



A-Level Chemistry
Addition Reactions of
Alkenes
Mark Scheme

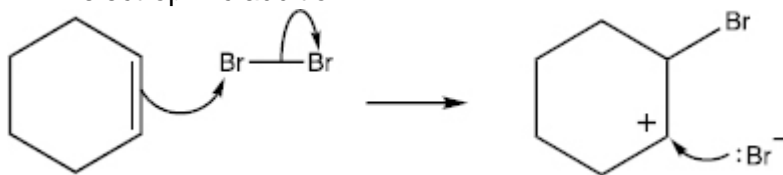
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Mark schemes

1.

(a) **M1** electrophilic addition



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Do not penalise the "correct" use of "sticks"

Penalise only once in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond

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M2 must show an arrow from the double bond towards a Br atom in a Br–Br molecule

***M2** ignore partial negative charges on the double bond*

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M3 must show the breaking of the Br–Br bond

***M3** penalise incorrect partial charges on the Br–Br bond and penalise formal charges*

*Penalise **M4** if there is a bond drawn to the positive charge*

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M4 is for the structure of the correct carbocation

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M5 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the Br[−] towards the positively charged atom of their carbocation

***Max 3 of 4 marks (M2-5)** for wrong organic reactant or wrong carbocation (ignore structure of product)*

*For **M5**, credit attack on a partially positively charged carbocation structure, but penalise **M4** for the structure of the carbocation*

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(b) **M1** C=C electron rich / area of high electron density

***M1** ignore idea that C=C is negative or highly electronegative*

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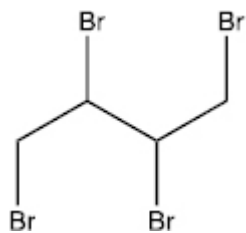
M2 Br-Br becomes polarised

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M3 δ+ Br attracted to C=C

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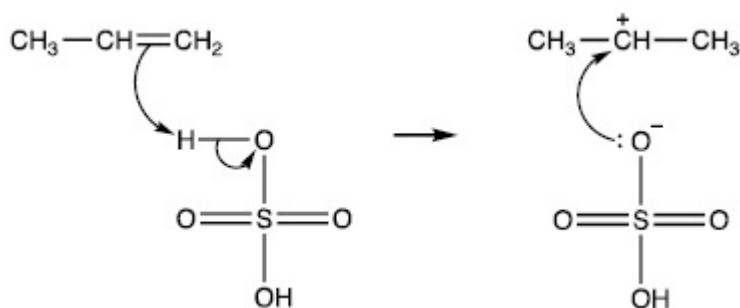
(c)



Must be skeletal structure

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M2 must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of the H_2SO_4 molecule

For **M2/3**, the full structure of H_2SO_4 does not need to be shown, but the key features for the mechanism should be shown and the formula must be correct.

Penalise only once in **M2/3** an incorrect but genuine attempt at the structure of sulfuric acid

M2 ignore partial negative charges on the double bond

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M3 must show the breaking of the H-O bond in H_2SO_4

M3 penalise incorrect partial charges on the H-O bond and penalise formal charges

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M4 is for the structure of the correct carbocation

Penalise **M4** if there is a bond drawn to the positive charge

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M5 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the negatively charged oxygen of HSO_4^- towards the positively charged atom of their carbocation drawn

Max 3 of 4 marks (M2-5) for wrong organic reactant or wrong carbocation (ignore structure of product)

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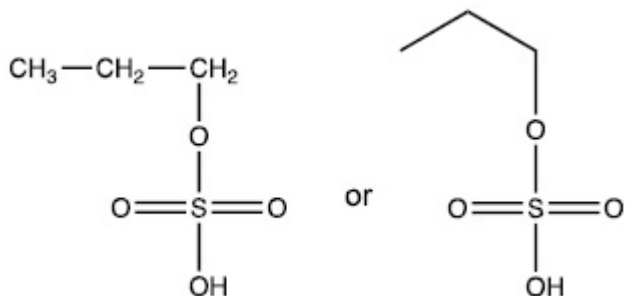
If attack is shown from $\text{C}=\text{C}$ to H^+ rather than H_2SO_4 , then allow **M2** but not **M3**

For **M5**, credit attack on a partially positively charged carbocation structure, but penalise **M4** for the structure of the carbocation.

For **M5**, the full structure of HSO_4^- is not essential, but attack must come from a lone pair on an individual oxygen on HSO_4^- , but the - sign could

by anywhere on the ion (e.g.: OSO_3H^-)

(b)



Any correct structural formula, including OSO_3H bonded through O to correct C

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(c) **M1** idea that **E** is formed from/via more stable carbocation

M1-2 Allow carbonium ion in place of carbocation

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M2 idea that 2° carbocation is more stable than 1° carbocation

M2 Allow descriptions in terms of number of alkyl groups attached to positive C atom

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Ignore reference to inductive effect

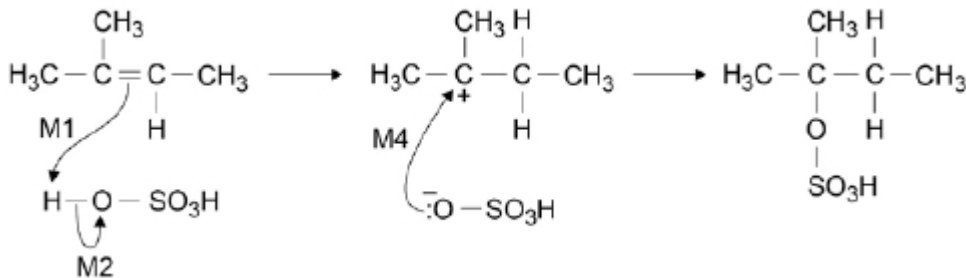
Penalise **M1** if answer suggests that the products are carbocations (but could score **M2**)

In order to access **M1** and/or **M2** there must be some reference to carbocations (carbonium ions) by name or structure or description

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(a)

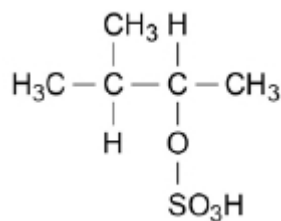


M1, M2 and M4 are awarded for the three curly arrows shown on the mechanism (1 mark for each correct)

M3 is for the structure of the carbocation intermediate

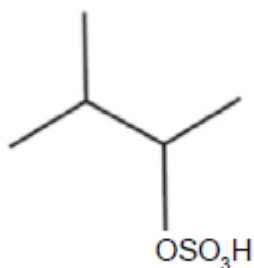
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(b)



Correct answers include:

- the displayed formula
- structural formulae such as $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}(\text{OSO}_3\text{H})\text{CH}_3$
- skeletal formulae such as



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(c) The major product is formed via a tertiary carbocation intermediate and the minor product is formed via a secondary carbocation intermediate

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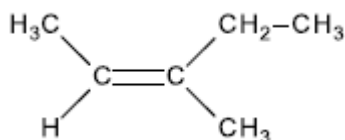
The tertiary carbocation is more stable than the secondary carbocation

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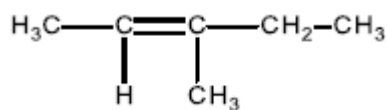
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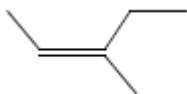
Must show all 4 groups bonded to $\text{C}=\text{C}$

Allow CH_3- for methyl group; allow C_2H_5 for ethyl group

Allow correct structure of the style

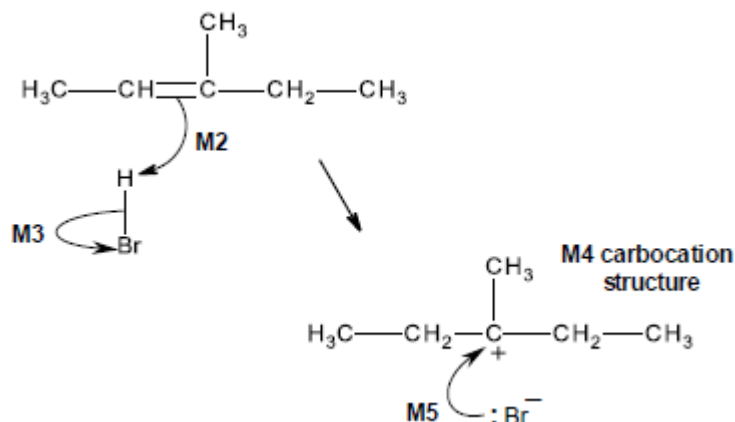


Allow correct skeletal structure



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(b) M1 electrophilic addition



NB the arrows here are double-headed

M2 must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of the H-Br molecule

M3 must show the breaking of the H-Br bond

M4 is for the structure of the tertiary carbocation

M5 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the negatively charged bromide ion towards the positively charged atom (of either a secondary or) of a tertiary carbocation

M6 3-bromo-3-methylpentane is formed from 3^y carbocation
OR
2-bromo-3-methylpentane is formed from 2^y carbocation

M7 3^y carbocation more stable than 2^y

M2-M5 Penalise one mark from their total if half-headed arrows are used

M2 Ignore partial negative charge on the double bond

M3 Penalise incorrect partial charges on H-Br bond and penalise formal charges

Penalise **M4** if there is a bond drawn to the positive charge

Penalise only once in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond

Max 3 of any 4 marks (M2-5) for wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown) or secondary carbocation

Max 2 of any 4 marks in the mechanism for use of bromine

Do not penalise the "correct" use of "sticks"

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For **M5**, credit attack on a partially positively charged carbocation structure but penalise **M4**

M6 is high demand and must refer to product being formed from/via correct class of carbocation

M7 is high demand and must be clear answer refers to stability of carbocations (intermediates) not products

Candidate that states that products are carbocations would lose M6 and M7

M6,7 allow carbonium ion in place of carbocation; or a description of carbocation in terms of alkyl groups/ number of carbon atoms joined to a positive C

When asked to outline a mechanism, candidates are **expected** to draw a mechanism with curly arrows (specification 3.3.1.2). On this occasion only we would allow a detailed description as shown.

M2 must describe the movement of a pair of electrons / curly arrow from the C=C towards the H atom of the H-Br molecule

M3 must describe the breaking of the H-Br bond with the bonding pair of electrons moving to the Br / curly arrow from H-Br bond to Br

M4 is for the structure of the tertiary carbocation (i.e. positive C bonded to one methyl and two ethyl groups)

M5 must describe the movement of a pair of electrons from the Br⁻ ion to the positive C atom of the carbocation / curly arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the negatively charged bromide ion towards the positively charged C atom (of either a secondary or) of a tertiary carbocation

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5.

(a) **P** 3,3-dimethylbut-1-ene

OR

accept 3,3-dimethylbutene

Ignore absence of commas, hyphens and gaps

Require correct spelling

Q 3-chloro-2,2-dimethylbutane

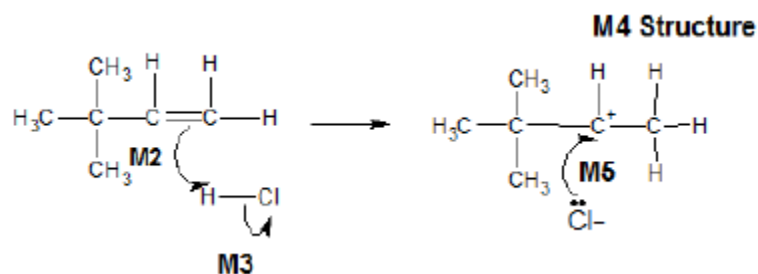
OR

accept 2-chloro-3,3-dimethylbutane

In Q, "chloro" must come before "dimethyl"

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(b) **M1** Electrophilic addition



M2 must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of HCl

M3 must show the breaking of the H–Cl bond

M4 is for the structure of the carbocation

M5 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the negatively charged chloride ion towards the positively charged carbon atom on their carbocation.

NB The arrows here are double-headed

M1 both words required

For the mechanism

M3 Penalise incorrect partial charge on H–Cl bond and penalise formal charges

Ignore partial negative charge on the double bond.

Maximum 3 of 4 marks for a correct mechanism using HBr or the wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown) or a primary carbocation

Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond

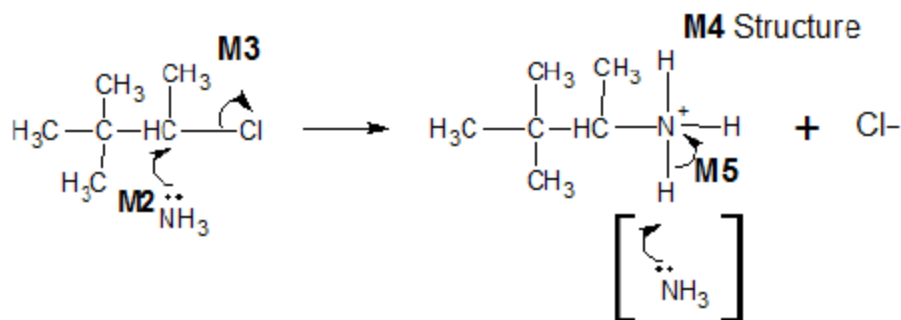
Credit the correct use of “sticks”

For M5, credit attack on a partially positively charged carbocation structure, but penalise M4

(c) **M1 Nucleophilic substitution**

For **M1**, both words required.

Accept phonetic spelling



M2 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons **on the nitrogen atom** of an ammonia molecule to the correct C atom

M3 must show the movement of a pair of electrons from the C–Cl bond to the Cl atom. Mark **M3** independently provided it is from their original molecule

M4 is for the structure of the alkylammonium ion, which could be a condensed formula. A positive charge **must** be shown on, or close to, the N atom.

M5 is for an arrow from the N–H bond to the N atom

Award full marks for an S_N1 mechanism in which **M2** is the attack of the ammonia on the intermediate carbocation

NB These are double-headed arrows

For the mechanism

Penalise **M2** if NH_3 is negatively charged.

Penalise **M3** for formal charge on C of the C–Cl or incorrect partial charges on C–Cl

Penalise **M3** for an additional arrow from the Cl to something else

The second mole of ammonia is not essential for **M5**; therefore ignore any species here

Penalise once only for a line and two dots to show a bond

Maximum 3 of 4 marks for the mechanism for wrong organic reactant OR wrong organic product if shown

Accept the correct use of “sticks”

(d) **M1** (base) elimination

M1 Dehydrohalogenation

M2 KOH **OR** NaOH

M3 Must be consequential on a correct reagent in **M2**, but if incomplete or inaccurate attempt at reagent (e.g. hydroxide ion), **penalise M2 only and mark on**

Any **one** from

- high temperature **OR** hot **OR** heat / boil under reflux
- concentrated
- alcohol / ethanol (as a solvent) / (ethanolic conditions)

M3 not “reflux” alone

M3 if a temperature is stated it must be in the range 78°C to 200 °C

Ignore “pressure”

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(e) **M1**



M1 Credit correct ionic species in the equation

M2 and M3

SO₂ and Br₂ identified

M4

Concentrated sulfuric acid

- is an oxidising agent
- oxidises the bromide (ion) or Br⁻ or NaBr or HBr
- is an electron acceptor

In **M2** and **M3** the two gases need to be identified. If equations are used using sulfuric acid and the toxic gases are not identified clearly, allow one mark for the formulas of SO₂ and Br₂

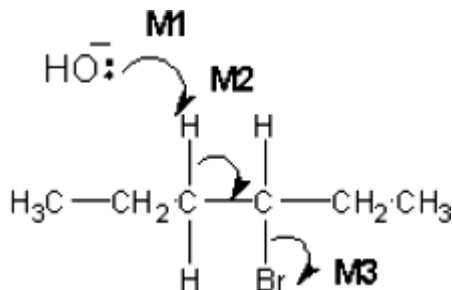
- apply the list principle as appropriate but ignore any reference to HBr
- the marks are for identifying the two gases either by name or formula

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6.

(a) (i)



Penalise one mark from their total if half-headed arrows are used

Penalise **M3** for formal charge on C of the C-Br or incorrect partial charges on C-Br

Ignore other partial charges

M1 must show an arrow from the lone pair on oxygen of a negatively charged hydroxide ion to the correct H atom

Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond.

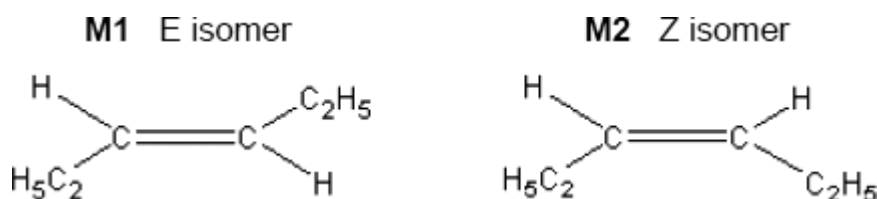
M2 must show an arrow from the correct C–H bond to the correct C–C bond. Only award if an arrow is shown attacking the H atom of the correct C–H bond in **M1**

M3 is independent but **CE=0** if nucleophilic substitution

N.B these are double-headed arrows

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(ii)



*Award 1 mark if both correct stereoisomers but in the wrong places
Accept no other alkenes.*

Be reasonably lenient on the bonds to ethyl (or to CH₂CH₃) since the question is about E and Z positions but penalise once only if connection is clearly to the CH₃ of CH₂CH₃

Accept linear structures

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(iii) **M1** (Compounds / molecules with) the same structural formula
*Penalise **M1** if “same structure”*

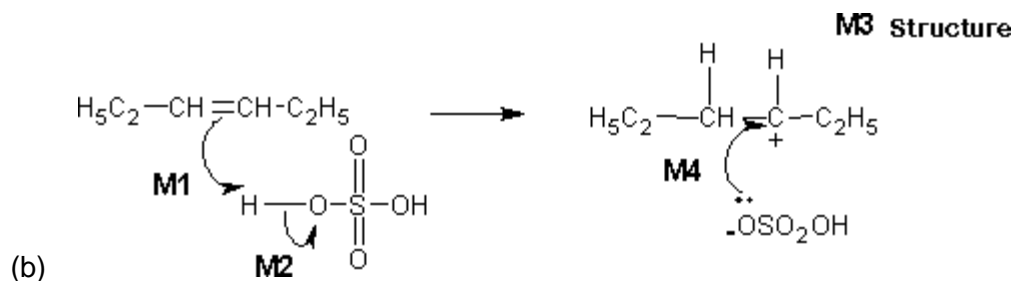
M2 with atoms/bonds/groups arranged differently in space
Ignore references to “same molecular formula” or “same empirical formula” or any reference to “displayed formula”

OR

atoms/bonds/groups that have different spatial arrangements / different orientation.

Mark independently

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M1 must show an arrow from the double bond towards the H atom of the H – O bond
OR HO on a compound with molecular formula for H_2SO_4

M1 could be to an H^+ ion and M2 an independent O – H bond break on a compound with molecular formula for H_2SO_4

M1 Ignore partial negative charge on the double bond.

M2 must show the breaking of the O – H bond.

M2 Penalise partial charges on O – H bond if wrong way and penalise formal charges

In M2 do not penalise incorrect structures for H_2SO_4

M3 is for the structure of the carbocation.

M4 must show an arrow from the lone pair of electrons on the correct oxygen of the negatively charged ion towards a correct (positively charged) carbon atom.

M4 NOT HSO_4^-

For M4, credit as shown or $^-OSO_3H$ ONLY with the negative charge anywhere on this ion

OR correctly drawn out with the negative charge placed correctly on oxygen

Penalise once only in any part of the mechanism for a line and two dots to show a bond

NB The arrows here are double-headed

Max 3 of any 4 marks for wrong organic reactant or wrong organic product (if shown)

Accept the correct use of “sticks”

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