

Chemistry

Standard level

Paper 2

3 November 2025

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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]**.



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

1. Nitrogen monoxide, NO (g), is produced in internal combustion and jet engines.

(a) Outline a reason why NO is a pollutant.

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(b) Calculate the amount, in moles, of NO in $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ of engine exhaust gas which contains 0.10 % NO by volume at 200 °C and $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$.

Use sections 1 and 2 of the data booklet.

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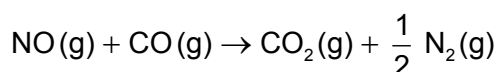
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(c) In an exhaust pipe catalytic converter, NO reacts with carbon monoxide, CO.



Deduce which element is reduced in this process, indicating the initial and final oxidation states.

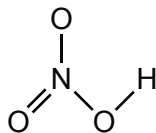
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Element	Initial oxidation state	Final oxidation state



2. Nitric acid, HNO_3 , is a strong acid.

(a) (i) Annotate the structure of nitric acid to indicate the coordination bond. [1]



(ii) Write an equation for the reaction of excess nitric acid with sodium carbonate. [1]

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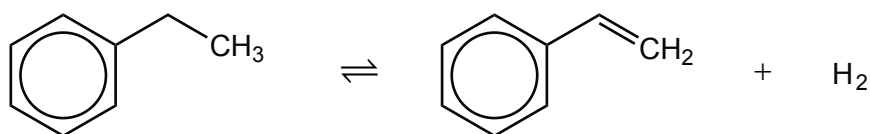
(b) (i) Draw the Lewis formula of the nitrate ion. [1]

(ii) Write the formula of nickel(II) nitrate. [1]

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3. Phenylethene (styrene) is produced from ethylbenzene in a gas-phase equilibrium.



- (a) (i) Calculate the mass, in g, of styrene produced from 1.0 kg of ethylbenzene if the yield of the reaction is 90 %.

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- (ii) Calculate the atom economy of the reaction.

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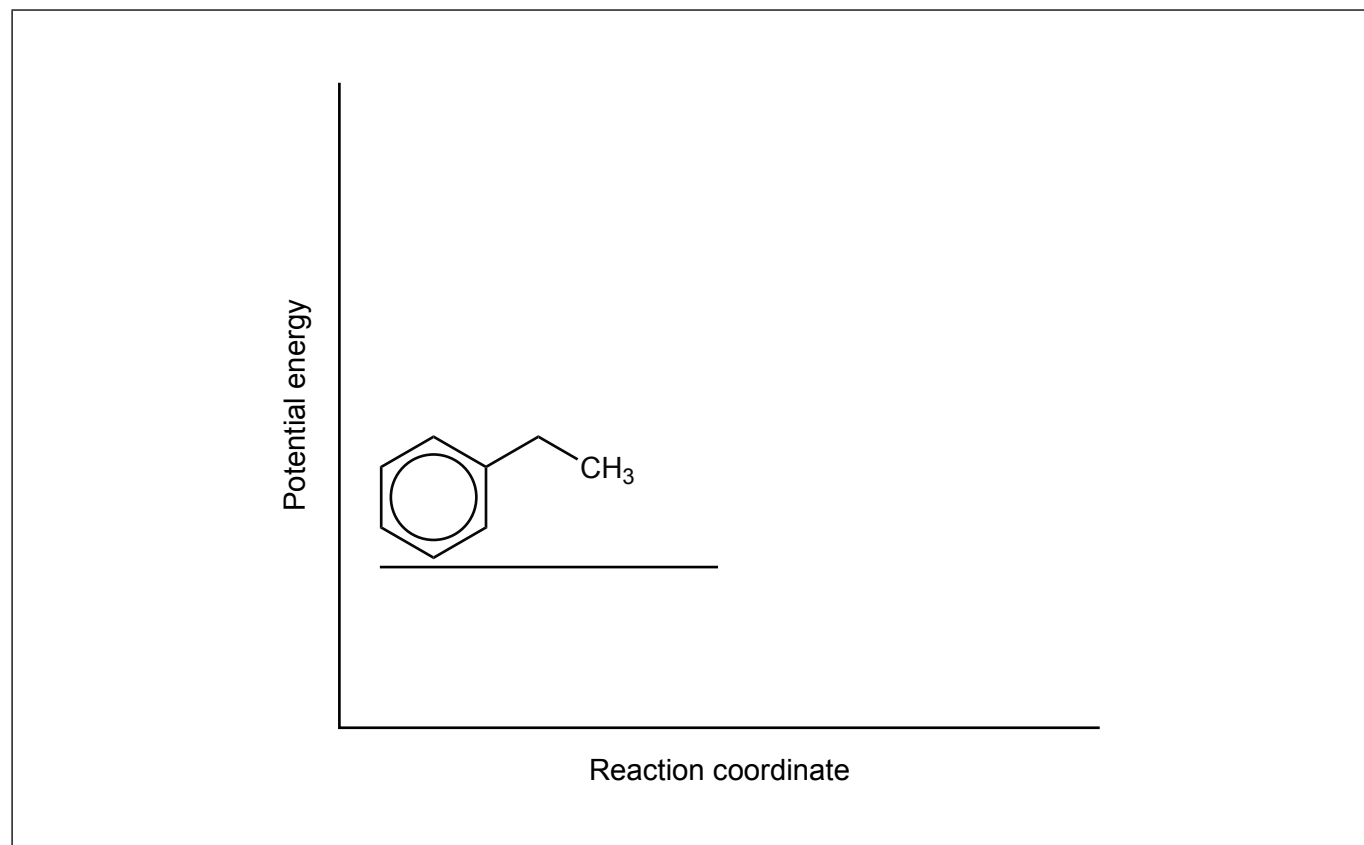


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- (b) The forward reaction is endothermic, uses iron(III) oxide as a catalyst, and takes place at 900 K.

Sketch the energy profile for the reaction, both with and without the catalyst, labelling ΔH and the activation energies.

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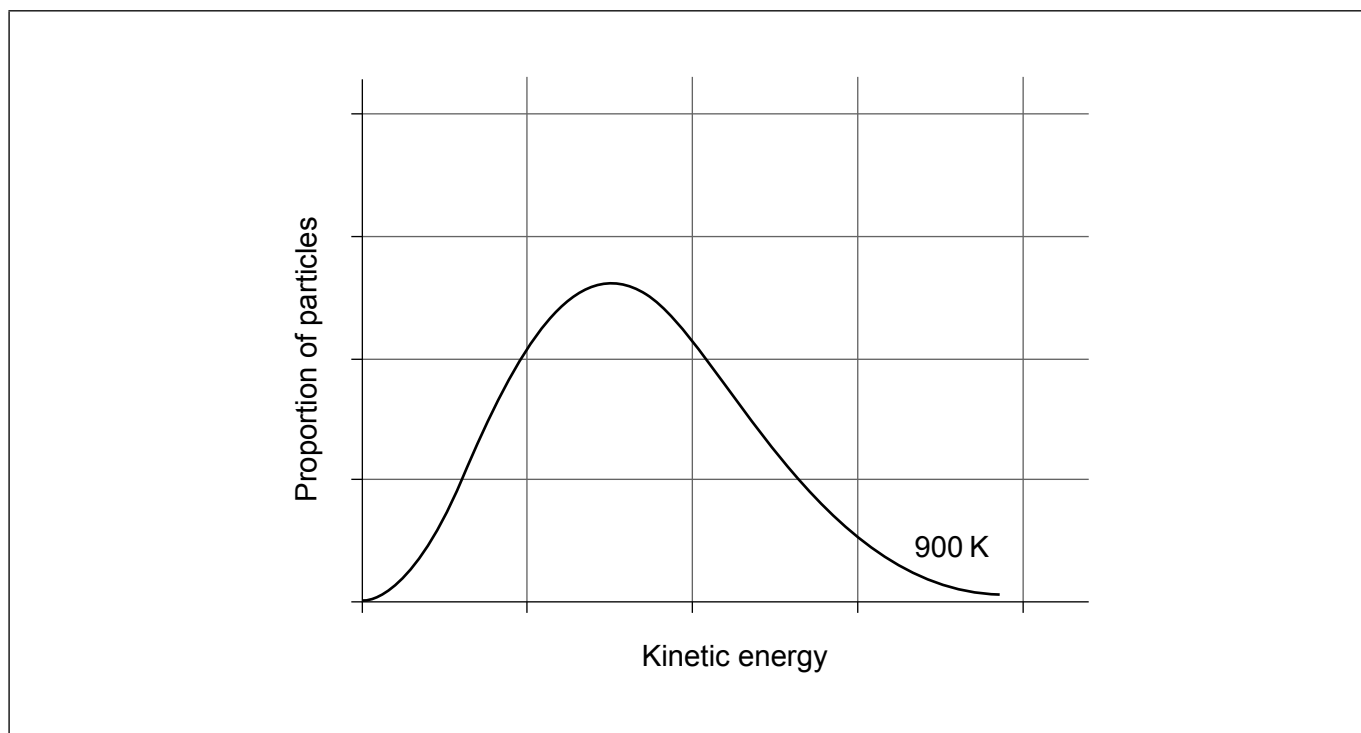


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- (c) (i) Sketch the Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution curve for 298 K on the same axes as the 900 K curve. [1]



- (ii) Annotate the graph to show the activation energy, E_a . [1]
- (iii) Explain why reducing the temperature decreases the rate of reaction, referring to the graph in your explanation. [2]

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

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- (v) Outline the effect of decreasing temperature on the position of equilibrium.

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- (d) (i) Complete the diagram to show the repeating unit of polystyrene.

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- (ii) State the type of polymerization that occurs.

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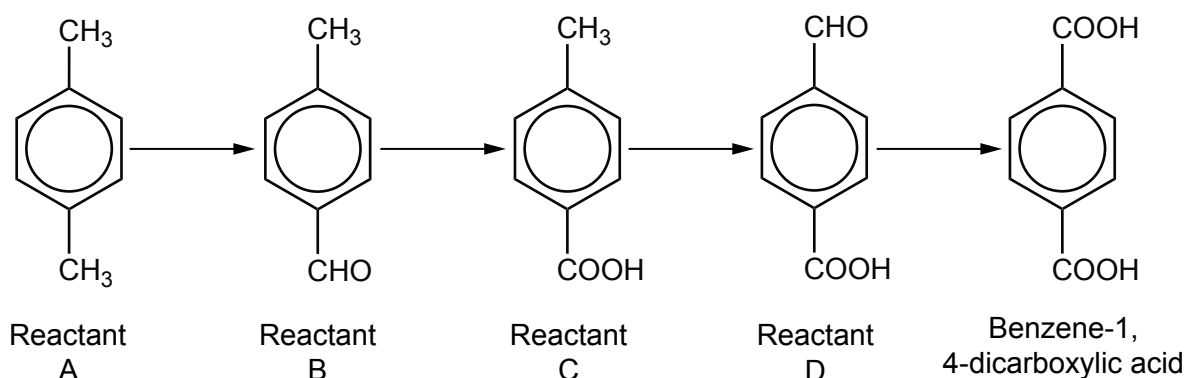
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- (e) Another compound used to make polymers, benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid, can be produced by a series of reactions.



- (i) Deduce the relationship between reactant A and ethylbenzene. [1]

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- (ii) State the structural formula, functional group name and homologous series of the CHO functional group. [2]

Structural formula drawing	Functional group name	Homologous series name
		
		
		

- (iii) Suggest the conditions required and the role of the reagent KMnO_4 used to convert intermediate B into intermediate C. [2]

Conditions:

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Role of KMnO_4 :

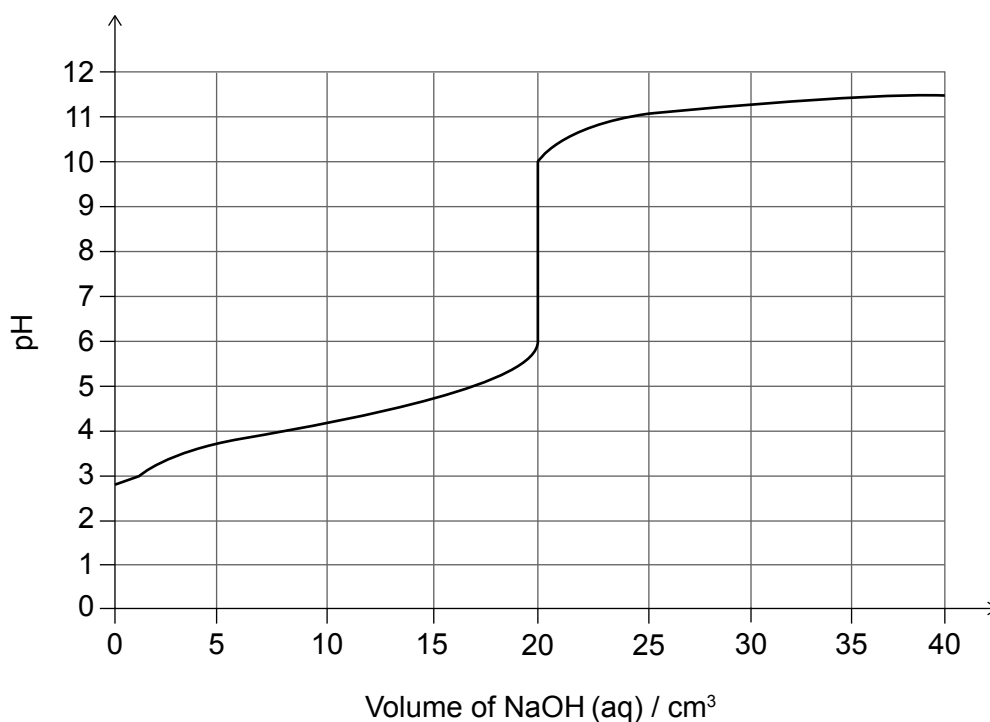
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- (f) Benzoic acid is a weak acid. The graph shows how the pH changes during the titration of a 10.0 cm^3 aqueous solution of benzoic acid with aqueous sodium hydroxide.



- (i) Deduce the equilibrium constant expression, K , for the ionization of benzoic acid ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$).

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- (ii) State the volume of sodium hydroxide added at the equivalence point.

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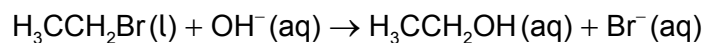
- (iii) Calculate the concentration of the benzoic acid solution, in mol dm^{-3} , given that the sodium hydroxide concentration was 0.010 mol dm^{-3} .

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4. Bromoethane can react with aqueous hydroxide ions to produce ethanol.



- (a) State the type of reaction.

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- (b) Sketch the mechanism of the reaction, showing structural formulas and using curly arrows to represent the movement of electron pairs.

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- (c) Determine the standard enthalpy change of the reaction, in kJ mol^{-1} . Use section 12 of the data booklet. Ignore interactions between ions and the solvent.

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5. A sample of bromine has the following composition by mass:

^{79}Br : 50.75 %

^{81}Br : 49.25 %

- (a) Contrast the atomic structures of the isotopes.

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- (b) Calculate the relative atomic mass of bromine from the sample, giving your answer to two decimal places.

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- (c) (i) Deduce the condensed electron configuration of bromine. [1]

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- (ii) Describe the bonding in a molecule of bromine in terms of valence electrons. [1]

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- (iii) Explain why bromine is a liquid at STP, whereas chlorine is a gas and iodine is a solid. [2]

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- (iv) Deduce the equation, and the colour change observed, for the reaction of dilute bromine water with aqueous iodide solution. [2]

Equation:

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Colour change:

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- (v) Outline why bromine does not react with an aqueous chloride solution. [1]

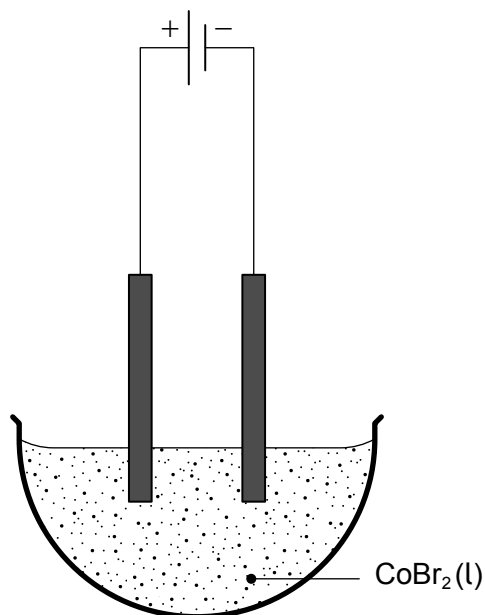
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- (vi) Deduce the products of the electrolysis of molten cobalt(II) bromide, $\text{CoBr}_2(\text{l})$. [2]



Product at anode:

Product at cathode:



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