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SECONDARY FOUR

CHEMISTRY

Paper 1 Multiple Choice

6092/01

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1 hour

Additional Materials:

Optical Test Answer Sheet (OTAS) – 1 sheet

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Write in soft pencil.

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Write your class, index number, Centre number, O level index number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.

There are **forty** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions. For each question, there are four possible answers **A, B, C** and **D**.

Choose the **one** you consider correct and record your answer in **soft pencil** on the separate Answer Sheet.

Read the instructions on the Answer Sheet very carefully.

Each correct answer will score one mark. A mark will not be deducted for a wrong answer.

Any rough working should be done in this question booklet.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 15.

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

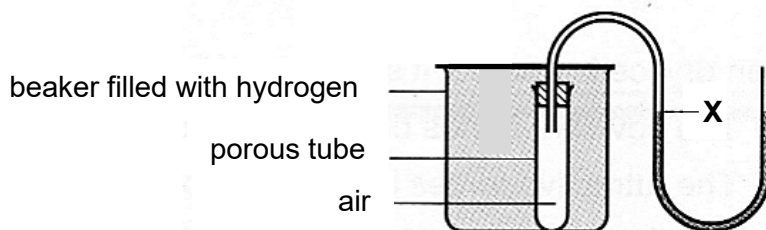
The total number of marks for this paper is 40.

At the end of the examination, hand in the following separately:

(1) Optical Test Answer Sheet (OTAS)

(2) Question Paper

- 1 The apparatus can be used to show the diffusion of gases. Air is present in the porous tube. The beaker is filled with hydrogen. Assume all gases are at the same temperature and pressure.



What would happen to the water level at **X** over time?

- A** The water level at **X** will remain unchanged.
B The water level at **X** will drop and remains there.
C The water level at **X** will drop and then return to its original position.
D The water level at **X** will rise and then return to its original position.
- 2 The table shows some mixtures and their constituents are obtained using suitable separation techniques.

	mixture	constituent obtained
1	NaCl(aq)	H ₂ O(l)
2	I ₂ (s) and Ni(s)	I ₂ (s)
3	NaCl(aq)	NaCl(s)

Which row gives the correct separation techniques to obtain the constituents from the mixture?

	1	2	3
A	distillation	sublimation	evaporation
B	distillation	sublimation	filtration
C	filtration	crystallisation	evaporation
D	sublimation	crystallisation	filtration

- 3 An element, **Z**, has **p** protons and **n** neutrons in its nucleus.

Which row gives a possible correct number of protons, neutrons and electrons in a negative ion of an isotope of **Z**?

	protons	neutrons	electrons
A	p	n+1	p+1
B	p	n+1	p-1
C	p+1	n	p+1
D	p+1	n	p-1

- 4 The proton numbers of elements **X**, **Y** and **Z** are 6, 8 and 12 respectively.

Which row shows the correct formulae of the compounds formed between the elements?

	compound 1	compound 2	compound 3
A	Z₂Y	XY	ZXY₃
B	ZY	XY₂	ZXY₃
C	ZY	XY₂	ZXY₄
D	Z₂Y	XY	ZXY₄

- 5 The formation of metallic oxides involves the transfer of electrons from a metal atom to oxygen atoms.

In the formation of one mole of metallic oxide, which oxide involves the transfer of more than 2 moles of electrons from metal atoms?

- A** aluminium oxide
 - B** iron(II) oxide
 - C** magnesium oxide
 - D** sodium oxide
- 6 Which substance contains atoms bonded to other atoms by less than four covalent bonds?
- A** diamond
 - B** poly(ethene)
 - C** silicon dioxide
 - D** water
- 7 Solid copper metal, aqueous copper(II) sulfate, solid graphite and molten magnesium chloride will conduct electricity.

Which pair of substance will conduct electricity because they both contain mobile electrons?

- A** aqueous copper(II) sulfate and molten magnesium chloride
- B** aqueous copper(II) sulfate and solid copper metal
- C** molten magnesium chloride and solid graphite
- D** solid copper metal and solid graphite

8 Which of the statements about iron(III) oxide, Fe_2O_3 , are correct?

- 1 Iron is present in Fe_2O_3 as an Fe^{2+} ion.
- 2 One mole of Fe_2O_3 contains 112 g of iron and 48 g of oxygen.
- 3 The empirical formula is Fe_2O_3 .
- 4 Three moles of oxygen molecules are needed to make one mole of Fe_2O_3 .

A 1 and 2 **B** 1 and 4 **C** 2 and 3 **D** 3 and 4

9 Ammonium nitrate, NH_4NO_3 , ($M_r = 80$) decomposes to form dinitrogen oxide and water upon heating as shown in the equation below.

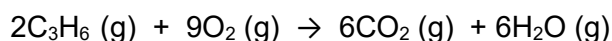


When an impure sample of ammonium nitrate is heated, 27 g of water is formed.

Which expression shows the mass of ammonium nitrate in the impure sample?

- A** $66 \times \frac{27}{36}$
- B** $80 \times \frac{27}{36}$
- C** $80 \times \frac{27}{18}$
- D** $80 \times \frac{9}{36}$

10 20 cm^3 of propene, C_3H_6 , reacts with 500 cm^3 of oxygen according to the equation shown below.



When cooled to room temperature, what is the total volume of gas remaining at the end of the reaction?

- A** 120 cm^3
- B** 410 cm^3
- C** 470 cm^3
- D** 530 cm^3

11 Which method(s) is/are suitable to distinguish between 1.00 mol/dm³ of aqueous hydrochloric acid and 1.00 mol/dm³ of aqueous ethanoic acid?

- 1 using a pH meter
- 2 determining the volume of 1.00 mol/dm³ of sodium hydroxide solution used to neutralise 25.0 cm³ of the acids separately
- 3 measuring the total volume of hydrogen gas formed when excess magnesium is added to the acids separately

A 1 only **B** 1 and 2 **C** 1 and 3 **D** 2 and 3

12 The table shows the properties of four chlorides.

Which is copper(II) chloride?

	colour	solubility in water	method of preparation
A	green	soluble	copper(II) oxide and hydrochloric acid
B	green	insoluble	copper metal and hydrochloric acid
C	white	insoluble	sodium chloride and copper(II) sulfate
D	green	soluble	copper(II) nitrate and hydrochloric acid

13 The following reactions are carried out.

reaction	result
ethanoic acid is added to ammonium carbonate	Gas E is produced.
ammonium ethanoate is warmed with sodium hydroxide solution	Gas F is produced.
ethanoic acid is added to an aqueous solution of ammonia	Compound G is formed.

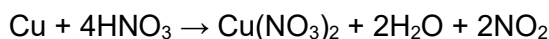
What are gases **E**, **F** and compound **G**?

	gas E	gas F	compound G
A	ammonia	ammonia	ammonium carbonate
B	ammonia	carbon dioxide	ammonium ethanoate
C	carbon dioxide	carbon dioxide	ammonium carbonate
D	carbon dioxide	ammonia	ammonium ethanoate

14 Which equation shows a non-redox reaction?

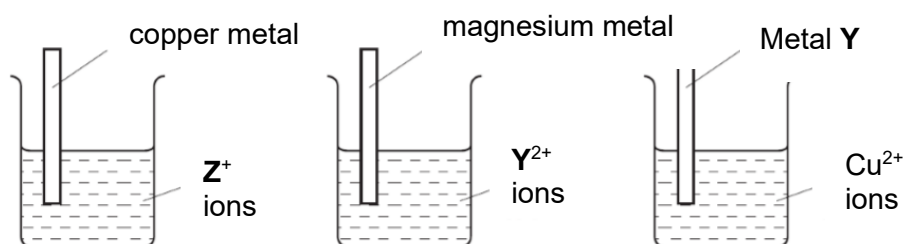
- A** $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- B** $\text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{e}^-$
- C** $2\text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$
- D** $\text{CuO} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

- 15 The reaction between copper and concentrated nitric acid is shown below.



Which statement about this reaction is correct?

- A HNO_3 is a reducing agent.
 B The oxidation state of nitrogen in $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ is -5.
 C Cu loses electrons during the reaction.
 D The oxidation state of oxygen has changed.
- 16 A student conducted three experiments to compare the reactivities of four different metals; copper, magnesium, metal Y and metal Z.



A deposit was observed on the metal strip for each experiment.

How many metals that were investigated will be able to react with aqueous hydrochloric acid?

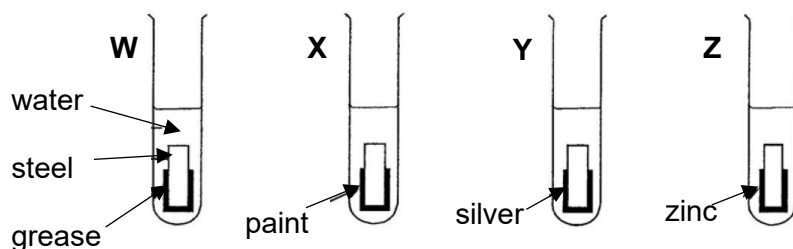
- A 1 B 2 C 3 D 4
- 17 Hydrogen is produced by the reaction of a metal A and a dilute acid.
- When the same gas is passed over an oxide of metal B, it reduced the metallic oxide to its metal in the presence of heat.

Which substances would give these results?

	metal A	dilute acid	metal B
1	calcium	hydrochloric acid	lead(II) oxide
2	copper	hydrochloric acid	silver oxide
3	iron	sulfuric acid	copper(II) oxide
4	zinc	sulfuric acid	calcium oxide

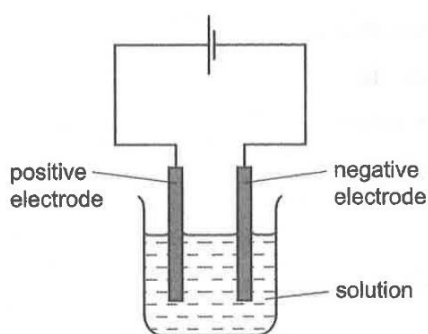
- A 1 and 3 only B 1 and 4 only C 2 and 3 only D 2 and 4 only

- 18 Four identical pieces of steel were partially coated with four different substances as shown below. The steel pieces were then left in test tubes filled with water for some days.



In which tube would the steel be least likely to rust?

- A test tube **W**
 - B test tube **X**
 - C test tube **Y**
 - D test tube **Z**
- 19 A newly discovered alkali metal, **Q**, has an atomic number greater than 37.
- What is the most likely property of **Q**?
- A **Q** floats on water.
 - B **Q** has a higher melting point than sodium.
 - C **Q** reacts with chlorine gas to form a yellow crystalline solid.
 - D **Q** reacts with water more vigorously than potassium with water.
- 20 Four different solutions were electrolysed in separate experiments.



Which electrolytic set-up results in no change in the concentration of the solution during electrolysis.?

- A aqueous sodium chloride solution with carbon electrodes
- B copper(II) sulfate solution with copper electrodes
- C copper(II) sulfate solution with platinum electrodes
- D dilute sodium chloride solution with platinum electrodes

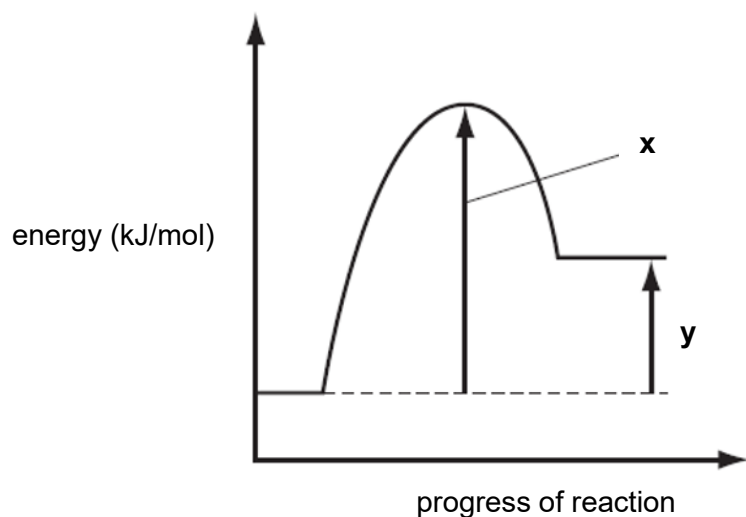
- 21** In an electrolysis, the same amount of charge deposited 54.0 g of silver and 14.9 g of tin.

The charge on the silver ion is 1+.

What was the charge of the tin ion?

- A** 1+
 - B** 2+
 - C** 3+
 - D** 4+
- 22** Which statement describes what happens when hydrogen and oxygen are used in a fuel cell?
- A** Electricity is generated due to flow of electrons from cathode to anode.
 - B** Hydrogen is reduced by losing electrons at the anode.
 - C** Oxygen is oxidised by gaining electrons at the cathode.
 - D** Water is produced as the only product in the overall equation.
- 23** Which statement about the elements in Period 3 going from left to right of the Periodic Table is correct?
- A** The metallic properties of the elements increases.
 - B** The nature of the elements changes from strong reducing agents to strong oxidising agents.
 - C** The nature of the oxides of the elements changes from acidic to basic.
 - D** The tendency of the elements to lose electrons increases.
- 24** Tellurium (Te) and sulfur belong to Group 16 of the Periodic Table.
- What could be the likely formula of a compound of tellurium?
- A** H_2Te
 - B** HTeO_3
 - C** TeN
 - D** TeO

25 The energy profile diagram for a chemical reaction is shown below.



Which statement about the energy profile diagram is correct?

- A The overall enthalpy change is equal to $x + y$.
- B The reaction is exothermic.
- C The value of x would decrease in the presence of a catalyst.
- D The value of y would increase in the presence of a catalyst.

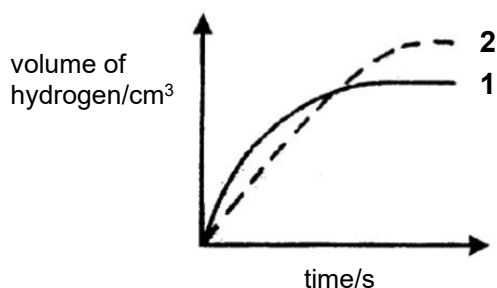
26 The scheme shows four stages, 1 to 4, in the conversion of solid candlewax, $C_{30}H_{62}$, into carbon dioxide and water

- 1 $C_{30}H_{62}(s) \rightarrow C_{30}H_{62}(l)$
- 2 $C_{30}H_{62}(l) \rightarrow C_{30}H_{62}(g)$
- 3 $2C_{30}H_{62}(g) + 91O_2(g) \rightarrow 60CO_2(g) + 62H_2O(g)$
- 4 $30CO_2(g) + 31H_2O(g) \rightarrow 30CO_2(g) + 31H_2O(l)$

Which stages are exothermic?

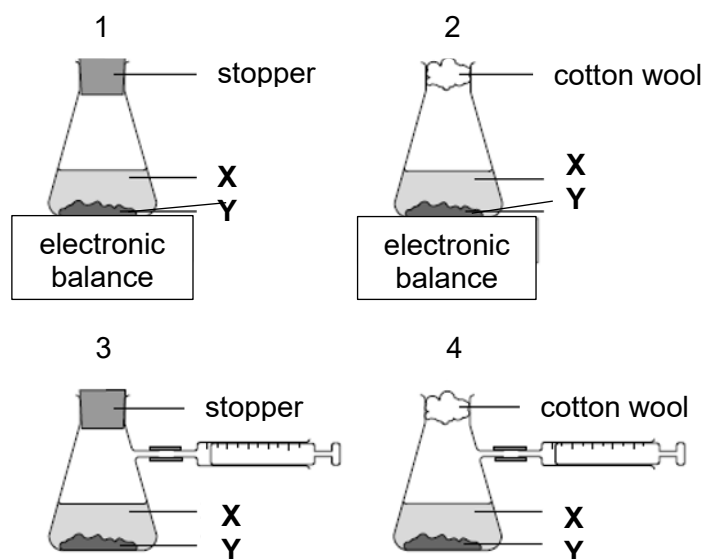
- A 1 and 2
- B 1 and 4
- C 2 and 3
- D 3 and 4

- 27 In the graph below, curve 1 was obtained by the reaction between 50.0 cm³ of 1.0 mol/dm³ sulfuric acid and excess zinc granules.



Which changes would produce curve 2?

- A Add the same mass of zinc powder instead of zinc granules.
 - B Increase the temperature by 10°C.
 - C Use 100.0 cm³ of 0.75 mol/dm³ sulfuric acid.
 - D Use 100.0 cm³ of 1.00 mol/dm³ sulfuric acid.
- 28 A liquid X reacts with solid Y to form a gas.



Which two diagrams show suitable methods for investigating the rate of the reaction?

- A 1 and 3
- B 1 and 4
- C 2 and 3
- D 2 and 4

29 Ammonia is produced by the Haber process.

Which statement is **not** correct?

- A** An iron catalyst is used.
- B** Each hydrogen molecule reacts with three nitrogen molecules to form two molecules of ammonia.
- C** Hydrogen for the Haber process can be obtained by the cracking of crude oil.
- D** The reaction is reversible.

30 Which statement about the properties of ammonia is correct?

- A** It is formed upon heating solid ammonium chloride.
- B** It dissolves in water to form a solution with pH less than 7.
- C** It is formed by reacting ammonium salts with nitric acid.
- D** It reacts with alkali to form salts.

31 A sample of air is bubbled through sodium hydroxide, then passed over heated copper.

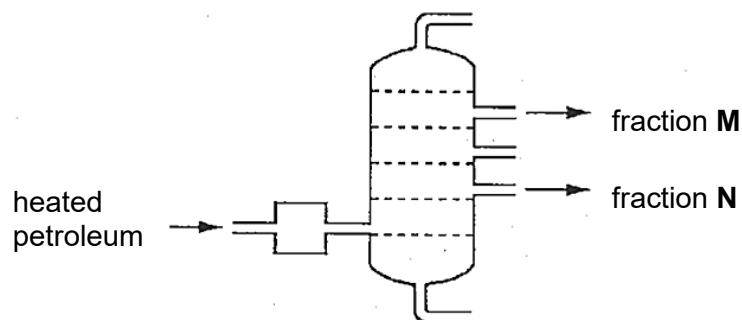
Which gases are removed by this process?

- A** carbon dioxide and oxygen
- B** carbon dioxide and water vapour
- C** hydrogen and nitrogen
- D** nitrogen and oxygen

32 Which pair of gases can cause the most damage to limestone buildings?

- A** CO and NO
- B** NO and CH₄
- C** SO₂ and CO
- D** SO₂ and NO₂

- 33 The diagram shows the fractional distillation of petroleum.



Which row about fractions **M** and **N** are correct?

	M burns more easily than N	M has a higher boiling point than N	M is more viscous than N
A	True	False	False
B	True	True	True
C	False	True	False
D	False	False	True

- 34 In the polymerisation of ethene to form poly(ethene), which property remains constant?
- A** boiling point
B density
C empirical formula
D molecular mass
- 35 Under certain conditions, 1 mole of ethane reacts with 2 moles of chlorine in a substitution reaction.

What is the formula of the organic product in this reaction?

- A** $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$
B $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$
C $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_4$
D CH_2Cl_2

- 36 Olive oil contains oleic acid. Oleic acid is an unsaturated acid which has molecular formula $C_{17}H_{31}COOH$.

How many carbon-carbon double bonds are present in one molecule of oleic acid?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

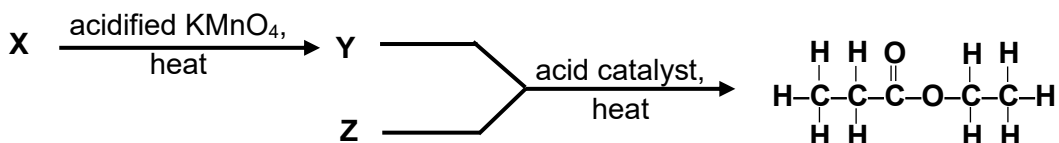
- 37 The following statements describe an organic compound, **L**.

- 1 It reacts with sodium carbonate to produce a colourless gas.
- 2 It decolourises bromine solution.
- 3 If a mixture of ethanoic acid and compound **L** is warmed with concentrated sulfuric acid, no sweet smelling substance is formed.

What could be the molecular formula of compound **L**?

- A $CH=CHCOOH$
- B $CH_2=CHCOOCH_3$
- C $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$
- D $CH_3CH_2CH_2Cl$

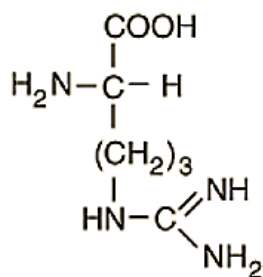
- 38 The following reaction scheme shows the reactions of three substances, **X**, **Y** and **Z**.



What are the molecular formulae of substances **X**, **Y** and **Z**?

	X	Y	Z
A	C_2H_6O	$C_3H_6O_2$	C_2H_6O
B	C_3H_6	C_3H_8O	$C_2H_5O_2$
C	C_3H_8O	$C_3H_6O_2$	C_2H_6O
D	C_3H_8O	$C_4H_8O_2$	C_2H_6O

39 The full structural formula of the amino acid, Arginine, is shown below.



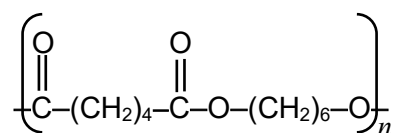
The following statements were made about the amino acid.

- 1 It undergoes addition polymerisation.
- 2 It forms a polymer with the same linkage as nylon.
- 3 It reacts with magnesium to form hydrogen gas.
- 4 It decolorises acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution readily.

Which statements are correct?

- A** 1 and 2
B 1 and 3
C 2 and 3
D 2 and 4

40 Some polymers can undergo depolymerisation through acid hydrolysis.



Which of the following represents the monomers of the above polymer?

- A** $\text{HO}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{OH}$ and $\text{HO}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{OH}$
B $\text{HOOC}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{COOH}$ and $\text{HO}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{OH}$
C $\text{HOOC}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{OH}$ and $\text{HO}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{COOH}$
D $\text{HOOC}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{COOH}$ and $\text{HO}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{OH}$

End of Paper

The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																	
1	2																
3 Li lithium 7	4 Be beryllium 9	1 H hydrogen 1 proton (atomic) number atomic symbol relative atomic mass															
11 Na sodium 23	12 Mg magnesium 24	13 Al aluminium 27	14 Si silicon 28	15 P phosphorus 31	16 S sulfur 32	17 Cl chlorine 35.5	18 Ar argon 40										
19 K potassium 39	20 Ca calcium 40	21 Sc scandium 45	22 Ti titanium 48	23 V vanadium 51	24 Cr chromium 52	25 Mn manganese 55	26 Fe iron 56	27 Co cobalt 59	28 Ni nickel 59	29 Cu copper 64	30 Zn zinc 65	31 Ga gallium 70	32 Ge germanium 73	33 As arsenic 75	34 Se selenium 79	35 Br bromine 80	36 Kr krypton 84
37 Rb rubidium 85	38 Sr strontium 88	39 Y yttrium 89	40 Zr zirconium 91	41 Nb niobium 93	42 Mo molybdenum 96	43 Tc technetium –	44 Ru ruthenium 101	45 Rh rhodium 103	46 Pd palladium 106	47 Ag silver 108	48 Cd cadmium 112	49 In indium 115	50 Sn tin 119	51 Sb antimony 122	52 Te tellurium 128	53 I iodine 127	54 Xe xenon 131
55 Cs caesium 133	56 Ba barium 137	57–71 lanthanoids	72 Hf hafnium 178	73 Ta tantalum 181	74 W tungsten 184	75 Re rhenium 186	76 Os osmium 190	77 Ir iridium 192	78 Pt platinum 195	79 Au gold 197	80 Hg mercury 201	81 Tl thallium 204	82 Pb lead 207	83 Bi bismuth 209	84 Po polonium –	85 At astatine –	86 Rn radon –
87 Fr francium –	88 Ra radium –	89–103 actinoids	104 Rf rutherfordium –	105 Db dubnium –	106 Sg seaborgium –	107 Bh bohrium –	108 Hs hassium –	109 Mt meitnerium –	110 Ds darmstadtium –	111 Rg roentgenium –	112 Cn copernicium –	113 Nh nihonium –	114 Fl flerovium –	115 Mc moscovium –	116 Lv livermorium –	117 Ts tennessine –	118 Og oganeson –

lanthanoids	57 La lanthanum 139	58 Ce cerium 140	59 Pr praseodymium 141	60 Nd neodymium 144	61 Pm promethium –	62 Sm samarium 150	63 Eu europium 152	64 Gd gadolinium 157	65 Tb terbium 159	66 Dy dysprosium 163	67 Ho holmium 165	68 Er erbium 167	69 Tm thulium 169	70 Yb ytterbium 173	71 Lu lutetium 175
actinoids	89 Ac actinium –	90 Th thorium 232	91 Pa protactinium 231	92 U uranium 238	93 Np neptunium –	94 Pu plutonium –	95 Am americium –	96 Cm curium –	97 Bk berkelium –	98 Cf californium –	99 Es einsteinium –	100 Fm fermium –	101 Md mendelevium –	102 No nobelium –	103 Lr lawrencium –

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm³ at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).
The Avogadro constant, $L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

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Write in dark blue or black pen.

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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 **22**.

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

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Section A	70
Section B	10
Total	80

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

- 1 The structures of some carbon-containing substances, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E** and **F** are shown in Fig 1.1.

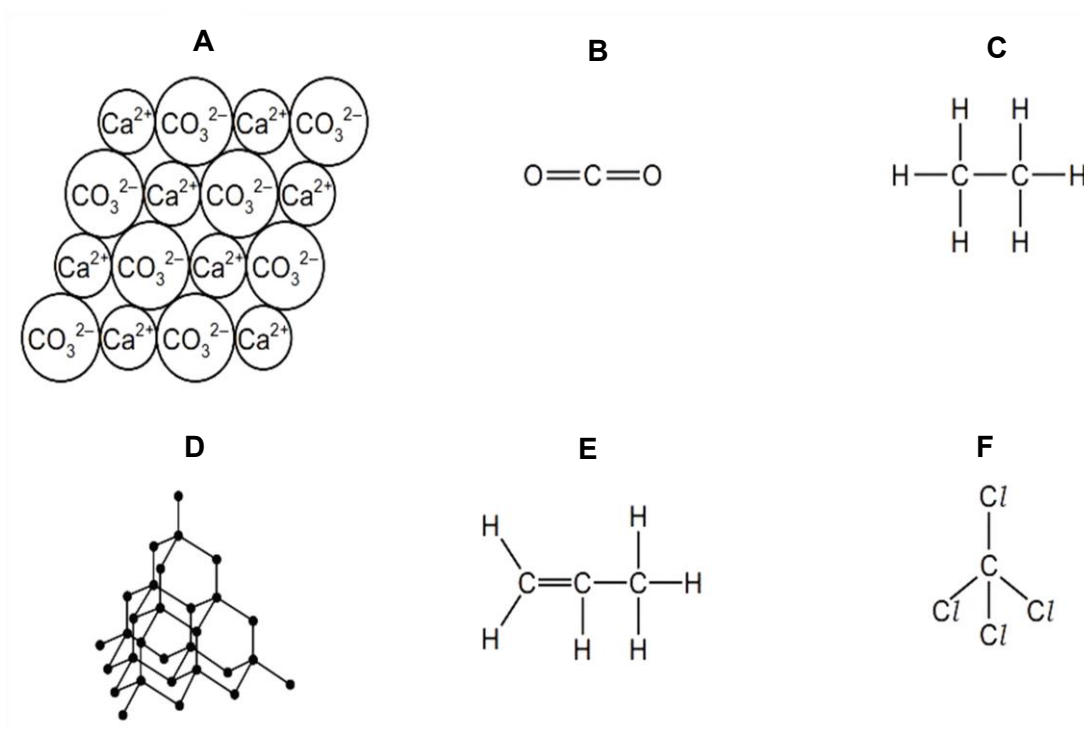


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Use the letters **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E** and **F** to answer the following questions.

Each letter may be used once, more than once or not at all.

- (i) Which substance is a saturated hydrocarbon?

.....[1]

- (ii) Which substance has a giant molecular structure?

.....[1]

- (iii) Which substance is a product of respiration?

.....[1]

- (iv) Which substance is in the same homologous series as ethene?

.....[1]

- (v) Which substance is found in limestone?

.....[1]

- (b) Explain why substance **B** in the atmosphere is increasing and why planting more trees is not a long-term solution to the increase in the amount of **B**.

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.....[2]

[Total: 7]

- 2** Lithium is a metal and lithium chloride is a compound. The structure and properties of these substances are very different.

- (a)** Explain using ideas about bonding and structure, how the particles in lithium and lithium chloride are held together.

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[2]

- (b)** Table 2.1 below shows the melting and boiling points of lithium and lithium chloride.

Table 2.1

	melting point / °C	boiling point / °C
lithium	180.5	1342
lithium chloride	605.0	1382

Using the information from Table 2.1, explain what can be deduced about the forces of attraction holding the particles together in lithium and lithium chloride.

.....

[2]

- (c)** Two students, **A** and **B**, are comparing the properties of lithium and lithium chloride at room temperature. Student **A** states that both lithium and lithium chloride can conduct electricity, but Student **B** states that **only** lithium can conduct electricity.

State whether Student **A**, Student **B**, or neither student is correct. Explain your answer.

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[3]

- (d) Students **A** and **B** then went on to discuss the bonding in another substance, calcium fluoride. Explain, in terms of electrons, how the bonds in calcium fluoride are formed.

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.....[2]

[Total: 9]

- 3** Chlorine dioxide, ClO_2 , was the first oxide of chlorine to be discovered. Although unstable as a liquid or gas, it is now produced on a very large scale for the bleaching of wood pulp and water treatment.

Chlorine dioxide has a complex bonding structure. The chlorine atom in the molecule has an unpaired electron, which is not involved in bonding, contributing to its reactivity.

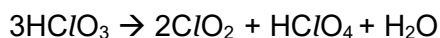
The structure of a chlorine dioxide molecule can be represented as shown.



- (a)** Draw a 'dot & cross' diagram to show the bonding in a chlorine dioxide molecule. Show outer shell electrons only.

[2]

- (b)** Chlorine dioxide was first obtained by scientist and inventor, Humphry Davy. It was formed by the hazardous disproportionation reaction of chloric acid, HClO_3 .



Disproportionation is a type of redox reaction in which the same element is both oxidised and reduced.

Which element in the reaction has undergone disproportionation? Explain your answer using oxidation states.

.....

[2]

- (c)** Chlorine dioxide can also be produced by reacting sodium chlorate(III), NaClO_2 with chlorine. The other product is sodium chloride.

- (i)** Write an equation for the reaction.

.....[1]

- (ii)** Which is the oxidising agent? Explain your answer.

.....
[2]

[Total: 7]

- 4 Sulfuric acid and malonic acid are both dibasic acids.

Malonic acid is a white crystalline solid which is soluble in water. It melts at 135 °C.

The structural formula of malonic acid is given below.



- (a) (i) Write the molecular formula of malonic acid.

.....[1]

- (ii) When malonic acid is thermally decomposed, carbon dioxide and a simpler carboxylic acid are formed. Deduce the name and formula of this acid.

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- (iii) Name the product when the carboxylic acid in (a)(ii) is mixed with ethanol and heated in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid.

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- (iv) Draw the structural formula of the product formed in (a)(iii).

[1]

- (b) Suggest why a solution of malonic acid, of concentration 0.2 mol/dm³, has a higher pH than sulfuric acid of the same concentration.

.....[1]

[Total: 6]

- 5 Aqueous hydrogen peroxide is often used in households as a bleaching agent as well as a disinfectant among other uses.

At room temperature, aqueous hydrogen peroxide decomposes very slowly to form water and oxygen. The decomposition of hydrogen peroxide can be represented by the equation below.



- (a) Explain in terms of bond making and bond breaking why this reaction is exothermic.

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- (b) The decomposition of hydrogen peroxide is speeded up by adding powdered manganese(IV) oxide.

An experiment was carried out with three samples of hydrogen peroxide placed in conical flasks labelled **P**, **Q** and **R**. An equal mass of powdered manganese(IV) oxide was added to each conical flask. The mass of the conical flasks and their contents were measured at regular time intervals, and a graph of mass was plotted against time.

The results are shown in Fig. 5.1.

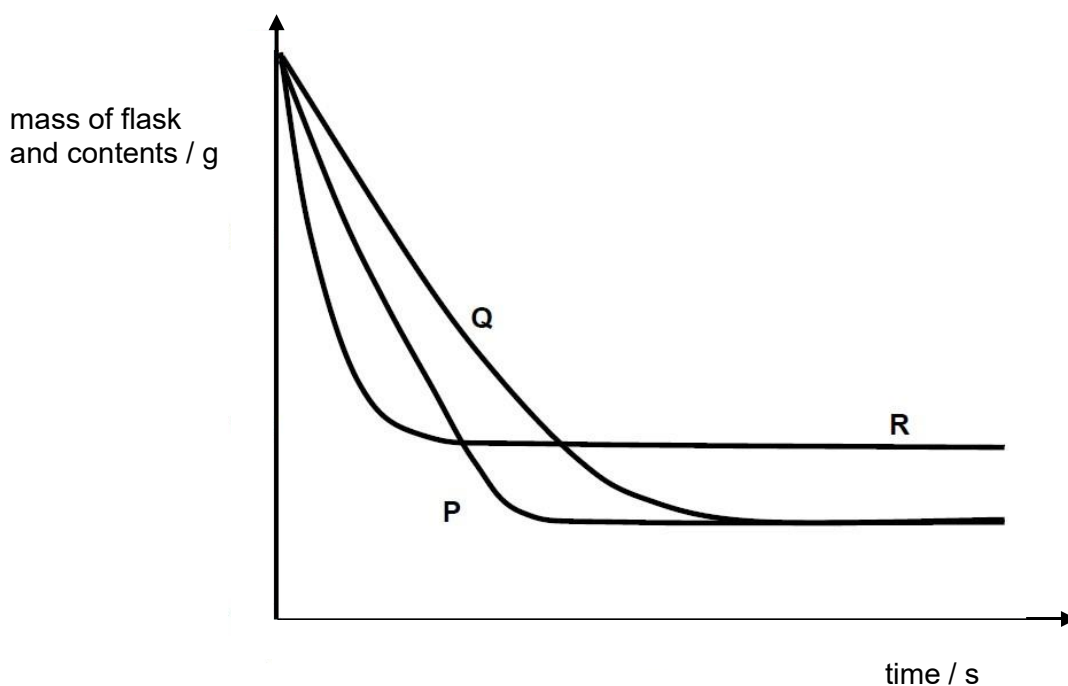


Fig. 5.1

- (i) Given that conical flask **P** contained 50 cm³ of 2.0 mol/dm³ of hydrogen peroxide and conical flask **Q** contained 80 cm³ of hydrogen peroxide, calculate the concentration of hydrogen peroxide in conical flask **Q**.

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- (ii) Suggest a suitable volume and concentration of hydrogen peroxide in conical flask **R**.

Volume of hydrogen peroxide

Concentration of hydrogen peroxide[2]

- (iii) Suggest another way to speed up the decomposition further, without the use of a catalyst or varying the concentration. Explain your answer in terms of collision theory.

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- 6 Fig. 6.1 shows the electrolysis of a concentrated solution of sodium chloride in the laboratory.

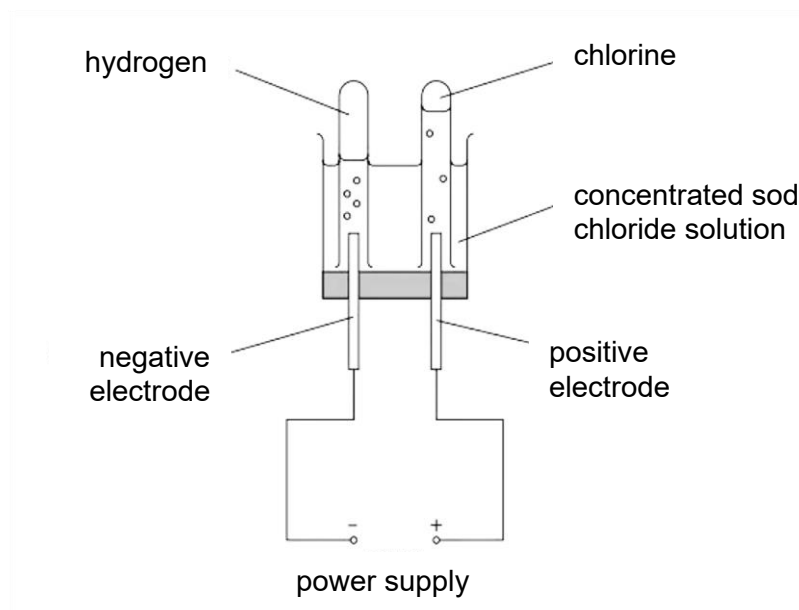


Fig. 6.1

- (a) (i) Explain, with the use of ionic equations, why the volume of chlorine collected should be the same as the volume of hydrogen collected.

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- (ii) Suggest why the volume of chlorine collected is always less than the volume of hydrogen collected.

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- (b) In the chemical industry, chlorine can be produced by the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride. The overall equation for this reaction is shown below.



Calculate the maximum volume, in dm^3 , of chlorine gas that can be obtained from 23.4 tonnes of molten sodium chloride.

(1 tonne = 1000 kg)

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- (c) Nuclear submarines can stay underwater for months without needing to come to the surface.

Oxygen for the crew to breathe is produced using an equipment called an automated electrolytic oxygen generator.

Many people assume that seawater is used directly and electrolysed to produce oxygen.

Explain why the assumption is incorrect and potentially hazardous, and how seawater can be processed to obtain oxygen.

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[Total : 9]

- 7 Ethanol can be manufactured by two different methods. Table 7.1 gives some information about the two methods.

Table 7.1

	hydration of ethene	fermentation of glucose
raw material	crude oil	sugar cane
rate of reaction	fast	slow
purity of ethanol	pure	impure
operating temperature	300 °C	30 °C
operating pressure	60 – 70 atmospheres	1 atmospheres
catalyst	phosphoric acid	enzymes in yeast

Use the information given in Table 7.1 to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these two methods.

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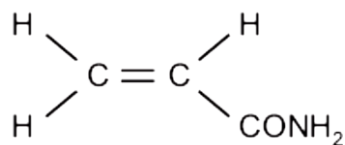
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- 8 (a) Researchers have found the presence of acrylamide in certain foods that were heated to temperature above 120 °C. Potato chips and french fries were found to contain high levels of acrylamide.

Acrylamide is thought to be harmful to human health and has the following structure.



- (i) Acrylamide readily polymerises to form poly(acrylamide). Draw the structure of poly(acrylamide).

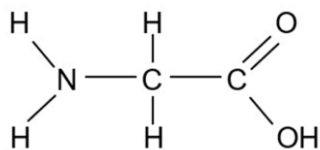
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- (ii) Acrylamide reacts with water to form acrylic acid and ammonium ions. Describe the test for ammonium ion.

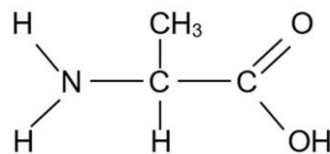
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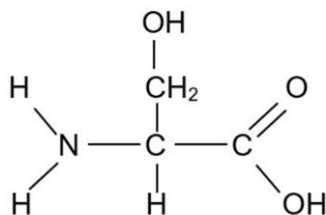
- (b) A silk protein is made of many identical protein chains, which are made mainly from equal number of three amino acid monomers, glycine, alanine and serine.



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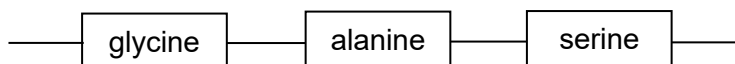


alanine



serine

One possible structure of the silk protein is shown below.



- (i) Name the type of polymerisation when the amino acid monomers polymerise.

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- (ii) Draw the structural formula of the repeat unit for the silk protein, containing the three amino acids.

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- (c) Outline two differences between the polymerisation of acrylamide in (a)(i) and the amino acid monomers in (b)(i).

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[Total: 7]

9 Principles of Chromatography

Chromatography makes use of the principle that components in a mixture when dissolved in a liquid or gas (mobile phase), will flow through another substance (stationary phase) at varying rates.

The rate of separation depends on how the components in the mixture interact with the stationary phase (their retention) and how soluble they are in the mobile phase.

Gas-Liquid Chromatography

Gas-liquid chromatography is used for analysing gases, volatile liquids and solids in their vapour form. This method uses a column with a non-volatile liquid as a stationary phase. An inert carrier gas such as helium or nitrogen moves the sample molecules through the stationary phase.

The sample is injected into the column and the vapour formed is carried through the stationary phase using the inert-gas mobile phase.

Retention time is the time taken for a component to travel through the column and it is recorded on a chromatogram. The position of the peaks shows the retention time of each component in the analysed sample.

The relative sizes of the peaks are related to how much each component is present in the mixture.

Fig. 9.1 shows the chromatogram of mixture **X**, with four components, **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

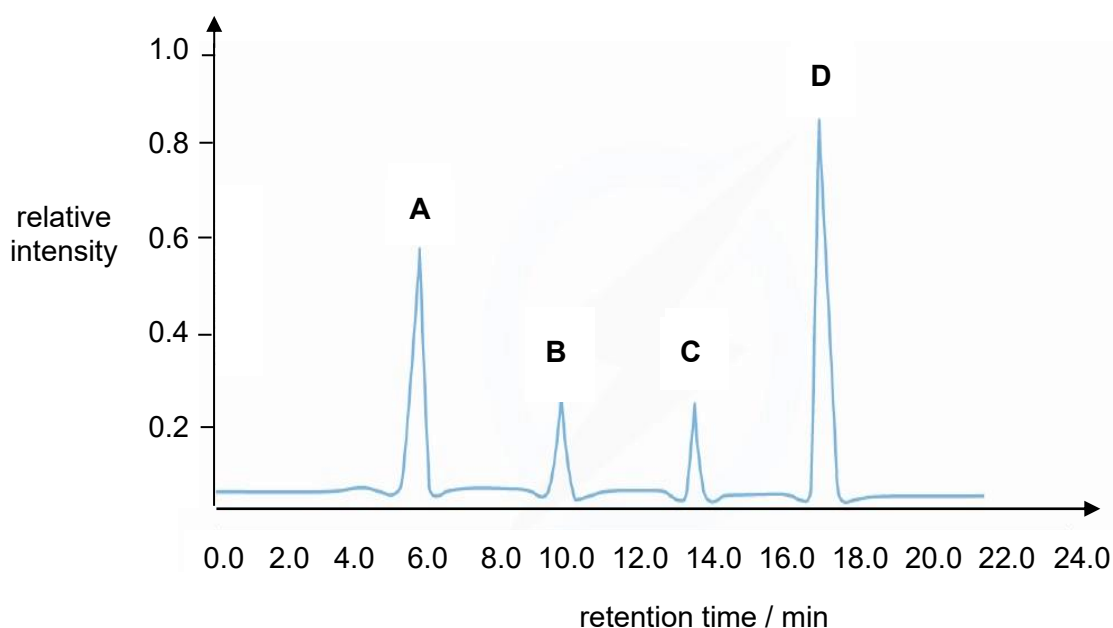


Fig. 9.1

Gas-liquid chromatography is often carried out with mass spectrometry to analyse each component as it exits the chromatography column. The molecular mass of each component in the mixture can be determined and matched with the time it took for the sample to move through the column.

Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectrometry is an analytical technique used to identify particles of different relative mass. It involves vaporising atoms or molecules and bombarding the vapourised particles with electrons to generate a beam of positive ions.

The number of different positive ion particles produced are then separated and counted. The resulting data from the detector is called a mass spectrum. It provides accurate data on the relative masses as well as the relative abundance of all the positive ions generated from individual atoms, molecules and fragments of molecules.

Each peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to a certain fragment with a particular mass to charge ratio (m/z) value. The peak with the highest m/z value is the molecular ion which corresponds to the molecular mass of the component. The molecular ion is the entire molecule that has lost one electron when bombarded with a beam of electrons.

Gas chromatography is carried out on an organic mixture. Two of the compounds in the mixture are hydrocarbons with similar retention times.

The mass spectra of the two compounds reveals that they have the same molecular formula but with subtle differences, indicating they are isomers. Both isomers are tested with aqueous bromine, which remains orange.

The mass spectrum of one of the isomers, **Y** is shown in Fig. 9.2.

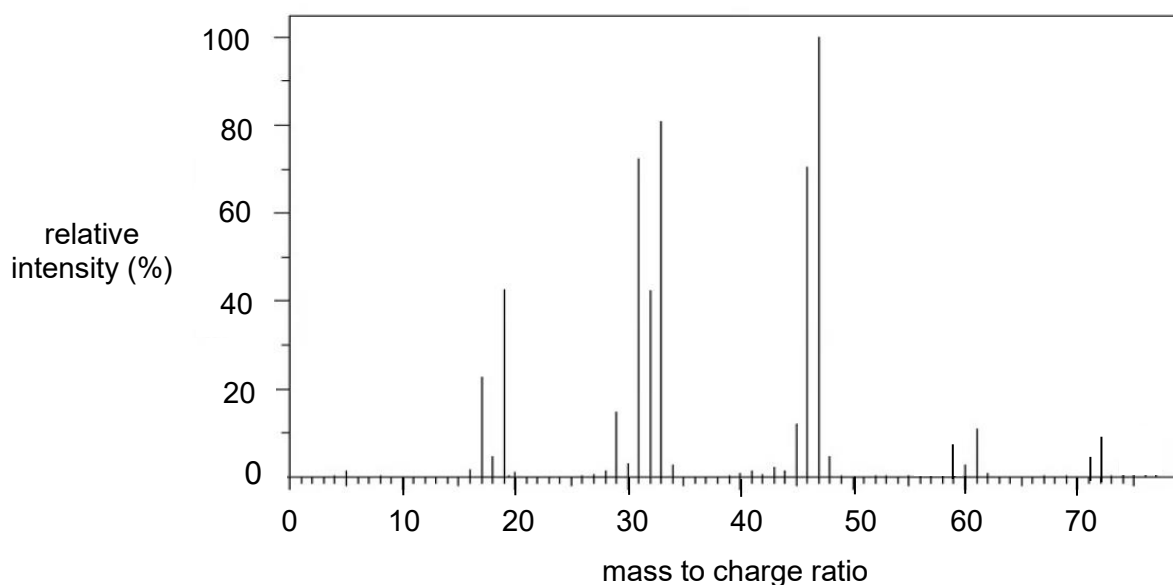


Fig. 9.2

- (a) Complete Table 9.1 to show the stationary and mobile phase of paper chromatography.

Table 9.1

chromatography technique	stationary phase	mobile phase
gas-liquid chromatography	column with liquid	inert carrier gas
paper chromatography		

[2]

- (b) (i) Which component in **X** is present in the greatest quantity?

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- (ii) Which components in **X** were present in equal amounts?

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- (iii) Which component in **X** has the strongest interaction with the stationary phase?

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- (c) (i) What is the molecular mass of isomer **Y**?

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- (ii) Deduce the molecular formula of **Y**. Explain your answer.

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- (iii) Write a balanced equation for the reaction of **Y** with excess oxygen.

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- (iv) Draw the full structural formula of two isomers of **Y**.

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[Total: 12]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

- 10** A student conducted three experiments to investigate the chemical properties of four different metals, **J**, **K**, **L** and **M**. The results of the three experiments are recorded as shown in Table 10.1.

Table 10.1

no	experiment	J	K	L	M
1	passing steam through the metal	a colourless gas is evolved	a colourless gas is evolved	no observable change	reacts very vigorously and a colourless gas is evolved
2	placing metal in silver nitrate	shiny silver crystals form on the surface of the metal	shiny silver crystals form on the surface of the metal	shiny silver crystals form on the surface of the metal	reacts very vigorously and a colourless gas is evolved
3	heating metal oxide with carbon at 1500°C	no observable change	formation of a silvery solid and a colourless gas is evolved	formation of a red-brown solid and a colourless gas is evolved	no observable change

- (a) (i) Write down the order of increasing reactivity of **J**, **K**, **L** and **M**.

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- (ii) Explain the formation of the colourless gas when **M** is placed in the silver nitrate solution.

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- (iii) Suggest the identity of **L**.
Write an ionic equation with state symbols for the reaction between **L** and silver nitrate solution.

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- (b) The student conducted a fourth experiment to determine the position of hydrogen in the list of metals **J**, **K**, **L** and **M** in their order of reactivity.

Dry hydrogen gas was passed over heated oxides of the metals separately. The results are shown in Table 10.2.

Table 10.2

metal oxide	observation
oxide of metal J	remains white
oxide of metal K	white to yellow when hot, turns back to white when cold
oxide of metal L	colour turns from black to red-brown
oxide of metal M	remains white

- (i) Use the experimental results in Table 10.2 to explain the position of hydrogen.

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- (ii) Which one of the four metals **J**, **K**, **L** and **M**, will cause iron to corrode faster when iron is in contact with it?
Explain your answer.

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[Total: 10]

- 11** Zamak is an alloy of zinc with magnesium, aluminium and copper. It is widely used to make die-cast toys. Magnesium and aluminium are adjacent elements in the third Period of the Periodic Table. Zinc and copper are next to each other in the first set of transition elements.

Table 11.1 shows the densities of the four metals present in Zamak.

Table 11.1

metal	metal 1	metal 2	metal 3	metal 4
density (g/cm ³)	1.74	2.70	7.13	8.96

- (a)** Suggest the identities of metals 3 and 4 present in Zamak.

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- (b)** **(i)** When finely powdered Zamak is shaken with cold dilute hydrochloric acid, three of the metals dissolved and one remains as a solid residue. Name the solid residue.

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- (ii)** Explain, in terms of collision theory, why finely powdered Zamak is used in the reaction.

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- (c)** Using ideas of arrangement of atoms in Zamak alloy, explain why Zamak is harder than pure zinc.

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- (d) Mobile phones are made from many different substances. Table 11.2 shows the composition of substances used to make a typical mobile phone.

Table 11.2

substance	percentage by mass in a typical mobile phone (%)
plastics	56
ceramics	16
copper	15
iron	3
other materials	10

- (i) Plastic is a non-biodegradable material.

Explain why being non-biodegradable is both an advantage and a disadvantage.

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- (ii) The iron used in a mobile phone must not rust.

Suggest one way to prevent the iron from rusting and explain how this method of rust prevention works.

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[Total: 10]

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The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																	
1	2	1 H hydrogen 1														13	18
3 Li lithium 7	4 Be beryllium 9	Key proton (atomic) number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass															
	11 Na sodium 23	12 Mg magnesium 24	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5 B boron 11	6 C carbon 12	7 N nitrogen 14	8 O oxygen 16	9 F fluorine 19
19 K potassium 39	20 Ca calcium 40	21 Sc scandium 45	22 Ti titanium 48	23 V vanadium 51	24 Cr chromium 52	25 Mn manganese 55	26 Fe iron 56	27 Co cobalt 59	28 Ni nickel 59	29 Cu copper 64	30 Zn zinc 65	31 Ga gallium 70	32 Ge germanium 73	33 As arsenic 75	34 Se selenium 79	35 Br bromine 80	36 Kr krypton 84
37 Rb rubidium 85	38 Sr strontium 88	39 Y yttrium 89	40 Zr zirconium 91	41 Nb niobium 93	42 Mo molybdenum 96	43 Tc technetium –	44 Ru ruthenium 101	45 Rh rhodium 103	46 Pd palladium 106	47 Ag silver 108	48 Cd cadmium 112	49 In indium 115	50 Sn tin 119	51 Sb antimony 122	52 Te tellurium 128	53 I iodine 127	54 Xe xenon 131
55 Cs caesium 133	56 Ba barium 137	57–71 lanthanoids	72 Hf hafnium 178	73 Ta tantalum 181	74 W tungsten 184	75 Re rhenium 186	76 Os osmium 190	77 Ir iridium 192	78 Pt platinum 195	79 Au gold 197	80 Hg mercury 201	81 Tl thallium 204	82 Pb lead 207	83 Bi bismuth 209	84 Po polonium –	85 At astatine –	86 Rn radon –
87 Fr francium –	88 Ra radium –	89–103 actinoids	104 Rf rutherfordium –	105 Db dubnium –	106 Sg seaborgium –	107 Bh bohrium –	108 Hs hassium –	109 Mt meitnerium –	110 Ds darmstadtium –	111 Rg roentgenium –	112 Cn copernicium –	113 Nh nihonium –	114 Fl flerovium –	115 Mc moscovium –	116 Lv livermorium –	117 Ts tennessine –	118 Og oganeson –

lanthanoids	57 La lanthanum 139	58 Ce cerium 140	59 Pr praseodymium 141	60 Nd neodymium 144	61 Pm promethium –	62 Sm samarium 150	63 Eu europium 152	64 Gd gadolinium 157	65 Tb terbium 159	66 Dy dysprosium 163	67 Ho holmium 165	68 Er erbium 167	69 Tm thulium 169	70 Yb ytterbium 173	71 Lu lutetium 175
	89 Ac actinium –	90 Th thorium 232	91 Pa protactinium 231	92 U uranium 238	93 Np neptunium –	94 Pu plutonium –	95 Am americium –	96 Cm curium –	97 Bk berkelium –	98 Cf californium –	99 Es einsteinium –	100 Fm fermium –	101 Md mendelevium –	102 No nobelium –	103 Lr lawrencium –

The volume of one mole of any gas is 24 dm³ at room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.).
The Avogadro constant, L = 6.02 x 10²³ mol⁻¹

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1	C	2	A	3	A	4	B	5	A	6	D	7	D	8	C	9	B	10	C
11	A	12	A	13	D	14	C	15	C	16	B	17	A	18	D	19	D	20	B
21	D	22	D	23	B	24	A	25	C	26	D	27	C	28	C	29	B	30	A
31	A	32	D	33	A	34	C	35	B	36	B	37	A	38	C	39	C	40	D

**Secondary Four Chemistry
Preliminary Examination 2025
Mark Scheme**

Paper 2

Section A

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
1ai	C	1
li	D	1
iii	B	1
iv	E	1
v	A	1
b	The amount of B/carbon dioxide is increasing due to the complete combustion of fossil fuels in vehicles and industries.	1
	It takes years for trees to grow, so the absorption of carbon dioxide through photosynthesis is much slower than the release of carbon dioxide by complete combustion of fossil fuels.	1
	Total	7
2a	The ions in lithium are held together by electrostatic forces of attraction between positive lithium ions and the sea of delocalised electrons .	1
	The ions in lithium chloride are held together by the electrostatic forces of attraction between positively charged lithium ions and negative charged chloride ions .	1
b	The melting and boiling points of lithium chloride are higher than that of lithium.	1
	The electrostatic forces of attraction between oppositely charged ions in lithium chloride is stronger than the electrostatic forces of attraction between lithium ions and the delocalised electrons in lithium metal.	1
(c)	Both Student A and Student B are incorrect OR Student B is incorrect and Student A is partly correct.	1
	Lithium can conduct electricity in all states because of the mobile electrons .	1
	Lithium chloride can conduct electricity when molten / dissolved in water because the ions are mobile , but not in the solid state because the ions are held in fixed positions and are not mobile .	1

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
d	One calcium atom (2, 8, 2) loses two electrons to two fluorine atoms, to form positively charged calcium ion (2, 8).	1
	Each fluorine atom (2, 7) gains one electron to form negatively charged fluoride ions (2,8).	1
	Total	9
3a	2 oxygen atoms and 1 chlorine with 4 shared pair of electrons	1
	chlorine atom with 1 lone pair and 1 unshared electrons	1
b	Chlorine has undergone disproportionation. Chlorine is oxidised because its oxidation state has increased from +5 in HClO_3 to +7 in HClO_4 .	1
	Chlorine is also reduced because its oxidation state has decreased from +5 HClO_3 to +4 in ClO_2 .	1
ci	$2\text{NaClO}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{ClO}_2 + 2\text{NaCl}$	1
ii	Chlorine is the oxidising agent.	1
	It oxidises sodium chlorate to chlorine dioxide / it causes the oxidation state of chlorine to increase from +3 in sodium chlorate to +4 in chlorine dioxide.	1
	Total	7
4ai	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_4$	1
ii	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$ / CH_3COOH	1
	Ethanoic acid	1
iii	Ethyl ethanoate	1
iv	$ \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{H} & \text{O} & & \text{H} & \text{H} & \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{O} & - \text{C} & - \text{C} & - \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ & \text{H} & & & \text{H} & \text{H} & \end{array} $	1
bi	Malonic has a higher pH because it is a weak acid.	1
	Total	6

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
ii	Chlorine dissolves / soluble in acid / solution	1
b	Mr of NaCl = 23 + 35.5 = 58.5 From eqn 2 moles NaCl produce 1 mole Cl_2 2(58.5 g) NaCl produce 71 g Cl_2 117 g NaCl produce 71 g Cl_2 117 tonnes NaCl produce 71 tonnes Cl_2 23.4 tonnes NaCl produce $(23.4 \div 117) \times 71$ tonnes Cl_2 = 14.2 tonnes No. of mole of Cl_2 = $142\,000\,000 \text{ mol} \div 71 \text{ g/mol}$ = 200 000 Volume of Cl_2 = $200\,000 \times 24 \text{ dm}^3$ = $4.80 \times 10^6 \text{ dm}^3$	1 1 1
c	Seawater is a concentrated sodium chloride solution. Electrolysis of concentrated sodium chloride solution produces chlorine which is toxic. Add water to dilute the seawater. Electrolysis dilute sodium chloride solution produces hydrogen and oxygen.	1 1
	Total	9

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
7	Advantages of fermentation / disadvantages of hydration: - Sugar cane can be re-grown/is renewable but crude oil is non-renewable/finite/cannot be replaced. - Fermentation of glucose uses a lower temperature (30 °C) than hydration of ethene (300 °C), so energy cost is lower than that for hydration of ethene. - Fermentation of glucose uses a lower pressure (1 atm) than hydration of ethene (60–70 atm) so energy cost/cost of equipment to maintain the pressure is lower than that for hydration of ethene. - Yeast is a natural substance and not harmful whereas phosphoric acid is corrosive. Advantages of hydration / disadvantages of fermentation: - Hydration of ethene is a faster process whereas fermentation is a slower process. - Hydration of ethene produces pure ethanol whereas fermentation produces impure ethanol. Any four of the above points	4
	Total	4
8ai	$\left[\begin{array}{cc} \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{CONH}_2 \end{array} \right]_n$	1
ii	Add aqueous sodium hydroxide to a solution containing ammonium ions. Warm the mixture gently. If the gas turns damp red litmus paper blue (ammonia), then ammonium ions are present.	1 1
bi	Condensation polymerisation	1
ii	$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{H} & & \text{O} & & \text{H} & & \text{O} & & \text{H} & & \text{O} \\ & & & & & & & & & & \\ -\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C} & - & \text{N}-\text{CH}-\text{C} & - & \text{N}-\text{CH}-\text{C}- \\ & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & \text{CH}_3 & & & & \text{CH}_2\text{OH} & & & & \end{array}$	1

Qn No.	Answer	Mark						
c	Addition polymerisation of acrylamide in (a) produces only <u>one</u> product, the <u>polymer</u> whereas the condensation polymerisation in (b) produces the polymer and water as a <u>by-product</u>. The mass of the polymer in (a) is the <u>same</u> as the mass of all the monomers added together whereas the mass of the polymer in (b) is <u>less</u> than that of all the monomers. For addition polymerisation of in (a), the monomer has a carbon-carbon double bond. For the condensation polymerisation in (b), the monomers has a <u>functional</u> group at each end of the molecule. Any two of the above differences.	2						
	Total	7						
9a	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>chromatography technique</td><td>stationary phase</td><td>mobile phase</td></tr> <tr> <td>paper chromatography</td><td>chromatography paper</td><td>ethanol</td></tr> </table>	chromatography technique	stationary phase	mobile phase	paper chromatography	chromatography paper	ethanol	2
chromatography technique	stationary phase	mobile phase						
paper chromatography	chromatography paper	ethanol						
bi	Component D	1						
ii	Components B and C	1						
iii	Component D	1						
ci	72	1						
ii	C₅H₁₂ It is a saturated hydrocarbon since it does not decolourise aqueous bromine.	1 1						
iii	C₅H₁₂ + 8O₂ → 5CO₂ + 6H₂O reactants and products balanced equation	1 1						

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iv	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccc} & \text{H} & & \text{H} & \\ & & & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C}- & \text{C} & -\text{C}-\text{H} \\ & & \\ \text{H} & & \text{H} \\ & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{H} & & \text{H} & & & \text{H} \\ & & & & & & \\ \text{H}-\text{C}- & \text{C} & -\text{C} & -\text{C}-\text{H} \\ & & & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array} \end{array}$	2
	Total	12

Section B

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
10ai	(least) L , hydrogen, K , J and M (most)	1
ii	M is a reactive metal which reacts with water (present in silver nitrate solution) to form hydrogen gas .	1
iii	Copper $\text{Cu(s)} + 2\text{Ag}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{Ag(s)}$	1 1
bi	Oxide of metal L turns from black to red-brown as it is reduced by hydrogen to form metal L (red-brown). This shows that hydrogen is more reactive than metal L (copper). Oxides of metals K , J and M remain white as they are not reduced by hydrogen . This shows that hydrogen is less reactive than metals K , J and M , it cannot reduce oxides of metal K , J and M .	1 1 1
ii	Metal L (or Copper). Iron is more reactive than metal L . Iron loses electrons more readily than metal L , the electrons will move to metal L . Hence corrosion of iron becomes faster.	1 1 1
	Total	10
11a	Copper and zinc	1
bi	Copper	1
ii	Powdered Zamak has smaller particle size with greater surface area exposed to the acid for reaction. Thus, the frequency of effective collisions increases and rate of reaction is higher.	1 1
c	Atoms in pure zinc are of the same size and arranged in an orderly manner . Layers of atoms can slide over one another. Different sizes of atoms (aluminium, copper & magnesium) in the alloy disrupts the orderly arrangement , making it difficult for the layers of atoms to slide over one another.	1 1
di	Non-biodegradable materials are not easily decomposed by bacteria in the soil and hence they have a longer life span. However, disposal of non-biodegradable materials result in accumulation of waste in landfill, causing environmental pollution.	1 1

Qn No.	Answer	Mark
ii	Sacrificial protection. Metal in sacrificial metal loses electrons more easily than iron / sacrificial metal oxidised in preference to iron / sacrificial metal more reactive (magnesium) than iron. OR Covering the iron with plastic prevents iron from coming into contact with oxygen and/or water.	1 1
	Total	10