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Chemistry

Standard level

Paper 2

5 November 2024

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

1 hour 15 minutes

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Instructions to candidates

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- A calculator is required for this paper.
- A clean copy of the **chemistry data booklet** is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.

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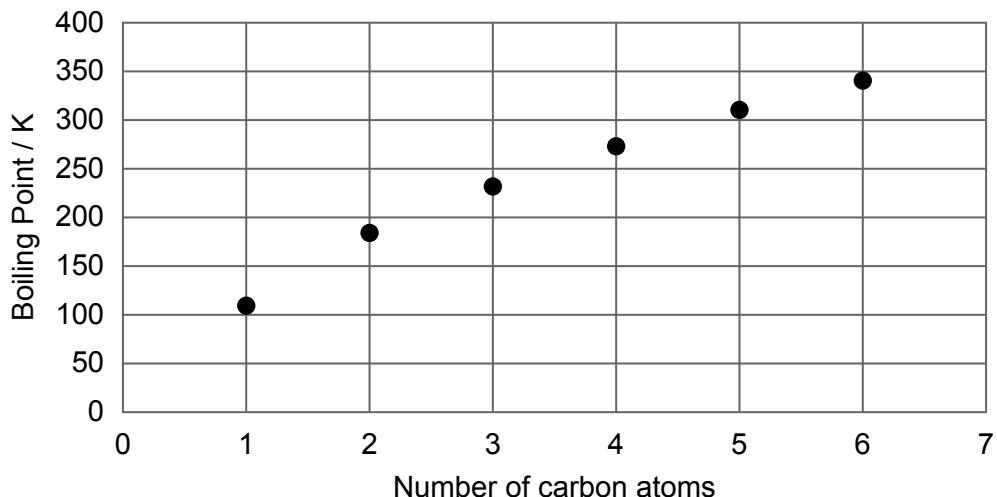
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Answer **all** questions. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

1. Alkanes are commonly occurring organic compounds.

- (a) The first four straight chain alkanes are gases at room temperature.

Boiling points of straight chain alkanes



- (i) Explain why the boiling point increases from methane to propane. [2]

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- (ii) Explain why the volume occupied by a sample of propane increases sharply when the sample is heated up from 200 to 250 K at constant pressure. [2]

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- (iii) Calculate the volume, in dm^3 , occupied by 6.45 g of propane gas at 100 kPa and 15 °C.

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- (iv) Outline why the volume occupied by propane (g) at very high pressure is higher than the value calculated using $PV = nRT$.

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- (b) Ethane can be converted to chloroethane by reacting with chlorine gas, $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$, in the presence of UV light.

- (i) State the type of reaction and the name of the mechanism by which it occurs. [1]

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- (ii) Explain the reaction mechanism by writing equations for each step. [4]

One initiation step:

Two propagation steps:

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One termination step:

- (c) Chloroethane can be converted to ethanol. Identify the reagent and conditions necessary for this reaction to occur. [2]

Reagent:

Conditions:



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2. Potassium, K, and potassium chloride, KCl, both form lattice structures in the solid state.

(a) Predict, with a reason, the electrical conductivity of K(s) and KCl(s). [2]

K(s):

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KCl(s):

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(b) An electrolytic cell is made using inert electrodes and molten potassium chloride, KCl(l). State the half equation for the reaction occurring at each electrode. [2]

Anode (positive electrode):

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Cathode (negative electrode):

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(c) State the number of each type of subatomic particle in the potassium ion, $^{41}_{19}K^+$. [1]

Protons:

Electrons:

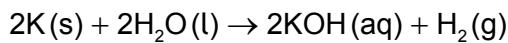
Neutrons:

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(Question 2 continued)

- (d) Potassium reacts with water to produce potassium hydroxide.



- (i) Calculate the enthalpy of reaction, in kJ mol^{-1} , when 1 mol of potassium reacts with water. Use section 12 of the data booklet. ΔH_f of KOH(aq) is $-481.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. [3]

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- (ii) Describe the difference between the reactions of sodium and potassium with water. [1]

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- (iii) Demonstrate, with an equation, the acid-base nature of $\text{K}_2\text{O(s)}$. [1]

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3. Sulfur trioxide is an important compound in industry.

(a) Sulfur trioxide has more than one possible Lewis (electron dot) structure.

(i) Sketch a Lewis (electron dot) structure for SO_3 which obeys the octet rule. [1]

(ii) Predict the length of each S to O bond in pm. Use section 10 of the data booklet. [1]

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(iii) State the molecular geometry and the O-S-O bond angle in SO_3 . [2]

Molecular geometry:

Bond angle:

(b) Suggest why atmospheric $\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ is an environmental concern. [1]

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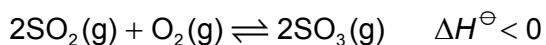
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- (c) State the name of a post-combustion method used to lower the quantity of $\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ released to the atmosphere.

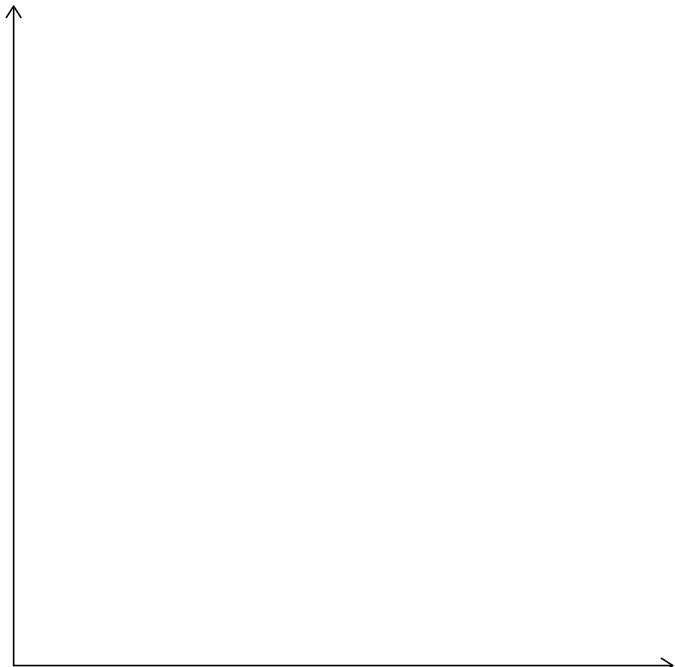
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- (d) $\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ is made using the contact process.



- (i) Sketch a potential energy profile for this reaction on the axes provided. Label E_a and include labels on the axes.

[3]



- (ii) Explain why increasing the temperature increases the rate of reaction.

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(Question 3 continued)

- (iii) Vanadium pentoxide, V_2O_5 , is used as a catalyst. Explain how a catalyst increases the rate of a reaction.

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- (iv) During the reaction, V_2O_5 changes to V_2O_4 . Identify the oxidation states of vanadium in each compound.

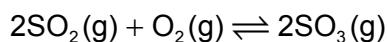
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V_2O_5 :

V_2O_4 :

- (v) State the equilibrium constant expression, K_c , for the production of SO_3 .

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- (vi) Outline, with a reason, the effect of increasing the pressure on the position of equilibrium.

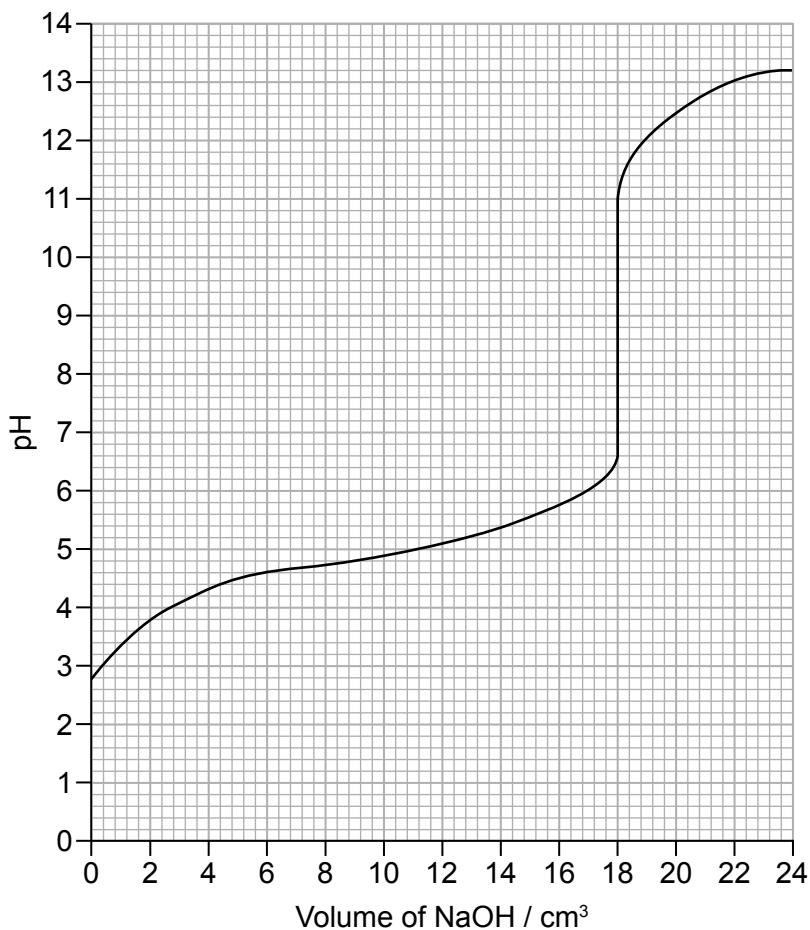
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4. Propanoic acid is a weak acid.

- (a) A 20.00 cm^3 sample of 0.150 mol dm^{-3} propanoic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ (aq), was titrated with a solution of sodium hydroxide, NaOH (aq), giving the pH curve shown.



Determine the concentration, in mol dm^{-3} , of the NaOH (aq) used in the titration.

[2]

- (b) Predict the number of signals and the ratio of areas under the signals in the ^1H NMR spectrum of propanoic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$.

[2]

Number of signals:

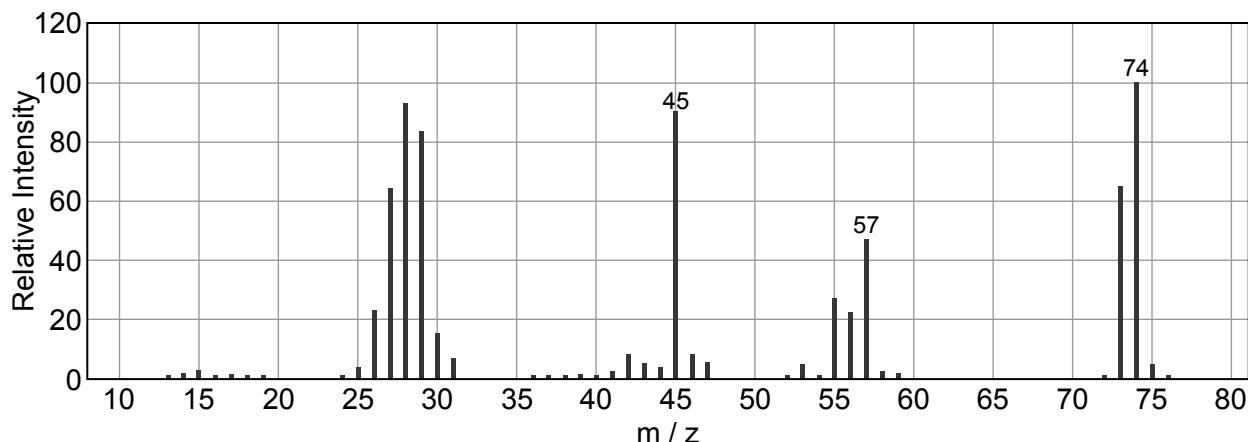
Ratio of areas:

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(Question 4 continued)

- (c) The mass spectrum of propanoic acid is shown.



- (i) The molar mass of propanoic acid is 74.09 g mol^{-1} . Suggest why there are two smaller peaks with higher m/z value than 74. [1]

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- (ii) Identify the fragments with m/z 57 and 45. Use section 28 of the data booklet. [2]

m/z 57:

m/z 45:

- (d) Outline how samples of propanoic acid and a strong acid of the same concentration can be distinguished from each other. [2]

Method:

Observation:



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