii) Suggest an alternative name for the term *acidity regulator*.
Explain how a mixture of lactic acid and sodium lactate can act as a regulator when natural processes increase the acidity in some foods.

Name .....

Explanation .....

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The cup shown is made from PLA, poly(lactic acid).
PLA is the condensation polymer formed from lactic acid.

The polymer is described as 100% biodegradable and 100% compostable.

Compostable material breaks down slowly in contact with the moist air in a garden bin. This produces compost that can be used to improve soil.

The manufacturers stress that PLA cups differ from traditional plastic cups that are neither biodegradable nor compostable.

(i) Draw a section of PLA that shows **two** repeating units.

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(ii) Name the type of condensation polymer in PLA.

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(iii) An intermediate in the production of PLA is a cyclic compound ($C_6H_8O_4$) that is formed from two PLA molecules.

Draw the structure of this cyclic compound.

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(iv) Traditional non-biodegradable plastic cups can be made from poly(phenylethene), commonly known as *polystyrene*.

Draw the repeating unit of poly(phenylethene).

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(v) The manufacturers of PLA claim that the material will break down to compost in just 12 weeks.

Suggest **one** reason why PLA in landfill may take longer than 12 weeks to break down.

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(Total 22 marks)

8 Suggest **one** reason why Tollens' reagent is used as the oxidising agent in the specific test for aldehydes rather than the less expensive acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

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