VCE CHEMISTRY 2018

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAM

Units 3/4
Reading time: 15 minutes
Writing time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	30	30	30
B	10	10	100
			Total 130

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SECTION A – Multiple Choice Questions

(30 marks)

> *Section A consists of 30 multiple-choice questions.*
> *Choose the response that is **correct** or **best answers** the question.*
> *A correct answer scores 1, an incorrect answer scores 0.*
> *No mark is awarded if more than one answer is supplied for a question.*
> *Indicate your choice on the answer sheet provided.*

Question 1
One of the flu vaccines available in 2018 is known as Fluad. This vaccine contains an adjuvant – a compound that increases the immune system's response to the vaccine so that higher amounts of antibodies are generated, and longer-lasting protection provided.
The adjuvant in Fluad is squalene oil. The structure of squalene is represented in **Figure 1**.
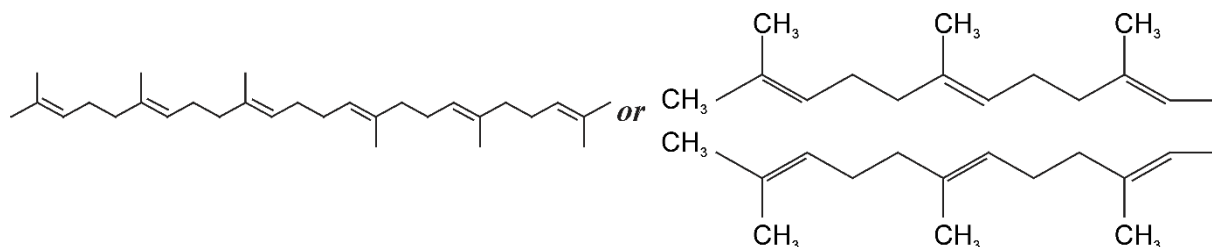

Figure 1

Which of the following descriptions of squalene molecules is **least** accurate?
A.   Squalene molecules have no chiral carbons.
B.   Squalene molecules are symmetrical.
C.   Squalene molecules have 10 different hydrogen environments.
D.   Squalene molecules have 14 different carbon environments.

Question 2
Camphor is a substance considered to have significant therapeutic benefits as an antiseptic, a decongestant and a local anaesthetic. Its molecular formula is $C_{10}H_{16}O$ and its heat of combustion is 5904 kJ^{-1} mol^{-1}.
2.45 g of camphor is completely burnt in excess oxygen in a bomb calorimeter. The heat capacity of the calorimeter is 7.89 kJ K^{-1} and the temperature after combustion is 33.88°C.
What was temperature in the calorimeter when the combustion reaction was sparked?
A.   12.1°C
B.   21.8°C
C.   26.0°C
D.   46.0°C

Question 3
In terms of enzyme activity, the induced fit model depends on the
A.   active site independently changing shape so that the substrate will fit.
B.   substrate independently changing shape, so it can fit the active site.
C.   substrate binding to the active site and in doing so changing the shape of the active site.
D.   active site changing the shape of the substrate as it binds to enable the required fit.

Question 4
Which of the following compounds does **not** have *cis* and *trans* isomers?
A.   But-2-ene.
B.   1-chlorobut-2-ene.
C.   2-chlorobut-2-ene.
D.   2-methylbut-2-ene.

Question 5
0.49 g of a hydrocarbon was completely burnt in air. The heat produced raised the temperature of 200 g of water by 28.7°C. The standard enthalpy of combustion of the hydrocarbon is 2058 kJ mol^{-1}.
The relative molecular mass of the hydrocarbon is.
A.   42
B.   44
C.   58
D.   114

Question 6
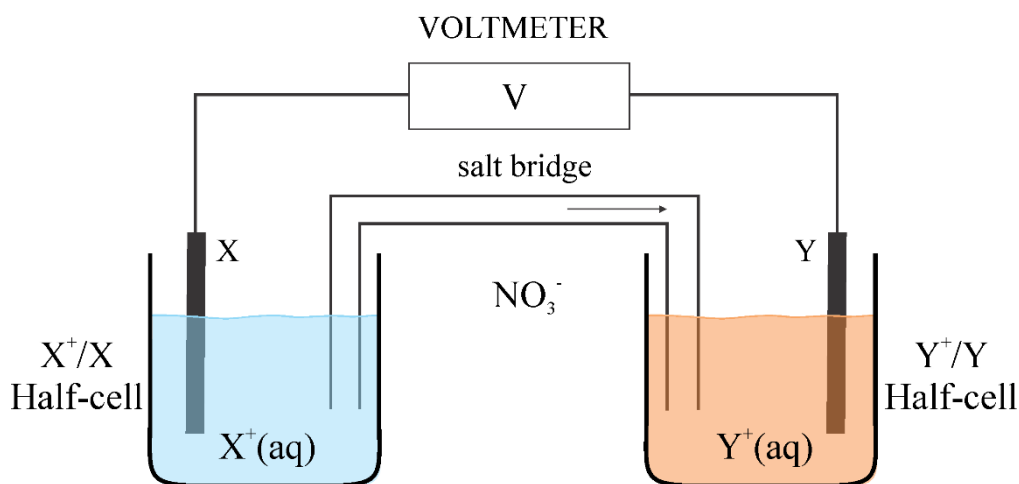Consider the general representation of a galvanic cell represented in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2

The half-equation for the reaction occurring at the negative electrode is
A. $X(s) \rightarrow X^+(aq) + e^-$
B. $X^+(aq) + e^- \rightarrow X(s)$
C. $Y(s) \rightarrow Y^+(aq) + e^-$
D. $Y^+(aq) + e^- \rightarrow Y(s)$

Question 7

Molecules of nitric oxide, NO, are important in the effective functioning of mammals. As a vasodilator, nitric oxide relaxes arteries, which allows blood to flow freely, and plays a critical role in blood pressure control and the circulatory system. NO molecules also act as an important signalling molecule in the nervous system.

Nitric oxide is produced in the body from one specific amino acid, by the catalytic action of nitric oxide synthases.

This amino acid is most likely to be

A.   arginine.
B.   asparagine.
C.   histidine.
D.   lysine.

Question 8

A galvanic cell made up of the $Ag^+(aq)$ / $Ag(s)$ and $Y^{3+}(aq)$ / $Y(s)$ half-cells under standard conditions generates 2.25 V more than a cell made up of the $Ag^+(aq)$ / $Ag(s)$ and $Pb^{2+}(aq)$ / $Pb(s)$ half-cells.

A galvanic cell made up of and $Tl(aq)$ / $Tl(s)$ and $Y^{3+}(aq)$ / $Y(s)$ generates 0.21 V less than a cell made up of $Pb^{2+}(aq)$ / $Pb(s)$ and $Y^{3+}(aq)$ / $Y(s)$.

Based on this information, the strongest reductant present in the four half-cells is

A.   Ag.
B.   Pb.
C.   Tl.
D.   Y.

Question 9

The ethanol content of a fermentation mixture was determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

The calibration graph shown below was obtained by passing a set of known standards of ethanol through a high-performance liquid chromatograph and measuring peak areas at the retention time of ethanol.
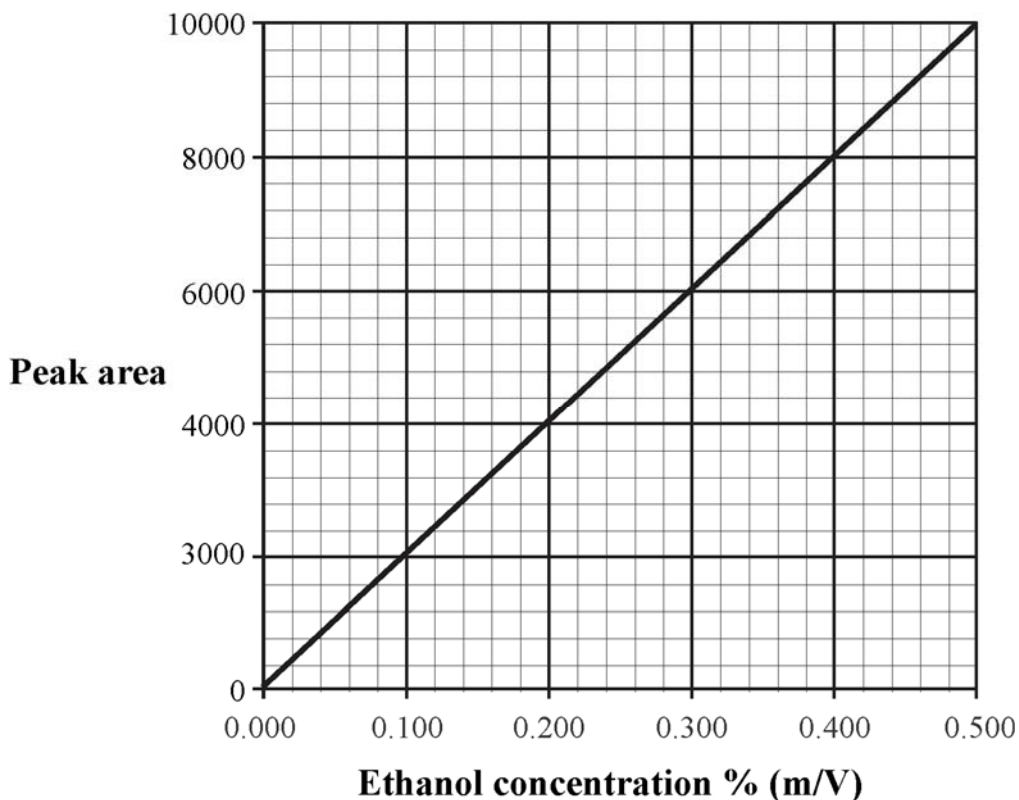
Graph 1

A 20.0 mL sample of a fermentation mixture was added to a 500 mL volumetric flask and the solution made up to the calibration mark.

Samples of the diluted solution were run through the same chromatograph, and the peak area, at the retention time of ethanol, was recorded to be 8600.

The concentration of ethanol in the fermentation mixture, in mol L^{-1}, was closest to

A.   4.68
B.   2.34
C.   0.975
D.   0.234

Question 10

When one mL of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane is added to a sample of 0.10 M sodium hydroxide solution and reaction occurs, the pH of the solution

A.   should decrease.
B.   should increase.
C.   should remain the same.
D.   cannot be determined without more information.

Question 11

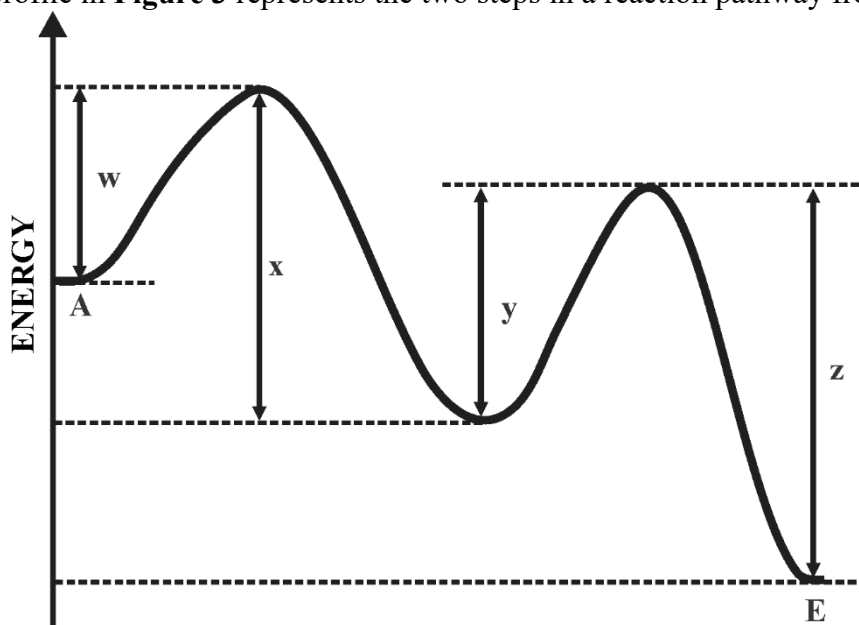The energy profile in **Figure 3** represents the two steps in a reaction pathway from A to E.

Figure 3

The overall energy change in the conversion of A to E is best represented by

A.   y + z − w − x
B.   x + z − w − y
C.   z − w + x − y
D.   z − x

Question 12
Vitamin C, ascorbic acid, and its oxidised form dehydroascorbic acid can both be present in foods. Dehydroascorbic acid molecules simply have fewer hydrogen atoms than ascorbic acid molecules.
Which of the structures below is most likely to represent dehydroascorbic acid?

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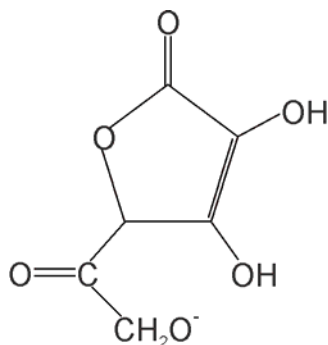
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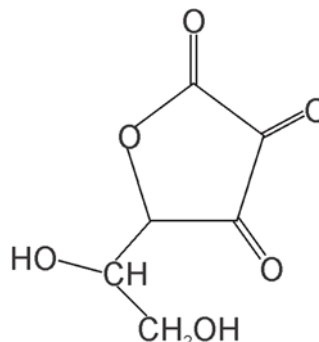
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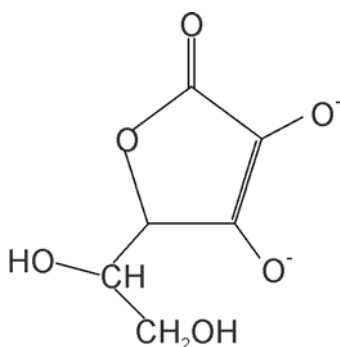
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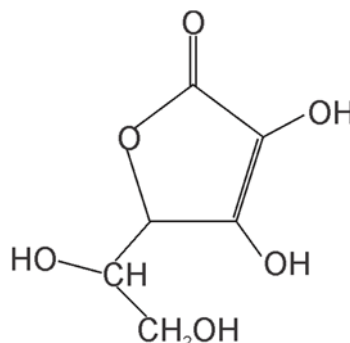
Question 13
A racemic mixture is a mixture that contains equal amounts of enantiomers, i.e. a pair of stereoisomers. When placed in a polarimeter, enantiomers rotate polarised light by the same amount but in opposite directions.
Which of the following compounds might be expected to exist as a racemic mixture and so have no overall rotation of polarised light?
A.   Butan-1-ol.
B.   Butan-2-ol.
C.   Methyl propan-2-ol.
D.   Methyl propan-1-ol.

Question 14

Maxwell-Boltzmann curves are presented below in **Figure 4** for the same reaction under two different sets of conditions, 1 and 2.
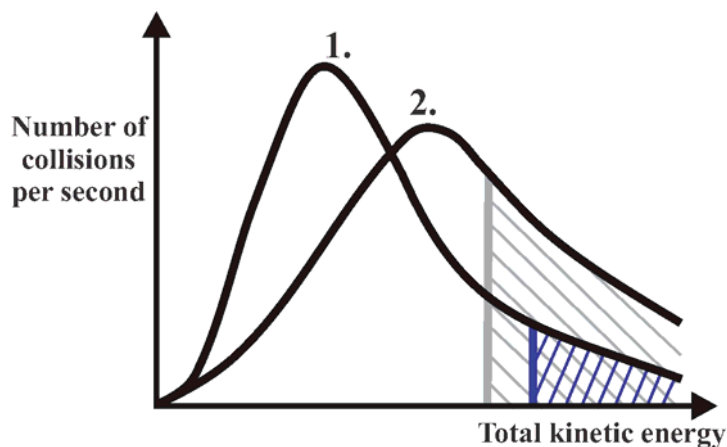
Figure 4

Compared to set of conditions 1. the reaction under set of conditions 2. involves
A.   lower temperature and the presence of a catalyst.
B.   lower temperature and the absence of a catalyst.
C.   higher temperature and the presence of a catalyst.
D.   higher temperature and the absence of a catalyst.

Question 15

Milk fresh from a cow does not contain lactic acid. However, over time, bacterial action can convert some lactose present in the milk to lactic acid, $CH_3CH(OH)COOH$.
In an analysis to determine the amount of lactic acid in a sample of milk with density 1.03 g mL^{-1}, 25.0 mL of the milk is titrated with 0.150 M NaOH(aq) to the phenolphthalein endpoint. An average titre of 13.2 mL of titrant was required.
The percentage, by mass, of lactic acid in the milk was
A.   0.692
B.   0.713
C.   0.733
D.   1.38

Question 16

Vitamin D helps us absorb calcium and phosphate from our diets and is essential for healthy bones. Low levels of vitamin D, associated with insufficient exposure to sunlight, can cause the skeletal disorder rickets. Given concerns associated with extended exposure to sunlight, vitamin D is added to some foodstuffs. Vitamin D_3 is animal-sourced and can be obtained from fish, whereas vitamin D_2 is plant-based.

Whilst they have similar structures, the melting temperatures of vitamin D_2 and vitamin D_3 are different.

Vitamin D_2: 114°C; vitamin D_3: 86°C

This difference is best explained by the

A.   presence of an extra C=C double bond in vitamin D_2.
B.   presence of extra H atoms in vitamin D_2.
C.   structure of vitamin D_3 allowing its molecules to pack more tightly together.
D.   the higher molar mass of vitamin D_2.

Question 17

NMR spectroscopy depends on the nuclear magnetic characteristics of atoms with an uneven number of protons or neutrons, e.g. ^1H and ^{13}C. Such atoms can align with or against an applied magnetic field, with the alignment against the magnetic field dependent on energy absorption. The two alignments are at different nuclear spin energy levels as represented in the diagram in **Figure 5**.

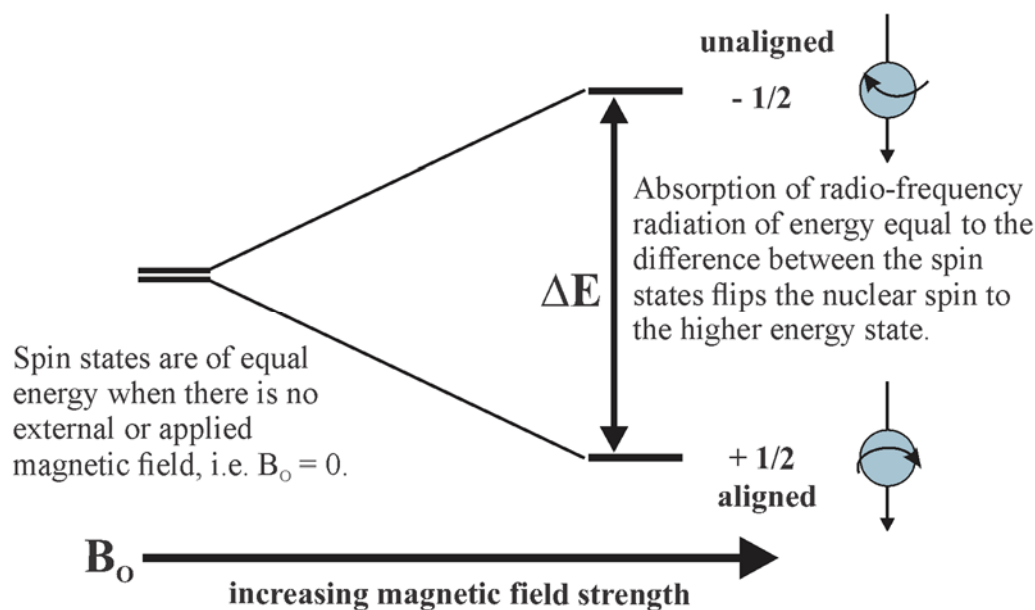**Figure 5**

In NMR spectroscopy, a higher chemical shift value for a hydrogen or carbon atom in the molecules of a compound is consistent with

A.   a smaller difference in nuclear energy spin levels.
B.   a larger difference in nuclear energy spin levels.
C.   a weaker magnetic field experience by the atoms.
D.   stronger dispersion force attraction between the molecules of the compound.

Question 18

Excess acidified potassium dichromate is added to the same chemical amount of four different compounds. Which of these compounds will require the smallest amount of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ for complete reaction?

A. Propan-1-ol.
B. Propan-2-ol.
C. 2-methylpropan-1-ol.
D. 2-methylpropan-2-ol.

Question 19

Waste management has become an increasingly significant issue now that waste which was previously exported must be treated in Australia. At a meeting in April this year, federal and state environment ministers endorsed an ambitious target to make all Australian packaging recyclable, compostable or reusable by 2025.

Since plastic is our main packaging material, methods of converting plastic waste to oil are being considered. One such process is gasification, where waste plastic is heated with air or steam to produce synthesis gas, a mixture of CO and H_2, which can be used to produce petrodiesel in a process known as the Fischer-Tropsch process.

An unbalanced general equation for this process is

$$\underline{\quad} H_2 + \underline{\quad} CO \rightarrow C_nH_{2n+2} + \underline{\quad} H_2O.$$
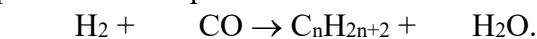
The coefficient of H_2 in this equation should be

A. n+1
B. 2n+1
C. 2n
D. 2n+2

Question 20

In an analysis of the concentration of ethanoic acid in a specific brand of commercial vinegar, the same method is followed using the same equipment and solutions multiple times. The $c(CH_3COOH)$ obtained from the analysis could best be described as

A. accurate.
B. precise.
C. accurate and precise.
D. accurate but not precise.

Question 21

Two students, Megan and Harry, separately standardise an approximately 0.1 M aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid by titrating 20 mL aliquots of 0.050 M $Na_2CO_3(aq)$ with the acid to the methyl orange endpoint.

Ultimately, Harry calculated the $c(HCl)$ to be 0.095 M whilst Megan determined it to be 0.098 M. Which of the following could best explain the difference in concentrations calculated?

A. Megan rinsed her pipette with water only.
B. Harry rinsed his pipette with water and then the sodium carbonate solution.
C. Megan consistently read from the bottom of the meniscus when taking burette readings.
D. Harry consistently read from the top of the meniscus when taking burette readings.

Question 22
Table 1 shows the relative carbohydrate content in each 100 g serve and the glycaemic index of a few foods in a meal.

Food	Carbohydrate content g / 100 g	Glycaemic index
Wholemeal bread – 84 g	47	59
Avocado – 50 g	4	10
Omelette – 200 g	0	-
Chips – 100 g	20.1	85
Watermelon – 150 g	4	76

Table 1

The food which will have the greatest impact on blood sugar levels because of digestion of the food will be
A. avocado.
B. chips.
C. watermelon.
D. wholemeal bread.

Question 23
0.886 g of a compound of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen contains 0.0402 mol of carbon atoms and 0.0806 mol of hydrogen atoms.
The IR spectrum of the compound is given below in **Figure 6.**
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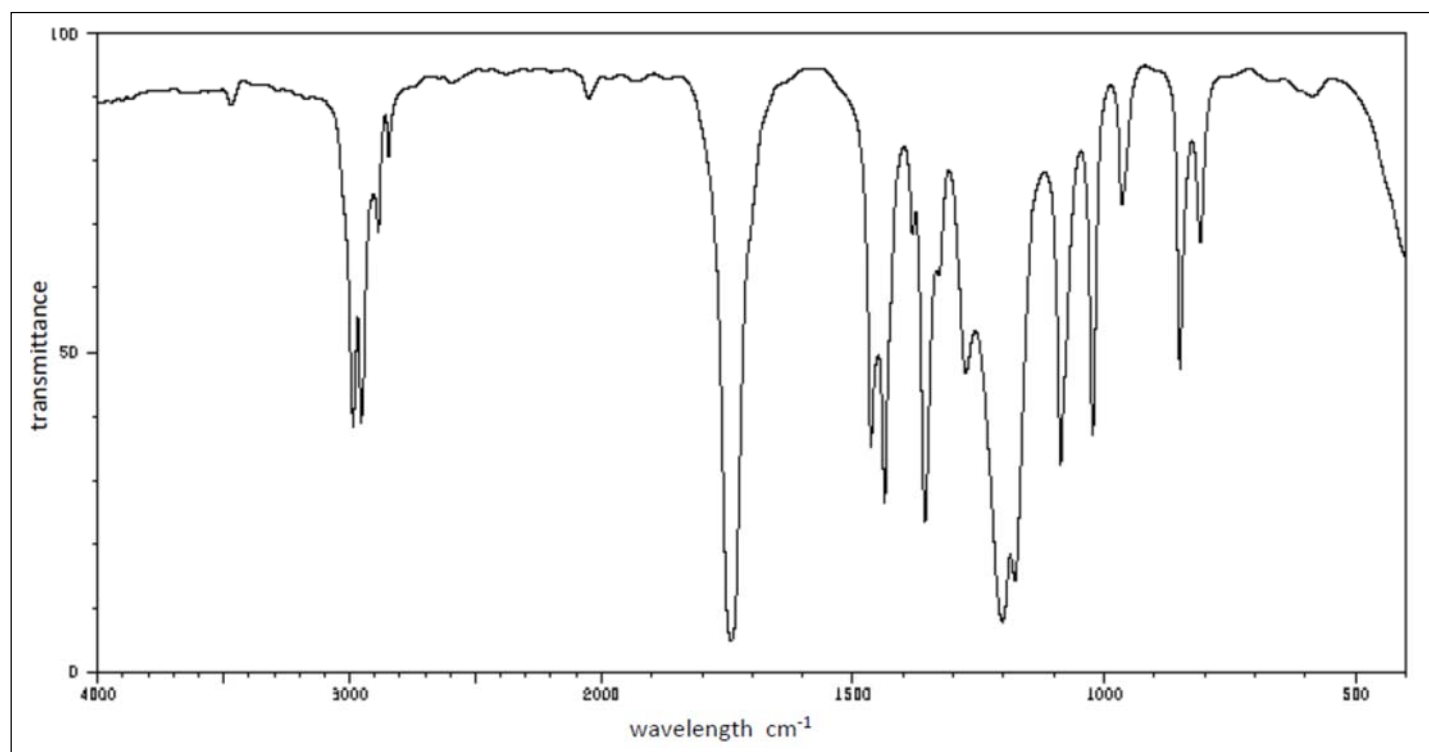
Figure 6

Which one of the compounds below is consistent with the data?
A.   Butanoic acid.
B.   Methyl propanal.
C.   Methyl propanoate.
D.   Butan-2-one.

Question 24
Part of a student's summary of the **chemistry of food** is shown in **Figure 7**.
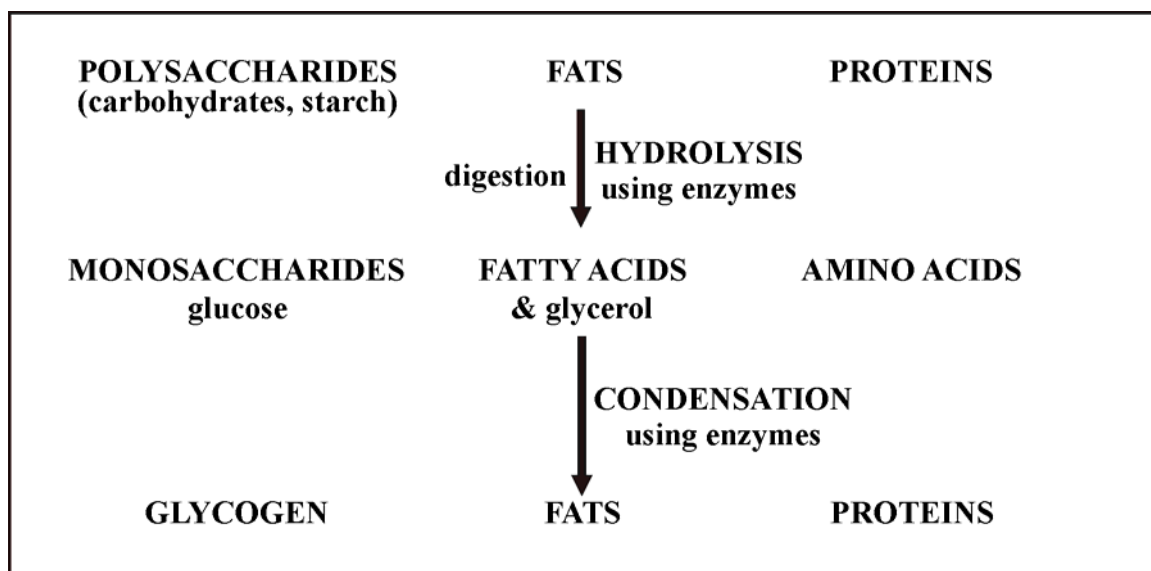
Figure 7

In a more detailed version of the summary in **Figure 7,** the associated **functional group changes** are shown.
How many **different** functional groups should appear on the more detailed summary?
A.   Five.
B.   Six.
C.   Seven.
D.   Nine.

Question 25
Palmitoyl-GHK is believed to be able to stimulate collagen production in the skin. More collagen usually means fewer wrinkles and younger looking skin. The structure of palmitoyl-GHK is represented in **Figure 8**.
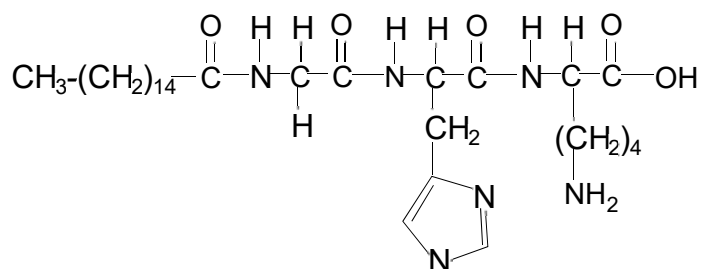
Figure 8

Aspartame is an artificial sweeter which is approximately 180 times as sweet as sucrose. Which of the following statements is an accurate deduction based on the structure of palmitoyl-GHK and aspartame?
A.   Both palmitoyl-GHK and aspartame contain three different amino acids.
B.   Both palmitoyl-GHK and aspartame release a carboxylic acid during hydrolysis.
C.   Palmitoyl-GHK and aspartame may be used indirectly to produce biofuel.
D.   Both palmitoyl-GHK and aspartame molecules assume an overall charge of +1 in alkaline solutions.

Question 26
A mixture of 120 mL of methane and 300 mL of oxygen is sparked – volumes are at 130°C and 110 kPa and the combustion reaction allowed to proceed to completion. The change in volume, in mL, at 130°C and 110 kPa, of greenhouse gases during the reaction was
A.   a decrease of 40 mL.
B.   zero.
C.   an increase of 120 mL.
D.   an increase of 240 mL.

Question 27
Whilst methanol plays a key role in FAME (fatty acid methyl ester) biofuels, it is also used in combination with petrol in blended fuels such as M15 which is 15 per cent, by volume, methanol.
Assuming petrol is pure octane, what amount of energy is contained in a 50 L tank of M15?
(The densities of octane and methanol are 703 g L^{-1} and 792 g L^{-1} respectively.)
A. 1.4×10^5 kJ
B. 1.4×10^6 kJ
C. 1.6×10^6 kJ
D. 2.2×10^6 kJ

Question 28
A representation of chemical pathways from ethane and ethene is represented in **Figure 9**.
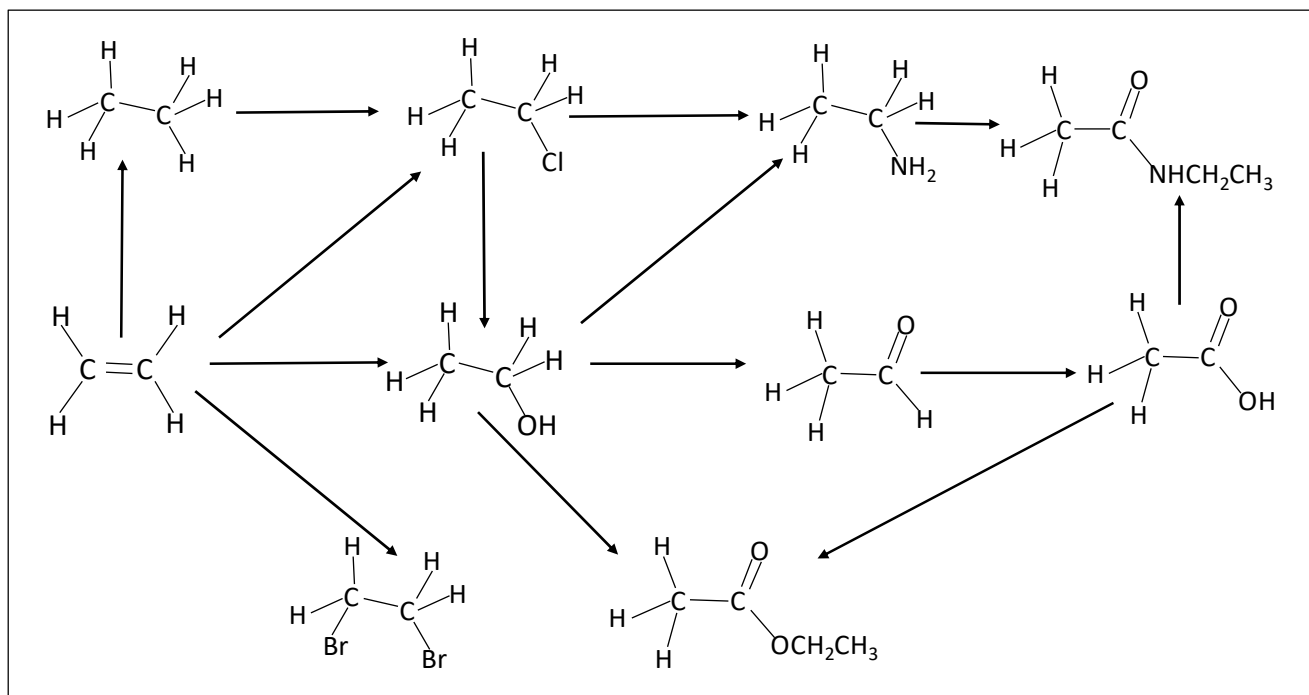
Figure 9

Which of the compounds listed below is **not** directly associated with this pathway?
A.   Ammonia.
B.   Hydrogen bromide.
C.   Hydrogen chloride.
D.   Sulfuric acid.

Question 29
Lithium batteries have a higher energy density than lithium ion batteries but are not rechargeable. However, lithium batteries can deliver a constant voltage over long periods of time and this makes them suitable for implanted devices such as heart pacemakers.
Some heart pacemakers are powered by lithium-iodide batteries. In these batteries, the positive electrode is a solid complex of molecular iodine. The electrolyte is solid lithium iodide in a nickel mesh.
The overall equation for the energy releasing reaction is $2Li(s) + I_2(s) \rightarrow 2LiI(s)$.
If a lithium battery is required to deliver an average current of 85.6 µA for 10 years what is the minimum amount of lithium it should contain?
A.   0.032 g
B.   0.200 g
C.   1.93 g
D.   24.6 g

Question 30
The electrolysis of a concentrated aqueous solution of sodium chloride occurs in a cell represented in **Figure 10**.
Salt solution is fed in at one electrode and water is fed in at the other electrode. Because of the electrolysis, a new compound is obtained from the cell and two gases are produced. The cell also contains a semi-permeable membrane which allows the transfer of cations but not anions.
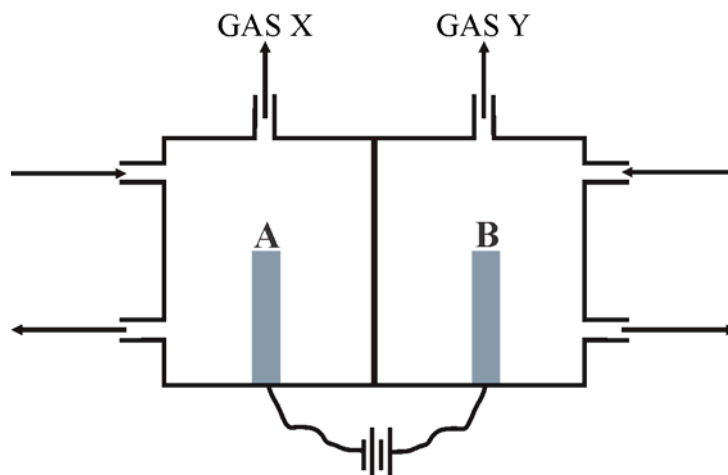
Figure 10

Which of the following statements is correct?
A.   Gas X is Cl_2.
B.   NaOH is produced at electrode A.
C.   Excess NaCl is extracted from around electrode A.
D.   Gas Y is H_2.

End of Section A

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SECTION B – Short Answer Questions

Section B consists of 9 short answer questions.
You should answer all of these questions in the spaces provided.
*The allotted **marks** are shown at the end of each part of each question.*

Question 1 (11 marks)

As part of an extended experimental investigation, the relationship between heats of combustion and molecular size is determined utilising the equipment set represented in **Figure 11**. The first four members of the homologous series of straight chain alcohols are to be investigated.
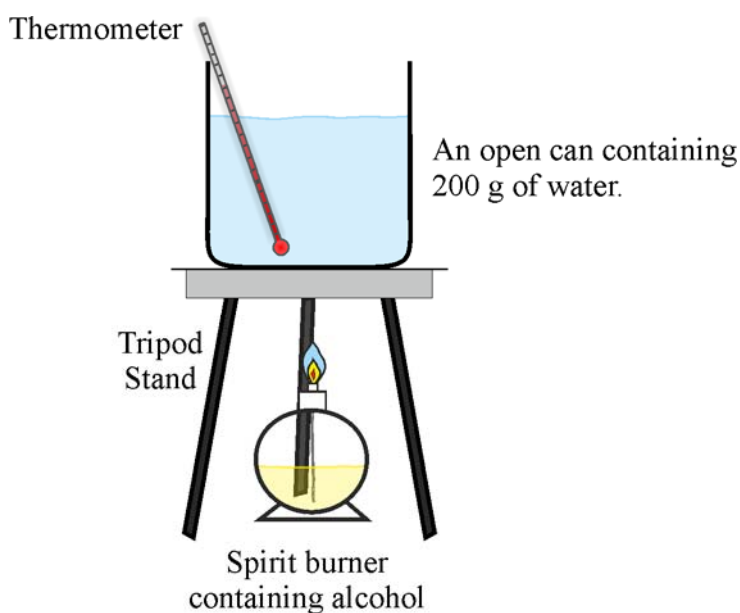
Figure 11

All four alcohols are investigated the same way. Each alcohol is in a different spirit burner and, once the wick is ignited, is used to heat the water in the can until its temperature has risen by approximately 20°C at which point the flame on the wick of the spirit burner is extinguished.

a.   Identify the two main '**sets**' of measurements which must be recorded for each alcohol used.

2 marks

b.   What is the independent variable in this experiment?

1 mark

c.   State a variable that should have been controlled during the investigation.

1 mark

d.   In the investigation of propan-1-ol, the combustion of 0.936 g of the alcohol caused the water to rise by 21.2°C. According to this data, what is the molar heat of combustion of propan-1-ol?

2 marks

e.   Based on data collected during the investigation, the molar heats of combustion of the other three alcohols investigated from smallest to largest were calculated to be 395 kJ mol^{-1}, 871 kJ mol^{-1}, and 1653 kJ mol^{-1}. Explain the relationship between molecular size of the alcohols and heat of combustion in terms of the structural changes that occur during a combustion reaction.

2 marks

f. For all four alcohols, the calculated molar heats of combustion are lower than the standard values such as may be seen in an extended *Table 11 of the VCE Chemistry Data Book*. Suggest a reason for this discrepancy and describe one way the equipment setup might be modified to provide more accurate results.

1 mark

g. Based on the data available to you, calculate the percentage efficiency of energy transfer from the alcohol to the water when ethanol was used in this investigation.

1 mark

h. Aside from a more efficient transfer of energy from the combustion to water, why is the use of a bomb calorimeter a more accurate way of determining molar heats of combustion?

1 mark

Question 2 (10 marks)

The equilibrium reaction between hydrogen and iodine to produce hydrogen iodide, in which all reactants and products were gaseous, was investigated experimentally.

Equal quantities of both reactants were initially added to an empty reaction vessel and the chemical amount of each species was determined at regular intervals.

At different points after the system had reached equilibrium, the volume of the reaction vessel was decreased, and the temperature was increased.

Data from the investigation are given in **Table 2**.

Time (minutes)	$n(H_2)$ - mol	$n(I_2)$ - mol	$n(HI_2)$ - mol
0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
1.0	0.76	0.76	0.48
2.0	0.58	0.58	0.84
3.0	0.46	0.46	1.08
4.0	0.36	0.36	1.28
5.0	0.29	0.29	1.42
6.0	0.26	0.26	1.48
7.0	0.24	0.24	1.52
8.0	0.23	0.23	1.54
9.0	0.22	0.22	1.56
10.0	0.22	0.22	1.56
11.0	0.22	0.22	1.56
12.0	0.22	0.22	1.56
13.0	0.22	0.22	1.56
14.0	0.34	0.34	1.32
15.0	0.45	0.45	1.10

Table 2

a.   Write a balanced equation for the equilibrium reaction.

1 mark

b.   Discuss the trend in, and the significance of, the data changes up to the 10 minute mark.

2 marks

c. Work out the equilibrium constant for the reaction under the conditions that applied for the first 13 minutes.

2 marks

d. At the 10 minute mark, the volume of the reaction vessel was doubled and at the 13 minute mark the temperature was decreased. Explain the trends in the data following each of these changes.

2 marks

e. Use the axes given below to show a concentration-time graph for HI through the full 15 minutes of the investigation.
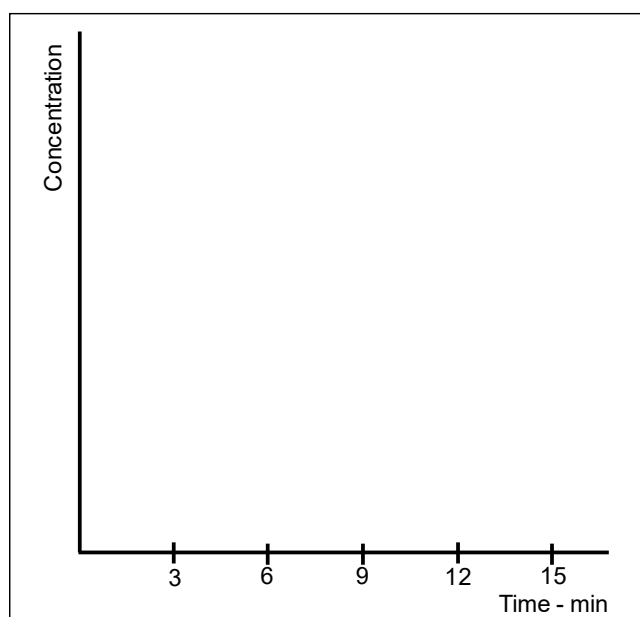
3 marks

Question 3 (5 marks)

In March 2018, peat fires near Cobden caused some residents in South West Victoria to evacuate their homes and it was considered that the fires could burn for months.

Peat is generated through the accumulation of partially decomposed plant debris in an anaerobic, watery environment. Peat is high in carbon content and porous. It is believed the largest peat fire, near the town of Cobrico, caught fire during the St Patrick's Day bushfires. Peat fires can be difficult to extinguish because they smoulder though a deposit rather than burn with an open flame.

Peat smoulders because of relatively low oxygen levels. The smoke from peat fires contains fine particles, water vapour and gases, one of which in particularly is associated with combustion in low oxygen environments.

a.   Write a balanced equation for the production of this gas in a peat fire.

1 mark

b.   Explain, using equilibrium principles, why this gas can be hazardous to life. Appropriate equations should be used.

3 marks

c.   Explain, using equilibrium principles, how the effect of non-fatal exposure to this gas is usually reversed.

1 mark

Question 4 (13 marks)

In January 2018, Qantas carried out the world's first biofuel-powered flight between the US and Australia, running on about 24 tonnes of blended biofuel made from non-food mustard seed oil harvested from mustard plant seeds. Qantas claims saving 18000 kg in carbon dioxide emissions – approximately a 7 per cent saving.

Table 3 provides results from the analysis of petrodiesel, B100 biodiesel, derived from mustard seed oil, and B10 – a blend of 10 percent mustard seed oil biodiesel and 90 per cent petrodiesel.

Property	Units	Petrodiesel	B100	B10
Density (15 °C)	g mL^{-1}	0.843	0.888	0.847
Viscosity (40 °C)	cs s^{-1}	3	7.3	3.2
Calorific value	kJ g^{-1}	45	39	44
Water content	mg kg^{-1}	45	500	71

Table 3

The fatty acid composition of mustard oil is around 60 percent monounsaturated - erucic and oleic, 21 per cent polyunsaturated - alpha-linolenic (α-linolenic) and linoleic, and 12 per cent saturated.

The chemical formula of alpha-linolenic (α-linolenic) acid is given in the **Table 9 of the VCE Chemistry Data Book**. Gamma-linolenic acid (γ-linolenic acid), a fatty acid with recognised anti-inflammatory properties, is represented by the structure shown in **Figure 12**.
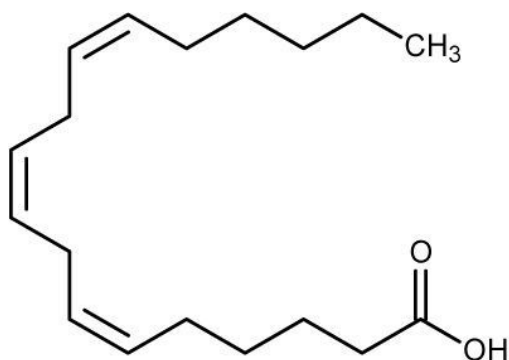
Figure 12

a. What is the essential structural difference between α-linolenic and γ-linolenic acids?

1 mark

b. Provide an equation – using semi-structural formula – representing the formation of biodiesel produced by transesterification of a fat containing oleic and linoleic acids in 1:2 ratio.

3 marks

c. Qantas states that the 10 % B10 blend fuels saved 18000 kg in CO_2 emissions. Does this mean that 18000 kg less CO_2 was produced during combustion of the fuel in the engines than if pure petrodiesel had been used? Explain.

2 marks

d. Traces of water are collected in petrodiesel tanks due to condensation. To prevent these traces being a problem in the ignition phase, a small amount of a surfactant is added to the petrodiesel to dissolve this water.

    i. What does the ability of the surfactant to dissolve water in petrodiesel suggest about the structure of the surfactant molecules?

1 mark

ii. Explain why the water content of the blended fuel increases as the proportion of biodiesel increases.

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e. The mustard oil seeds from which biodiesel was produced are obtained from the plant *Brassica carinata*, which is described as water efficient and can be grown on fallow ground or between crop cycles. After the mustard seeds are ground up and the oil extracted, the leftover material can be used as high protein animal feed. Why are these properties significant?

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f. The cold filter plugging point (CFPP) is the lowest temperature at which diesel type fuel will give trouble-free flow in certain fuel systems. Which would you expect to have the higher CFPP, petrodiesel or B100? Explain.

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g. What mass of B100, in tonne, would be needed to provide the same energy as 500 L of petrodiesel? Density of petrodiesel is 0.832 g mL^{-1}.

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The structures of erucic acid and its geometric isomer brassidic acid are represented below in **Figure 13**.
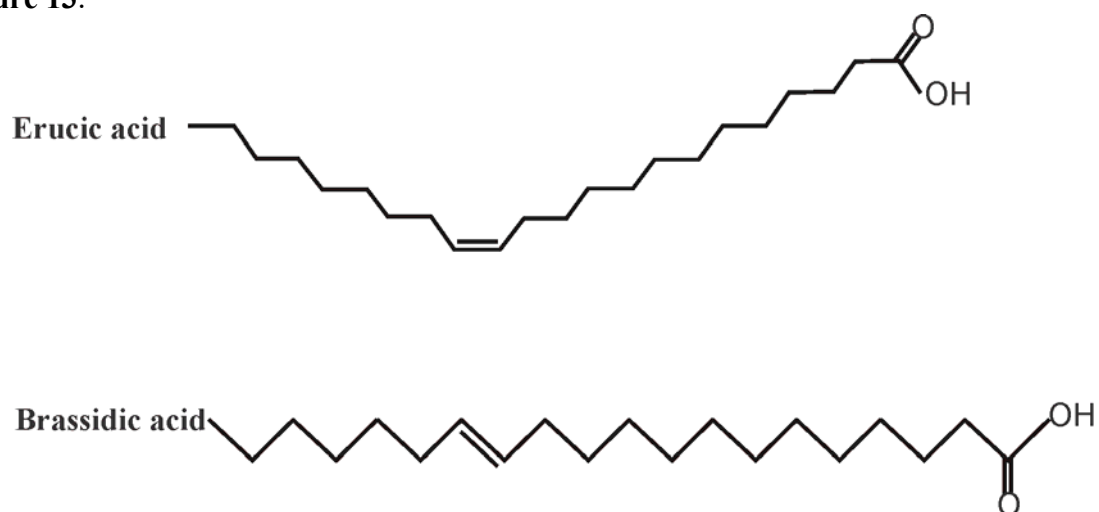

Figure 13

h.   Which compound has the higher melting temperature? Explain.

1 mark

Question 5 (9 marks)

Avocadoes are a highly nutritious food containing many vitamins and minerals.

They contain more potassium than bananas and consumption of avocadoes has been linked to improved heart health.

a.   Avocadoes also contain lutein and zeaxanthin, two compounds which in the body protect photoreceptor cells in the retina from free radical damage. Based on this role in the body, how may lutein and zeaxanthin be classified?

1 mark

b.   The most abundant compound in avocadoes is the monounsaturated fatty acid, oleic acid. This fatty acid could be extracted from avocado oil and used to produce a useful fuel. Write a balanced equation for the combustion of that fuel.

1 mark

c.   A particular type of avocado contains 17.2 g of carbohydrate but in terms of nutrition is said to have a net carbohydrate of 3.65 g. What does this imply about the carbohydrates present in the avocado?

2 marks

d. Avocadoes and avocado oil contain another substance CoQ10 (coenzyme Q10) which exists in two forms, ubiquinol and ubiquinone, the structures of which are represented in **Figure 14**.
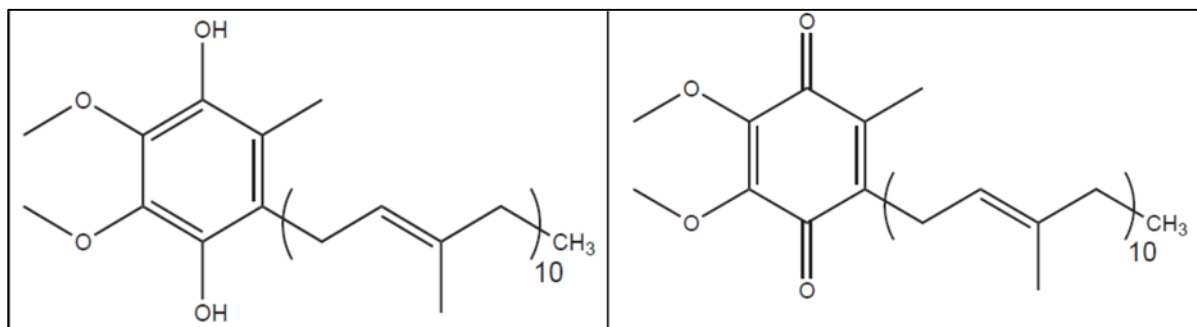
Figure 14

i. What is the main structural difference between the two substances and what does this suggest about the fact that CoQ10 supplements contain ubiquinol rather than ubiquinone?

1 mark

ii. Is CoQ10 fat soluble or water soluble? Explain.

1 mark

e. One of the vitamins present in avocadoes is vitamin K. Describe how vitamin derived coenzymes play significant roles in ensuring biochemical reactions occur at appropriate rates.

2 marks

f. Explain how the activity of an enzyme is related to its structure.

1 mark

Question 6 (12 marks)

The oxidation of the ethanol from alcoholic beverages to ethanal requires the presence of the enzyme '*alcohol dehydrogenase*' (ADH). Ethanal, commonly known as acetaldehyde, is a nasty tasting, even toxic, substance and is generally quickly oxidised in the presence of *acetaldehyde dehydrogenase*. The symptoms of hangovers associated with excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages are due largely to ethanal toxicity.

Alcohol dehydrogenase by itself is not effective as an enzyme in the oxidation of ethanol. It requires the presence of the coenzyme NAD+ (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide) which during the process is converted to NADH.

a. Write a balanced half-equation for the oxidation of ethanol to ethanal and explain why 'dehydrogenase' is an appropriate name for the enzyme involved.

2 marks

b. Describe the role of NAD+ in the conversion of ethanol to ethanal and explain the chemical change it undergoes via an appropriate half-equation.

2 marks

In efficient metabolism of ethanol, the ethanal (acetaldehyde) produced is oxidised to ethanoic acid in the presence of acetaldehyde dehydrogenase and NAD+. In the presence of Coenzyme A (CoA), ethanoic acid is converted to acetyl-SCoA so the acetyl group is carried to the citric acid cycle where it is ultimately oxidised for energy production.

A simplified semi-structural representation of acetylSCoA is shown in **Figure 15**.

Figure 15

c. Give the formula of an acetyl radical.

1 mark

Antabuse is a medicine that may be prescribed for recovering alcoholics to help them avoid alcohol consumption. It contains disulfiram, a compound which is an aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor. As such it prevents the enzyme working and any alcohol consumption results in ethanal build up in the blood stream. The associated side effects act as a strong deterrent to future consumption of alcoholic beverages. The molecular structure of disulfiram is represented in **Figure 16**.
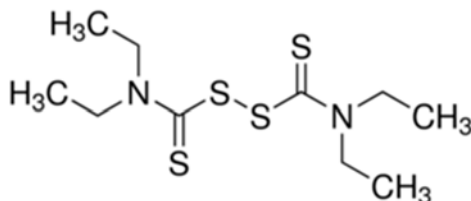

Figure 16

d. What is the molecular formula of disulfiram?

1 mark

e. Describe what you would expect to see, with respect to signals, on the ^{1}H NMR spectrum of disulfiram.

2 marks

f. A standard drink is any volume of an alcoholic beverage that contains 10.0 g of ethanol. This is the amount of ethanol the liver of an average adult can process in one hour. Any ethanol above this amount circulates in the blood until it can be processed. The density of pure ethanol is 0.785 g mL^{-1}.
A 750 mL bottle of wine contains 14.5 per cent alcohol by volume. What is the minimum time, in hours, that it would take a healthy liver to process all the ethanol in a 190 mL glass of the wine?

2 marks

g. Bioethanol and ethanol in wine are both produced by fermentation using yeast which secretes the catalyst *catalase*. Write a balanced equation for the fermentation reaction and explain why this reaction can become less effective over time.

2 marks

Question 7 (11 marks)

'Reality check on a half-billion-dollar brown coal hydrogen project'.
This headline appeared soon after a plan to produce hydrogen from brown coal at
Loy Yang A Power Station, was revealed in early April 2018. The production of hydrogen
from brown coal is effectively a three-step process.

1. Oxidation of the coal to produce its own gasification agent, CO_2.
2. Gasification in which the gasification agent reacts with additional coal to produce CO.
3. Reaction between CO and H_2O to produce H_2 in a reaction known as the water gas shift reaction.

a. Gasification is an endothermic reaction requiring 3.1 kJ of energy for each gram of CO produced. What is the minimum mass of brown coal which must react in the partial oxidation of coal to enable the production of 0.50 mol of CO in the gasification reaction? The heat of combustion of brown coal is 10 MJ kg^{-1}.

2 marks

b. The 'reality check' in the headline was referring to both economic and environmental concerns. It has been suggested that a sophisticated carbon capture and storage (CCS) process could alleviate a significant environmental concern. Use the 'overall' equation for the process to identify this key environmental concern and identify two issues which would need to be dealt with for CCS to be feasible.

2 marks

c. Hydrogen from the project is to be shipped to Japan for industrial use. Identify two key properties of hydrogen which need to be considered when transporting hydrogen and describe related safety issues.

2 marks

d. Write a balanced half-equation for the reaction occurring at the negative (-) electrode during the operation of a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell which contains an alkaline electrolyte.

1 mark

e. H_2 can also be produced by electrolysis. An investigation showed that the electrolysis of pure deionised water is too slow.

   i. Explain why the electrolysis of pure deionised water is extremely slow.

1 mark

   ii. Describe an environmentally responsible way of producing H_2 by electrolysis and provide a half-equation for the reaction occurring at the cathode.

2 marks

f. Explain why using hydrogen-oxygen fuel cells to generate electricity is more efficient than the standard combustion $\rightarrow$ steam $\rightarrow$ turbine $\rightarrow$ generator method in a coal fired power station.

1 mark

Question 8 (9 marks)

A deadly nerve agent called a Novichok received much media coverage in 2018 following an incident in the UK. Nerve agents disrupt the body's nervous system. Electric impulses travel from neuron to neuron in the nervous system by the release of a neurotransmitter. A common neurotransmitter is acetylcholine, which must be broken down after the message is passed along to prevent neurons firing continuously which would cause continuous muscle contraction. Acetylcholine is broken down by the enzyme and synthesised courtesy of the enzyme *acetylcholinesterase* also known as *acetylcholine hydrolase*.

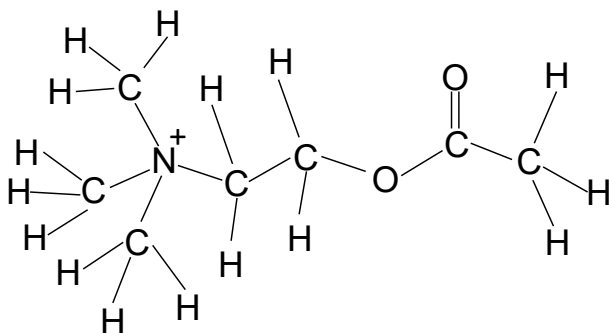**a.**   The structural formula of acetylcholine is represented in **Figure 17**.

Figure 17

One of the products of the hydrolysis of acetylcholine is the choline ion.

i.   Give the semistructural formula of the choline ion.

1 mark

ii.   Choline salts are classified as quaternary ammonium salts. Suggest a reason for the use of the term of quaternary in this context and describe a different context in which the term quaternary applies in VCE Chemistry.
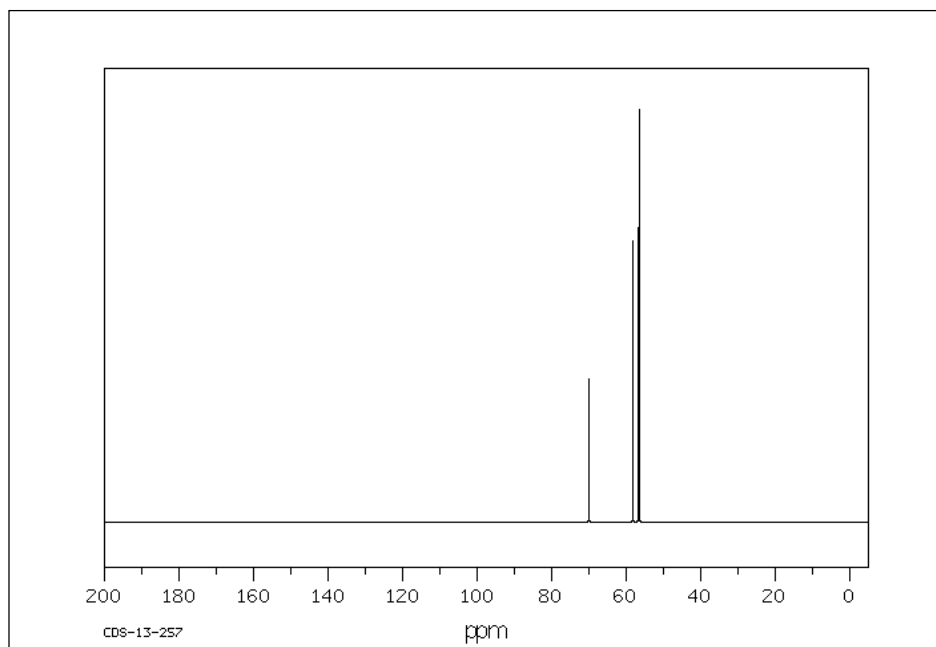
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b. The three spectra shown below are related to the hydrolysis of acetylcholine. Each spectrum refers to a different compound.
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Spectrum 1

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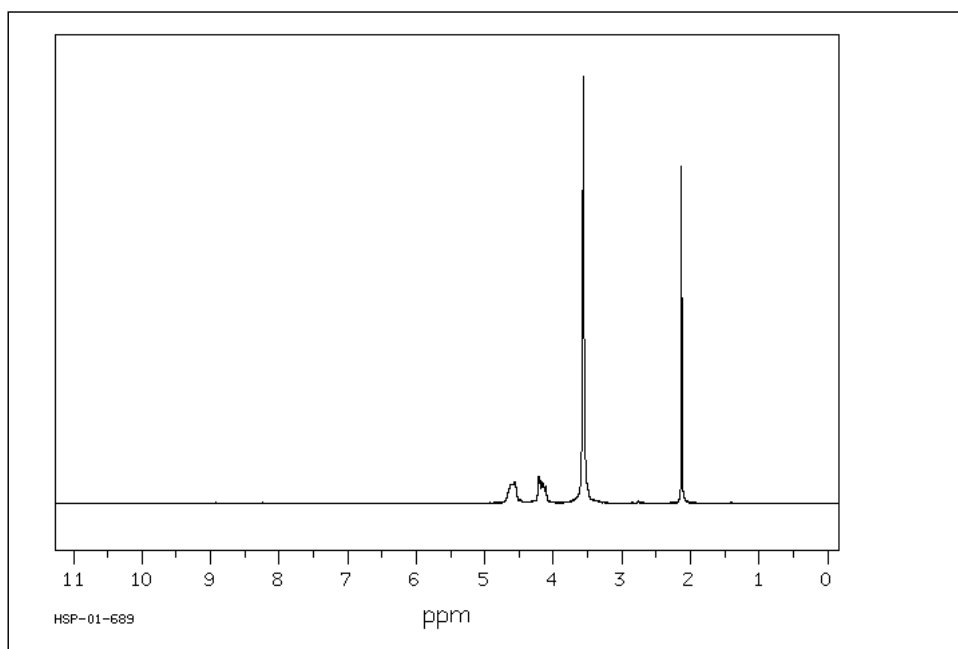
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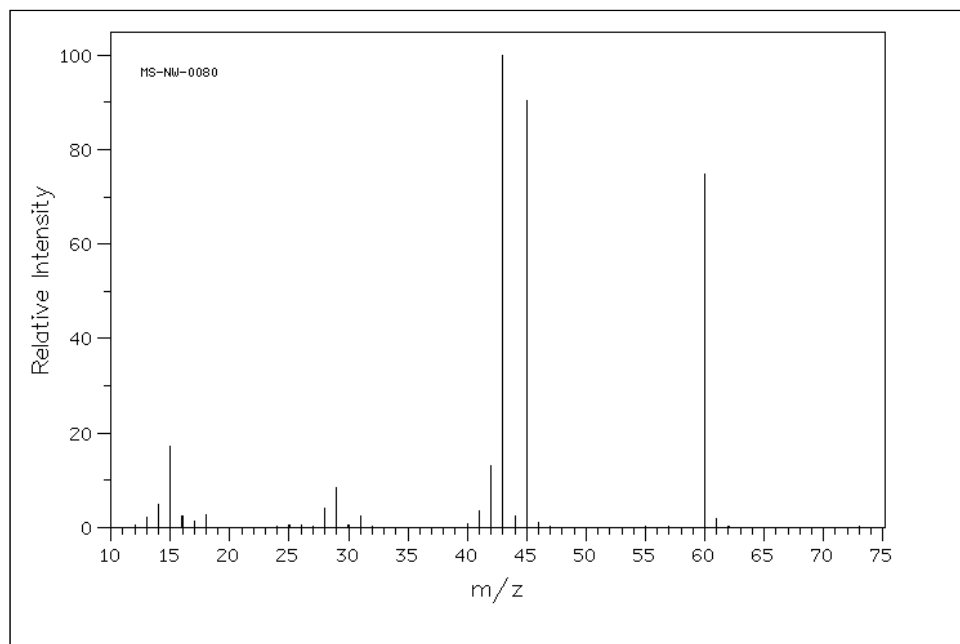
Spectrum 3

i. Identify the compound associated with each spectrum explaining why that spectrum is specific to the compound identified.

3 marks

Spectrum 1:

Spectrum 2:

Spectrum 3:

ii. Explain the significance of the peak at relative intensity 100 on **Spectrum 3** and give the formula of the species causing that peak.

1 mark

c. Nerve agents contain compounds that bind to serine in *acetylcholinesterase* preventing the breakdown of acetylcholine. Build-up of acetylcholine (acetylcholine chloride) can cause convulsions, paralysis and respiratory collapse.

Explain, in terms of enzyme structure, why the nerve agent reduces the ability of *acetylcholinesterase* to break down acetylcholine.

1 mark

d. One antidote for nerve agent poisoning is pralidoxime chloride. The formula of the pralidoxime ion is $C_7H_9N_2O^+$.

The recommended dose of this antidote for adults is 30 mg/kg administered intravenously over 20 minutes, repeated 20 minutes later.

At what rate in, mol / hour, must this antidote be administered to an 82.5 kg adult?

2 marks

Question 9 (11 marks)
Challenged with the task of determining the percent efficiency of electroplating a steel plate
with copper, two students, Clarisse and Masud, each set up a simple electrolytic cell, using
$CuSO_4$(aq) as the electrolyte and pure copper as one electrode.
Required to assess the impact of one variable on cell efficiency, the students decide to use
different currents for the same time and weigh the steel plate before and after the electrolysis.
Some of the data recorded by the students is listed in **Table 4**.

Student	Current (Amps)	Time (min)	Change in mass of plate
Clarisse	1.45	15.0	0.395 g
Masud	1.15	15.0	0.326 g

Table 4

a.   **Figure 18** is a representation of the cell. Give the electrode signs and provide
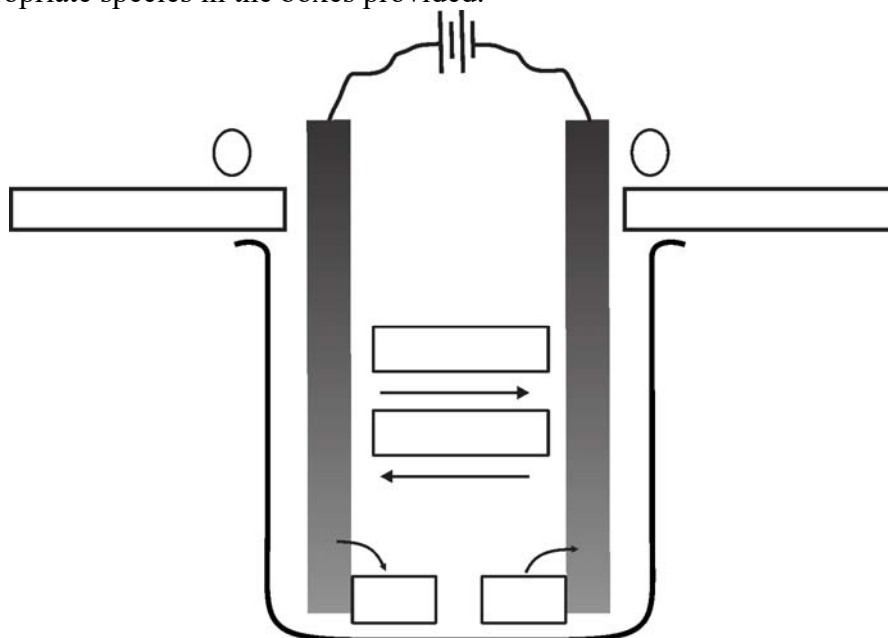   appropriate species in the boxes provided.

Figure 18

3 marks

b.   Based on the recorded data what were the (i) independent, and (ii) dependent
      variables.

1 mark

c. List **three** variables which must have been controlled if a valid comparison of the data present is to be made.

1 mark

d. Determine the percentage efficiency of the cell used by Clarisse.

3 marks

e. Masud calculates the efficiency of his cell to be higher than that of Clarisse's cell. Suggest a possible technique variation that would explain this difference.

1 mark

f. Explain why the electrolyte concentration might be expected to remain constant during the plating procedure.

1 mark

g. Comment on the suggestion that 'during the analysis, results obtained by weighing the copper electrode, rather than the steel electrode, before and after passing the current may have been more accurate'.

1 mark

Question 10 (9 marks)

Redox flow batteries are a developing energy storage option. Like other electrochemical cells, these contain electrolyte solutions and positive and negative electrodes. Unlike other batteries, the electrolyte in the solvent methane sulfonic acid, CH_3SO_3H, is stored externally in tanks and pumped past the electrodes.

Figure 19 shows the general structure of a zinc-cerium redox-flow battery. One electrode is Zn, the other is a graphene oxide – graphite composite.
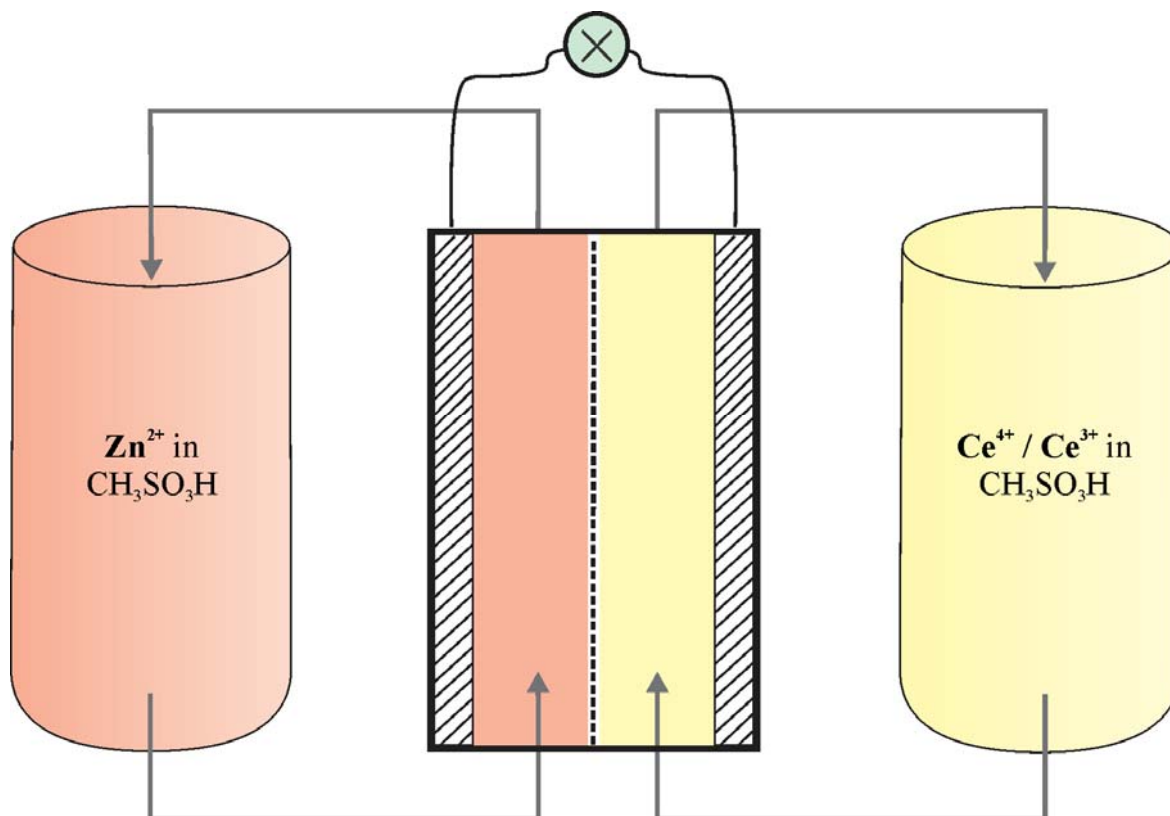

Figure 19

Methane sulfonic acid, CH_3SO_3H, is a good solvent used in many industrial electrochemical processes.

a. Cerium(III) is a weaker reductant than zinc. State the sign of each electrode over which each electrolyte is pumped and write balanced half-equations for the reactions at these electrodes when the cell is discharging.

2 marks

b. Would you expect to see any change to the electrodes when the cell is recharging? Explain.

1 mark

c. Under standard conditions, the zinc-cerium cell generates 2.20 V. What is the standard electrode potential of the Ce^{4+}/Ce^{3+} half-cell?

1 mark

d. Redox flow batteries have been described as a cross between a conventional rechargeable battery and a fuel cell. Is this a fair description? Explain.

1 mark

e. Methane sulfonic acid is used as a catalyst in many organic processes. One instance of its use is in the final step of the production of an organic compound from chloroethane. No other organic compounds are supplied during the production of the compound. The ^{1}H NMR and mass spectra of this compound are shown in **Figures 20 and 21**.
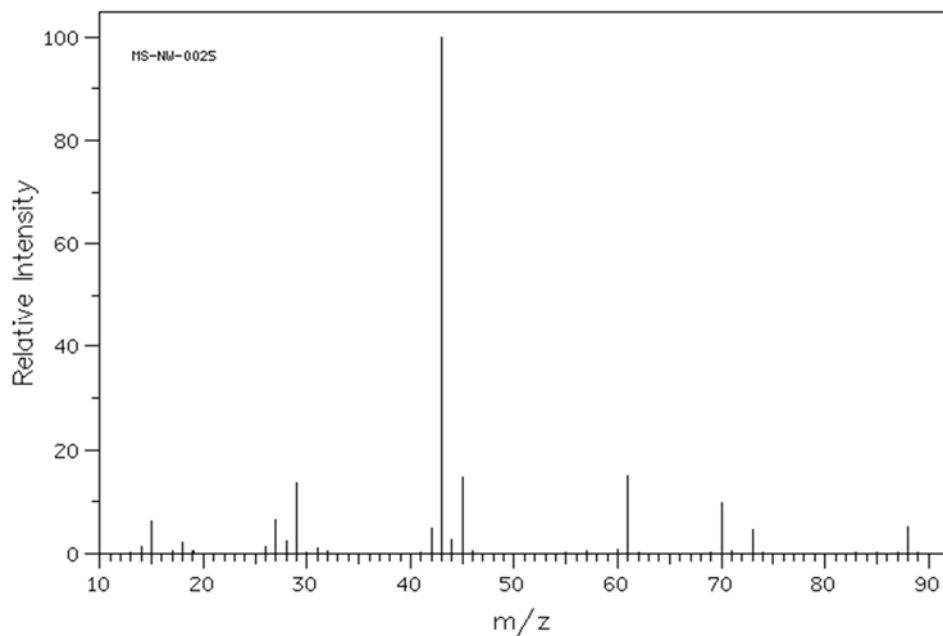
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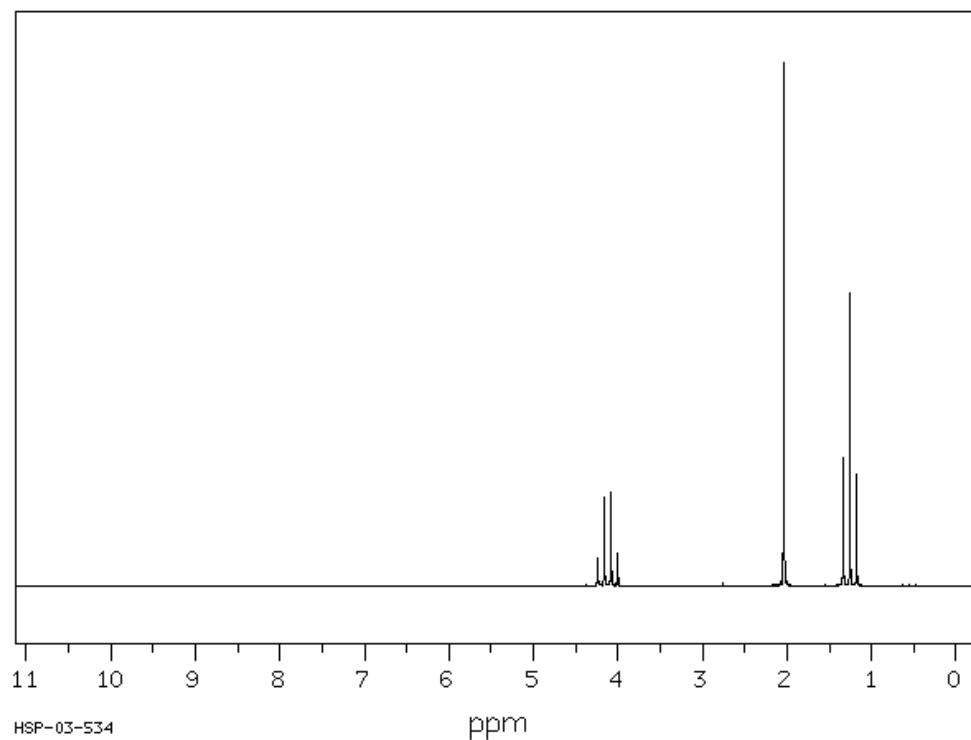

Figure 20

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Figure 21

i. Use your knowledge of organic reaction pathways emanating from chloroethane, and the information which may be deduced from the two spectra to identify the compound produced using methanesulfonic acid as the catalyst.
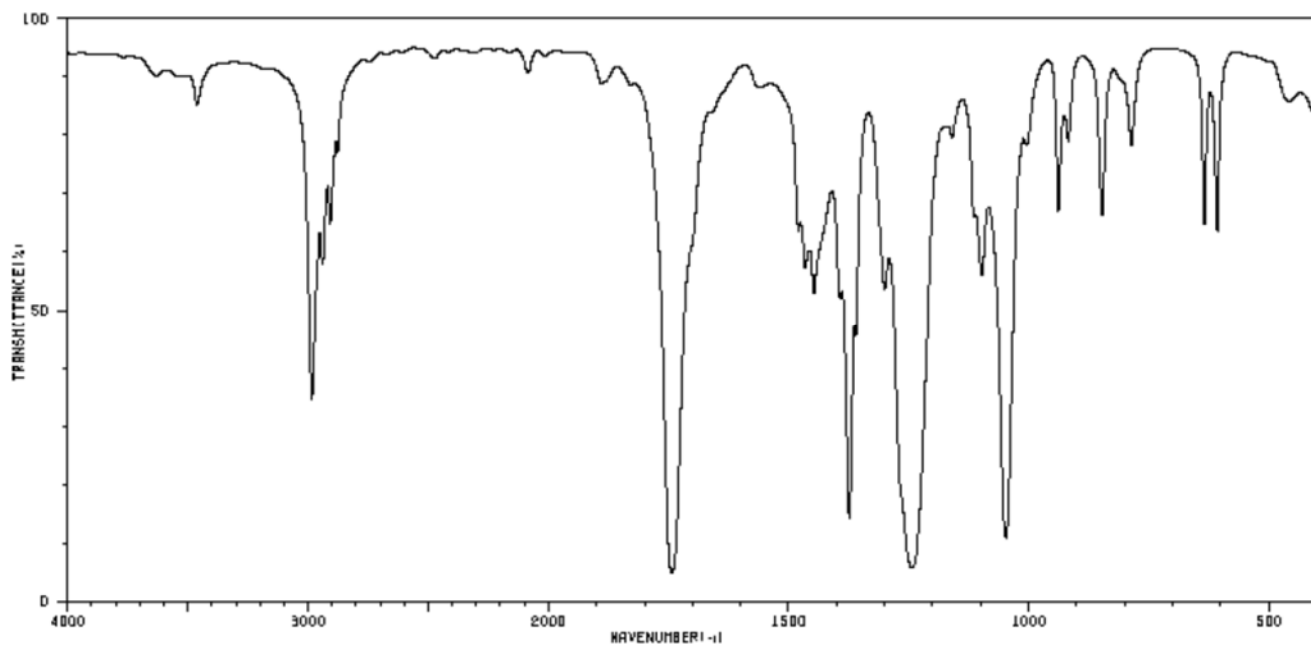
3 marks

Figure 22

ii. The IR spectrum of this organic compound is shown in **Figure 22**. Indicate the bonds associated with three significant peaks on this spectrum.

1 mark

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