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AS CHEMISTRY

Paper 2 Organic and Physical Chemistry

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- the Periodic Table/Data Sheet, provided as an insert (enclosed)
- a ruler with millimetre measurements
- a scientific calculator, which you are expected to use where appropriate.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
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Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

Advice

- You are advised to spend 65 minutes on **Section A** and 25 minutes on **Section B**.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1

This question is about halogenoalkanes.

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Halogenoalkanes undergo substitution reactions with nucleophiles such as CN^- , NH_3 and OH^-

Explain why halogenoalkanes react with nucleophiles.

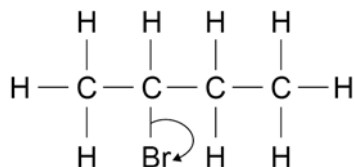
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0 1 . 2

2-Bromobutane reacts with ammonia to form $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$

Complete the mechanism for this reaction.

[3 marks]



2-Bromobutane reacts with KOH to give a mixture of products.

0 1 . 3

Identify the solvent that should be used to ensure that butan-2-ol is the main organic product when 2-bromobutane reacts with KOH

[1 mark]



0 1 . 4

Under different conditions, 2-bromobutane reacts with KOH to form but-1-ene and two other alkenes.

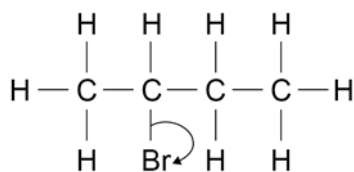
Name and complete the mechanism to form but-1-ene from 2-bromobutane.

Identify the other two alkenes formed.

[5 marks]

Name of mechanism _____

Mechanism



Other alkene 1

Other alkene 2

0 1 . 5

The carbocation $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}^+$ is formed as an intermediate in the reaction of 2-bromo-2-methylpropane with KCN

Suggest the value of the bond angle around the central C atom in the $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}^+$ carbocation.

[1 mark]

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A co-ordinate bond is formed when the $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}^+$ carbocation reacts with CN^- to form a nitrile.

Explain how this co-ordinate bond is formed during this reaction.

[2 marks]

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Methanol can be made by the reaction of carbon monoxide with hydrogen.

This reaction is done with a catalyst at a high temperature.

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Describe how a catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.

[2 marks]

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Explain why the rate of a reaction increases as the temperature increases.

[3 marks]

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Hydrogen bonds exist between molecules of liquid methanol.

Draw a diagram to show a hydrogen bond between two molecules of methanol.

Include all the lone pairs of electrons and the partial charges on the atoms involved in this hydrogen bond.

[3 marks]

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This question is about some compounds with the molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$

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Compounds **A** and **B**

- each have the molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$
- are functional group isomers of each other
- each react with sodium carbonate to form a gas.

Compound **A** decolourises bromine water but compound **B** does not.

Draw a possible structure of **A** and a possible structure of **B**.

[2 marks]

Compound **A**

Compound **B**



0 4 . 2

Compound **C** has the molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$

In the infrared spectrum of **C**, there is

- absorption in the range $3230\text{--}3550\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- absorption in the range $1620\text{--}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- **no** absorption in the range $1680\text{--}1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$

Draw a possible structure of **C**.

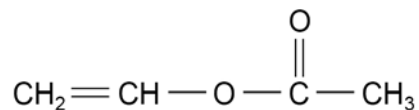
Use **Table A** on the Data Sheet to help you answer this question.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 3

Vinyl acetate (VA) has the molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$

The structure of vinyl acetate is shown.



PVA is an addition polymer of vinyl acetate.

Draw the repeating unit of PVA.

[1 mark]



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This question is about determining the relative molecular mass (M_r) of different compounds.

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The M_r of a compound can be determined by mass spectrometry.

Propanone, prop-2-en-1-ol and butane each have $M_r = 58.0$

Give the reason why high resolution mass spectrometry can distinguish between propanone and butane, but cannot distinguish between propanone and prop-2-en-1-ol.

[2 marks]

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0 5 2

A student does an experiment to determine the M_r of a volatile liquid **X**.

In this experiment a conical flask of known volume is filled with vaporised **X** which is then condensed back into a liquid in the flask.

Method

1. Place a piece of aluminium foil over the opening of a conical flask.
2. Record the mass of the conical flask and foil.
3. Remove the foil and add 5 cm³ of liquid **X** to the flask.
4. Replace the foil and use a pin to make a tiny hole in the middle of the foil.
5. Place the conical flask in a large beaker of boiling water (see **Figure 1**) until all of liquid **X** has vaporised. The flask is now full of vaporised **X** (the air and some of **X** escaped through the tiny hole).
6. Allow the conical flask to cool so that the vaporised **X** that was in the flask cools and condenses (air returns to the flask).
7. Record the mass of the conical flask with foil and condensed **X**.

Figure 1

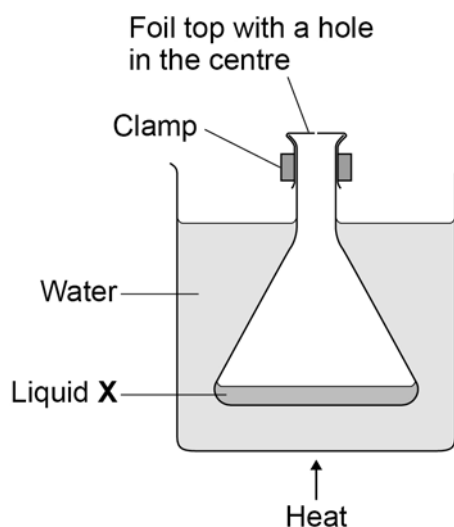


Table 1 shows the student's results.

Table 1

Volume of conical flask / cm ³	272
Temperature of boiling water / °C	100
Pressure / Pa	102 000
Mass of flask + foil in step 2 / g	105.872
Mass of flask + foil + X in step 7 / g	106.633



Calculate the M_r of **X**.

Assume that the mass of air in the flask is the same in steps 2 and 7.

Gas constant, $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

[5 marks]

M_r _____

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Cyclohexanol can be made in the laboratory by the hydration of cyclohexene using concentrated phosphoric acid as a catalyst at low temperature. The cyclohexanol is purified by distillation.

0 6 . 1

Complete the equation for the conversion of cyclohexene to cyclohexanol in this reaction.

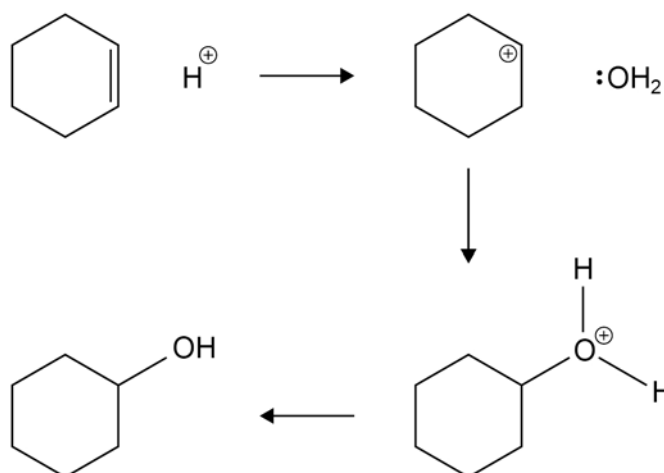
[1 mark]



0 6 . 2

Complete the mechanism for this reaction by adding curly arrows in the relevant places.

[3 marks]



0 6 . 3

Concentrated phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) has a density of 1.69 g cm^{-3}

The concentrated acid contains 85% phosphoric acid and 15% water by mass.

Calculate the amount, in mol, of phosphoric acid in 6.0 cm^3 of concentrated phosphoric acid.

[2 marks]

Amount of phosphoric acid _____ mol

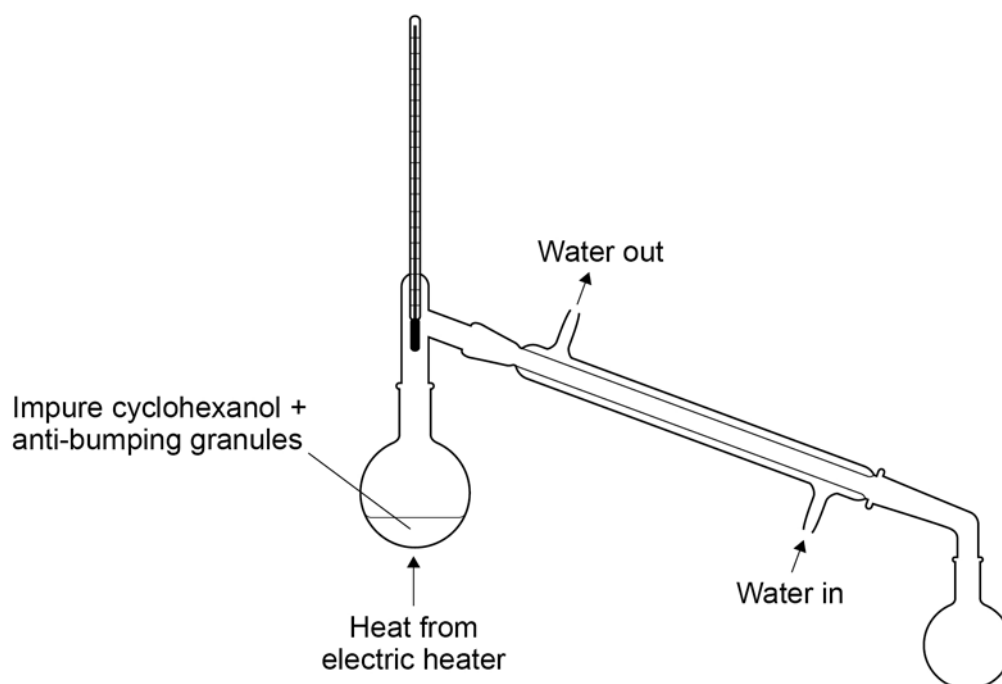
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A student sets up the apparatus shown in **Figure 2** to purify the cyclohexanol by distillation. Suitable clamps are used to hold the apparatus firmly in place.

Figure 2



0 6 . 4

Explain why the condenser in **Figure 2** is connected so that water enters at the bottom and not at the top.

[2 marks]

0 6 . 5

The flask heated in **Figure 2** contains anti-bumping granules.

State why these are used.

[1 mark]



0 6 . 6

Suggest why the flask in **Figure 2** is heated with an electric heater, rather than a Bunsen burner.

[1 mark]

0 6 . 7

State why the apparatus set up in **Figure 2** is dangerous.

State how this problem could be solved.

[2 marks]

Why the apparatus is dangerous _____

How to solve the problem _____

0 6 . 8

The cyclohexanol can be dehydrated to re-form cyclohexene by heating with concentrated phosphoric acid.

Name the mechanism for this reaction.

[1 mark]

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Cyclohexanol biofuel can be made from waste biomass materials such as rice and straw.

Cyclohexanol biofuel can be mixed with diesel and used as fuel in cars.

0 6 . 9

Give an equation for the complete combustion of cyclohexanol ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{OH}$).

[1 mark]

0 6 . 10

The use of cyclohexanol biofuel mixed with diesel in cars is not carbon-neutral.

State the meaning of the term carbon-neutral.

Give a reason why the use of this mixture as a fuel is **not** carbon-neutral.

[2 marks]

Carbon-neutral meaning _____

Why the fuel is not carbon-neutral _____



0 7

This question is about enthalpies of combustion.

0 7 . 1

Define enthalpy change.

[1 mark]

0 7 . 2The enthalpy of combustion of ethanol is $-1371 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

A sample of ethanol is burned completely in air to raise the temperature of 55.0 g of water by 46.2°C

Calculate the mass of ethanol in the sample.
Assume there is no heat loss.

Specific heat capacity of water, $c = 4.18 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$

[5 marks]

Mass of ethanol _____ g

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An alkane burns completely in oxygen. The equation for this reaction is shown.

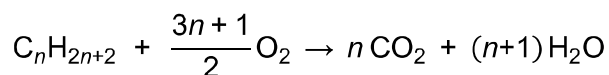


Table 2 gives some mean bond enthalpies.

Table 2

Bond	C=O	O–H
Bond enthalpy / kJ mol ⁻¹	805	463

0 7 . 3

Use **Table 2** to show that an expression for the sum of the bond enthalpies for **all** the bonds in the **products** is $2536n + 926$

[1 mark]

0 7 . 4

An expression for the sum of the bond enthalpies for **all** the bonds in the **reactants** is $1916n + 724$

A calculated value for the enthalpy of combustion of an alkane is $-3302 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Use this enthalpy change and the expressions to calculate a value of n for this alkane.

Use your value of n to deduce the molecular formula of the alkane.

[3 marks]

Value of n _____

Molecular formula _____

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Section B

Answer **all** questions in this section.Only **one** answer per question is **allowed**.For each question **completely fill** in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

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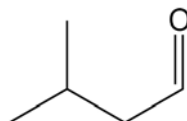
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0 8

What is the name of this compound according to IUPAC rules?



[1 mark]

A 2-methylbutanal

☐

B 3-methylbutanal

☐

C 2-methylbutan-1-one

☐

D 3-methylbutan-1-one

☐

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0 9

Which statement about the combustion of petrol in vehicles is correct?

[1 mark]

- A** Exhaust gases can contain a mixture of unburned hydrocarbon molecules. ☐
- B** In the catalytic converter, carbon dioxide is converted into carbon monoxide. ☐
- C** More nitrogen gas is emitted from the catalytic converter than enters the internal combustion engine. ☐
- D** Combustion in a plentiful supply of oxygen often causes an increased amount of black solid to be emitted from the exhaust. ☐

1 0

Which statement about catalytic cracking is correct?

[1 mark]

- A** A high percentage of alkenes is formed. ☐
- B** A pressure of about 70 MPa is used. ☐
- C** C–C bonds are broken. ☐
- D** A nickel catalyst is used. ☐

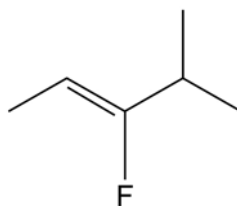
1 1Which compound produces $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCOCH}_3$ on oxidation?**[1 mark]**

- A** 2-methylpropan-1-ol ☐
- B** 2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol ☐
- C** 2-methylbutan-2-ol ☐
- D** 3-methylbutan-2-ol ☐



1 2

What is the name of this compound according to IUPAC rules?



[1 mark]

A *E*-3-fluoro-2-methylpent-3-ene

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B *Z*-3-fluoro-2-methylpent-4-ene

☐

C *E*-3-fluoro-4-methylpent-2-ene

☐

D *Z*-3-fluoro-4-methylpent-2-ene

☐

1 3

2-Methylpentane-1,2,4-triol is refluxed with an excess of acidified potassium dichromate(VI).

What is the molecular formula of the main organic product?

[1 mark]

A $C_6H_8O_4$

☐

B $C_6H_{10}O_3$

☐

C $C_6H_{10}O_4$

☐

D $C_6H_{12}O_3$

☐

1 4

Sulfur dioxide can be found in the flue gases from the combustion of some fuels.

Which statement about sulfur dioxide is correct?

[1 mark]

A Sulfur dioxide molecules have a linear shape.

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B Sulfur dioxide is a basic oxide.

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C Sulfur dioxide reacts with calcium oxide to form $CaSO_4$ as the main product.

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D Sulfur dioxide molecules contain polar bonds.

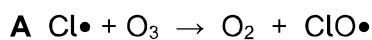
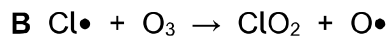
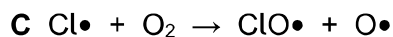
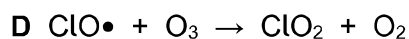
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Which equation shows a step in the decomposition of ozone by free radicals formed from CFCs in the upper atmosphere?

[1 mark]☐☐☐☐**1 6**

Crude oil is separated into fractions in a fractionating column at an oil refinery.

Which statement about the fractions collected higher up in the column, compared with those collected lower down, is correct?

[1 mark]

A They are collected at a higher temperature.

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B They have stronger intermolecular forces.

☐

C They are more volatile.

☐

D They are more viscous.

☐**1 7**

Which of these gases is **not** linked to global warming caused by the absorption of infrared radiation?

[1 mark]

A CO_2

☐

B C_3H_8

☐

C H_2O

☐

D N_2

☐

1 8

The standard enthalpies of combustion for carbon, hydrogen and benzene (C_6H_6) are -394 , -286 and $-3273 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ respectively.

What is the standard enthalpy of formation of benzene, in kJ mol^{-1} ?

[1 mark]

A $+51$ ☐

B -51 ☐

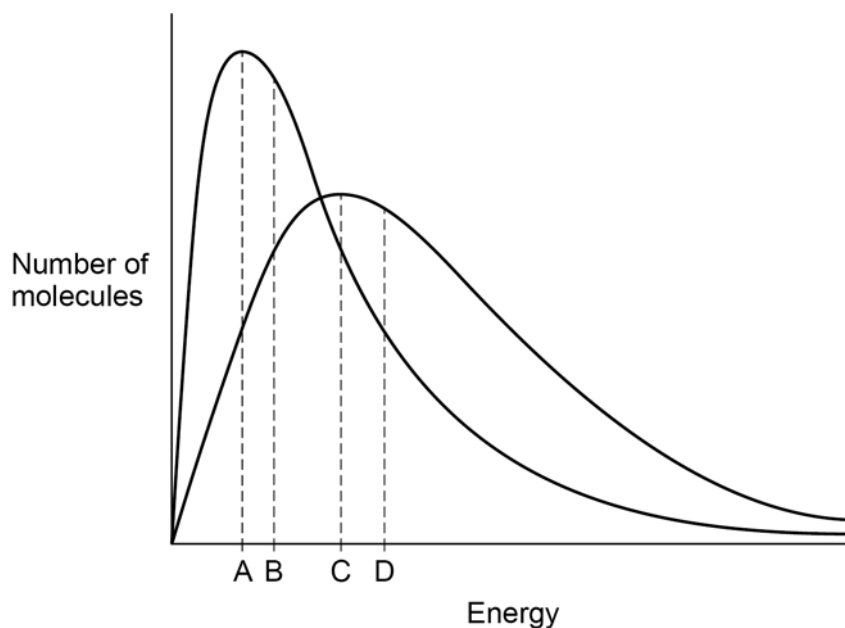
C $+807$ ☐

D -807 ☐

1 9

The Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of molecular energies for a sample of gas at two different temperatures is shown.

Which letter represents the mean energy of the molecules at the lower temperature?

[1 mark]

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

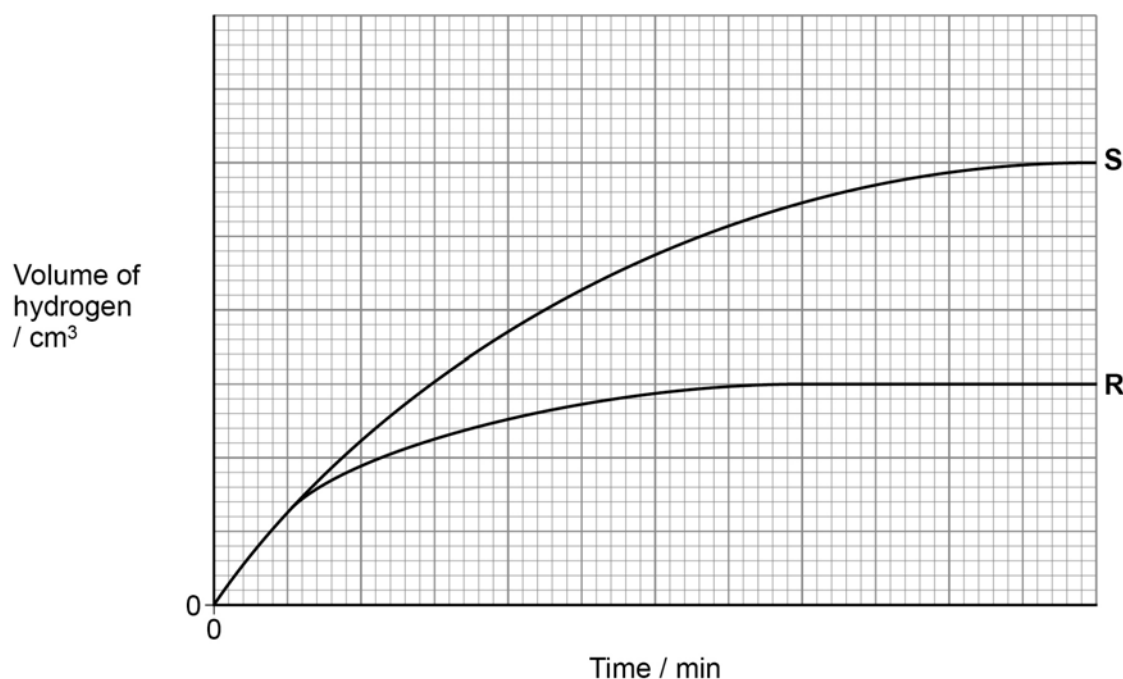
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A student adds 0.48 g of magnesium ribbon to 100 cm³ of 1.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid. The student records the volume of hydrogen collected at regular time intervals. Line **R** on the graph shows the results.



Which of these reactions gives results shown by line **S**?

Assume that the reactions occur at the same temperature.

[1 mark]

A 0.48 g of magnesium reacting with 200 cm³ of 1.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid

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B 0.48 g of magnesium reacting with 100 cm³ of 2.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid

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C 0.96 g of magnesium reacting with 200 cm³ of 1.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid

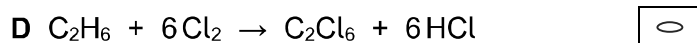
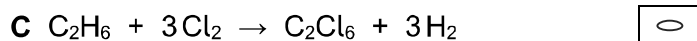
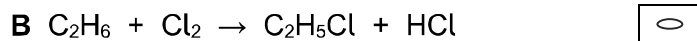
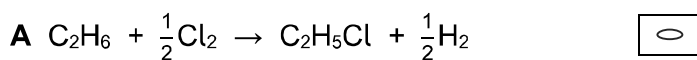
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D 0.96 g of magnesium reacting with 200 cm³ of 2.0 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid

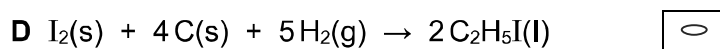
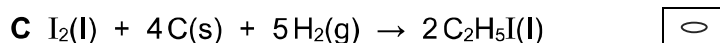
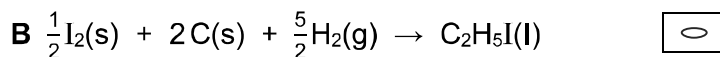
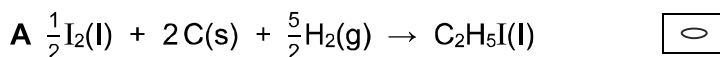
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2 1

Which equation for the reaction of chlorine with excess ethane in the presence of ultraviolet light is correct?

[1 mark]**2 2**

Which reaction at 298 K has a standard enthalpy change equal to the standard enthalpy of formation of liquid iodoethane?

[1 mark]**15****END OF QUESTIONS**

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