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CHEMISTRY

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Paper 3 Part B Written

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2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Data booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working, use appropriate units and use an appropriate number of significant figures.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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1 Iodine gas and hydrogen gas react at 800 K to form hydrogen iodide.

(a) Write an equation for the reaction of iodine gas with hydrogen gas.

..... [1]

(b) Iodine gas is less ideal than hydrogen gas.

(i) State the conditions of temperature and pressure under which gases behave most like an ideal gas.

.....
 [1]

(ii) Suggest why iodine is a less ideal gas than hydrogen at 800 K.

Explain your answer.

.....
 [2]

(c) A series of experiments is carried out to investigate the kinetics of the reaction between iodine gas and hydrogen gas. The results are shown in the table.

experiment	[H ₂]/mol dm ⁻³	[I ₂]/mol dm ⁻³	rate of reaction/mol dm ⁻³ s ⁻¹
1	0.100	0.100	1.28 × 10 ⁻³
2	0.100	0.200	2.56 × 10 ⁻³
3	0.500	0.300	1.92 × 10 ⁻²
4	0.500	0.500	

(i) Calculate the order of reaction with respect to [I₂].
 Explain your answer.

order of reaction with respect to [I₂]

explanation

..... [1]

(ii) Calculate the order of reaction with respect to [H₂].
 Explain your answer.

order of reaction with respect to [H₂]

explanation

..... [1]

(iii) State the rate equation for the reaction of iodine gas with hydrogen gas.

rate = [1]

(iv) Use the data from **experiment 2** to calculate the rate constant, k , at 800K.

$k = \dots\dots\dots$ units [1]

(v) Calculate the rate of reaction for **experiment 4**.

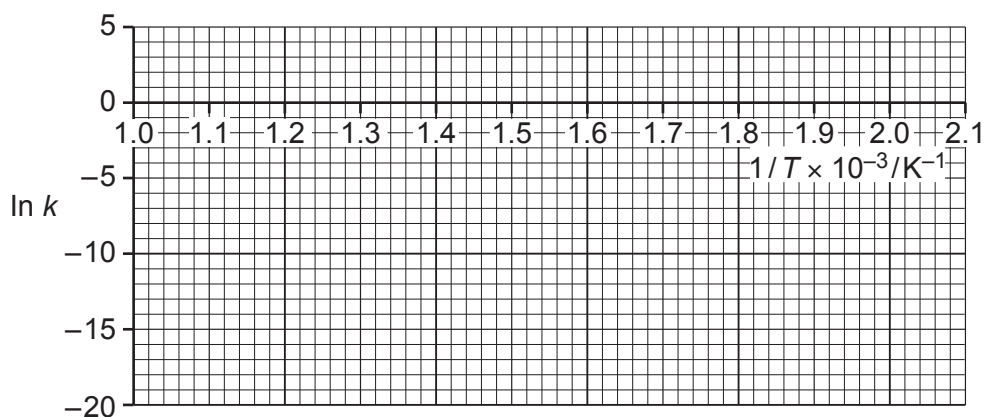
rate of reaction = $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$ [1]

(d) A further series of experiments is conducted at different temperatures with the same concentrations as those used in experiment 1. The value of k at each temperature is given.

experiment	k (units not given)	temperature T /K	$1/T$ in K^{-1}	$\ln k$
5	2.08×10^{-7}	500	2.00×10^{-3}	-15.39
6	3.10×10^{-2}	700		
7	2.31×10^1	900		

(i) Complete the table. [1]

(ii) Plot $\ln k$ against $1/T \times 10^{-3}$ on the axes provided only using the values in the table for experiments 5, 6 and 7. Draw a line of best fit. [2]



(iii) Use the relevant equation in the *Data Booklet* and the line of best fit to calculate the activation energy, E_a , for the reaction. Show your working.

$E_a = \dots\dots\dots$ kJ mol^{-1} [3]

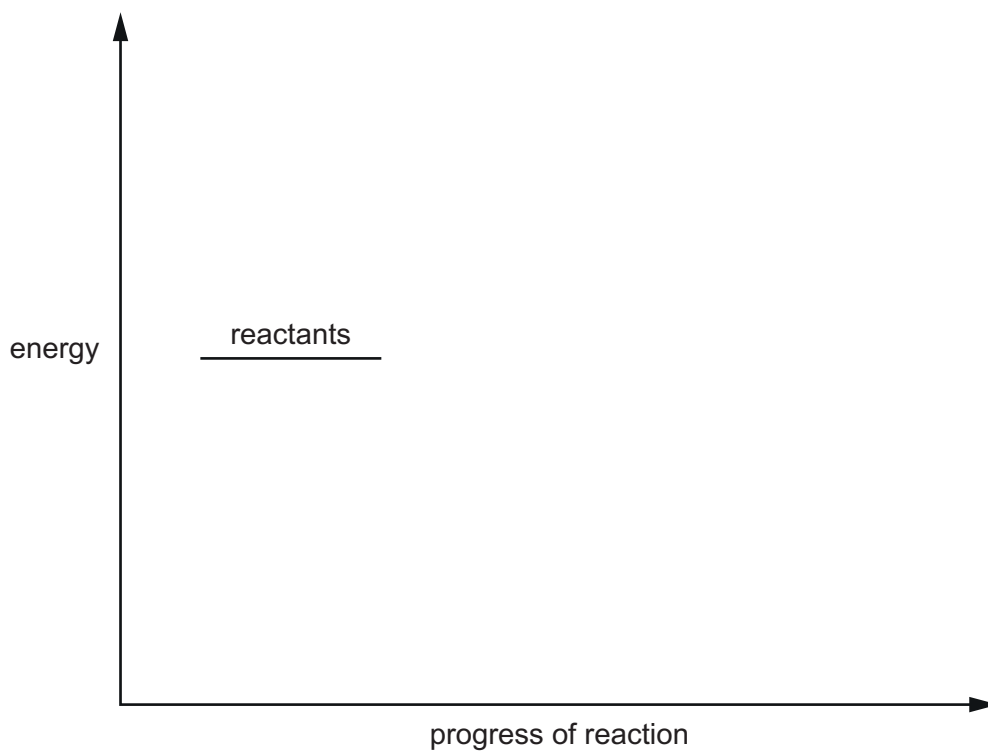
- (e) One data source gives the activation energy of the iodine gas and hydrogen gas forward reaction as $+170.2\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ and the activation energy of the reverse reaction as $+182.8\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$.

Use these values from the data source to calculate a value for ΔH for the forward reaction and to complete a sketch of the reaction profile energy diagram. Assume it is a one-step reaction.

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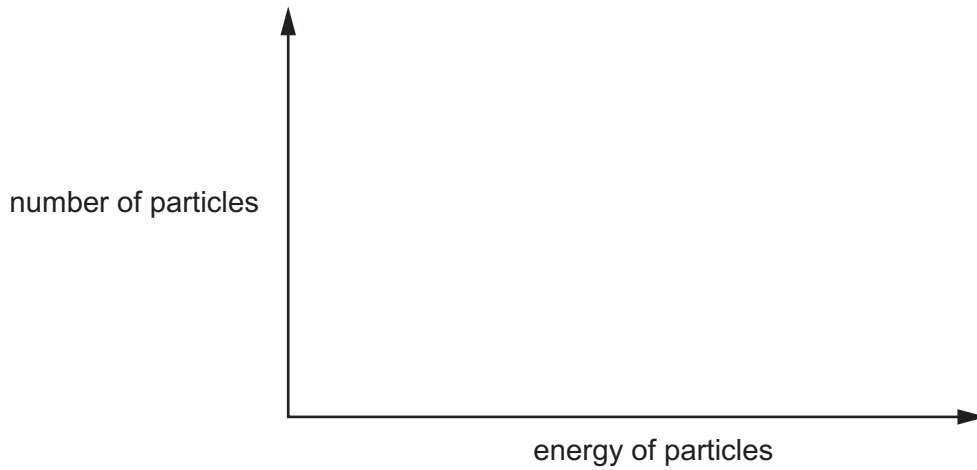
- E_a (forward) for the activation energy of the forward reaction
- E_a (reverse) for the activation energy of the reverse reaction
- ΔH for the forward reaction.

ΔH for the forward reaction = kJ mol^{-1}



[4]

(f) The axes for a Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution are shown in the diagram.



- (i) Sketch Maxwell–Boltzmann distributions for the reactions at 500 K and 900 K on the diagram, clearly labelling each line. [3]
- (ii) Explain why the reaction is slower at 500 K than at 900 K. Annotate the diagram to illustrate your answer.

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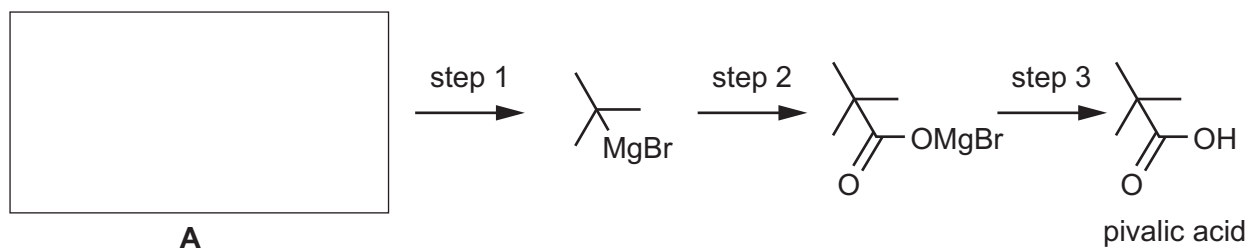
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- 2 Dimethylpropanoic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COOH}$, is known as pivalic acid. It is used in industry as its esters are resistant to hydrolysis.

(a) Pivalic acid is made in a three-step process starting from **A**.



(i) Draw the structure of **A** in the box. Name **A**.

name of **A** [2]

(ii) State what reacts with the Grignard reagent in step 2.

..... [1]

(b) Pivalic acid has a $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ value of 5.03.

Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 0.40 g of pivalic acid is dissolved in 200 cm^3 of water.

Show your working.

pH = [4]

(c) Pivalic acid and pentanoic acid are isomers. Pentanoic acid has a $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ value of 4.82.

- Suggest what the $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ values of these two acids indicate about their acidic strength.
- Explain how the different inductive effects of the alkyl groups lead to different acid strengths.

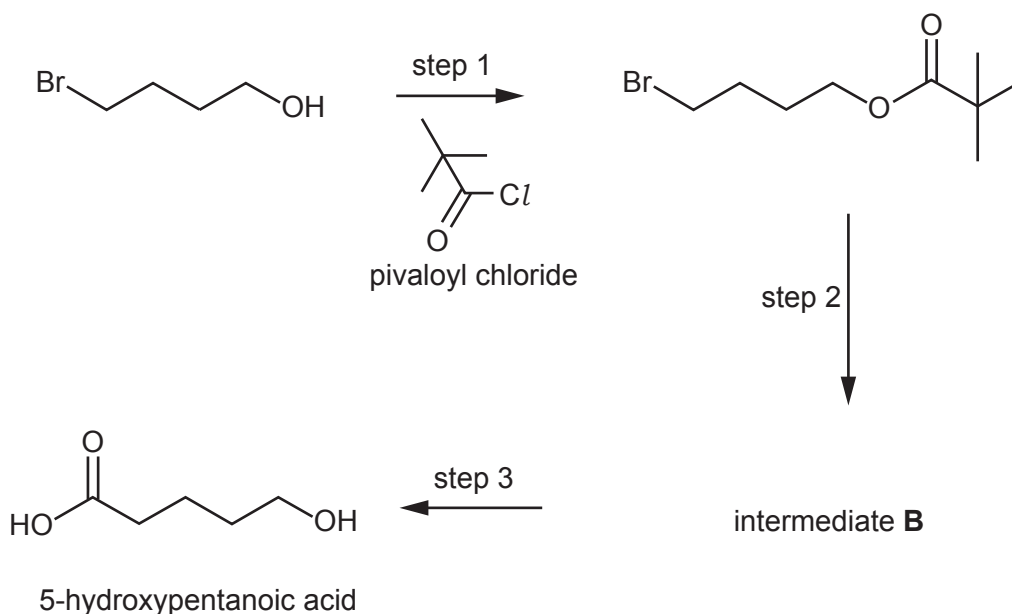
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- (d) Pivaloyl chloride, $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COCl}$, is a derivative of pivalic acid. It can be used to provide a protecting group in organic syntheses, preventing unwanted reactions. In the following synthesis, 4-bromobutan-1-ol is converted into 5-hydroxypentanoic acid. Unwanted reactions of the OH group are prevented.



The protecting group is added to the alcohol in step 1 and removed in step 3.

- (i) Name a reagent used to convert pivalic acid to pivaloyl chloride.

..... [1]

- (ii) State the type of reaction occurring in step 1.

..... [1]

- (iii) Draw the structure of intermediate **B**.

[1]

- (iv) State the reagent used in step 2.

..... [1]

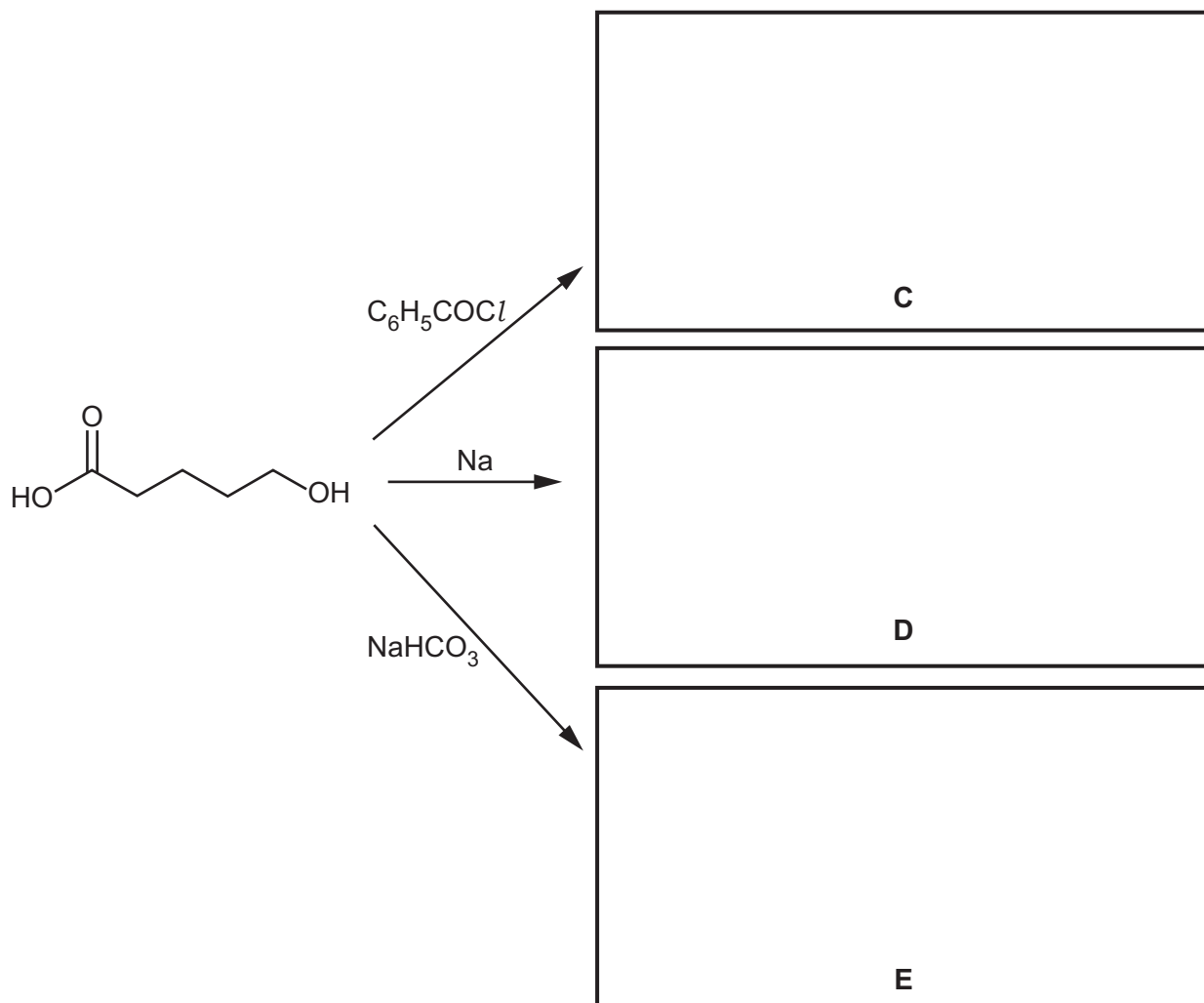
- (v) State the reagents and reaction type for step 3.

reagents

reaction type

[2]

- (e) The reaction scheme shows three reactions of 5-hydroxypentanoic acid. Complete the reaction scheme by drawing the structures of the organic products **C**, **D** and **E** in the boxes provided.



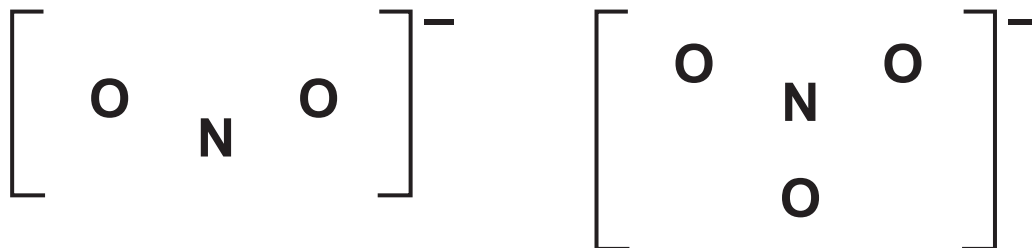
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3 This question is about compounds containing the nitrite ion, NO_2^- , and the nitrate ion, NO_3^- .

(a) Complete the dot-cross diagrams for NO_2^- and NO_3^- .

- Use dots (●) for electrons from oxygen.
- Use crosses (×) for electrons from nitrogen.
- Use triangles (▲) for electrons from elsewhere.
- Show outer electrons only.



[2]

(b) State why NO_2^- can act as a Lewis base.

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 [1]

(c) NO_2^- ions can act as ligands in complex ions.

(i) State the meaning of the term *complex ion*.

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 [1]

(ii) A complex ion consists of five NH_3 molecules, one Co^{3+} ion and one NO_2^- ion.

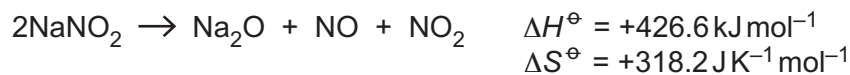
- Draw the three-dimensional structure of the complex, including the overall charge. Assume the NO_2^- ion bonds through the nitrogen atom.
- State the shape of the complex.
- Give the formula for the complex.

complex shape

complex formula

[4]

(d) Sodium nitrite decomposes when heated strongly.



Some thermodynamic data is shown in the table.

	$\Delta_f H^\ominus / \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$S^\ominus / \text{JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
NaNO_2	-358.7	
Na_2O	-414.2	75.1
NO		210.7
NO_2	+33.2	240.0

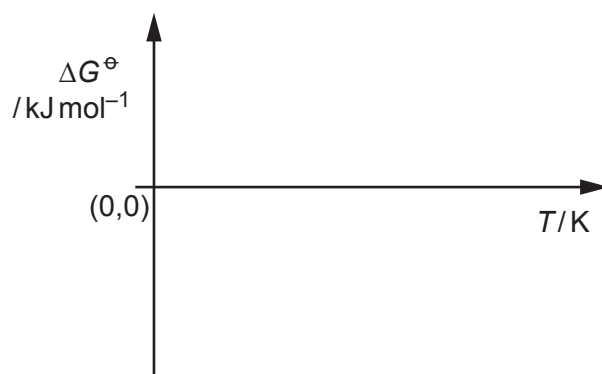
(i) Calculate $\Delta_f H^\ominus$ for nitrous oxide, NO.
Show your working.

$$\Delta_f H^\ominus (\text{NO}) = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

(ii) Calculate S^\ominus for NaNO_2 .

$$S^\ominus (\text{NaNO}_2) = \dots\dots\dots \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \quad [1]$$

(iii) Use the relevant equation in the *Data Booklet* to sketch a graph to show how ΔG^\ominus changes with temperature, T , for this reaction.

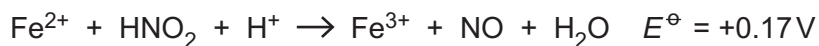


[2]

- (iv) Calculate the temperature, in K, at which the reaction becomes spontaneous. Use the relevant equation in the *Data Booklet*. Show your working.

temperature = K [3]

(e) Nitrous acid, HNO_2 , reacts with aqueous iron(II) ions, $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$, as shown.



(i) The half-cell data for the reduction of Fe^{3+} is shown.

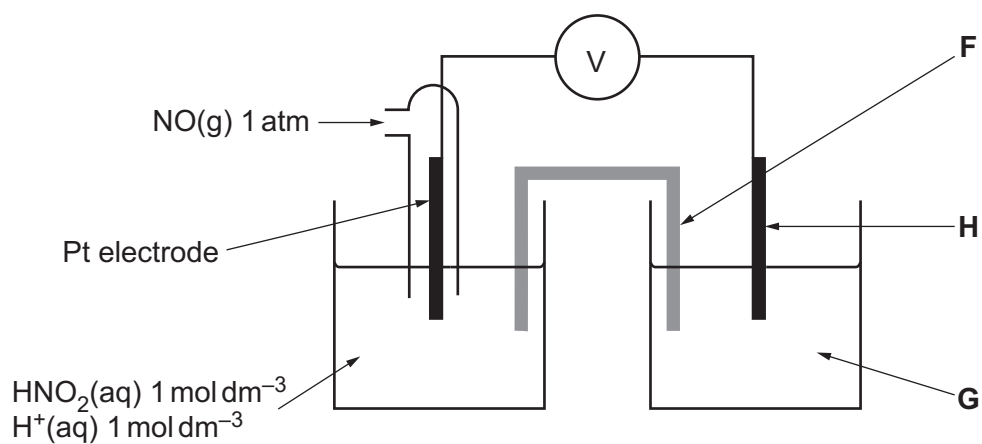


Deduce the half-equation for the reduction of HNO_2 and calculate its half-cell potential.

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half-cell potential = V
 [2]

(ii) The diagram of apparatus to measure E_{cell}^\ominus for this system is incomplete.



Indicate on the diagram the direction of electron flow through the apparatus.

State the labels for **F** and **G**. State a suitable material for **H**.

F

G

H

[4]

- (iii) Predict the effect on E_{cell} , if any, of lowering the concentration of $\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ in the right-hand beaker.

Explain your answer, including any effects on the half-cell potentials involved.

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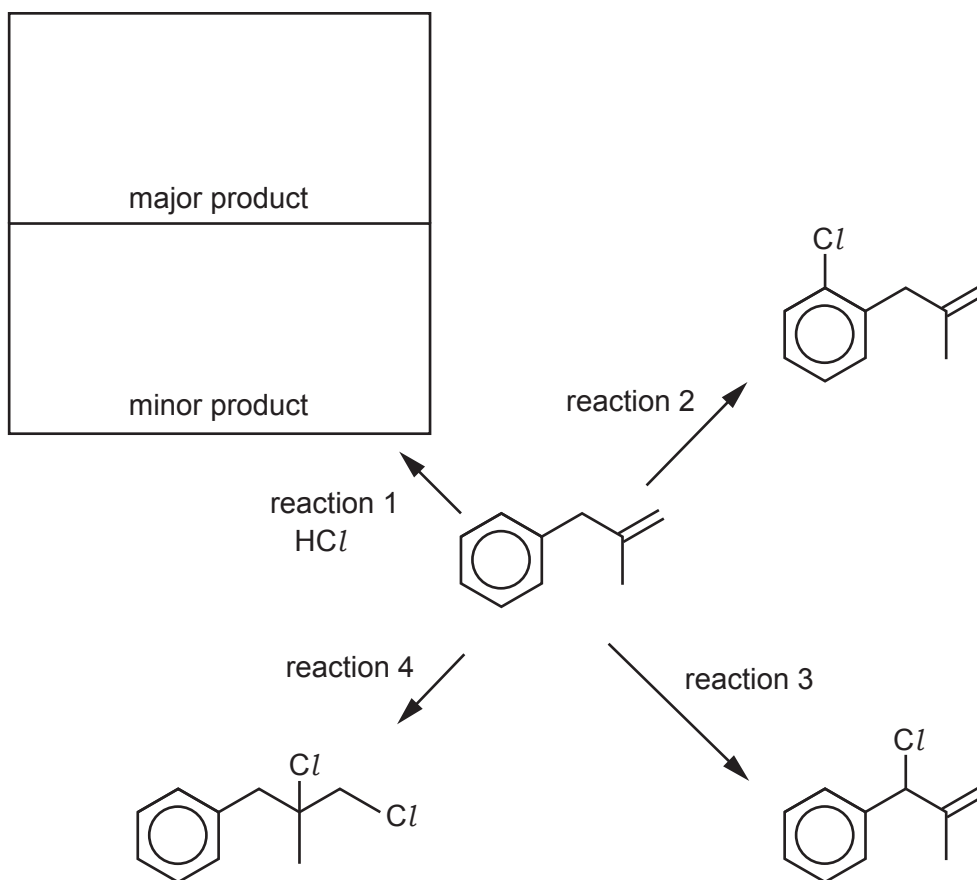
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- 4 2-methyl-3-phenylprop-1-ene is a useful precursor in organic synthesis. Some reactions of 2-methyl-3-phenylprop-1-ene are shown.

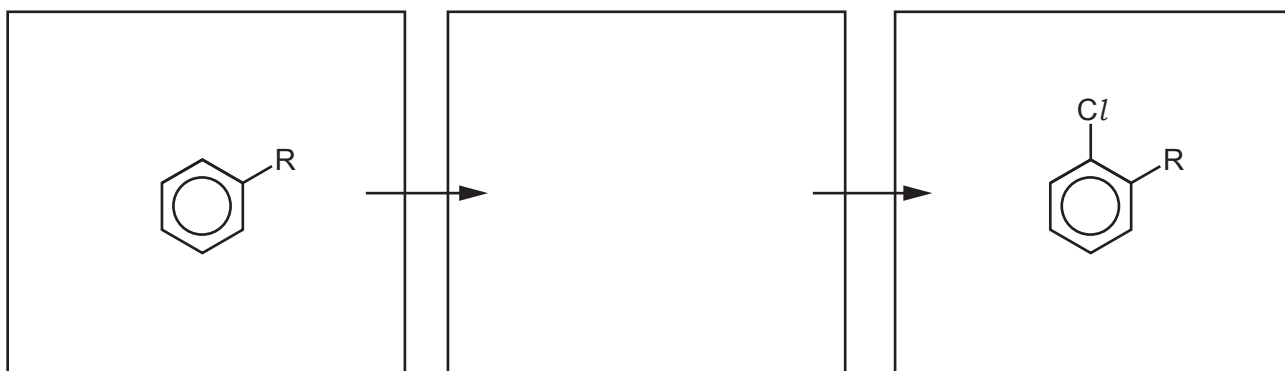


- (a) (i) Draw the structures of the major and minor products of reaction 1 in the boxes provided. [2]
- (ii) Reaction 3 takes place at room temperature.
State the reagent and conditions for reaction 3.
- reagent
- conditions
- [1]
- (iii) Circle **all** the chiral centres in the products of reactions 2, 3 and 4. [1]

(b) The chlorination of a benzene ring follows a similar mechanism as for bromination, but uses Cl_2 as the reagent and an $AlCl_3$ catalyst.

- (i) Draw the mechanism for reaction 2, including the steps involving the catalyst. R is used to represent the rest of the molecule. Use curly arrows and show all relevant lone pairs and dipoles.

initial reaction involving catalyst

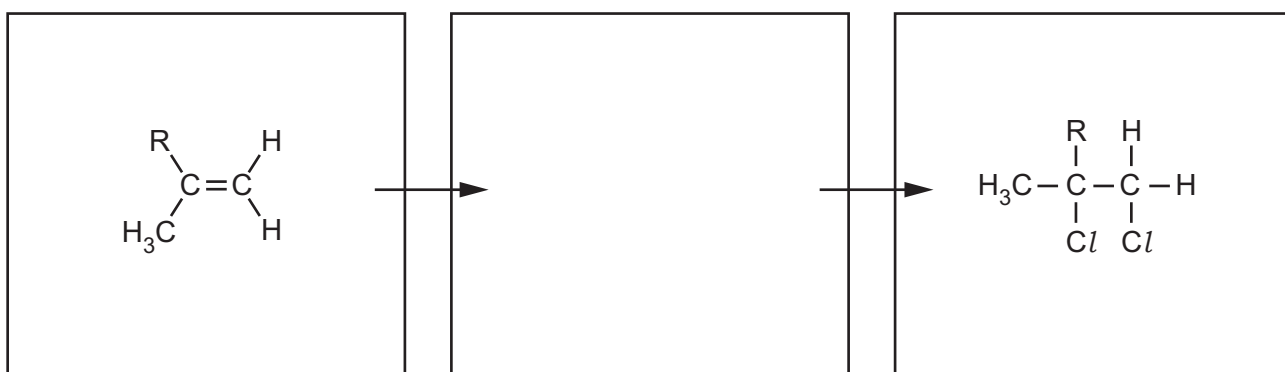


final reaction involving catalyst [4]

- (ii) State the name of the reaction mechanism for reaction 2 in (b)(i).

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- (c) (i) Draw the reaction mechanism for reaction 4. R is used to represent the rest of the molecule. Use curly arrows and show all relevant lone pairs and dipoles.

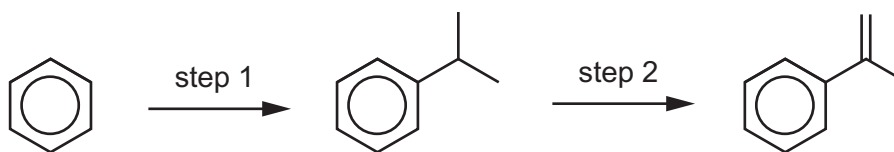


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- (ii) State the name of the reaction mechanism for reaction 4 in (c)(i).

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- (d) 2-phenylpropene is another precursor in organic synthesis. It can be synthesised from benzene using the following route.



- (i) Name the organic reagent in step 1.

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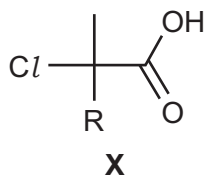
- (ii) State the type of reaction occurring in step 2.

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5 Compound **X** is an organic acid. R represents an alkyl group.



(a) The mass spectrum of **X** has an M+2 peak at $m/z = 152$.

(i) State the relative heights of the molecular ion and M+2 peaks.

..... [1]

(ii) Show that the formula of the R group is C_3H_7 .

[1]

(iii) Write an equation to show the formation of the particle that causes the M+2 peak at $m/z = 152$.

..... [1]

(b) **X** has the following proton NMR peaks.

peak	δ /ppm	splitting pattern	integral
S	0.8	doublet	6
T	1.2	multiplet	
U	4.2	singlet	3
V	11.2	singlet	1

The δ value is given relative to tetramethylsilane, TMS.

(i) Suggest **three** reasons why TMS is used as a reference compound in proton NMR spectroscopy.

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 [3]

(ii) State the value of the integral for peak **T**.

..... [1]

- (iii) Draw the structure of **X**.
Indicate the hydrogen atoms that give rise to peaks **S**, **T**, **U** and **V**.

[3]

- (iv) Explain why peak **U** has a larger δ value than peak **S**.

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..... [4]

- (v) On addition of D_2O , one peak disappears.
State which peak disappears. Give an equation to explain why the peak disappears.

peak that disappears

equation

[2]

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