



A-Level Chemistry

Organic

Practical Questions

Mark Scheme

Time available: 122 minutes

Marks available: 99 marks

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Mark schemes

1.

(a) **M1** Tollens' reagent or ammoniacal silver nitrate

M2 silver mirror

M3 no reaction / no (visible) change / colourless

Alternative

M1 sodium

M2 no reaction / no (visible) change

M3 fizzing / bubbles / effervescence

OR

M1 Fehling's solution

M2 orange/brick/red solid/precipitate

M3 no reaction / no (visible) change

Do not allow acidified potassium dichromate(VI)

*If no reagent or incorrect reagent in **M1**, then no marks can score in **M2/3***

*Allow name or formula of suitable reagent for **M1**. Penalise incorrect formula of correct reagent in **M1** (even if correct name also given) but mark on for **M2/3***

*For Tollens': ignore AgNO_3 or $[\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$ or silver mirror test or "Tollings' reagent" on their own, but mark on for **M2/3**. Allow silver/black precipitate/solid/deposit for **M2**.*

*For Fehling's (or Benedict's): ignore $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ or CuSO_4 or "Fellings" on their own, but mark on for **M2/3***

Ignore "nothing (happens)" / "no observation"

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- (b) **M1** bromine (water) / Br₂ / Br₂(aq)
M2 orange/yellow / no reaction / no (visible) change
M3 colourless / decolourised

Alternative

M1 acidified potassium manganate(VII) / KMnO₄/H⁺

M2 no reaction / no (visible) change / purple

M3 colourless / decolourised

If no reagent or incorrect reagent in M1, then no marks can score in M2/3

Allow name or formula of suitable reagent for M1. Penalise incorrect formula of correct reagent in M1 (even if correct name also given) but mark on for M2/3.

Allow brown-red or brown for M2. (Ignore red)

Ignore clear for M3

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- (c) **M1** H = 1.0078
M2 C = 12.0096
M3 M_r = (6 × M1) + (6 × M2) = 78.1044

M2 Allow ECF from M1

M3 Allow ECF from M1 and M2

Penalise not giving answers to 4dp once only (on the first occasion it would score otherwise)

(providing answers are given to at least 2dp)

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2.

- (a) Use H₂SO₄
Allow HCl / H₃PO₄
Ignore conc / dilute

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- (b) M1 Cool test 2

warm (water bath)

Allow heat / hot

M2 Gas is tested with lighted splint in test 3

Bubble into limewater

Allow no test on gas needed

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(c) M1 J and M

M2 Test 1 (Orange solution goes) green

M3 M

M4 Test 2 (Blue solution gives a brick) red precipitate

Allow (Brown-red/orange/orange-red)

M5 J and L

M6 Test 3 (Colourless gas that turns) limewater cloudy

Allow M6 Test 3 fizz / effervescence

M7 K

M8 Test 4 (Orange solution goes) colourless

Allow (Brown/Brown-red/yellow/yellow-orange)

Allow decolorises bromine

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(d) M1 S - Fractionating column

M1 Allow beads

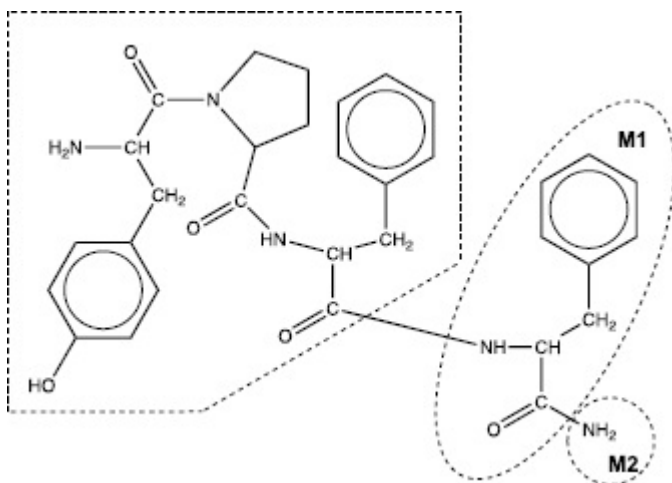
M2 Both T - Water out AND U - Water in

M3 Liquids K and M are likely to have similar boiling points

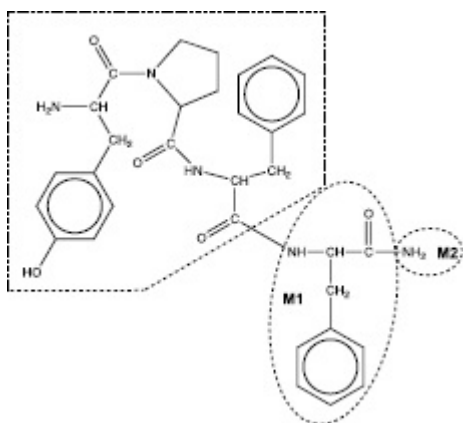
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3. (a)



Alternative form

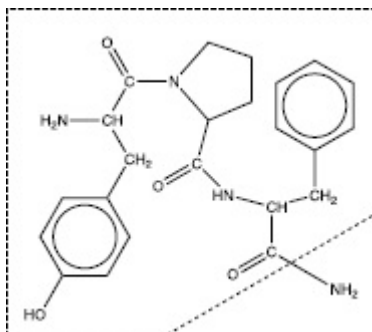


M1 Phe structure drawn with correct peptide link

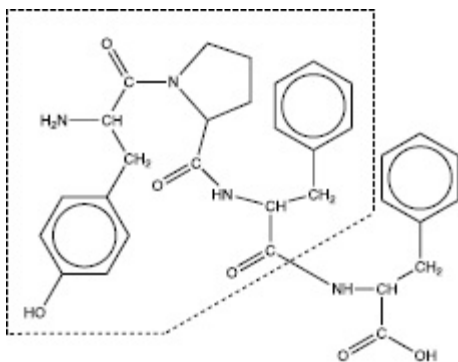
M2 amide group shown on end

M1 if Phe drawn with COOH or CONH₂

M2 ALLOW if no Phe drawn i.e. if NH₂ only attached directly to C=O on diagram



Scores **M2** for ending in amide group

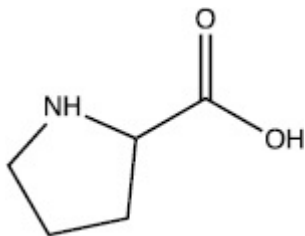


Scores **M1** for Phe group

M1 H needed on N of peptide link drawn unless C-CH-CH₂ drawn skeletal

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(b)



ALLOW zwitterion

ALLOW -NH₂⁺ and/or COO⁻

ALLOW with C shown in COOH group

ALLOW without H on N

ALLOW N-H

NOT N-

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(c) **M1** (aqueous) HCl/hydrochloric acid

Name or formula of any strong acid or alkali

M2 reflux/heat

ALLOW warm / hot / high temperature for heat

NOT T>200°C

IGNORE conc as condition with acid/alkali

IGNORE pressure

Alternative

M1 protease/(poly)peptidase/peptase/named protease

IGNORE enzyme

M2 warm

NOT hot / high temperature / T>50°C

2

(d) **M1** lid/cover (on beaker)

Then any 2 from these 3

- prevents escape of vapour (from beaker) / evaporation of solvent (from beaker)
- so atmosphere in beaker is saturated with solvent vapour
- to reduce evaporation from the plate

ALLOW (for bullet point 3) so solvent can rise up plate

ALLOW (for bullet point 3) to avoid plate drying out

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(e) Difference in the balance between solubility in solvent/mobile phase and attraction to/retention on stationary phase

ALLOW difference between (relative) affinity/attraction for solvent and stationary phase

ALLOW absorption/adsorption for retention on stationary phase

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(f) **M1** ninhydrin

M2 amino acids are colourless / to make the amino acids visible

ALLOW iodine

IGNORE UV

IGNORE stated final colour e.g. "turns the amino acids purple" is not enough on its own

IGNORE clear

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(g) 0.54

ALLOW 0.53 - 0.55 (to min two sig figs)

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4.

(a)

This question is marked using levels of response. Refer to the Mark Scheme Instructions for Examiners for guidance on how to mark this question.	
Level 3 5-6 marks	All stages are covered and each stage is generally correct and virtually complete (6 v 5) Answer is well structured, with no repetition or irrelevant points, and covers all aspects of the question. Accurate and clear expression of ideas with no errors in use of technical terms.
Level 2 3-4 marks	All stages are covered but stage(s) may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR two stages are covered and are generally correct and virtually complete (4 v 3) Answer has some structure and covers most aspects of the question. Ideas are expressed with reasonable clarity with, perhaps, some repetition or some irrelevant points. If any, only minor errors in use of technical terms.
Level 1 1-2 marks	Two stages are covered but stage(s) may be incomplete or may contain inaccuracies OR only one stage is covered but is generally correct and virtually complete (2 v 1) Answer includes statements which are presented in a logical order and/or linked.
Level 0	Insufficient correct chemistry to gain a mark.

Stage 1

Anti-bumping granules

1a no anti-bumping granules / add anti-bumping granules

1b to create smaller bubbles / to prevent large bubbles / to prevent mixture jumping into condenser

Stage 2

Open system with no thermometer

2a system should be closed (above flask) to prevent gases escaping

2b should be closed with (bung +) thermometer

2c to allow collection of propanone (only) / to prevent distillation of other components / to stay in suitable temperature range

Stage 3

The water direction in the condenser

3a water flows in wrong direction through condenser / change water direction

3b condenser not cool enough / not full of water

3c product may not condense / comes through as gas

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- (b) **M1** mass of propan-2-ol = 2.0×0.786 (= 1.572 g to at least 2sf)
M2 amount of propan-2-ol = $\frac{1.572}{60.0}$ (= 0.0262 to at least 2 sf) mol
M3 mass of propanone expected = 0.0262×58.0 (= 1.52 g to at least 2sf)
M4 % yield = $\left(\frac{0.954}{1.52} \times 100\right) = 63\%$ (2sf only)

Alternative for M3/4

M3 amount of propanone formed = $\frac{0.954}{58.0}$ (= 0.0164) mol

M4 % yield = $\left(\frac{0.0164}{0.0262} \times 100\right) = 63\%$ (2sf only)

Allow ECF at each step

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- (c) **M1** propan-2-ol: tetrahedral and 109.5°

M1 allow $104-110^\circ$

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- M2** propanone: trigonal planar and 120°

M2 allow $115-123^\circ$

Any two correct boxes scores one mark

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- (d) **M1** propan-2-ol has stronger intermolecular forces

Penalise **M1** and **M2** for any reference to breaking covalent bonds,
(but **M3** could score)

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- M2** propan-2-ol has hydrogen bonds between molecules

For **M2** ignore reference to dipole-dipole forces in propan-2-ol

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- M3** propanone has dipole-dipole forces and/or van der Waals' forces

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5.

- (a) **M1** flask not clamped

allow only the condenser is clamped

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- M2** sealed system / bung in condenser

allow explanation of effect of bung being there e.g. pressure build up

not reference to incorrect water direction

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- (b) sulfuric acid needs adding

allow hydrochloric / nitric / phosphoric

ignore conc/dil

not just acid/ H^+

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- (c) **M1** direction of water flow through condenser
allow reference to water direction from answer to (a) 1
- M2** thermometer not needed
allow references to safety issue(s) if **not** given in (a)
ignore reference to position of thermometer 1
- (d) to prevent 'bumping'
allow prevent large bubbles / ensure small bubbles
not increases rate 1
- (e) **M1** (fractional) distillation 1
- M2** $\frac{6.5}{60}$ mol propan-1-ol (= max $\frac{6.5}{60}$ mol propanoic acid) (0.108)
M2 $\frac{6.5}{60}$ mol propan-1-ol (= max $\frac{6.5}{60}$ mol propanoic acid) 1
- M3** $\frac{6.5 \times 74}{60} = 8.02$ g (i.e. M2 x 74)
M3 $\frac{3.25}{74}$ mol propanoic acid formed 1
- M4** $\frac{3.25 \times 100}{8.02} = 40.5$ %
M4 $\frac{3.25/74}{6.5/60} \times 100 = 40.5$ % 1
- (f) **M1** add sodium carbonate/hydrogencarbonate 1
- M2** effervescence / bubbles
not gives off (CO₂) gas 1
- M3** no (visible) change/reaction
not nothing / no observation
allow acidified sodium/potassium dichromate
 no visible change / stays orange
 orange to green
allow named alcohol + sulfuric acid plus sweet smell and no change/reaction
allow named carboxylic acid + sulfuric acid plus no change/reaction and sweet smell
not pH measurement
 incorrect reagent = 0/3
 incomplete reagent – mark on 1

- 6.** (a) **M1** (Re)weigh the empty boat 1
- M2** In order to calculate the (exact) mass of salicylic acid added to the reaction mixture 1
- (b) 10 cm³ measuring cylinder (if volume given – allow between 10 to 50 cm³)
Or a 10 cm³ pipette
Or burette / graduated pipette
Or 10 cm³ syringe 1
- (c) Corrosive
Allow skin burn / permanent eye damage
Ignore irritant / toxic 1
- (d) LHS + (CH₃CO)₂O RHS + CH₃COOH 1
- (e) **M1** Amount salicylic acid = $\frac{6.01}{138} = 4.36 \times 10^{-2}$ mol
Allow conseq from wrong mole ratio in (d)
Must show and state that ethanoic anhydride is in excess 1
- M2** Mass (CH₃CO)₂O = 10.5 × 1.08 = 11.34 g 1
- M3** Amount (CH₃CO)₂O = $\frac{11.34}{102} = 1.11 \times 10^{-1}$ mol
For M4/M5 ecf from M1/M3 1
- M4** (CH₃CO)₂O is in excess 1
- M5** Mass aspirin = M1 × 0.841 × 180 = 6.59 g
Allow 2 sf or more. 1
- (f) **M1** Value lower 1
- M2** Range of values
For M2 allow mpt not sharp or a larger range of melting points 1

(g) **M1** (Ethanol is flammable so) use a water bath to heat / do not use a Bunsen burner
Must give practical step, not just state hazard

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M2 Heat to temp below bp (so ethanol does not boil away)
Allow use min vol solvent

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(h) To remove any soluble impurities
Allow To avoid aspirin dissolving (small amount cold solvent used)
Allow To remove/(wash away) any ethanolic solution on the product.

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(i) Pure product will have (larger) crystals / needle-like crystals / lighter in colour
Allow whiter, less grey, more crystalline, less powdery, shinier, single colour
Must be tied to pure product
Allow opposite points tied to the crude product

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7.

(a) **M1** Moles of cyclohexanol = $(10 \times 0.96)/100.0 = 0.096$
Correct answer scores all 3 marks

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M2 Max mass of cyclohexene = $0.096 \times 82.0 = 7.87(2)$
= M1 \times 82.0 (process mark)

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M3 % yield = $(5.97 / 7.87) \times 100 = 76\%$ (Allow range 75.8 – 76)
= (5.97 / M2) \times 100 (process mark)

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Alternative method

M1 Moles of cyclohexanol = $(10 \times 0.96)/100.0 = 0.096$

M2 Moles of cyclohexene = $5.97/82.0 = 0.0728$

M3 % yield = $0.0728 / 0.096 \times 100 = 76\%$ (allow range 75.8 – 76)
= (M2 / M1) \times 100
Allow 1/3 for 62(.2)%

- (b) Add bromine (water)
If M1 not correct then only allow M2 if reagent involves bromine (water) 1
- Would turn (from orange to) colourless / decolourise
Do not allow incorrect starting colour, but allow brown/red/yellow
Not discolour.
Ignore clear 1
- (c) Na_2CO_3 would neutralise/react with/remove (phosphoric) acid/ $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4/\text{H}^+$ 1
- (d) avoid pressure build-up / release pressure / release CO_2 /air/gas / prevent stopper blowing out
Ignore explosion
Do not allow an incorrect named gas
Allow idea that build-up of gas/ CO_2 would lead to increased pressure/stated effect of increased pressure 1
- (e) Does not dissolve in/react with the cyclohexene
Allow remains a solid/is inert in cyclohexene
Allow organic product/organic compound formed/ organic layer/distillate instead of cyclohexene
Do not allow if answer implies cyclohexanol
Do not allow if answer says does not react with products
Ignore references to filtration
Do not allow insoluble/unreactive unless qualified by implied reference to cyclohexene 1
- (f) If diagram drawn:
- M1** diagram of basic set up to include flask or tube with side-arm/Buchner flask, flat-bottomed funnel/Buchner funnel, filter paper
- M2** apparatus should work, flow through, air-tight connection between flask and funnel, arrow/label/description (to vacuum pump)
Do not allow "standard" Y-shaped funnel 1
- If description given:
- M1** Buchner funnel/flat-bottomed funnel containing filter paper
- M2** Buchner flask/side-arm flask connected to vacuum pump
Do not allow just "funnel"
Penalise M2 if described apparatus would not actually work. 1

- (g) Cyclohexene is less polar than cyclohexanol / cyclohexanol is more polar than cyclohexene

It = cyclohexene

Allow cyclohexene is non-polar and cyclohexanol is polar

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Cyclohexene has a greater affinity/attraction for the mobile phase/hexane / cyclohexanol has a greater affinity/attraction for the stationary phase/silica

Allow cyclohexanol held in the stationary phase for longer

Allow cyclohexene is more soluble in the mobile phase/hexane or converse for cyclohexanol

Allow references to hydrogen bonds between cyclohexanol and silica

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- (h) Would be no peak at $3230 - 3550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to O—H((alcohol))

OR

There would be no additional peaks in the fingerprint region compared to a pure sample / fingerprint region exactly matches cyclohexene

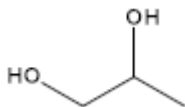
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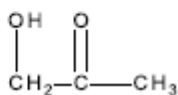
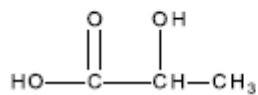
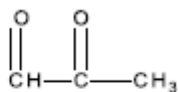
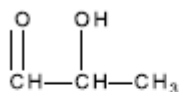
(a)



Any correct skeletal formula (both OH groups must be shown)

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(e) Any one of these four structures:



Allow any correct structural / displayed / skeletal formula

For reference:

Carbon 1	Carbon 2
aldehyde	alcohol
carboxylic acid	alcohol
aldehyde	ketone
alcohol	ketone

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