



A-Level Chemistry

Rate Equations

Mark Scheme

Time available: 49 minutes

Marks available: 48 marks

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Mark schemes

1.

(a) **Stage 1: Calculates value of $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}]^2$:**

M1 for the values (0, 0.0625; 0.25; 0.56 and 1) in the table.

Ignore precision.

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Stage 2: Plots graph:

M2 for the graph labels with units and appropriate scales and using sensible proportion of graph (plotted points must cover at least half the printed grid).

$[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}]^2$ on x-axis (with units) $\text{mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6}$

Initial rate on y-axis (with units) $\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$

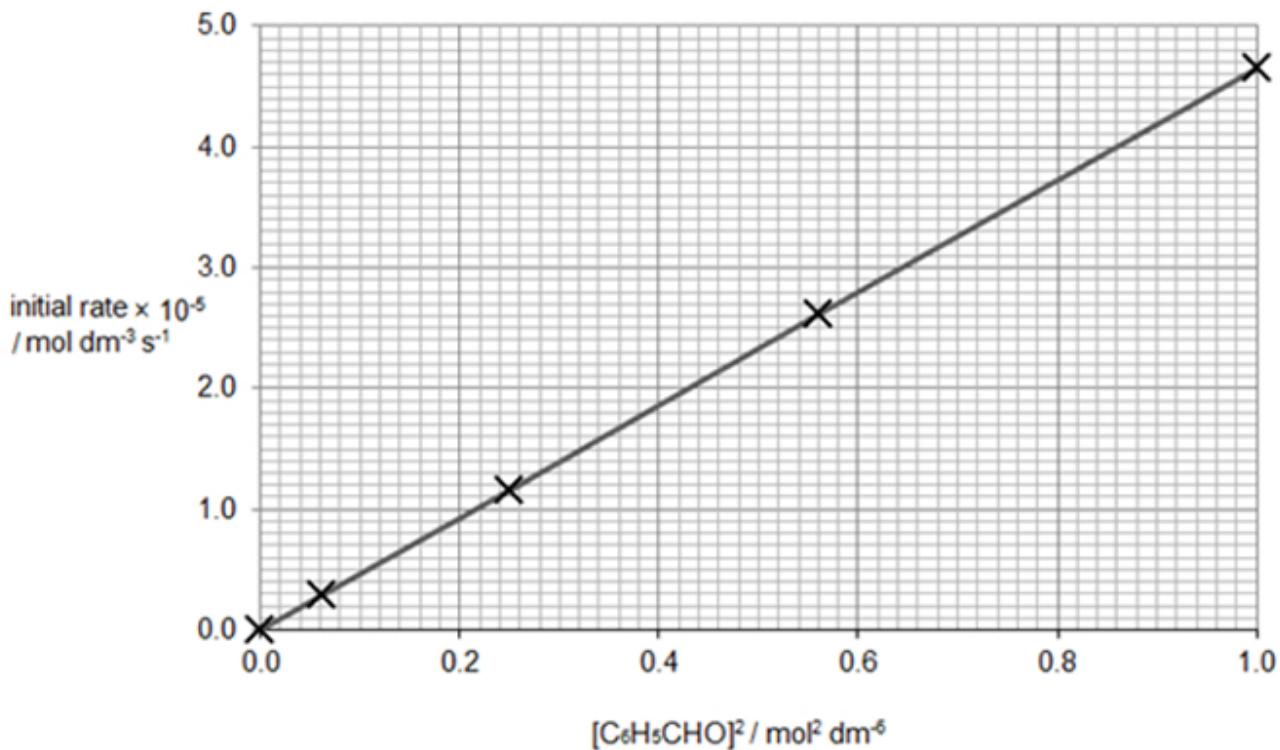
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M3 for the plotting of 5 points.

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Stage 3: Line of best fit:

M4 for the line of best fit.



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(b) 2nd order

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(since) $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}]^2$ plotted against rate is straight line / directly proportional.

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- (c) (Role of CN^-) catalyst

Ignore nucleophile.

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CN^- appears in the rate equation but is not in the reaction equation.

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2.

- (a) Consider experiments 1 and 2: [B constant]

[A] increases $\times 3$: rate increases by 3^2 therefore 2nd order with respect to A

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Consider experiments 2 and 3:

[A] increases $\times 2$: rate should increase $\times 2^2$ but only increases $\times 2$

Therefore, halving [B] halves rate and so 1st order with respect to B

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Rate equation: rate = $k[\text{A}]^2[\text{B}]$

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- (b) rate = $k[\text{C}]^2[\text{D}]$ therefore $k = \text{rate} / [\text{C}]^2[\text{D}]$

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$$k = \frac{7.2 \times 10^{-4}}{(1.9 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times (3.5 \times 10^{-2})} = 57.0$$

Allow consequential marking on incorrect transcription

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$\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}$

Any order

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- (c) rate = $57.0 \times (3.6 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times 5.4 \times 10^{-2} = 3.99 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$

OR

Their $k \times (3.6 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times 5.4 \times 10^{-2}$

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- (d) Reaction occurs when molecules have $E \geq E_a$

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Doubling T by 10 °C causes many more molecules to have this E

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Whereas doubling [E] only doubles the number with this E

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(e) $E_a = RT(\ln A - \ln k) / 1000$

Mark is for rearrangement of equation and factor of 1000 used correctly to convert J into kJ

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$$E_a = 8.31 \times 300 (23.97 - (-5.03)) / 1000 = 72.3 \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)}$$

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3.

- (a) Order wrt **D** = 1 OR first OR [D] OR [D]¹

Ignore working

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Order wrt **E** = 2 OR second OR [E]²

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- (b) (At time zero/start) the concentrations are known

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- (c) M1 (Calculate) gradient (of tangent/curve/graph)

Allow description of gradient calculation:

Change in conc / time

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M2 at t=0 or at start of graph/curve

M2 scored only if M1 gained

Ignore the word initial

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4.

- (a) Iodine is not involved in (or before) the rate determining / slow(est) / limiting step (in the mechanism)

Ignore, iodine does not appear in the rate equation or iodine concentration does not affect the rate

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(b) $k = \left(\frac{8.64 \times 10^{-7}}{(5.82 \times 10^{-2}) \times (4.76 \times 10^{-1})} \right) = 3.1(2) \times 10^{-5}$

Mark for answer

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mol⁻¹ dm⁺³ s⁻¹

Mark units separately, i.e. only these units but can be in any order

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- (c) Rate = $k[\text{H}^+]$

If wrong or missing CE = 0

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(Large excess of propanone) so [CH₃COCH₃] is (effectively) constant

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5.

(a) $k = \text{rate} / [\text{A}]^2$ or $\frac{3.3 \times 10^{-5}}{(4.2 \times 10^{-3})^2}$

= 1.87 or 1.9

Answer scores 2

1.90 scores first mark only (incorrect rounding)

$\text{mol}^{-1}\text{dm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

Any order and independent of calculation

(b) Expt 2 rate = $1.167 \times 10^{-4} - 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ($\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$)

If answers in table are not those given here, check their value of k in part (a) or use of alternative k .

Expt 3 $[\text{A}] = 9.7 \times 10^{-3} - 9.8(1) \times 10^{-3}$ (mol dm^{-3})

If their k is incorrect in part (a) mark this part consequentially e.g. if $k = 7.9 \times 10^{-3}$ due to lack of squaring in (a)

Using alternative value for k

expt 2 4.9×10^{-7}

Expt 2 rate = $1.4(4) \times 10^{-4}$ ($\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$)

expt 3 1.5×10^{-1}

Expt 3 $[\text{A}] = 8.85 \times 10^{-3}$ (mol dm^{-3})

(expt 2 $6.24 \times 10^{-5} \times \text{their } k$)

(expt 3 $0.0134 / \sqrt{k}$)

(c) Slow step or rds involves only A

OR

B does not appear in the slow step or the rds

OR

B only appears after the slow step or the rds

Not B has no effect on the rate or B is not in the rate equation

Allow "it" for B

6.

(a) (i) 2

(ii) 0

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1

1

1

1

1

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(b) (i)
$$K = \frac{6.64 \times 10^{-5}}{(4.55 \times 10^{-2}) \times (1.70 \times 10^{-2})^2}$$

Correct answer for k with or without working scores 2.

First mark is for insertion of numbers into a correctly rearranged rate equ, k = etc.

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= 5.05 (range allowed 5.03–5.07)

AE (-1) for copying numbers wrongly or swapping two numbers.

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$$\frac{\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^{+6} \text{s}^{-1}}$$

Mark units separately, ie only these units but can be in any order.

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(ii) $8.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}\text{)}$

Allow 0.83×10^{-5} .

Ignore units.

OR if not 8.3×10^{-6} , look at their k in part(i) and if not 5.05

Allow ecf for their (incorrect) $k \times (1.64 \times 10^{-6})$

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7.

(a) (i) 2 or two or second or $[E]^2$

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(ii) 1 or one or first or $[F]^1$ or $[F]$

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(b) (i)
$$k = \frac{8.6 \times 10^{-4}}{(3.8 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times (2.6 \times 10^{-2})}$$

mark is for insertion of numbers into a correctly rearranged rate equ, k = etc.

AE (-1) for copying numbers wrongly or swapping two numbers.

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= 22.9 (Allow 22.9 – 24 after correct rounding)

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$$\frac{\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^{+6} \text{s}^{8722;1}}$$

Any order.

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- (ii) $6.8(2) \times 10^{-3}$ (mol dm⁻³s⁻¹)
OR if their k is wrong, award the mark consequentially
a quick check can be achieved by using
their answer = 2.9768×10^{-4} Allow $2.9 - 3.1 \times 10^{-4}$ for the mark
their k
Allow 6.8×10^{-3} to 6.9×10^{-3}
Ignore units.

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