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CHEMISTRY

6092/02

Paper 2

For examination from 2024

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, index number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE ON ANY BARCODES.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Section B

Answer **one** question.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 24.

The use of an approved scientific calculator is expected, where appropriate.

This document consists of **22** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Fig. 1.1 shows part of the Periodic Table.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|----|----|
| | | | | He |
| C | N | O | F | Ne |
| | | S | Cl | Ar |
| | | | Br | Kr |

Fig. 1.1

Select elements from Fig. 1.1 to answer the following questions. You may use each element once, more than once or not at all.

Write down the symbol for an element which:

(a) has five electrons in its outer shell,

..... [1]

(b) exists as diatomic molecules,

..... [1]

(c) reacts with sodium to form an ionic compound with M_r less than 60,

..... [1]

(d) is a noble gas,

..... [1]

(e) has a giant covalent structure,

..... [1]

(f) has a smaller proton number than fluorine,

..... [1]

(g) is the most abundant gas in the air.

..... [1]

[Total: 7]

- 2 A new type of electroplating is known as 'brush electroplating'. It is used to electroplate zinc onto very large iron supports to be used in buildings. The iron supports are too big to be plated in a normal electrolysis tank.

During the process, a metal brush spreads a layer of aqueous zinc sulfate over the iron surface. A battery gives the brush a positive charge and gives the iron support a negative charge. A layer of zinc forms on the surface of the iron support.

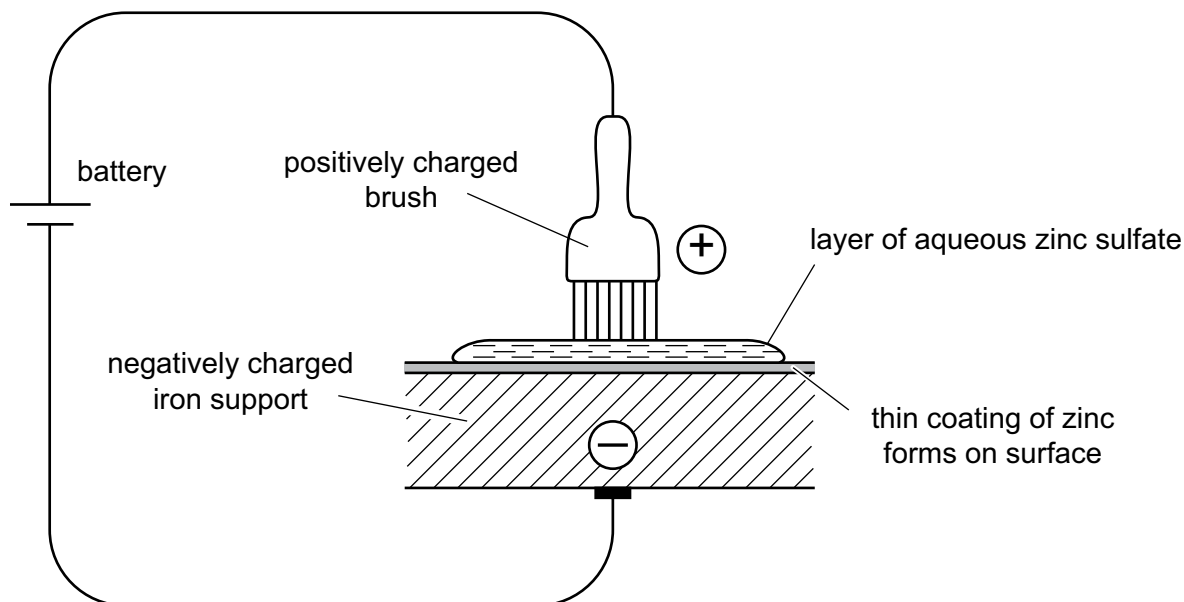


Fig. 2.1

- (a) The surface of the iron acts as a cathode.
Zinc ions from the solution form zinc on the surface of the iron.

Write an ionic half-equation, with state symbols, for this reaction.

..... [2]

- (b) Two different designs of metal brush are available.

One type of brush is made from zinc, one type is made from platinum.

As the electrolysis takes place, each brush has a different effect on the concentration of zinc ions in the solution.

- (i) What will happen to the concentration of the zinc ions during the electrolysis if the brush is made from platinum?

..... [1]

- (ii) What will happen to the concentration of the zinc ions during the electrolysis if the brush is made from zinc?

..... [1]

(iii) Platinum brushes are much more expensive than zinc brushes.

However, zinc brushes need replacing regularly but platinum brushes do not.

Explain why.

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..... [2]

(c) During the process, a worker needs to hold the brush.

Which of the following materials would be a good choice for the handle of the brush?
Give a reason for your answer.

chromium copper graphite iron poly(ethene)

material

reason [2]

(d) Explain why iron supports coated with zinc do not rust, even if the zinc coating is damaged.

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..... [2]

[Total: 10]

- 3 The space ship Curiosity landed an analytical lab on Mars in 2012. The lab contained equipment which can determine the percentages of elements in rocks.

The percentage by mass of the elements in compound **Z**, determined using this type of equipment, is given in Table 3.1.

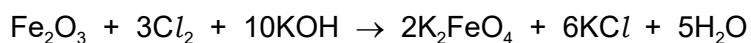
Table 3.1

| element | percentage by mass |
|-----------|--------------------|
| potassium | 39.4 |
| iron | 28.3 |
| oxygen | 32.3 |

- (a) Show that the empirical formula of **Z** is K_2FeO_4 .

[2]

- (b) Compound **Z**, K_2FeO_4 , can be prepared in the laboratory by the reaction between iron(III) oxide, Fe_2O_3 , chlorine, Cl_2 , and potassium hydroxide, KOH.



A 2.00 g sample of Fe_2O_3 is added to 20.0 cm³ of 4.00 mol/dm³ KOH.

- (i) Calculate the amount of Fe_2O_3 used.

amount of Fe_2O_3 used = mol [2]

- (ii) Calculate the amount of KOH used.

amount of KOH used = mol [1]

(iii) Which reagent, Fe_2O_3 or KOH , is in excess in this reaction?

Explain your answer.

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..... [1]

(c) A few drops of aqueous **Z** are added to a test-tube containing 3 cm^3 of aqueous potassium iodide. The solution in the test-tube changes from colourless to pale brown.

Given this information, what can you deduce about the chemical properties of **Z**?

..... [1]

[Total: 7]

4 This question is about hydrogen and some compounds containing hydrogen.

(a) Hydrogen is a gas at room temperature.

Describe the arrangement and motion of the molecules in hydrogen gas.

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 [2]

(b) The symbols for two isotopes of hydrogen are shown below.



Complete Table 4.1 to show the number of subatomic particles in these two isotopes of hydrogen.

Table 4.1

| | ${}^1_1\text{H}$ | ${}^2_1\text{H}$ |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| number of electrons | | |
| number of neutrons | | |
| number of protons | | |

[2]

(c) The isotope ${}^2_1\text{H}$ can be called deuterium and is given the symbol D. This isotope is present in heavy water, D_2O , which is used to absorb neutrons in nuclear reactors.

A sample of water vapour containing a small percentage of D_2O is introduced into a long, heated tube.

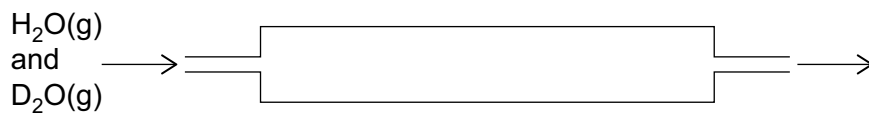


Fig. 4.1

The percentage of D_2O in the vapour that **first** comes out of the tube is less than the percentage of D_2O as it enters the tube. Explain this difference.

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 [3]

- (d) Hydrochloric acid, HCl , is an acid because it produces H^+ ions in aqueous solution. Hydrochloric acid reacts both with metals and with metal oxides.
- (i) A student observed the reaction of hydrochloric acid with four different metals. The student used the same concentration and volume of hydrochloric acid and the same mass of metal in each experiment.

Table 4.2

| metal | observations |
|-----------|---|
| cobalt | dissolved very slowly and very few bubbles produced |
| iron | dissolved slowly and a few bubbles produced slowly |
| magnesium | dissolved very quickly and many bubbles produced very rapidly |
| zinc | dissolved quickly and many bubbles produced rapidly |

Use the information in Table 4.2 to suggest the order of reactivity of these metals.

most reactive least reactive [2]

- (ii) Magnesium oxide is classified as a basic oxide but zinc oxide is classified as an amphoteric oxide.

Explain the meaning of the terms *basic* and *amphoteric* as applied to these oxides. Include one equation in your explanation.

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 [2]

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- 6 Fig. 6.1 shows a fractionating column for separating crude oil. The fractions produced are labelled **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** and **E**.

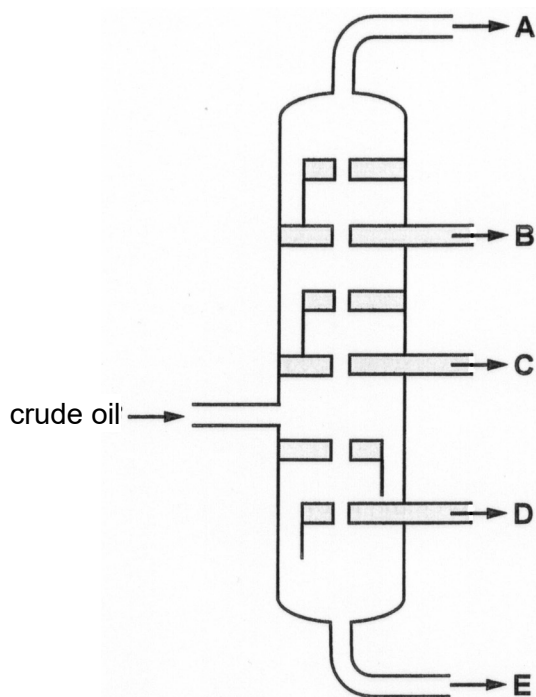


Fig. 6.1

- (a) (i) Which fraction, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** or **E**, is most likely to be a solid at room temperature?

..... [1]

- (ii) Which fraction, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** or **E**, has the smallest molecules?

..... [1]

- (b) Fraction **C** is a liquid.

Explain how **C** is produced from crude oil.

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 [2]

(c) Long chain alkanes can be cracked to produce shorter chain alkanes and alkenes.

(i) What is the molecular formula of an alkane with 12 carbon atoms in each molecule?

..... [1]

(ii) The alkane in (c)(i) can be cracked to produce butene and one other product. Write the equation to show this reaction.

..... [1]

(iii) Explain why cracking makes the oil industry more profitable.

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..... [1]

(d) Ethene is also produced by cracking.

Ethene is used in a further process to make ethanol. Ethanol can also be made from sugarcane.

Explain why burning ethanol made from sugarcane causes less harm to the environment than burning ethanol made from ethene.

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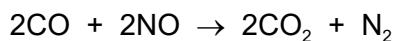
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7 Car engines produce carbon monoxide and nitrogen monoxide as waste gases.

(a) Describe how carbon monoxide and nitrogen monoxide form in the car engine and identify a health problem caused by each gas.

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..... [4]

(b) Carbon monoxide reacts with nitrogen monoxide in a catalytic converter.



State and explain, with reference to oxidation states, which element is oxidised and which element is reduced in this reaction.

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..... [2]

(c) Explain why the reaction in the catalytic converter does **not** solve all of the environmental problems caused by the waste gases.

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..... [2]

[Total: 8]

8 Instrumental techniques in analysis

Flame tests for Group 1 elements

Flame tests were used in the 1850s. Robert Bunsen developed the Bunsen burner and used it to show that many metals give characteristic colours when they are heated in the flame. The colour comes from light emitted by individual atoms when they become very hot. For example, sodium gives a very intense yellow-orange colour. The table shows the flame colours of Group 1 elements.

Table 8.1

| element | flame colour |
|-----------|---------------|
| lithium | red |
| sodium | yellow-orange |
| potassium | pale violet |
| rubidium | red-violet |
| caesium | blue-violet |

Group 1 element emission spectra

Bunsen realised that, in practice, it was difficult to use flame tests to identify elements in mixtures. In the 1860s, Bunsen worked with fellow scientist, Gustav Kirchhoff. They used a spectroscope to split the colours of the flames into individual lines. They found that atoms of an element each give a characteristic pattern of lines which is known as an emission spectrum. Fig. 8.1 shows the emission spectra of some Group 1 elements.

Emission spectra from elements can be used as a reference. They can be compared with the emission spectrum of a mixture so that individual elements in the mixture can be identified. This technique is used today to analyse light from stars to work out which elements are present in the star.

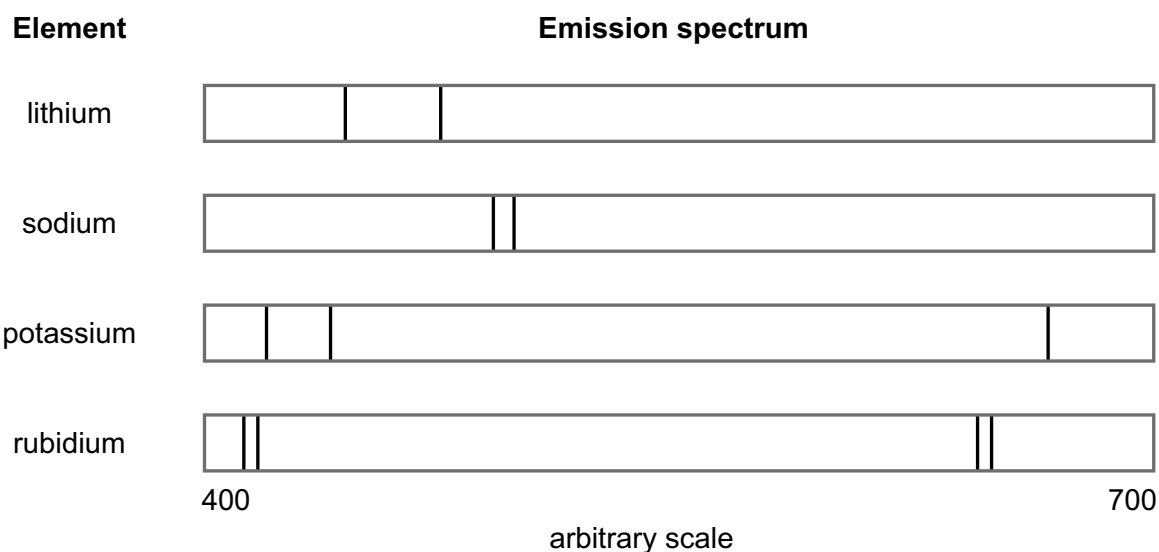


Fig. 8.1

Ion chromatography of a sample of water

In the 1950s, ion chromatography was developed. This technique involves passing a sample through a chromatography column. Different ions travel through the column at different speeds. A detector is attached to the end of the column. The results are printed out as a graph.

The **retention time** is the time it takes each ion to travel through the column. Ions can be identified by their retention times. The position of the peaks show the retention time of each ion.

The **height** of each peak (relative intensity) is proportional to the **relative amount** of each ion in the sample.

Ion chromatography can be used to identify any ion, even those which contain multiple atoms, such as the sulfate ion.

The ion chromatography analyses of a sample of water from a natural source are shown in Fig. 8.2 and Fig. 8.3.

Fig. 8.2 shows the ion chromatogram of positive ions in a sample of water.

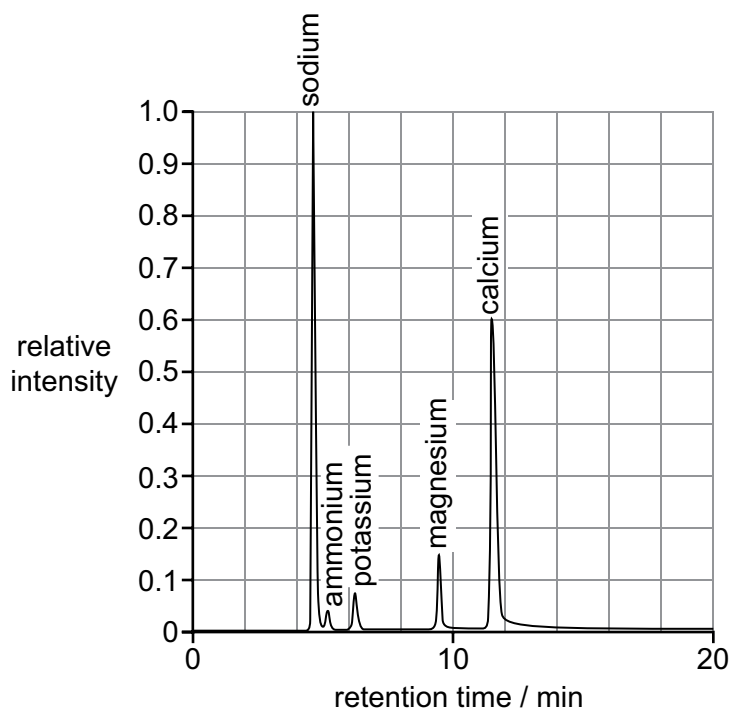


Fig. 8.2

Fig. 8.3 shows the ion chromatogram of negative ions in a sample of water.

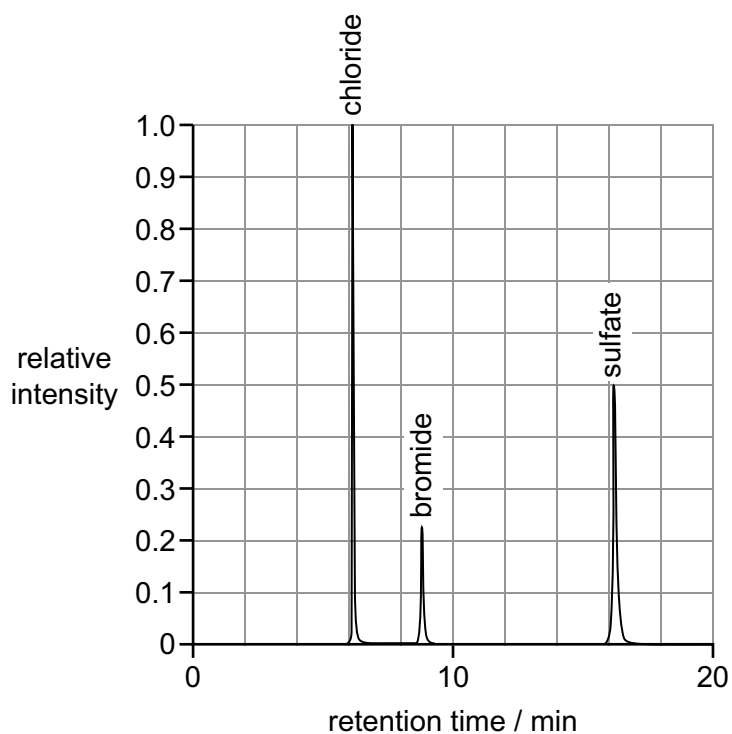


Fig. 8.3

(a) Bunsen said that it is difficult to use flame tests to identify elements in mixtures.

Explain why it is difficult to use flame tests to identify which Group 1 elements are in a mixture.

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(b) This is the emission spectrum from a mixture.

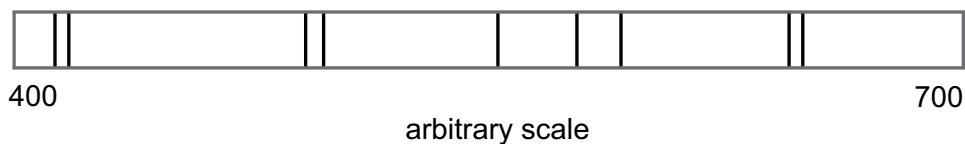


Fig. 8.4

(i) What conclusions can you make about which Group 1 elements this mixture does and does not contain?

Explain your reasoning.

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(ii) What additional information would you need so that you could use the spectrum to identify **all** of the elements in the mixture?

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..... [1]

(c) Further analysis of the same sample of water that was tested by **ion chromatography** was done.

(i) The sample was analysed to find out the concentration of sodium ions.

The first stage was to crystallise solid salts from the water.

Give the formulae of **three** different sodium salts which could crystallise from the water sample.

salt 1

salt 2

salt 3

[2]

(ii) The concentration of calcium ions in the water is 0.00420 mol/dm^3 .

Calculate the concentration of magnesium ions and the concentration of sodium ions in the water.

[2]

(d) A student comments that the ion chromatograms give more information about mixtures than the emission spectrum.

Give reasons to support his idea.

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..... [2]

[Total: 12]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

- 9 Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and ethanol can be used as fuels for cars instead of petrol.

LPG contains mainly propane.

This table shows some information about propane and ethanol.

Table 9.1

| name | formula | boiling point/°C | physical state at room temperature and pressure | enthalpy change of combustion /kJ per mol |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| ethanol | C ₂ H ₅ OH | 78 | | -1371 |
| propane | C ₃ H ₈ | -42 | | -2220 |

- (a) Complete Table 9.1 by filling in the boxes. [1]

- (b) Give **one** similarity and **one** difference between the **structures** of ethanol and propane.

similarity

difference

[2]

- (c) When 1 kg of propane burns, 50 450 kJ of energy is given out.

- (i) Show by calculation, using data from Table 9.1, that ethanol gives out less energy per kg than propane.

[3]

- (ii) Suggest a reason why the combustion of 1 kg of ethanol gives out less energy than the combustion of 1 kg of propane.

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..... [1]

- (d) In an ethanol-powered car engine, a spark plug ignites a mixture of air and ethanol. The spark is needed because the combustion of ethanol needs activation energy.

Complete the energy profile diagram in Fig. 9.1 for the complete combustion of ethanol.

Show the names of the products and label the activation energy for the reaction.

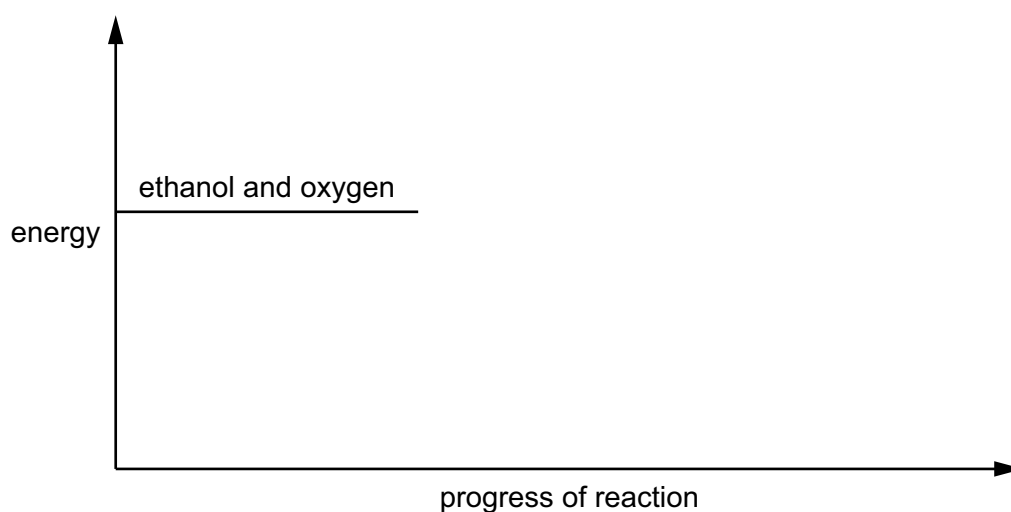


Fig. 9.1

[3]

[Total: 10]

10 Table 10.1 shows the formulae of the first three members of the alcohol homologous series.

Table 10.1

| alcohol | formula |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| methanol | CH ₃ OH |
| ethanol | C ₂ H ₅ OH |
| propanol | C ₃ H ₇ OH |

(a) Deduce the general formula for the alcohol homologous series.

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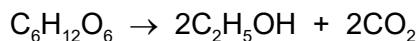
(b) Ethanol can be manufactured from either ethene or glucose.

(i) Write an equation for the production of ethanol from ethene and state the conditions under which the reaction takes place.

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 [2]

(ii) The fermentation of glucose can be represented by the following equation.



Calculate the maximum mass of ethanol that could be made from 36 tonnes of glucose.

1 tonne = 1 x 10⁶g

- (iii) Explain why ethanol made from ethene is a non-renewable fuel but that made from glucose is a renewable fuel.

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..... [2]

- (c) Propanol reacts in a similar way to ethanol.

- (i) Name the organic product of the reaction between propanol and warm, acidified potassium manganate(VII).

..... [1]

- (ii) Name the type of product formed when the organic product in (c)(i) reacts with an alcohol.

..... [1]

[Total: 10]

The Periodic Table of Elements

| | | Group | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | Key proton (atomic) number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 H hydrogen 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| Li lithium 7 | Be beryllium 9 | Sc scandium 45 | Ti titanium 48 | V vanadium 51 | Cr chromium 52 | Mn manganese 55 | Fe iron 56 | Co cobalt 59 | Ni nickel 59 | Cu copper 64 | Zn zinc 65 | Ga gallium 70 | Ge germanium 73 | As arsenic 75 | Se selenium 79 | Br bromine 80 | Kr krypton 84 |
| 11 | 12 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |
| Na sodium 23 | Mg magnesium 24 | Y yttrium 89 | Zr zirconium 91 | Nb niobium 93 | Mo molybdenum 96 | Tc technetium — | Ru ruthenium 101 | Rh rhodium 103 | Pd palladium 106 | Ag silver 108 | Cd cadmium 112 | In indium 115 | Sn tin 119 | Sb antimony 122 | Te tellurium 128 | I iodine 127 | Xe xenon 131 |
| 55 | 56 | 57–71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 |
| Cs caesium 133 | Ba barium 137 | lanthanoids | Hf hafnium 178 | Ta tantalum 181 | W tungsten 184 | Re rhenium 186 | Os osmium 190 | Ir iridium 192 | Pt platinum 195 | Au gold 197 | Hg mercury 201 | Tl thallium 204 | Pb lead 207 | Bi bismuth 209 | Po polonium — | At astatine — | Rn radon — |
| 87 | 88 | 89–103 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 |
| Fr francium — | Ra radium — | actinoids | Rf rutherfordium — | Db dubnium — | Sg seaborgium — | Bh bohrium — | Hs hassium — | Mt meitnerium — | Ds darmstadtium — | Rg roentgenium — | Cn copernicium — | Nh nihonium — | Fl flerovium — | Mc moscovium — | Lv livermorium — | Ts tennessine — | Og oganeson — |
| | | lanthanoids | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | |
| | | La lanthanum 139 | Ce cerium 140 | Pr praseodymium 141 | Nd neodymium 144 | Pm promethium — | Sm samarium 150 | Eu europium 152 | Gd gadolinium 157 | Tb terbium 159 | Dy dysprosium 163 | Ho holmium 165 | Er erbium 167 | Tm thulium 169 | Yb ytterbium 173 | Lu lutetium 175 | |
| | | actinoids | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | |
| | | Ac actinium — | Th thorium 232 | Pa protactinium 231 | U uranium 238 | Np neptunium — | Pu plutonium — | Am americium — | Cm curium — | Bk berkelium — | Cf californium — | Es einsteinium — | Fm fermium — | Md mendelevium — | No nobelium — | Lr lawrencium — | |

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm^3 at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).
 The Avogadro constant, $L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.