



A-Level Chemistry

Condensation Polymers

Mark Scheme

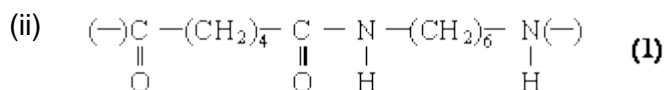
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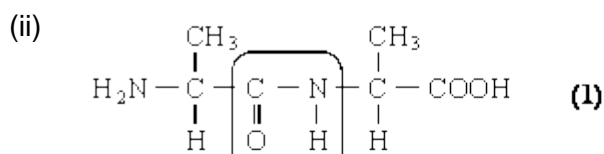
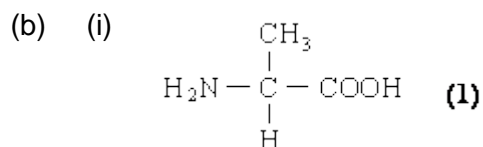
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- (a) (i) hexane-1,6-diamine or 1,6-diaminohexane (**allow ammine**)
or 1,6 hexan(e)diamine **(1)**



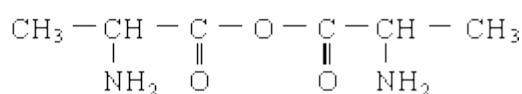
Allow -CONH-

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peptide link essential : the rest is consequential on b(i)
(allow CONH)

allow anhydride



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- (c) (i) quaternary ammonium bromide salt **(1)**

(not ion, not compound)

Allow quaternary

- (ii) *Reagent:* CH₃Br or bromomethane **(1)**

penalise CH₃Cl but allow excess for any halomethane

Condition: excess (CH₃Br) **(1)**

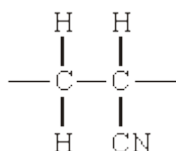
- (iii) nucleophilic substitution **(1)**

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- (a) (i)



(Ignore n or brackets, but trailing bonds are essential)

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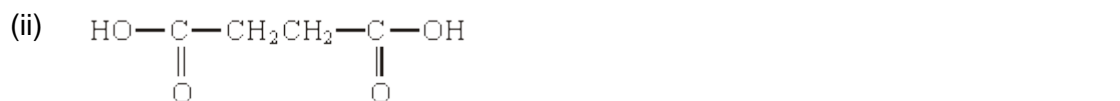
- (ii) Addition or radical

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(b) (i) 2-aminobutanoic (acid) 1



(c) (i) $\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$ 1

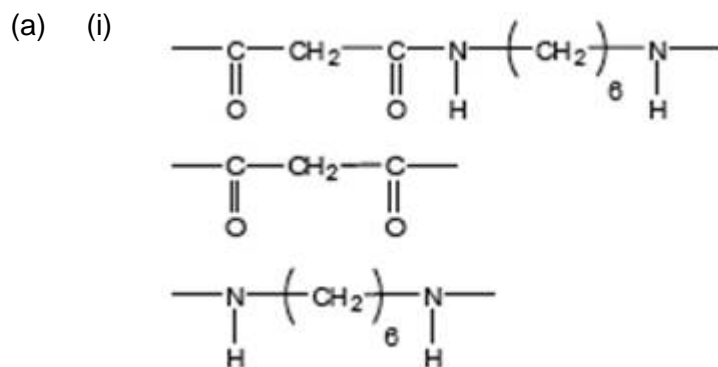


(1,4-)butan(e)dioic (acid)
(allow succinic, but not dibutanoic nor butanedicarboxylic acid) 1

(iii) Can be hydrolysed / can react with acid or base or water /
can react with nucleophiles 1

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3.



Allow $-\text{CONH}-$ or $-\text{COHN}-$

Mark two halves separately

lose 1 each for missing trailing bonds at one or both ends or error in
peptide link or either or both of H or OH on ends 1

Not allow $-(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12})-$

Ignore n 1

(ii) **M1** in polyamides - H bonding

1

M2 in polyalkenes - van der Waals forces

Penalise forces between atoms or van der Waals bonds

1

M3 Stronger forces (of attraction) in polyamides

Or H bonding is stronger

(must be a comparison of correct forces to score M3)

Do not award if refer to stronger bonds

1

(b) (i) (nucleophilic) addition elimination



Not allow N-H₂

Minus sign on NH₂ loses M1

1

M2 not allowed independent of M1, but allow M1 for correct attack on C+

+ rather than δ+ on C=O loses M2

If Cl lost with C=O breaking, max 1 for M1

M3 for correct structure with charges but

lp on O is part of M4

only allow M4 after correct/ very close M3

For M4, ignore NH₃ removing H⁺ but lose

M4 for Cl removing H⁺ in mechanism,

but ignore HCl as a product

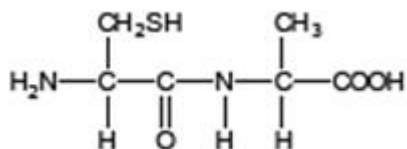
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(ii) N-methylpropanamide

Not N-methylpropaneamide

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(c)



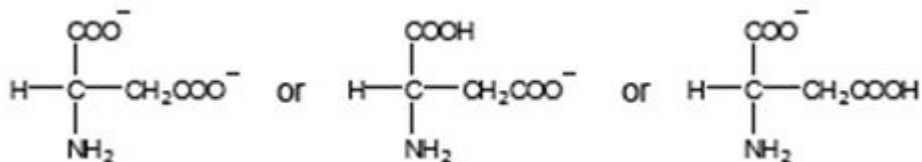
Allow $-\text{CONH}-$ or $-\text{COHN}-$

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(d) (i) 2-amino-3-hydroxypropanoic acid

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(ii)



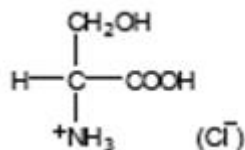
Must be salts of aspartic acid

allow $-\text{CO}_2^-$

allow NH_2-

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(iii) Penalise use of aspartic acid once in d(iii) and d(iv)



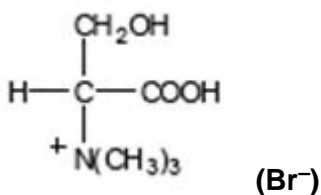
allow $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$

allow $^+\text{NH}_3-$

don't penalize position of + on NH_3

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(iv) Penalise use of aspartic acid once in d(iii) and d(iv)



allow $-\text{CO}_2^-$

must show C-N bond

don't penalize position of + on $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$

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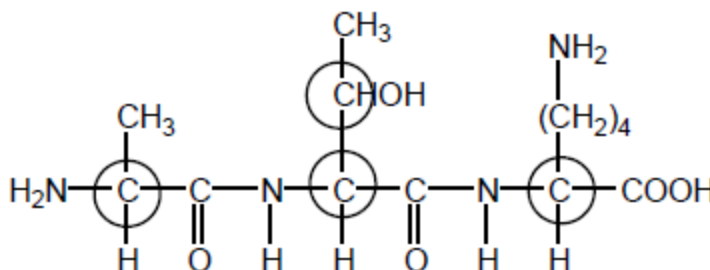
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- (a) (i) (As a) soap
Allow washing, cleaning, degreasing, detergents 1
- (ii) (Bio)diesel or biofuel or fuel for cars/lorries
Allow to make soap 1
- (iii) (Cationic) surfactant /detergent /fabric softener /germicide / shampoos /
(hair) conditioners /spermicidal jelly
Allow cleaning 1
- (b) (i) (Poly)ester 1
- Terylene **OR** PET
Allow polyester 1
- (ii) (Poly)amide 1
- Kevlar **OR** nylons
Ignore numbers with nylons Allow polyamide(e) 1
- (iii) (Independent marks)
CE = 0
- Hydrogen bonding in b(ii) 1
- Imfs in (b)(ii) are stronger
- OR**
- H bonding stronger than dipole–dipole/van der Waals/ dispersion/London forces in b(i) 1

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5.

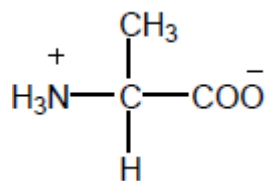
- (a) (i)



These four only

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(ii)



Allow $-\text{NH}_3^+$ and $^+\text{NH}_3-$

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(iii) 2-amino-3-hydroxybutanoic acid

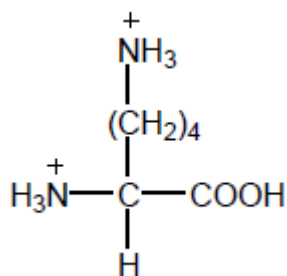
Ignore 1 in butan-1-oic acid

Do not penalise commas or missing hyphens

Penalise other numbers

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(iv)



Allow $-\text{NH}_3^+$ and $^+\text{NH}_3-$

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(b) (i) Condensation

Allow polyester

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(ii) propane-1,3-diol

Must have e

Allow 1,3-propanediol

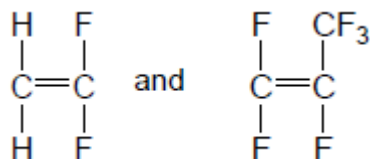
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(c) (i) Addition

Not additional

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(ii)

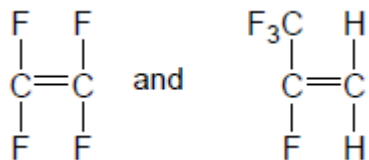


Allow monomers drawn either way round

Allow bond to F in CF₃

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OR



1 for each structure within each pair

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(d) c

If wrong, CE = 0

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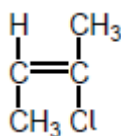
C-C or C-F bonds too strong

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(a)

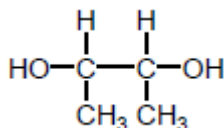


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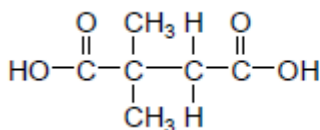
Addition

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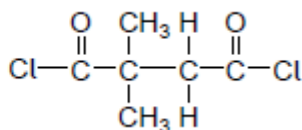
(b)



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OR



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(c) Q is biodegradable

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Polar C=O group or δ^+ C in **Q** (but not in **P**)

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Therefore, can be attacked by nucleophiles (leading to breakdown)

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