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| 1 | (a) | (i) | $H_{2}N$ C $H_{2}C$ $H_{2}C$ $H_{2}C$ C $H_{2}C$ C C H_{3} C | 1 | Circles can be around C OR CH atoms but must not include other atoms ALLOW any suitable way of highlighting chiral carbons, e.g. asterisk, * Note : Mark the circles and ignore other working on diagram |
| | | (ii) | carboxyl OR carboxylic acid, amine, amide, ester must be names 2 marks for 4 correct functional groups √√ 1 mark for 3 correct functional groups √ | 2 | ALLOW peptide for amide |
| | (b) | | H G_{H_3} G_{H_3} G_{H_3} G_{H_3} G_{H_2} G_{H_3} G_{H_2} G_{H_3} G_{H_2} G_{H_2} G_{H_3} G_{H_2} $G_$ | 4 | ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long as unambiguous) ALLOW + charge on H of NH₃ groups, ie NH₃⁺ Note: If there are more than three structures shown, credit any correct structures and ignore incorrect structures |

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| (c) | Answer (adverse) side effects OR toxicity OR irritation ✓ | 1 | Guidance ALLOW a stated adverse side effect, eg allergy, carcinogenic, hyperactivity etc IGNORE references to optical isomers, chirality, etc IGNORE vague statements such as harmful to body, dangerous to body DO NOT ALLOW obesity, corrosive to body ALLOW company liable to litigation/damages Note: Scroll down to bottom of page to check for any further |
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| 2 | (a) | (| The pH OR point at which the zwitterion exists \checkmark | 1 | ALLOW pH/point at which there is no overall/net charge |
| | | | | | IGNORE pH/point at which there is no charge/ neutral |
| | | | | | ie overall/net is required |
| | | | | | ALLOW pH/point at which contains COO^- AND NH_3^+ |
| | | (ii) | | | ALLOW CH ₃ CH(NH ₃) ⁺ COO [−] |
| | | | | | ALLOW CH ₃ CH(NH ₃) ⁺ COOH |
| | | | $H_{3}N - C - C - O \qquad H_{3}N - C - C - OH$ | | ALLOW CO_2^- and CO_2H |
| | | | ĊH ₃ ✓ CH ₃ ✓ | 2 | ALLOW + charge on N or H: ie ${}^{+}NH_{3}$ or NH_{3}^{+} |
| | | | | | DO NOT ALLOW '' charge on C: ie COO |
| | | | | | DO NOT ALLOW H or CH_3 missing |
| | | | | | ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula ALLOW combination of formulae as long as unambiguous |
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| | (a) | (iii) | pH < 3: COOH ✓ | | ALLOW carboxyl group OR carboxylic acid DO NOT ALLOW 'acid' OR just 'carboxylic' (without 'acid') |
| | | | pH > 10: NH₂ ✓ | 2 | ALLOW amino group OR amine |
| | | | | | DO NOT ALLOW if give correct formula but wrong name or correct name and wrong formula eg NH_2 and amide |
| | | | | | IF any carbon chain is shown attached to BOTH functional groups ALLOW 1 mark eg CH ₂ COOH AND CH ₂ NH ₂ for 1 mark CH ₃ COOH AND CH ₃ NH ₂ for 1 mark RCOOH AND RNH ₂ for 1 mark |
| | | | | | IF functional groups are shown the wrong way round, ALLOW 1 mark i.e. NH ₂ COOH |
| | (b) | | Н О Н О | | DO NOT ALLOW more repeat units IGNORE brackets and ' <i>n</i> ' ALLOW end bonds shown as DO NOT ALLOW if end bonds are missing |
| | | | peptide link must be fully displayed, i.e. O C N H H | | ALLOW terminal N–H on right (OR C=O on left), <i>ie</i> H O H O I I II II |
| | | | TWO repeat units shown correctly \checkmark | 2 | IF peptide bond is shown not displayed, i.e. CONH, 2nd mark can still be awarded |

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| (c) (| There is no chiral carbon OR there is no asymmetry in the molecule ✓ | 1 | ALLOW there is no asymmetric carbon OR it has no non-superimposable mirror image OR there are not four different atoms/groups of atoms (attached to carbon) OR there are only three different atoms/groups of atoms (attached to carbon) OR because there are two hydrogen atoms on the carbon |
| | COOH H ₂ N CH ₂ SH K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K K | 2 | ALLOW Add the same 3-D structure repeated but with 2 groups 'swapped' as after rotation the 2nd isomer is a mirror image of the first, i. COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2N COOH H_2SH and the N of the C of the COOH, the C of the CH ₂ SH and the N of the NH ₂ (ie connectivity is being tested) ie, ALLOW as in the example but DO NOT ALLOW an attempted NH ₂ shown as below: COOH H_2N N_2H The 2nd mark is for the mirror image of CORRECT optical isomer only CARE : may be orientated differently DO NOT penalise connectivity more than once Each structure must have four central bonds, with at least one wedge in AND one wedge out |

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| | | | For bond into plane of paper, ALLOW: |

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| (c) | (iii) | | | ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED |
| | | Disadvantages: any two from: (one stereoisomer might have harmful/adverse) side effects√ | | IGNORE harmful/adverse effects only |
| | | - reduces the (pharmacological) activity/effectiveness \checkmark | | ALLOW a response that implies an increased dose |
| | | cost of separating stereoisomers OR difficulty in separating stereoisomers ✓ | 2 | IGNORE it takes time to separate |
| | | Synthesis of a single optical isomer any two from: using enzymes or bacteria ✓ using (chemical) chiral synthesis OR using chiral catalysts ✓ using (natural) chiral molecules/compounds ✓ Quality of Written Communication For full marks to be awarded for this question chiral OR enzyme OR bacteria OR catalyst must be spelled correctly at least once in the correct context | 2 | ALLOW biological catalysts ALLOW chiral transition metal complex/catalyst OR stereoselective transition metal complex/catalyst ALLOW 'chiral pool' OR L-amino acids / D-sugars |
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| (d) | amino acid number of peaks | isoleucine 6 ✓ | leucine 5 ✓ | tyrosine 7 ✓ | 3 | 1 mark for each number | |
| (e) | HN HN valine anhydr | NH | proline ant | hydride | 2 | ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula ALLOW combination of formulae as long as unambiguous Common errors: Look for NH ₂ on first structure and NH on second structure | |
| | | | | Total | 19 | | |

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| 3 | (a) | (i) | $C/CH(CH_3)COOH + 3NH_3 \rightarrow H_2NCH(CH_3)COO^- + NH_4^+ + NH_4CI$ | 1 | ALLOW use of two NH ₃ : $CICH(CH_3)COOH + 2NH_3 \rightarrow H_2NCH(CH_3)COO^- + NH_4^+ + HCI$ ALLOW products as above OR H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COOH + NH ₄ CI ALLOW use of one NH ₃ : $CICH(CH_3)COOH + NH_3 \rightarrow H_2NCH(CH_3)COO^- + H^+ + HCI$ ALLOW products as above OR H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COOH + HCI For alternatives below, for NH ₄ CI, ALLOW NH ₄ +CT OR NH ₄ + + CT for HCI, ALLOW H ⁺ CT OR H ⁺ + CT for H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COO ⁻ + NH ₄ ⁺ ALLOW H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COO ⁻ + NH ₄ ⁺ ALLOW H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COO ⁻ + NH ₄ ⁺ ALLOW H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COO ⁻ + NH ₄ ⁺ ALLOW H ₂ NCH(CH ₃)COO ⁻ + NH ₄ ⁺ ALLOW R in equation in place of CH ₃ (either or both sides) ALLOW combination of formulae as long as unambiguous DO NOT ALLOW molecular formulae |
| | (a) | (ii) | $\begin{array}{c c} CH_3 & CH_3 \\ & \\ HOOC - C - N - C - COOH \\ H & \\ H & H \\ H & \checkmark \end{array}$ | 1 | ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula ALLOW combination of formulae as long as unambiguous ALLOW product from carboxylate ion as nucleophile: $\begin{array}{cccc} CH_3 & CH_3 \\ H_2N & \\ H_2N & COO & C \\ H & \\ \end{array}$ |

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| (b) | (i) | O OH OR HO O V | 1 | DO NOT ALLOW any structure containing C OR H (except in OH) |
| (b) | (ii) | CH ₂ COOH H ₂ N H | 2 | ALL bond linkages must be correct, eg the chiral C must be linked to the C of the COOH, the C of the CH₂COOH and the N of the NH₂ (connectivity is being tested) The 2nd mark is for the mirror image of an amino acid. This could be any amino acid EXCEPT glycine DO NOT penalise connectivity more than once ALLOW R in equation in place of CH₂COOH (either or both sides) Each structure must have four control bonds, with at least |
| | | | | For bond into paper, accept: |
| (c) | | Disadvantages Any two from: (one stereoisomer might have harmful) side effects√ reduces the (pharmacological) activity/effectiveness √ cost OR difficulty in separating stereoisomers √ Synthesis of a single optical isomer | 2 max | ANNOTATIONS MUST BE USED ALLOW optical isomer OR enantiomers as alternative for stereoisomers ALLOW a response that implies an increased dose |
| | | Any two from: using enzymes or bacteria ✓ using a chiral catalyst OR transition metal complex/transition metal catalyst ✓ using chiral synthesis OR chiral starting material OR natural amino acid ✓ | 2 max | ALLOW biological catalyst ALLOW 'chiral pool' OR L-amino acids OR D-sugars |
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| 4 | (a) | (i) | adsorption ✓ | 1 | ALLOW partition OR adsorbtion IGNORE solubility OR desorption DO NOT ALLOW absorption |
| | | (ii) | measure how far each spot travels relative to the solvent front or calculate the $R_{\rm f}$ value \checkmark compare $R_{\rm f}$ values to those for known amino acids \checkmark | 2 | ALLOW compare R_f values to database ALLOW compare to known amino acids DO NOT ALLOW retention times for first mark, but the 2nd mark would be available as \checkmark ECF ALLOW alternative approach: on the same plate compare position of spots \checkmark with known amino acids \checkmark |
| | (iii) (amino acids won't separate because) similar compounds have similar $R_{\rm f}$ (values) \checkmark | | | | ALLOW spots often overlap OR don't (fully) separate ALLOW they have similar <i>R</i> _f (values) or similar adsoptions or similar retention times ECF to a(ii) |
| | (b) | (i) | H H ₂ NC OOH R ✓ | 1 | $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{ALLOW} \ RCH(NH_2)COOH \ any \ order \ for \ R, \ NH_2 \ and \ COOH \ but \\ C \ must \ be \ next \ to \ H \ \ \underline{CH'} \ must \ be \ shown \\ \textbf{ALLOW} \ CO_2H \\ brackets \ around \ NH_2 \ are \ \textbf{not} \ essential \\ \textbf{ALLOW} \ structure \end{array}$ |
| | (ii) must attempt 3D use RE symbol in the "tools" to denote whether or not each chiral C is a reflection of th one given in the question H_2N, H_2C, H_2C, H_3 both chiral Cs are mirror images $H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2C, H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_2CH_3$ $H_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3CH_3C$ | | | | each chiral C must have 2 — bonds, 1 wedge bond (IGNORE shading) & 1 dash bond (IGNORE wedge) check the clockwise orientation of each C. For each C start with the H and if on the: top C the H is followed by COOH it is not a mirror image. If it is a mirror image annotate using RE. bottom C the H is followed by CH₃ it is not a mirror image. If it is a mirror image annotate using RE. the four groups can be attached in any order. If the molecule is drawn upside down – clockwise becomes anti-clockwise. MUST check that the drawn structure is non-superimposable irrespective of the orientation or the way it has been drawn. |
| | | | | | IGNUKE bond linkage for all groups |

| (c) | H I | H | H | | ALLOW CO ₂ ⁻ |
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| | H ₃ NCCOO ⁻ | H ₂ NCCOO ⁻ | H ₃ N ⁺ CCOOH | | ALLOW NH ₃ ⁺ |
| | ĊН₃ | (ĊH ₂) ₂ | (CH ₂) ₄ | | If NH_3 fully displayed ALLOW + charge on N or H |
| | | coo ⁻ | ⁺NH₃ | | If COO fully displayed ALLOW ⁻ charge on O only |
| | alanine at pH = 6.0 | glutamic acid at pH =10 | lysine at $pH = 2.0$ | | |
| (d) | valine-glycine-leucir | ne ✓ | | | ALLOW val-gly-leu |
| | | | | 1 | DO NOT ALLOW structures |
| (e) | $H_2N(CH_2)_6NH_2 \checkmark$ | / | | 2 | ALLOW H ₂ NCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ |
| | HOOC(CH ₂) ₈ COOH | ~ | | | ALLOW HOOCCH ₂ CH ₂ |
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