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3. Each marking point in the “Answers” column is shown by means of a tick (✓) at the end of the marking point.
4. A question subpart may have more marking points than the total allows. This will be indicated by “**max**” written after the mark in the “Total” column. The related rubric, if necessary, will be outlined in the “Notes” column.
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7. An alternative markscheme is indicated in the “Answers” column under heading **ALTERNATIVE 1** etc. Either alternative can be accepted.
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9. Words that are underlined are essential for the mark.
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11. If the candidate’s answer has the same “meaning” or can be clearly interpreted as being of equivalent significance, detail and validity as that in the “Answers” column then award the mark. Where this point is considered to be particularly relevant in a question it is emphasized by **OWTTE** (or words to that effect) in the “Notes” column.
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15. If a question specifically asks for the name of a substance, do not award a mark for a correct formula unless directed otherwise in the “Notes” column. Similarly, if the formula is specifically asked for, do not award a mark for a correct name unless directed otherwise in the “Notes” column.
16. If a question asks for an equation for a reaction, a balanced symbol equation is usually expected, do not award a mark for a word equation or an unbalanced equation unless directed otherwise in the “Notes” column.
17. Ignore missing or incorrect state symbols in an equation unless directed otherwise in the “Notes” column.

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
1.	(a)	(i)	London/dispersion forces «only» ✓ strength «of intermolecular forces» increases as size of electron cloud/number of electrons increases ✓	Accept strength of intermolecular forces increases as mass/size of molecule increases for M2.	2
1.	(a)	(ii)	boils/vaporizes OR molecules have sufficient energy to overcome intermolecular forces ✓ gaseous molecules are further apart «than in liquid» ✓	Accept gases have a «much» lower density than liquids for M2. Do not award M2 unless a change of state is indicated.	2
1.	(a)	(iii)	«Mr(C ₃ H ₈) = 44.11» «n =» 0.146 «mol» ✓ «V = $\frac{0.146 \times 8.31 \times 288}{100}$ =» 3.49 «dm ³ » ✓	Award [2] for correct final answer. Accept answers in the range 3.49 - 3.59 «dm ³ ».	2
1.	(a)	(iv)	not behaving as an ideal gas «at very high pressure» ✓ ideal gas molecules have no volume OR volume of «propane» molecules is not negligible ✓	Accept propane is a real gas for M1.	2
1.	(b)		substitution AND «free» radical ✓		1

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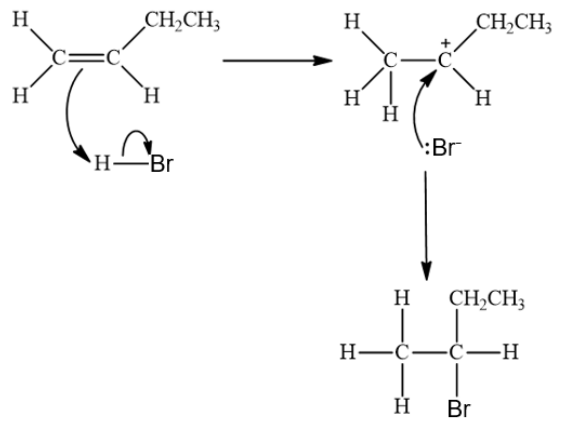
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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
1.	(c)		<i>Reagent:</i> sodium hydroxide/NaOH/hydroxide ions/OH[−] ✓ <i>Conditions:</i> warm/heat/reflux OR aqueous OR «aprotic» solvent ✓	Accept any strong base for M1. Award [2] for NaOH(aq).	2

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
2.	(a)	(i)	A: sp² AND B: sp³ ✓		1
2.	(a)	(ii)	<i>σ bonds:</i> orbital overlap/high electron density along internuclear axis/between nuclei OR head-on/end-to-end overlap «of atomic/hybridized orbitals» ✓ <i>π bonds:</i> «orbital» overlap/high electron density above and below internuclear/bond axis OR sideways overlap «of parallel p orbitals» ✓	Award [2 max] for appropriate diagrams.	2

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
2.	(b)	(i)	2-bromobutane/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{Br})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ✓ secondary carbocation is more stable than primary carbocation OR «secondary» carbocation has greater number of alkyl groups/lower charge on carbon OR alkyl groups are more electron releasing/have greater inductive effect «than hydrogen» ✓	Do not award M2 for simply stating Markovnikov's rule.	2
2.	(b)	(ii)	 curly arrow going from $\text{C}=\text{C}$ to H of HBr AND curly arrow showing heterolytic fission of $\text{H}-\text{Br}$ bond ✓ representation of carbocation ✓ curly arrow going from lone pair/negative charge on Br^- to C^+ ✓	Do not penalise a mechanism that yields the wrong isomer, if this was given in 2(b)(i).	3
2.	(b)	(iii)	polarimeter ✓		1

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
3.	(a)		<i>K(s):</i> high «electrical conductivity»/conductor AND electrons free to flow/delocalized ✓ <i>KCl(s):</i> low «electrical conductivity»/not a conductor AND ions/charged particles are fixed in position ✓	Award [1 max] for <i>K(s)</i> is a conductor AND <i>KCl(s)</i> is not a conductor. Do not accept just “metal” or “metallic bonding” for M1. Do not accept an explanation in terms of electrons for M2.	2
3.	(b)	(i)	<i>Anode (positive electrode):</i> $\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^-$ OR $2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + 2\text{e}^-$ ✓ <i>Cathode (negative electrode):</i> $\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ OR $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2(\text{g})$ ✓	Award [1 max] for correct equations at wrong electrode. Do not award a mark for reactions producing chlorine. Ignore reversible arrows.	2
3.	(b)	(ii)	oxygen/O ₂ ✓		1
3.	(b)	(iii)	1:1 ✓	Accept “same”.	1

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3.	(c)		<i>Protons:</i> 19 AND <i>Electrons:</i> 18 AND <i>Neutrons:</i> 22 ✓		1
3.	(d)		successive ionization energies ✓ 3 large increases in «ionization» energy «after first, ninth and seventeenth electron removed» ✓	Award [2 max] for a labelled diagram which shows the trend in successive ionization energies.	2

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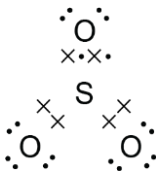
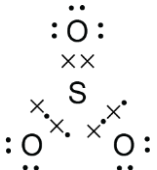
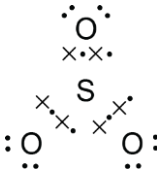
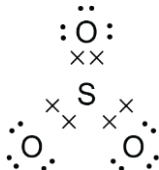
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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
3.	(e)	(i)	Alternative 1: $\Delta H_f(\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})) = -285.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \checkmark$ $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{products}) - \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{reactants})$ $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = (2(-481.8) + 0) - (0 + 2(-285.8))$ $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = -392.0 \text{ kJ} \checkmark$ $\Delta H = -196.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \checkmark$ Alternative 2: $\Delta H_f(\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})) = -285.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \checkmark$ $\text{K}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{KOH}(\text{aq}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ OR $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{products}) - \Sigma \Delta H_f(\text{reactants})$ $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = (-481.8) - (-285.8) \checkmark$ $\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = -196.0 \text{ kJ} \checkmark$	Award [3] for correct final answer. M1 may be awarded from working.	3

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3.	(e)	(ii)	sodium reaction is slower/less vigorous/produces less heat ✓	Accept sodium yellow AND potassium lilac flame. Accept hydrogen gas does not ignite with sodium. Do not accept answers such as “sodium is less reactive” that do not describe the difference in the reaction with water.	1
3.	(e)	(iii)	$\text{K}_2\text{O(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 2\text{K}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ ✓	Accept $\text{K}_2\text{O(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 2 \text{KOH(aq)}$. Accept an equation for a neutralization reaction of K_2O with an acid e.g. $\text{K}_2\text{O(s)} + 2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) \rightarrow 2\text{K}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$.	1

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
4.	(a)	(i)	<i>Obeys octet rule:</i>  OR other resonance structures ✓ <i>Does not obey octet rule:</i>  OR  OR other resonance structures ✓	<i>Accept any combination of dots or crosses to represent electrons, or lines to represent electron pairs.</i> <i>Do not accept delocalized structures.</i> <i>For M2 accept:</i> 	2

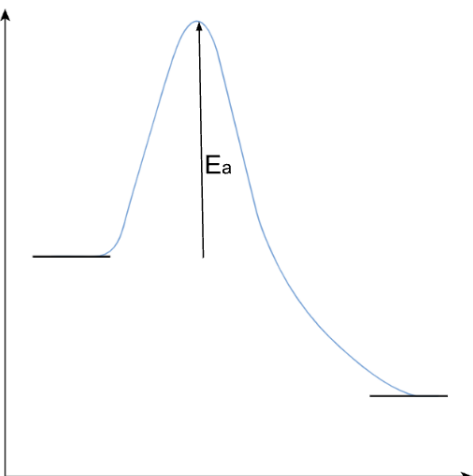
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4.	(a)	(ii)	«lowest» formal charge ✓		1
4.	(a)	(iii)	«all bonds» less than 161 «pm» ✓	Accept any value less than 161 pm and above 121 pm (actual value is 142 pm). Do not award the mark if two bond length values are given. Do not apply ECF from the Lewis structures in (a)(i).	1
4.	(b)		«reacts with water and forms sulfuric» acid rain/deposition OR is highly corrosive ✓	Do not accept health problems caused by SO₃ such as irritant/poisonous/toxic. Accept “forms smog” OR “causes global dimming”. Accept any specific environmental problem caused by acid deposition or smog.	1
4.	(c)		flue gas desulfurization OR «alkaline» scrubbing ✓	Accept injection of/neutralization with CaCO₃/basic oxide «into flue gas». Do not accept just neutralization.	1

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4.	(d)	(i)	«potential» energy/enthalpy/H  Reaction progress/pathway/coordinate x-axis labelled reaction progress/pathway/coordinate AND y-axis labelled «potential» energy/enthalpy/H ✓ curve showing exothermic reaction ✓ labelled arrow/line showing E_a ✓	<i>Do not accept just “reaction” or “time” for x-axis label.</i> <i>Accept double-headed arrow for E_a but do not accept a downward arrow.</i> <i>Accept more complex diagrams showing an intermediate.</i>	3

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4.	(d)	(ii)	more molecules/collisions have energy $\geq E_a$ ✓ frequency/probability of «successful» collisions increases ✓	Do not accept “more collisions” in M2 without reference to time or probability.	2
4.	(d)	(iii)	«provides» alternative reaction pathway/mechanism ✓ lowers E_a OR more molecules/collisions have sufficient energy/energy $\geq E_a$ ✓	Accept description of how catalyst lowers E_a such as “reactants adsorb on surface «of catalyst»”, “reactant bonds weaken «when adsorbed»” for M1.	2
4.	(d)	(iv)	V_2O_5 : +5 AND V_2O_4 : +4 ✓	Do not accept 5+ or 4+.	1
4.	(d)	(v)	« $K_c = \frac{[SO_3]}{[SO_2][O_2]^{1/2}}$ » ✓		1
4.	(d)	(vi)	« $\Delta S^\ominus = 256.8 - (248.2 + \frac{1}{2}(205.2)) =$ $-94.0 \text{ «J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}\text{»}$ » ✓		1
4.	(d)	(vii)	fewer moles/molecules «of gas» in products ✓	Apply ECF, so do not award mark if answer to 4(d)vi is positive.	1
4.	(d)	(viii)	« $\Delta G^\ominus = \Delta H^\ominus - T\Delta S^\ominus$ » « $= -98.5 - (773 \times (-94.0 \times 10^{-3})) =$ $-25.8 \text{ «kJ mol}^{-1}\text{»}$ » ✓	Award [1] for $-21.2 \text{ «kJ mol}^{-1}\text{»}$ if $-100 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ was used.	1

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4.	(d)	(ix)	$\llcorner -25.8 \times 10^3 = -8.31 \times 773 \times \ln K \llcorner$ $\ln K = \llcorner \frac{-25.8 \times 10^3}{-8.31 \times 773} \Rightarrow 4.016 \checkmark$ $K = 55.5 \checkmark$	Award [2] for correct final answer. Accept answers in the range 55 – 60. Award [2] for $K = 49.0$ if $-25.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ was used.	2
4.	(d)	(x)	$\llcorner \frac{0.150}{0.120 \times 0.050^{1/2}} \Rightarrow 5.6 \checkmark$ $\llcorner \text{not at equilibrium and proceeds in} \gg \text{forward/right/products/SO}_3 \text{ direction} \checkmark$	Do not award M2 if no working is shown.	2

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
5.	(a)	(i)	$\llcorner n(\text{NaOH}) = n(\text{H}^+) = 0.150 \times 20.0 \times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 3.00 \times 10^{-3} \llcorner \text{mol} \gg$ OR $\llcorner \text{volume at equivalence point} \Rightarrow 18.0 \llcorner \text{cm}^3 \gg \checkmark$ $\llcorner [\text{NaOH}] = \frac{3.00 \times 10^{-3}}{18.0 \times 10^{-3}} \gg = 0.167 \llcorner \text{mol dm}^{-3} \gg \checkmark$	Award [2] for correct final answer.	2
5.	(a)	(ii)	$\llcorner \text{p}K_a \Rightarrow 4.8 \checkmark$	Accept answers in the range 4.7 – 4.9.	
5.	(a)	(iii)	$\llcorner \text{conjugate} \gg \text{acid and base pair/forms} \llcorner \text{of phenolphthalein} \gg \text{have different colours} \checkmark$	Do not accept just colorless in acid and pink in alkali.	1

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5.	(a)	(iv)	equivalence point falls within endpoint/pH range of indicator OR pH range of phenolphthalein is 8.3-10.0 AND pH at equivalence is within this range OR endpoint/pK_a «of phenolphthalein» is within vertical section of curve ✓		1
5.	(b)		Alternative 1: <i>Method:</i> measure pH «of both acids» ✓ <i>Observation:</i> weak acid has higher pH ✓ Alternative 2: <i>Method:</i> react «both acids» with metal/metal oxide/hydroxide/hydrogen carbonate/carbonate ✓ <i>Observation:</i> weak acid reacts more slowly/less vigorously ✓ Alternative 3: <i>Method:</i> measure «electrical» conductivity ✓ <i>Observation:</i> weak acid has lower «electrical» conductivity ✓	Accept specific examples for Alternative 2. Accept other suitable methods such as titration, indicator/pH paper, or enthalpy change and corresponding observations such as shape of curve/pH at equivalence point, colour, or enthalpy change/amount of heat released upon neutralization.	2

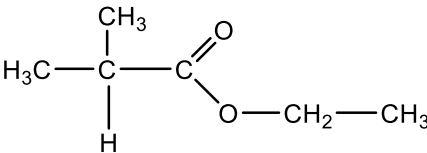
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5.	(c)	(i)	dissociation of water is endothermic ✓		1
5.	(c)	(ii)	$\llcorner K_w = [H^+][OH^-] \gg$ $\llcorner [H^+] = (9.55 \times 10^{-14})^{1/2} = 3.09 \times 10^{-7} \gg$ pH = 6.51 ✓ pOH = 6.51 ✓	Accept $pOH = pH$ for M2. Award [2] for 6.51 without specifying whether it is pH or pOH.	2
5.	(d)	(i)	Number of signals: 3 ✓ Ratio of areas: 6:1:1 ✓	Accept ratio in any order.	2
5.	(d)	(ii)	doublet ✓	Accept “2”.	1
5.	(d)	(iii)	Any one of: chemical shift/signal outside range of common chemical shifts/signals ✓ all 12 H atoms in same environment ✓ singlet/no splitting of signal ✓ volatile/easily separated/easily removed ✓ inert/stable ✓	Accept strong signal. Do not accept chemical shift = 0.	1 Max
5.	(e)	(i)	^{13}C /carbon-13 ✓	Accept isotope.	1

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Question			Answers	Notes	Total
5.	(e)	(ii)	m/z 73: $\text{CH}_3\text{CHCOOH}^+ / \text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2^+ \checkmark$ m/z 43: $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}^+ / \text{C}_3\text{H}_7^+ \checkmark$	Penalize missing + sign once only. Award [1 max] for loss of CH_3 AND loss of COOH .	2
5.	(f)		2500-3000 « cm^{-1} » OR 1700-1750 « cm^{-1} » OR 1050-1410 « cm^{-1} » $\checkmark$	Accept any value within these ranges. Do not accept 2850-3090 « cm^{-1} ».	1
5.	(g)		Structural formula:  correct representation of ester group $\checkmark$ rest of the structure correct $\checkmark$ Empirical formula: $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O} \checkmark$	Accept unambiguous abbreviated structural formulas, such as $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCOOC}_2\text{H}_5$.	3

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
6.	(a)	(i)	change in «brown» colour with time OR change in «gas» pressure «at constant volume» with time OR change in «gas» volume «at constant pressure» with time ✓	<i>Do not accept changes without reference to time.</i>	1
6.	(a)	(ii)	first order with respect to O ₂ AND second order with respect to NO ✓ rate = k[NO] ² [O ₂] ✓	<i>Award [2] for correct rate expression.</i>	2
6.	(a)	(iii)	$k = \frac{0.227}{0.020 \times (0.040)^2} \Rightarrow 7.1 \times 10^3$ ✓ mol ⁻² dm ⁶ s ⁻¹ ✓		2
6.	(b)		Type of bonding: coordinate/dative «covalent» ✓ Role of NO ₂ : <u>Lewis</u> base ✓		2

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
7.	(a)		oxygen/O ₂ AND gains electrons OR oxygen/ O ₂ AND oxidation state decreases/changes from 0 to -2 ✓		1
7.	(b)		«n(O ₂) = ¼ n(I ⁻) => 1.2 x 10 ⁻³ «mol» ✓		1
7.	(c)		« $\frac{1.2 \times 10^{-3} \times 32.00}{200 \times 10^{-3}}$ » = 0.19 «g dm ⁻³ » ✓	Award [1] for 0.32 «g dm ⁻³ » if 2.0 x 10 ⁻³ mol was used.	1

Question			Answers	Notes	Total
8.	(a)		anode to have Ni AND Ni(NO₃)₂/Ni²⁺ AND cathode to have Ag AND AgNO₃/Ag⁺ ✓ electrons to flow from anode to cathode/left to right ✓	Electron flow must be clearly through the external circuit for M2.	2
8.	(b)		balances charges/keeps each half-cell «electrically» neutral OR completes circuit/allows ion flow «between cells» ✓		1