



GCSE Chemistry
Alcohols, Carboxylic Acids
and Esters
Mark Scheme

Time available: 64 minutes
Marks available: 62 marks

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Mark schemes

1.	(a) (i) ethanol	1
	(ii) oxidised	1
	(iii) Test add any named carbonate or hydrogen carbonate <i>the first mark is for the test; the second is for the result if the test is incorrect award 0 marks.</i>	1
	Result A will effervesce (carbon dioxide) or B will not effervesce. <i>if the result is incorrect, award the first mark only</i>	1

or

candidates do not have to name a gas but penalise an incorrect gas.

Test

add a named (magnesium, aluminium, zinc, iron or tin) metal
give credit to any test that will work.

Result

A will effervesce (hydrogen), **B** will not
allow a test that would identify B.

or

Test

add an acid-base indicator

Result

credit any acid colour for that indicator eg for universal indicator allow red, yellow or orange

give credit for the neutral colour for **B**

or

Test

add an alcohol (+ acid catalyst)

Result

sweet or fruity smell of esters.

(b) (i) H₂O

1

(ii) ethyl ethanoate

1

(iii) any **one** from:

- flavourings
- perfumes
- solvents
- plasticisers

allow any correct use of esters

1

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2.

- (a) (i) the products are at a lower energy level than the reactants
accept products have less energy / less energy at the end than the beginning
- (ii) because a catalyst provides an alternative / different pathway / mechanism / reaction route
accept adsorption or 'increases concentration at the surface'
ignore absorption

1

1

(that has) lower activation energy

allow weakens bonds

allow idea of increased successful collisions.

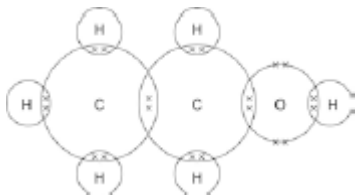
DO NOT ALLOW answers stating catalysts provide energy for M1 and M2

1

- (b) one pair of electrons in each overlap (8 pairs in total)
allow any combination of dots, crosses or other symbols

1

the rest of the diagram correct with four non-bonding electrons on the oxygen giving a total of eight electrons in oxygen outer energy level.



gains 2 marks

1

(c) (i) ± 3024 (J)

correct answer with or without working gains 3 marks

if the answer is incorrect, award up to 2 marks for the following steps:

- $\Delta T = 14.4(^{\circ}\text{C})$
- $50 \times 4.2 \times 14.4$

allow ecf for incorrect ΔT

3

(ii) 0.015(2173913)

correct answer with or without working gains 3 marks

if answer is incorrect, allow 1 mark each for any of the following steps up to a max of 2.

- 0.70g
- M_r of ethanol = 46
- $0.70 / 46$

allow ecf in final answer for arithmetical errors

3

(iii) $\pm 198\,720$ (J / mole)

c(i) \div c(ii)

allow ecf from (c)(i) and (c)(ii)

0.015 gives 201600

0.0152 gives 198947

0.01522 gives 198686

1

(d) (as the molecules get bigger **or** the number of carbon atoms increases) the intermolecular forces

allow intermolecular bonds

1

(intermolecular forces) increase

allow more / stronger (intermolecular forces)

1

and therefore require more (heat) energy to overcome

breaking covalent bonds or unspecified bonds max 1 mark (M3)

1

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3.

(a) HCOOH

allow HCO₂H

1

propanoic acid

1

(b) incomplete / partial ionisation
allow incomplete / partial dissociation 1

(because) reaction is reversible
allow (because) reaction is in equilibrium 1

(c) mass (of flask and contents) decreases 1

(because) carbon dioxide is produced 1

(and) carbon dioxide escapes (from the flask)
allow 1 mark for the gas produced escapes (from the flask) 1

(d) (0.01 mol/dm³) methanoic acid has a lower pH
allow converse argument for ethanoic acid
allow (0.01 mol/dm³) methanoic acid is a stronger acid 1

(so 0.01 mol/dm³) methanoic acid has a higher concentration of hydrogen ions 1

(therefore) more collisions per unit time 1

(e) ethyl ethanoate 1

(f)
 1

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4.

(a)
 1

(b)

Name of element	Symbol for element	Number of atoms in one molecule of ethanol
carbon	C	2
hydrogen	H	6
oxygen	O	1

ignore O2

1
1
1

(c) a solvent

1

(d) sugar

allow named sugar
allow saccharide

1

(e) yeast

1

(f) ethyl ethanoate

1

(g) water

ignore H₂O

1

(h) $400 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.40 \text{ dm}^3$

1

$$\frac{1.00}{0.40} \times 20$$

allow correct use of incorrectly converted or unconverted volume

1

$$= 50 \text{ (g)}$$

1

alternative approach:

$$1.0 \text{ dm}^3 = 1000 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ (1)}$$

$$\frac{1000}{400} \times 20 \text{ (1)}$$

allow correct use of incorrectly converted or unconverted volume

$$= 50 \text{ (g) (1)}$$

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5.

(a) oxygen

allow correct answer shown in box if answer line blank

1

(b) vinegar

allow correct answer shown in box if answer line blank

1

(c) C

1

(d) Ester

1

(e) pleasant smell

1

volatile

allow low boiling point / evaporates

1

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6. (a) any **two** from:
- fuel
allow source of energy
 - solvent
allow perfume / aftershave
 - antiseptic
allow antibacterial
- 2
- (b) Hydrogen
- 1
- (c) (i) oxidation
*do **not** allow redox*
- 1
- (ii) correct structure
- 1
- (iii) ethanoic acid is a weak / weaker acid
it = ethanoic acid
- 1
- because it does not completely ionise.
allow because it does not completely dissociate
allow it has a lower concentration of hydrogen ions
allow converse for hydrochloric acid
*do **not** allow ionising*
- 1
- (d) (i) ethyl ethanoate
- 1
- (ii) acid
allow any strong acid
allow correct formulae
- 1
- (iii) evaporates easily / quickly
allow low boiling point
*do **not** allow flammable*
- 1
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