



A-Level Chemistry

Reactions of Benzene

Mark Scheme

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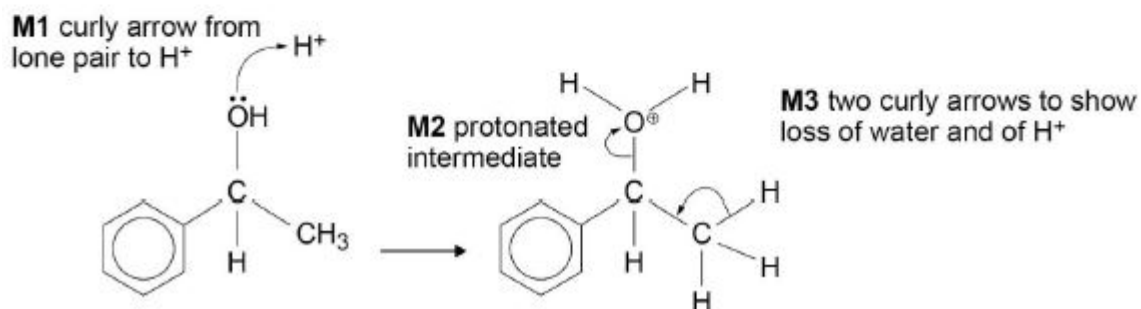
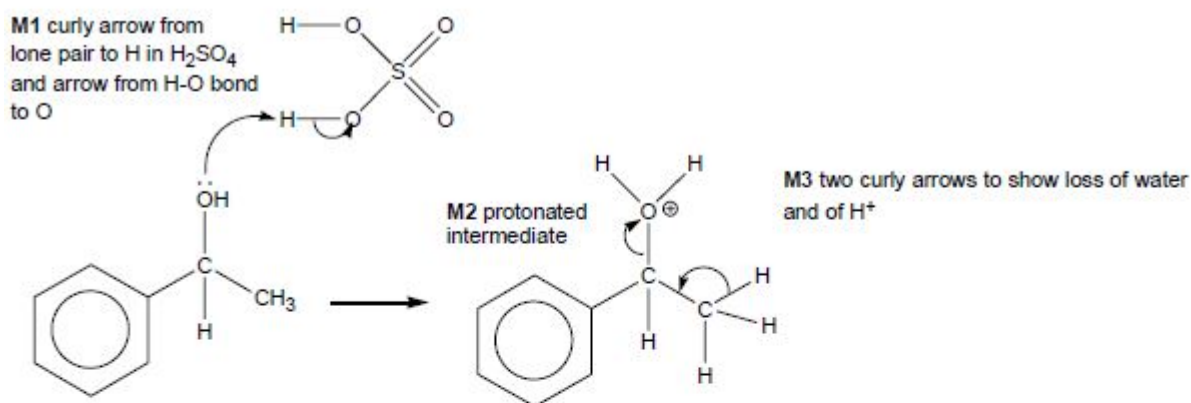
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Mark schemes

1.

- (a) **M1** Acylation
Allow electrophilic substitution
Allow ethanoic anhydride for M2 1
- M2** CH_3COCl OR Ethanoyl chloride
M3 dependent on M2 1
- M3** AlCl_3 OR Aluminium chloride (mark could be awarded in space for M2)
Allow Dry/anhydrous for M3
Apply list principle to extra incorrect conditions 1
- (b) **M1** Nucleophilic addition 1
- M2** NaBH_4
Allow LiAlH_4 for M2 1
- M3** 1-phenyl ethan(-1-)ol
If H_2/Ni stated allow M2 and M3 but to score a matching M1 it would have to be Catalytic addition 1

(c)



Penalise **M1** for mistakes on structure of H_2SO_4

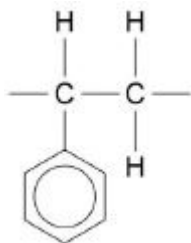
Allow H^+ attacked in **M1**

Allow **M3** as two steps

Allow displayed formulae

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(d)



Must show trailing bonds

Ignore brackets and any use of n

Allow C_6H_5 for phenyl group

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2.

(a) Electrophilic substitution both words needed

Allow minor spelling errors e.g. electrophilic or substitution

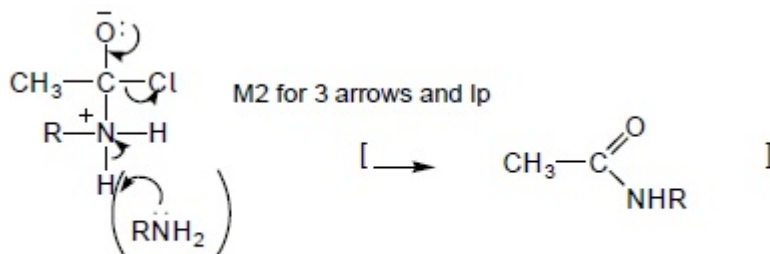
Ignore nitration

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(b) $+ 3\text{H}_2 \dots\dots\dots + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 Allow 6 [H]

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(c)



M1 for structure

M1 for structure of ion including 2 charges (+ on N must be correct in both cases if drawn twice)

M2 for 3 arrows and lp on O - may be scored in two steps

Ignore use of RNH_2 to remove H^+ in **M2**, but penalise use of Cl^-

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(d) Corrosive **OR** forms strong acid/HCl (fumes) **OR** vulnerable to hydrolysis **OR** dangerous (to use)

Allow anhydride is less corrosive **OR** does not form strong acid fumes **OR** less vulnerable to hydrolysis

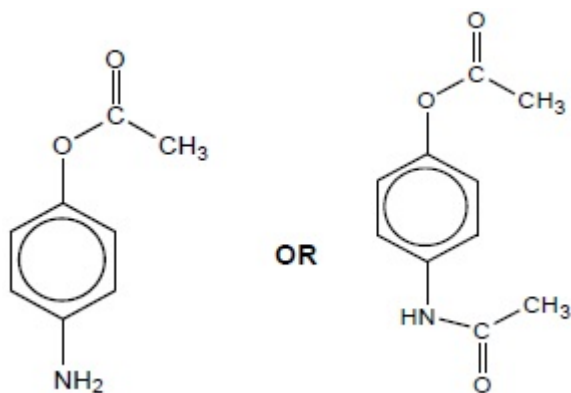
OR ethanoyl chloride is more expensive

Allow reacts violently / extremely exothermic / extremely vigorous

Ignore toxic / harmful / hazardous

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(e)



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(f) $+ \text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4 \dots\dots\dots + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 Allow $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- / \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$ and NH_4^+
 Allow $\text{NH}_4\text{CH}_3\text{COO}$

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(g) *Via moles*

M1 M_r paracetamol = 151(.0)

M1

M2 Amount paracetamol = $250 \times 10^3 / 151.0 = 1655.6 \text{ mol}$

OR $(250 \times 10^3) / \text{M1}$

(= amount hydroquinone used)

M2

M3 Mass hydroquinone = $1655.6 \times 110.0 = 182119 \text{ g} = 182 \text{ kg}$

OR correct answer to **M2** $\times 110.0 / 1000$

M3

OR via mass

M1 M_r paracetamol = 151(.0)

So 110 g hydroquinone forms 151 g paracetamol

M2 Mass hydroquinone needed $250 \times 110 / 151.0$

OR $250 \times 110 / \text{M1}$

= 182 kg

Min 2sf

If Mr values used wrong way round can score M2

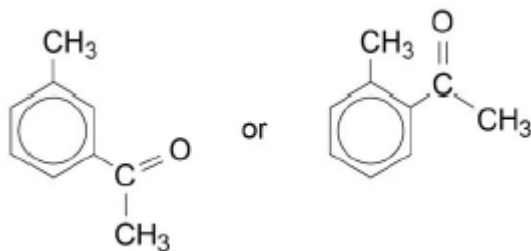
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(a) $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$

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(b)



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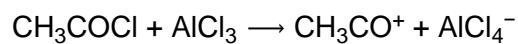
Position (isomerism).

Allow Positional.

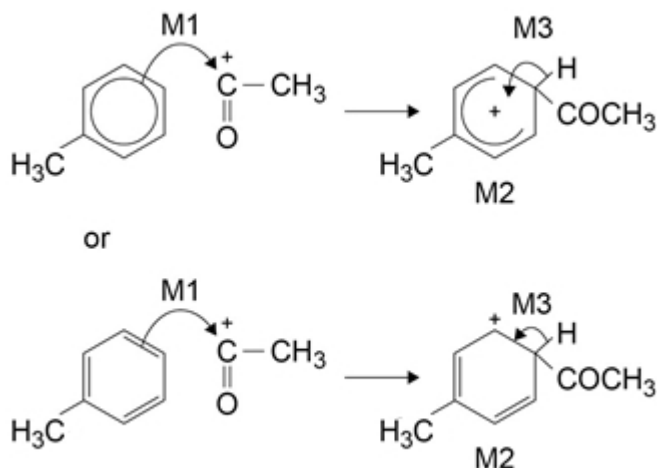
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(c) Electrophilic substitution

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Mechanism 3 marks:

M1 arrow from circle or within it to C of $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^+\text{O}$ (+ must be on C of $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^+\text{O}$).

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M2 for Intermediate (**must** be 4-isomer)

CH_3CO must be correctly positioned and bonded to gain M2
horseshoe must not extend beyond C2 to C6 but can be smaller
+ not too close to C1.

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M3 arrow into hexagon unless Kekule

Loss of H^+ (allow from incorrect isomer)

Allow M3 arrow independent of M2 structure

Ignore base removing H in M3.

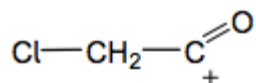
Allow Kekule structures (which must be correct).

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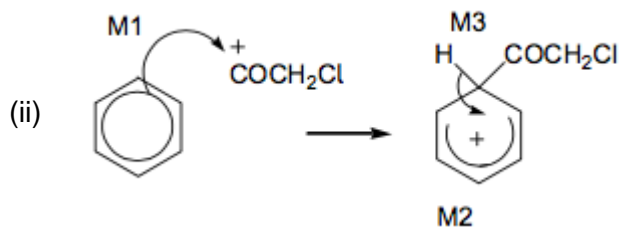
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(a) (i)



Allow $[\text{ClCH}_2\text{CO}]^+$

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M1 for arrow from inside hexagon to C or + on C on correct electrophile

M2 for structure of intermediate

- Horseshoe centred on C1;
- + in intermediate not too close to C1 (allow on or "below" a line from C2 to C6)

M3 for Arrow from bond to H into ring

- Allow M3 arrow independent of M2 structure
- + on H in intermediate loses M2 not M3
- Ignore Cl- removing H^+

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(b) Reagent

Water

(Aqueous) silver nitrate

NaOH followed by acidified silver nitrate

(Water +) named indicator

Named alcohol

Na₂CO₃ or NaHCO₃

Ammonia

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P

No reaction

No reaction (or slow formation of ppt)

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No colour change

NVC

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No reaction

Do NOT award

No observation

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Q

Steamy /misty/ white fumes

White precipitate (immediately formed)

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Indicator turns to correct acid colour

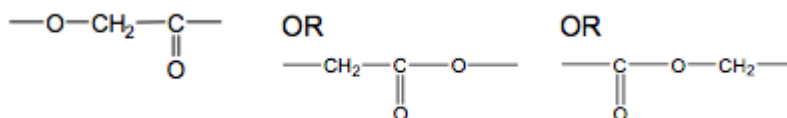
Fruity or sweet smell or misty fumes

Fizzing or effervescence (not just gas produced)

White smoke

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(c) (i)



One unit only

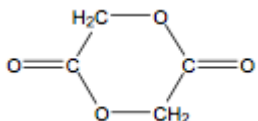
Must have trailing bonds

Ignore n and brackets

allow ---O---CH₂---CO---

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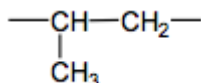
(i)



Allow CO for C=O

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(d) (i)



One unit only

Must have trailing bonds

Ignore n and brackets

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(ii) PGA sutures react/dissolve/break down/are biodegradable/
are hydrolysed / attacked by water or nucleophiles /no need to
remove

*OR Polypropene not biodegradeable/ not hydrolysed / not attacked
by water/nucleophiles*

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(Ester links have) polar bonds

polypropene contains non-polar bonds

ignore intermolecular forces

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5.

(a) Electrophilic substitution

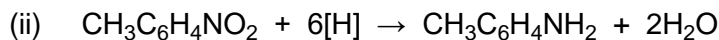
Both words needed

Ignore minor misspellings

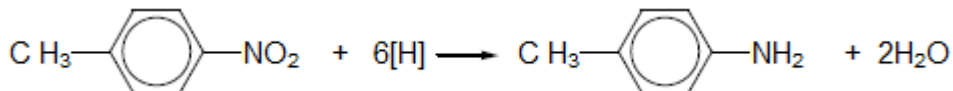
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- (b) (i) Sn / HCl
OR H₂ / Ni **OR** H₂ / Pt **OR** Fe / HCl **OR** Zn / HCl **OR** SnCl₂ / HCl
 Ignore conc or dil with HCl,
 Allow (dil) H₂SO₄ but not conc H₂SO₄
 Not allow HNO₃ or H⁺
 Ignore NaOH after Sn / HCl
 Ignore catalyst

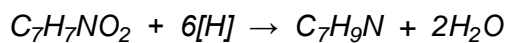
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OR



Allow molecular formulae as structures given



Qu states use [H], so penalised 3H₂

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- (iii) making dyes

OR making quaternary ammonium salts

OR making (cationic) surfactants

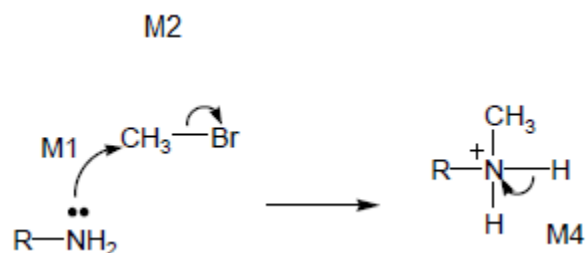
OR making hair conditioner

OR making fabric softener

OR making detergents

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(c)



NO Mark for name of mechanism

Allow SN1

M1 for lone pair on N and arrow to C or mid point of space between N and C

M2 for arrow from bond to Br

M3 for structure of protonated secondary amine

M4 for arrow from bond to N or + on N

For M4: ignore RNH₂ or NH₃ removing H⁺ but penalise Br⁻

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(d) lone or electron pair on N

If no mention of lone pair CE = 0

If lone pair mentioned but not on N then lose M1 and mark on

M1

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in **J** spread / delocalised into ring (or not delocalised in **K**)

Ignore negative inductive effect of benzene

Allow interacts with π cloud for M2

M2

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less available (for protonation or donation in **J**)

M3

OR

in **K** there is a positive inductive effect / electron releasing)

M2

more available (for protonation or donation in **K**)

M3

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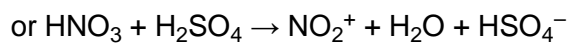
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6.(a) (i) conc HNO₃

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conc H₂SO₄*allow 1 for both acids if either conc missing*

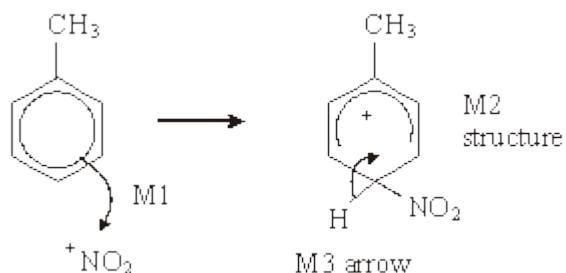
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(iii) electrophilic substitution CH₃

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horseshoe must not extend beyond C2 to C6 but can be smaller
+ must not be too close to Cl

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(b) Sn or Fe / HCl (conc or dil or neither)
or Ni / H₂ not NaBH₄ LiAlH₄

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(c) (i) NH₃

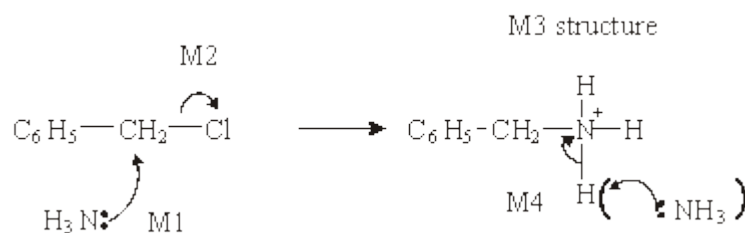
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Use an excess of ammonia

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(ii) nucleophilic substitution

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