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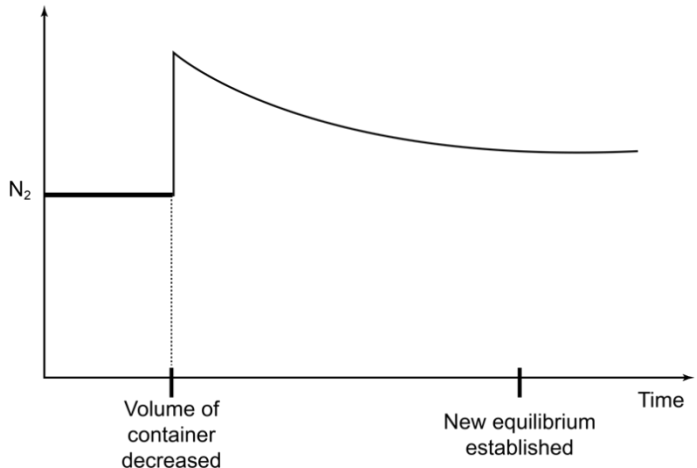
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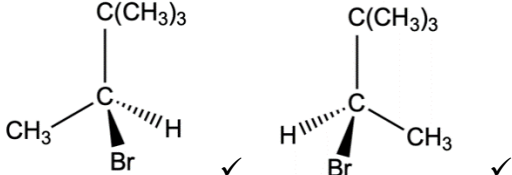
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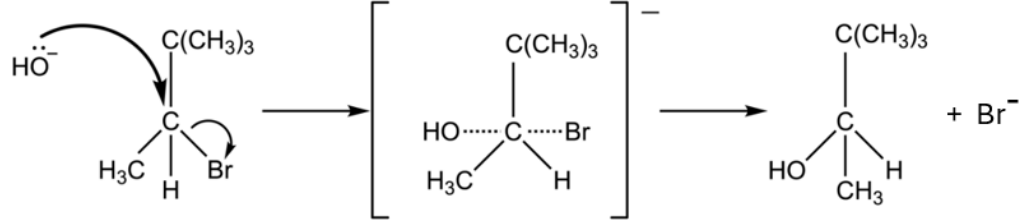
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1.	(a)	(i)	hydroxyl ✓	Accept hydroxy. Do not accept alcohol, phenol, or hydroxide.	1
1.	(a)	(ii)	Phenol red: «red hence it absorbs complementary colour» green ✓ Bromocresol green: «blue hence it absorbs complementary colour» orange ✓		2
1.	(b)	(i)	Molecular formula: C ₂₀ H ₁₄ O ₄ ✓ Empirical formula: C ₁₀ H ₇ O ₂ ✓		2
1.	(b)	(ii)	Absorption X: O-H «in phenols» ✓ Absorption Y: C=O ✓ Absorption Z: C-O ✓		3
1.	(c)		C ₆ H ₅ OH + OH ⁻ → C ₆ H ₅ O ⁻ + H ₂ O OR C ₆ H ₅ OH + H ₂ O ⇌ C ₆ H ₅ O ⁻ + H ₃ O ⁺ OR C ₆ H ₅ OH ⇌ C ₆ H ₅ O ⁻ + H ⁺ ✓		1

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1.	(d)		$\text{HInd (aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O (l)} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \text{ (aq)} + \text{Ind}^- \text{ (aq)}$ AND HInd and Ind⁻ have different colours OR $\text{HInd (aq)} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ \text{ (aq)} + \text{Ind}^- \text{ (aq)}$ AND HInd and Ind⁻ have different colours ✓ equilibrium shifts when acid or base is added «to give one of the colours» OR HInd colour in acid/low pH AND Ind⁻ colour in alkali/high pH ✓	Accept equation for an ionic or molecular reaction with a base AND HInd and Ind ⁻ have different colours for M1.	2
2.			liquids flow / shape not fixed AND molecules/particles free to move ✓ non-compressible / fixed volume AND molecules/particles are close/touching/strongly attracted to each other ✓	Award [1] for two correct macroscopic properties.	2
3.	(a)	(i)	$[\text{N}_2] = 0.545$ AND $[\text{H}_2] = 0.727$ AND $[\text{NH}_3] = 0.112$ «mol dm⁻³» ✓ $K = \frac{[\text{NH}_3]^2}{[\text{N}_2][\text{H}_2]^3}$ ✓. «$K = \frac{0.112^2}{0.545 \times 0.727^3} \Rightarrow 0.0599$ ✓.	Award [3] for correct final answer. Award [3] for $K_p = 1.66 \times 10^{-9}$.	3

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3.	(a)	(ii)	 sharp increase at time volume of container decreased ✓ gradual decrease to second reference point ✓ final constant concentration above initial concentration ✓	Accept straight line or curve for M2.	3
3.	(a)	(iii)	$\Delta G^\ominus = -RT \ln K$ $\Delta G^\ominus = -8.31 \times 723 \times \ln(0.0599) \Rightarrow 16900 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \checkmark$	Award [2] for correct final answer. Accept J for M2. Accept 16.9 with the corresponding unit, kJ mol⁻¹/kJ. If K=0.200 used, answer is 9670 J mol⁻¹.	2
3.	(b)	(i)	it donates an electron/lone pair «to Cu ²⁺ » ✓	Accept diagram showing coordination bond from lone pair on N to Cu ²⁺ .	1

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3.	(b)	(ii)	«$\text{NH}_3 (\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ (\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^- (\text{aq})$» ALTERNATIVE 1: $K_b = 10^{-4.75} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \checkmark$ «$1.8 \times 10^{-5} = [\text{OH}^-]^2 / 0.350$» $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.0025 \text{ «mol dm}^{-3}\text{»} \checkmark$ pH «$= 14.00 - (-\log 0.0025)$ » = 11.40 OR pH «$= -\log (1.00 \times 10^{-14} / 0.0025)$ » = 11.40 $\checkmark$ ALTERNATIVE 2: «$[\text{OH}^-]^2 = K_b \times [\text{NH}_3]$» pOH = $0.5 \text{ p}K_b - 0.5(\log [\text{NH}_3])$ OR pOH = $(0.5 \times 4.75) - (0.5 \times \log 0.350) \checkmark$ pOH = 2.60 $\checkmark$ pH = $14.00 - 2.60 = 11.40 \checkmark$	Award [3] for correct final answer. Do not award ECF for M3 if pH < 7.	3
4.	(a)		3-bromo-2,2-dimethylbutane $\checkmark$	Accept 2-bromo-3,3-dimethylbutane or 2,2-dimethyl-3-bromobutane or 3,3-dimethyl-2-bromobutane.	1

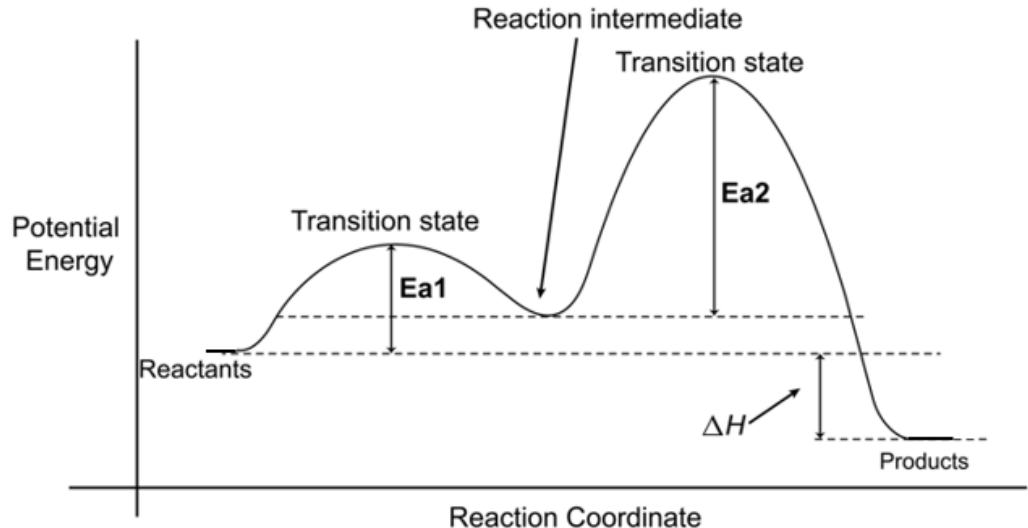
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4.	(b)			<i>Award [1 max] for the two structural isomers showing correct bond angles if non-3-D (wedge-dash representation is omitted).</i> <i>Do not accept structures with bond angles of 90°.</i>	2
4.	(c)		«molar mass =» 165.09 ✓ «% H = 13.13 x 100/ 165.09 =» 7.953% ✓	<i>Award M2 only if answer has four significant figures.</i> <i>Award [2] for correct final answer.</i>	2

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4.	(d)	(i)	 curly arrow from lone pair/negative charge on O in OH^- to C attached to Br ✓ curly arrow from C–Br bond to Br ✓ transition state showing negative charge AND partial bonds ✓ products (Br$^-$ AND $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$) ✓	Award [3 max] if $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ mechanism is given. Accept curly arrows in the transition state. Do not penalize if HO and Br are not at 180°. Accept NaBr as part of the products only if Na^+ is shown at the start.	4
4.	(d)	(ii)	C–I «bond» is weaker than C–Br «bond» ✓ due to large atomic radius of I OR I is a better leaving group «than Br» OR activation energy of reaction is lower ✓		2
4.	(d)	(iii)	<i>Homolytic fission:</i> each atom receives one «bonding» electron «when bond breaks» OR generates «neutral» free radicals ✓ <i>Heterolytic fission:</i> one atom receives both «bonding» electrons «when bond breaks» OR generates «charged» ions ✓	Award [1 max] if correct descriptions are reversed.	2

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4.	(e)		any structural isomer of $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$. ✓		1
5.	(a)	(i)	$\Delta H^\circ_{\text{c}}$ values: $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 = -1301$, $\text{H}_2 = -286$, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6 = -1561 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ $\sum (\Delta H^\circ_{\text{c}} \text{ reactants}) = (-1301) + 2(-286) = -1873 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ AND $\sum (\Delta H^\circ_{\text{c}} \text{ products}) = -1561 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ✓ $\Delta H^\circ = \sum (\Delta H^\circ_{\text{c}} \text{ reactants}) - \sum (\Delta H^\circ_{\text{c}} \text{ products}) = -1873 - (-1561)$ $\Delta H^\circ = -312 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ✓	Award [2] for correct final answer.	2
5.	(a)	(ii)	$\Delta S^\circ = -233 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kJ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ OR $\Delta H^\circ = -312000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ✓ $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$ $0 = (-312) - T(-233 \times 10^{-3})$ OR $0 = (-312000) - T(-233)$ $T = 1340 \text{ K or above}$ ✓	Award [2] for correct final answer. If the alternative data is used the answer is 343 K. Do not award ECF for M2 if the answer is a negative Kelvin temperature.	2
5.	(b)		hydrogen is the limiting reactant OR $2\text{H}_2:1\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ ✓ 80.0 cm^3 ✓	Award [2] for correct final answer. Accept answers expressed in dm^3 .	2
5.	(c)	(i)	$\text{H} - \text{C} \equiv \text{C} - \text{H}$ ✓	Accept any combination of dots or crosses to represent electrons, or lines to represent electron pairs.	1
5.	(c)	(ii)	sp ✓		1
6.	(a)	(i)	$\text{Li} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$ OR $\text{LiC}_6 \rightarrow \text{C}_6 + \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$ ✓	Do not accept 6C. Do not penalize equilibrium arrows.	1

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6.	(a)	(ii)	negative sign AND large value ✓ oxidation/reverse reaction is «highly» spontaneous/favourable ✓	Accept <i>Li</i> is a good reductant/reducing agent for M2.	2
6.	(b)		arrow from cathode to anode in the external circuit ✓	Do not award mark if any arrows are in the electrolyte.	1
6.	(c)		«battery» stores «surplus» energy «from solar panel» ✓	Accept “stores charge/power for night use”. Accept “charges battery”.	1
6.	(d)		«1000.0 C / 96500 C mol ⁻¹ =» 0.0104 «mol of electrons/Li» ✓ «1 mol electrons releases 1 mol of Li ⁺ » «0.0104 x 6.02 x 10 ²³ =» 6.24 x 10 ²¹ «Li ⁺ ions» ✓	Award [2] for correct final answer.	2
7.	(a)		H ₂ N(CH ₂) ₆ NH ₂ ✓ HOOC(CH ₂) ₄ COOH / ClOC(CH ₂) ₄ COCl ✓	Accept any type of structural or skeletal formula. Penalize clear incorrect bond connections only once in the paper.	2
7.	(b)	(i)	O of C=O with H of H-N on opposite chain ✓	Do not penalize multiple correct H-bonds.	1

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7.	(b)	(ii)	H that is «covalently» bonded to a «highly» electronegative atom ✓ is attracted to the electronegative atom of neighbouring molecule ✓	Accept a labelled diagram for both marks. Accept “F, O or N” for “electronegative atom”.	2
7.	(c)		covalent bonds between silicon atoms ✓ London/dispersion forces between poly(ethene) «chains/molecules» ✓ covalent bonds «much» stronger than London/dispersion/intermolecular forces «hence Si has higher melting point» ✓	M3: Do not accept “bonding in silicon is stronger than poly(ethene)” without named bonding/forces.	3
8.	(a)	(i)	C AND E ✓		1

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8.	(a)	(ii)	 profile shows two transition states ✓ E_a of second step is larger AND products lower potential energy than reactants ✓ correct labels for reactants, products, both transition states and the intermediate ✓	E_a and ΔH labels are not required. Do not penalize if intermediate is at lower potential energy than the reactant.	3
8.	(a)	(iii)	A: first order AND B: second order ✓ «rate =» $k[A][B]^2$ ✓	Award [2] for correct rate equation.	2
8.	(b)		Any 3 of the following: temperature increases kinetic energy/speed of molecules ✓ more frequent collisions ✓ more molecules have $E \geq E_a$ at higher temperature ✓ larger ratio/percentage of collisions are successful ✓	M2 requires time reference for probability, chance, or number of collisions.	3 max

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9.	(a)		$6\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6(\text{aq}) + 6\text{O}_2(\text{g})$ ✓		1
9.	(b)	(i)	Any two: «ethanol is» renewable / sustainable resource ✓ «ethanol has» low/zero carbon footprint / produces less CO_2 ✓ less sulfur dioxide «than fossil fuels» OR less acid rain «than fossil fuels» ✓ less incomplete combustion «than fossil fuels» OR less carbon monoxide/soot «than fossil fuels» ✓	Accept “ethanol is biodegradable /less toxic than gasoline”. Do not accept just “less harmful”.	2 max
9.	(b)	(ii)	«bond breaking» $1 \text{ C-C} + 5 \text{ C-H} + 1 \text{ C-O} + 1 \text{ O-H} + 3 \text{ O=O}$ OR $346 + 5(414) + 358 + 463 + 3(498)$ OR 4731 «kJ» ✓ «bond forming» $4 \text{ C=O} + 6 \text{ O-H}$ OR $4(804) + 6(463)$ OR 5994 «kJ» ✓ «$\Delta H = 4731 - 5994 =$» $-1263 \text{ «kJ mol}^{-1}$» ✓	Award [3] for correct final answer.	3
9.	(c)		«$Q = (4.00 / 46.08) \times 1367 =$» $119 \text{ kJ} / 119000 \text{ J}$ ✓ «$\Delta T = Q / mc = 119000 / (500.0 \times 4.18) =$» 56.9 «K» ✓	Accept 56.8 «K». Allow use of ΔH_c calculated in (b)(ii) without penalty. Answer is $\Delta T = 52.5 / 52.6 \text{ «K»}$.	2

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9.	(d)		hydrogen has one shell only ✓ O has greater «effective» nuclear charge / more protons than C ✓ O and C have the same shielding effect/occupied energy levels ✓		3
10.	(a)	(i)	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$ OR [Ne] $3s^2 3p^4$ ✓		1
10.	(a)	(ii)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{O}}\text{---}\ddot{\text{S}}=\ddot{\text{O}} \\ \text{OR} \\ \ddot{\text{O}}=\ddot{\text{S}}=\ddot{\text{O}} \end{array}$	<i>Accept the Lewis formulas with the formal charges.</i> <i>Accept any combination of dots or crosses to represent electrons, or lines to represent electron pairs.</i>	1
10.	(a)	(iii)	<i>Electron domain geometry:</i> trigonal planar ✓ <i>Molecular domain geometry:</i> bent / V-shaped / angular ✓	<i>Apply ECF from Lewis formula.</i>	2

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10.	(a)	(iv)	«both» bonds are polar / electronegativity difference «between O and S» ✓ «bond» dipoles do not cancel each other / there is a net dipole «because bonds are at an angle less than 180° » ✓	<i>Accept unsymmetrical distribution of charge OR dipoles add to give a «partial» positive «charge» on S and a «partial» negative «charge» on the O atoms for M2.</i> <i>Apply ECF from molecular geometry.</i>	2
10.	(b)		$2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$ correct product AND state symbols for reactants and product ✓ correct balancing ✓		2