

**GCE**

**Chemistry**

**Unit CHM3/W**

## SECTION A

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 The alkanes form an homologous series of hydrocarbons. The first four straight-chain alkanes are shown below.

methane	$\text{CH}_4$
ethane	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_3$
propane	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
butane	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$

- (a) (i) State what is meant by the term *hydrocarbon*.

*molecule  
compound  
consists  
composed  
made up* of hydrogen and carbon only ..... ①

- (ii) Give the general formula for the alkanes.

$\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$  ..... ①

- (iii) Give the molecular formula for hexane, the sixth member of the series.

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$  ..... only ..... ①  
(3 marks)

*Do not credit structures alone or in addition*

- (b) Each homologous series has its own general formula. State two other characteristics of an homologous series.

*any 2* ..... *① + ①* ..... *chemically similar/react in same way / same chemistry*  
*differ by  $\text{CH}_2$*   
*gradation in physical properties or specified trend e.g. b.p.*  
*Same functional group* ..... (2 marks)

- (c) Branched-chain structural isomers are possible for alkanes which have more than three carbon atoms.

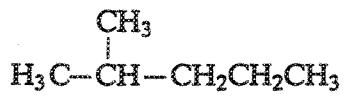
- (i) State what is meant by the term *structural isomers*.

*M1* ..... *same molecular formula* ..... ① ..... *Not same Mr*  
*M2* ..... *different structural formula* ..... ① ..... *structures*  
*atoms arranged in different ways* ..... *Not different spatial arrangements*

*Only credit M2 if M1 is correct*

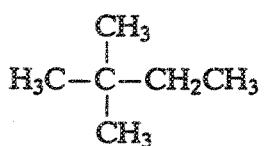
(ii) Name the two isomers of hexane shown below.

Isomer 1

Penalise "meth" etc.  
on first occasion

Name ..... 2-methylpentane ..... ①

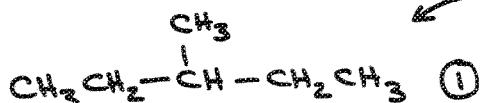
Isomer 2

Ignore comma  
and dashes in names

Name ..... 2,2-dimethylbutane ..... ①

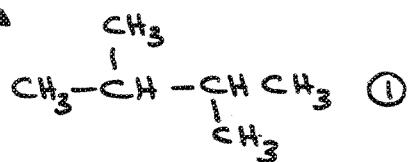
(iii) Give the structures of two other branched-chain isomers of hexane.

Isomer 3



either order

Isomer 4



[Penalise "sticks" once  
Penalise absence of vertical  
→ ends once  
Penalise badly drawn bonds  
once (vertical between H atoms)]

OR correct [condensed formula  
structural formula  
(6 marks)]

(d) A hydrocarbon, W, contains 92.3% carbon by mass. The relative molecular mass of W is 78.0

(i) Calculate the empirical formula of W.

Credit variations  
for M<sub>2</sub> e.g.

$$\left( \frac{78 \times \frac{77}{12}}{100} = 6 \right)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \left( \frac{78 \times 92.3}{100} = 6 \right)$$

$$M_1 \quad \% \text{ by mass of H} = 7.7(0)\% \quad ① \quad \%$$

can appear in the  
calculation

$$M_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{mol. H} = \frac{7.70}{1} = 7.70$$

$$\text{mol. C} = \frac{92.3}{12} = 7.69 \quad ① \quad \text{Use of A_p}$$

$$M_3 \quad (\text{Ratio } 1 : 1 : 1) \quad \text{CH} \quad ① \quad \text{answer}$$

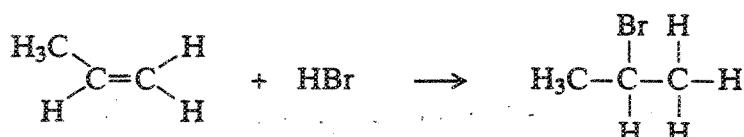
(ii) Calculate the molecular formula of W. Correct answer = 3 marks

(CH has empirical mass of 13)

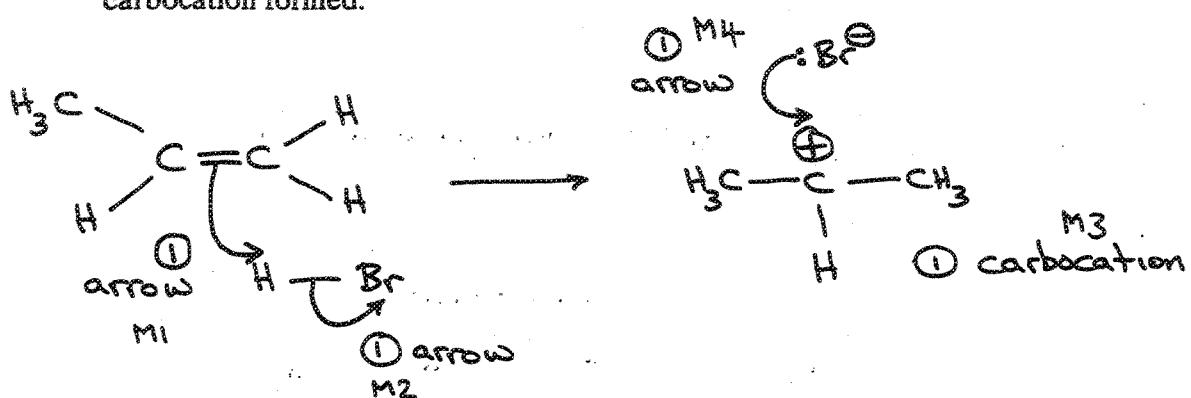
$$\frac{78}{13} = 6 \quad \therefore \quad \text{C}_6\text{H}_6 \quad ①$$

correct answer = 1 mark (4 marks)

- 2 (a) Propene reacts with hydrogen bromide by an electrophilic addition mechanism forming 2-bromopropane as the major product.  
 The equation for this reaction is shown below.



- (i) Outline the mechanism for this reaction, showing the structure of the intermediate carbocation formed.



[if wrong carbocation, lose structure mark] can still score 3/4  
 [if wrong alkene, lose structure mark] i.e. penalise M3

Penalise M2 [if polarity is included incorrectly  
 [if no bond between H and Br  
 [if bond is shown as  $\ddot{-}$  or  $\ddot{+}$ ]

- (ii) Give the structure of the alternative carbocation which could be formed in the reaction between propene and hydrogen bromide.



Credit secondary carbocation here if primary carbocation has been used in (i)

(5 marks)

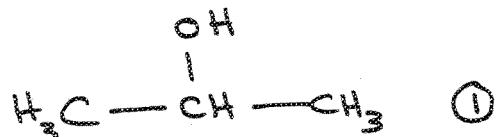
Ignore attack on this carbocation by  $\text{:Br}^-$

- (b) A substitution reaction occurs when 2-bromopropane reacts with aqueous sodium hydroxide.

- (i) Draw the structure of the organic product of this reaction and give its name.

*Structure*

No credit for  
propan-1-ol  
even when named  
correctly



[insist on  
C-OH bond]

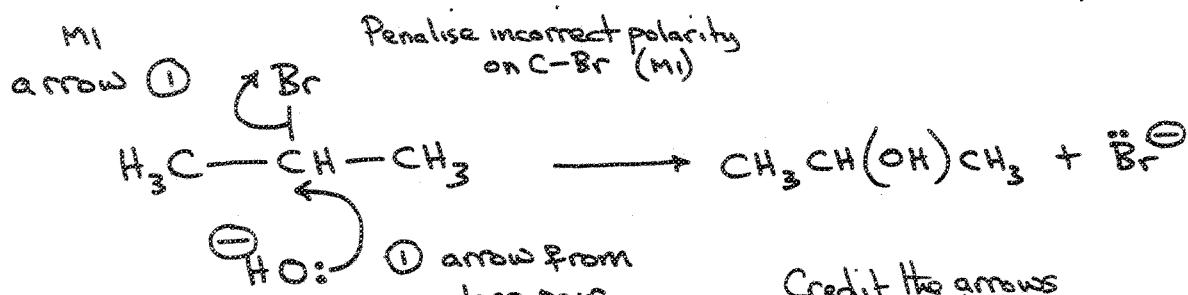
Credit propane-2-ol

Name ..... propan-2-ol  $\textcircled{1}$   
NOT 2-hydroxypropane

- (ii) Name and outline the mechanism for this reaction.

Name of mechanism ..... nucleophilic substitution  $\textcircled{1}$  (both words)

Mechanism ..... NOT  $\text{S}\text{N}^2$  (or  $\text{S}\text{N}^1$ )



Credit two arrows  
even if incorrect  
haloalkane

If  $\text{S}\text{N}^1$ , both marks possible

i.e. M1  $\text{C} - \text{Br}$  M2  $\text{HO}^-$   $\curvearrowright$  correct carbocation (5 marks)

- (c) Under different conditions, 2-bromopropane reacts with sodium hydroxide to produce propene.

- (i) Name the mechanism for this reaction.

ignore nucleophilic elimination  
penalise electrophilic elimination

elimination  $\textcircled{1}$

- (ii) State the role of sodium hydroxide in this reaction.

NOT nucleophile (base)

base  $\textcircled{1}$

or proton acceptor

(2 marks)

- 3 (a) Ethanol can be manufactured by the direct hydration of ethene and by the fermentation of sugars.

- (i) State what is meant by the term *hydration*.

*ignore "to the reaction"*

addition of [water ①]  
[steam]

- (ii) Give one advantage and one disadvantage of manufacturing ethanol by fermentation rather than by hydration.  
Do not include energy consumption or cost.

NOT "infinite" resource  
"non-finite" Advantage  
Do not credit negative statements

low technology  
renewable feedstock/resource ① any one  
allowed for use in drinks, perfumes  
(considered to be) green

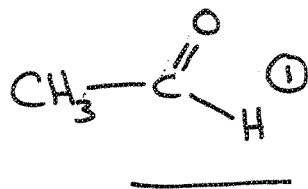
Ignore yeast Disadvantage  
NOT (unqualified) batch process  
NOT impure product

slow  
low yield  
Significant land use  
has to be distilled  
labour intensive

- (b) Ethanol can be oxidised to an aldehyde and to a carboxylic acid.

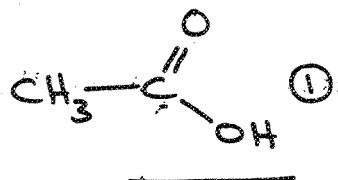
- (i) Draw the structure of this aldehyde and of this carboxylic acid.

*Structure of aldehyde*



*NOT CH<sub>3</sub>CHO*

*Structure of carboxylic acid*



*NOT CH<sub>3</sub>COOH*

*Penalise incorrect R group once*

- (ii) Give a suitable reagent and reaction conditions for the oxidation of ethanol to form the carboxylic acid as the major product.

*or here Reagent* Sodium potassium dichromate (VI) *not essential* (VI) *① M1*

*Conditions* acidified or sulphuric acid ① M2

(heat under) reflux ① M3

*(5 marks)*

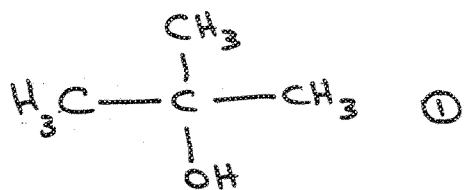
M2 depends on M1 (but mark M2 correct from Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>, K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> etc)  
M3 mark is independent

*Credit KMnO<sub>4</sub> for M1*

*Ignore T and P for M2*

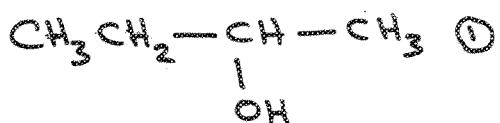
OR  
correct formulae  
for M1/M2

- (c) (i) Draw the structure of an alcohol containing four carbon atoms which is resistant to oxidation.



C-OH  
[possible repeat]  
error 2b(i)  
(2 marks)

- (ii) Draw the structure of an alcohol containing four carbon atoms which can be oxidised to a ketone.



C-OH  
[possible repeat]  
error 2b(i), 3c(i)  
(2 marks)

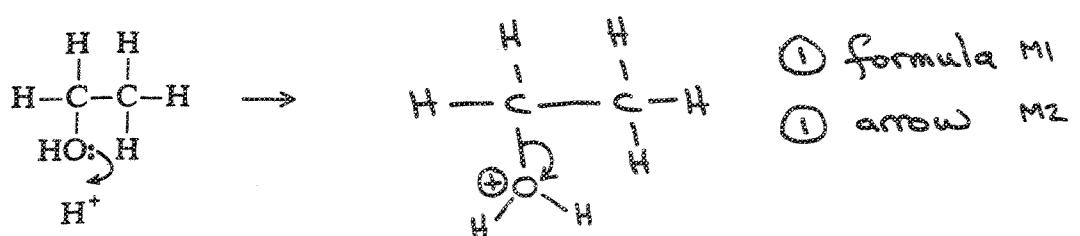
- (d) In the presence of a catalyst, ethanol can be dehydrated to ethene.

- (i) Give a suitable catalyst for use in this reaction.

ignore aqueous

*name or formula* .....  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  or  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  .....  $\textcircled{1}$

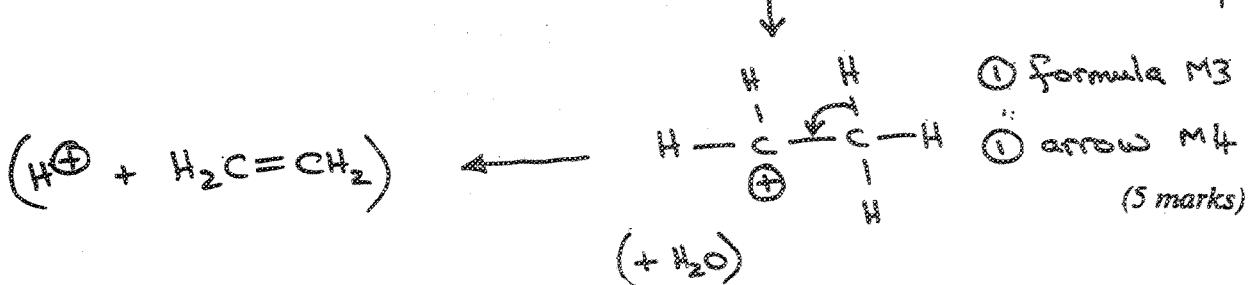
- (ii) Complete the mechanism for this dehydration reaction.



For M1 the  $\oplus$  can be on O or H if  $-\text{OH}_2$  used

For M2 the arrow must go to the  $\oplus$  or to oxygen.

synchronous loss without carbocation loses carbocation structure mark; can still score 3/4 i.e. penalise M3



- 4 (a) (i) Write an equation for the formation of epoxyethane from ethene, showing the structure of the product.

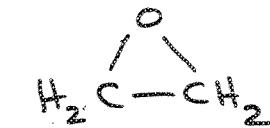
Penalise  $\text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_2 : \text{CH}_2$

(or 2x)



or  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$   
or  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$   
or  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$

NOT [0]



① product M1

① correct balance  
equation M2

For M2, allow credit  
when  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$   
are used.

- (ii) Explain why the epoxyethane molecule is highly reactive.

..... strained (ring) ① ..... NOT weak bonds

Credit "stressed"

..... NOT unstable

- (iii) Give the structure of the product formed by the reaction of one molecule of epoxyethane with one molecule of water. Give one use for this product.

Structure



NOT plasticiser  
NOT solvent  
NOT de-icer  
NOT alcohol

Use

..... antifreeze ①

OR production of Terylene

OR feedstock for polyester or PET

(5 marks)

[ C - OH  
possible repeat error  
2b(i), 3d(i), 3e(ii) ]

- (b) But-2-ene can exist in two isomeric forms. Give the structures of these two isomers and name the type of isomerism.

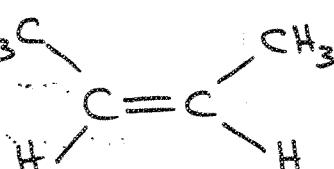
Credit 1 mark

for a correct  
formula for  
but-2-ene



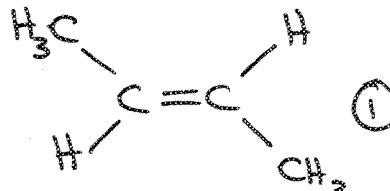
Structure 1

Credit 1 mark  
for any pair of  
cis/trans isomers



ignore names

Structure 2



[ accept  $\text{CH}_3-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$  ]

Type of isomerism

NOT stereoisomerism

geometric (a)

cis-trans

diastereoisomerism

(3 marks)

6  
8

## Section B

### Question 5



Penalise equations for other alkanes or incorrect formulae (e.g.  $\text{CH}_3$ )

Ignore equations with S

Two pollutants (1) + (1) and Two linked effects (1) + (1)

e.g.  $\text{SO}_2$  only toxic or acid rain (or its effect)

Penalise incorrect answers e.g. sulphur oxides, sulphur monoxide (or SO), but mark on and credit correct effect for  $\text{SO}_2$

Penalise  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  etc. if given as alternative answers or as additional answers unless in an obvious sequence from  $\text{SO}_2$ , but mark on.

OR CO toxic  
or explanation of effect on oxygen transport  
(ignore greenhouse effect)

OR C asthma or bronchial problems

OR Hydrocarbon greenhouse gas

NOT  $\text{CO}_2$  (ignore) No credit for "harmful" or "dangerous" as effect

NOT  $\text{NO}_x$  (ignore)

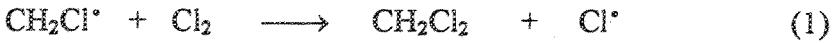
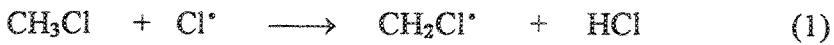
Ignore references to the ozone layer (7 marks)



uv or  $T \geq 500^\circ\text{C}$  or high temperature (1)  
(ignore subsequent reference to temperature after uv)



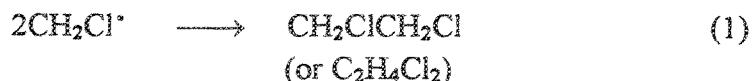
Propagation (1)



Penalise incorrect use of arrows (credit correct half arrows)

Ignore preliminary mechanism/reaction of  $\text{CH}_4$  to  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$

Ignore subsequent mechanism/reaction of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to  $\text{CHCl}_3$  etc.



Penalise absence of radical dot once only

Ignore other termination steps (7 marks)

Total 14 marks

Question 6

Fractional distillation

The separation depends on boiling point or a similar phrase (1) (QoL)

Boiling point depends on  $M_r$  / size of molecules / chain length (1)

Specified temperature gradient or difference (stated) on column / tower  
OR explained e.g. hotter at the bottom of column (or cooler at the top) (1)

Lower  $M_r$  / lower b.p. / shorter chains / smaller fractions / more volatile at the top  
(or higher etc. at bottom) (1)

(4 marks)

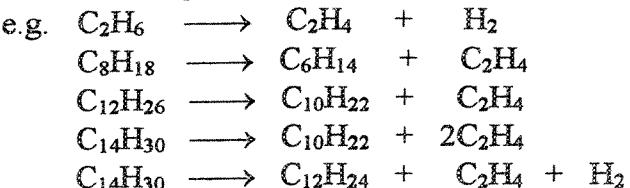
Thermal cracking

Any T (or range) in range 400 – 900 °C or high T (ignore pressure) (1)

C – C bond or the carbon chain splits/breaks or homolytic or (free) radical (1)

Uses the naphtha fraction or uses any C<sub>7</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> alkane (stated or in an equation) (1)

A balanced equation to make an alkene from any alkane (1)



Credit a correct sequence of mechanistic steps which give a balanced equation

Larger molecules / hydrocarbons  $\longrightarrow$  smaller molecules / hydrocarbons

OR higher  $M_r$  alkanes  $\longrightarrow$  lower  $M_r$  alkanes + alkenes (+H<sub>2</sub>) (1)  
(5 marks)

Polymerisation

Short-chain(ed molecule)s/monomers join/combine to make long-chain(ed molecule)s

OR  
small molecules join/combine to make long/long chained/big molecules (1) (QoL)

Equation n H<sub>2</sub>C=CH<sub>2</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  -(CH<sub>2</sub> – CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (1)

Equation must show n correctly and be balanced with a clear structure for the polymer showing the bonds between each CH<sub>2</sub> and extending through the brackets.

Credit nC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> or nCH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub> in the equation

(2 marks)

Total 11 marks