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**Chemistry**

**8873/02**

Paper 2 Structured Questions

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**2 hours**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: Data Booklet

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Write in dark blue or black pen.

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**Section A**

Answer **all** the questions.

**Section B**

Answer **one** question.

The use of an approved scientific calculator is expected, where appropriate.

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**Section A**

Answer **all** the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

**1** This question is about copper-containing species.

- (a) Copper can exist as a number of isotopes. Some copper isotopes are unstable but are potentially useful for nuclear medicine.

Complete Table 1.1 for two isotopes of copper.

**Table 1.1**

| isotopes              | protons | neutrons | electrons |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| $^{63}_{29}\text{Cu}$ |         |          |           |
|                       |         | 38       |           |

[2]

- (b) Tumbaga is an alloy of copper and gold. A sample of tumbaga was analysed and the composition of the isotopes present in the sample are shown in Table 1.2.

**Table 1.2**

| Mass number | % abundance |
|-------------|-------------|
| 63          | 56.4        |
| 65          | x           |
| 197         | 18.5        |

- (i) Determine the percentage abundance, x, of the species of mass number 65.

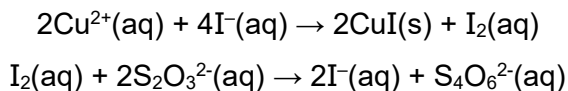
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- (ii) Hence, calculate the relative atomic mass,  $A_r$ , of the copper present in this sample of tumbaga.

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- (c) Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc. The percentage of mass of copper varies from 50% to 85%, depending on the properties needed in the alloy. A series of reactions is carried out in the laboratory to determine the percentage of copper in a sample of brass.

0.30 g of brass is dissolved in acid to give 100.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of solution in which all copper is present as Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions. 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of the solution is transferred to a conical flask using a pipette and reacted with excess potassium iodide, KI. All the copper is precipitated as CuI solid and iodine is formed. The iodine requires 21.50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.0400 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> to reach the end-point of titration.



- (i) Determine the number of moles of iodine reacted with S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> in the titration.

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- (ii) Use your result in (c)(i) to calculate the number of moles of Cu<sup>2+</sup>(aq) in 100.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of the solution.

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- (iii) Hence, determine the percentage by mass of copper in this sample of brass.

[2]

[Total: 8]

- 2 Phosgene,  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , is a colourless, toxic gas. It is used in the production of pesticides, rubbers and adhesives.

(a) (i) State the shape of a phosgene molecule.

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(ii) The molecule of phosgene contains both  $\sigma$  (sigma) and  $\pi$  (pi) bonds.

Draw labelled diagrams to show how orbitals overlap to form

- a  $\sigma$  (sigma) bond
- a  $\pi$  (pi) bond.

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(b) Table 2.2 shows the electronegativity values of the atoms in phosgene.

**Table 2.2**

| atom     | electronegativity / Pauling units |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| carbon   | 2.5                               |
| chlorine | 3.0                               |
| oxygen   | 3.5                               |

(i) Explain what is meant by the term *electronegativity*.

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- (ii) Using the information in Table 2.2, deduce whether phosgene is a polar molecule. Explain your answer.

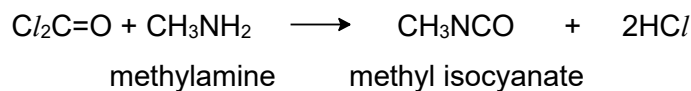
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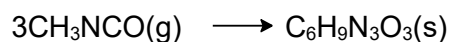
- (c) Phosgene reacts with methylamine to form methyl isocyanate.



- (i) Draw a dot-and-cross diagram to show the bonding present within a methylamine molecule.

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- (ii) In the presence of a catalyst, methyl isocyanate reacts with itself to form compound **A**, which is a non-polar molecule.

**A**

Suggest why, at room temperature, methyl isocyanate is a gas but **A** is a solid.

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3 (a) Magnesium, aluminium and phosphorus are elements in Period 3 of the periodic table.

(i) State the electronic configuration of aluminium.

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(ii) State and explain the difference in first ionisation energies of aluminium and magnesium.

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(iii) Write a balanced equation for the reaction of phosphorus(V) oxide with excess water.

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(b) Phosphoric(V) acid,  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ , is a weak Bronsted-Lowry acid.

In a reaction where it behaves as an acid, phosphoric(V) acid can donate one, two or three protons.

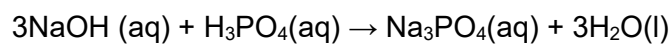
(i) Explain the meaning of the term *weak* Bronsted-Lowry acid.

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(ii) Write the equation showing the equilibrium when phosphoric(V) acid donates one of its protons.

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- (c) 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium hydroxide is added to 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> phosphoric(V) acid.



- (i) Determine the number of moles of NaOH remaining in the solution after reaction.

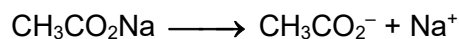
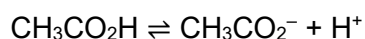
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- (ii) Hence, calculate the pH of the resulting solution.

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- (d) Ethanoic acid is a weak organic acid. A buffer solution is prepared by mixing ethanoic acid with a controlled amount of sodium hydroxide.

The buffer solution contains ethanoic acid and sodium ethanoate.



- (i) Write an equation to show what happens when a few drops of  $\text{H}^+$  is added to the buffer solution.

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- (ii) Ethanoic acid can be titrated with sodium hydroxide. State and explain which of the indicators from Table 3.1 is the most suitable for this titration.

**Table 3.1**

| Indicator        | pH range of colour change |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Methyl orange    | 3.2 – 4.4                 |
| Bromothymol blue | 6.0 – 7.4                 |
| Phenolphthalein  | 8.2 – 10.0                |

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- 4 (a) *Use of the Data Booklet is relevant to this question.*

0.422 g of but-1-ene,  $C_4H_8$ , was used to heat up  $500\text{ cm}^3$  of water from its initial temperature of  $30^\circ\text{C}$ .

- (i) Given that the standard enthalpy change of combustion but-1-ene(g) is  $-2717\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , calculate the expected maximum temperature of the water.

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- (ii) When the experiment was conducted in the laboratory, the maximum temperature of the water was found to be lower than the calculated value in (a)(i).

Suggest an explanation for this.

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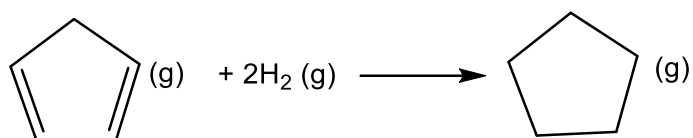
- (b) Compound **P**,  $C_xH_y$ , also undergoes combustion.

When  $15\text{ cm}^3$  of compound **P** was burned in  $100\text{ cm}^3$  of excess oxygen, the residual gases occupied  $70\text{ cm}^3$ . After shaking these residual gases with aqueous potassium hydroxide, the final volume was  $25\text{ cm}^3$ . All gaseous volumes were measured under identical conditions.

Deduce the formula of compound **P**, showing your reasoning.

[2]

- (c) Cyclopentadiene undergoes catalytic hydrogenation to form cyclopentane.



- (i) Using data from the data booklet, calculate the enthalpy change of hydrogenation of gaseous cyclopentadiene.

[2]

The hydrogenation reaction is thermodynamically favourable but it will not proceed without a catalyst.

- (ii) On the same axes, draw the energy profile diagram for the hydrogenation of cyclopentadiene with and without a catalyst.

Assume the hydrogenation of cyclopentadiene takes place via a one-step reaction.

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- (iii) Hence, explain using collision theory why the addition of the catalyst speeds up the hydrogenation of cyclopentadiene.

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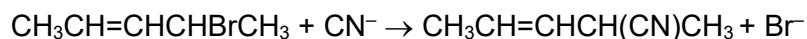
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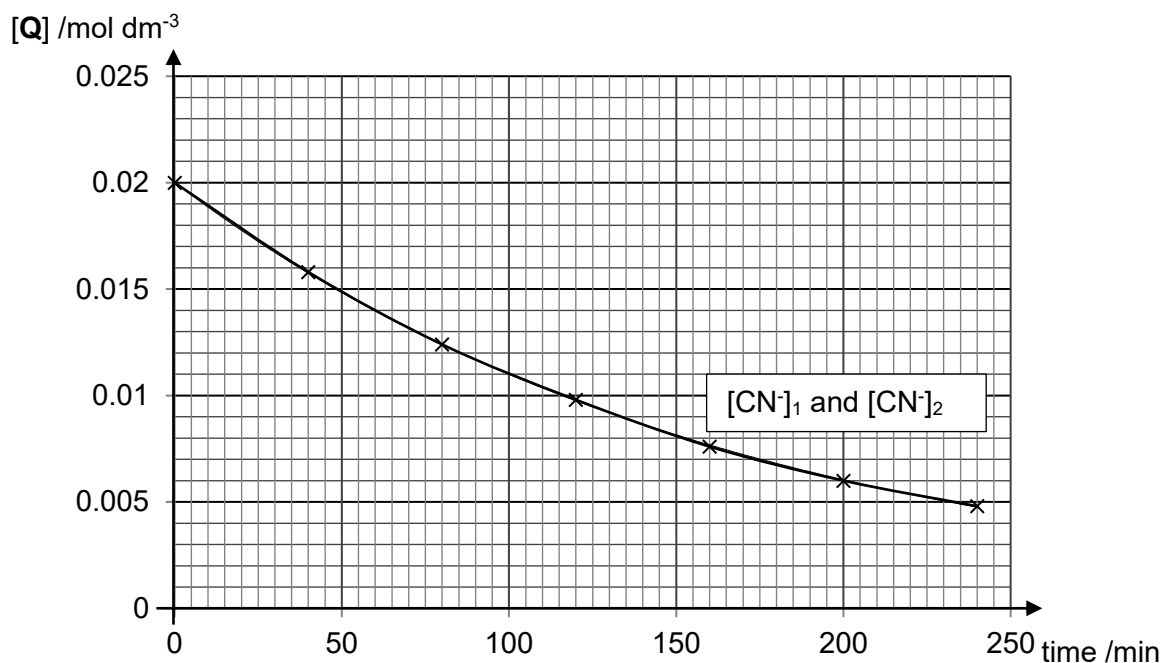
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- 5 (a) Compound **Q**,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCHBrCH}_3$ , reacts with alcoholic KCN according to the following equation:



To investigate the above reaction, two separate experiments were performed using different initial concentrations of  $\text{CN}^-$ . In each experiment, the concentration of **Q** in the reaction mixture was determined at different times as the reaction progresses. The same graph was obtained in both experiments, as shown below:

The following results were obtained:



- (i) Deduce the order of reaction with respect to  $\text{CN}^-$  and **Q**.

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- (ii) Hence, write the rate equation of the reaction.

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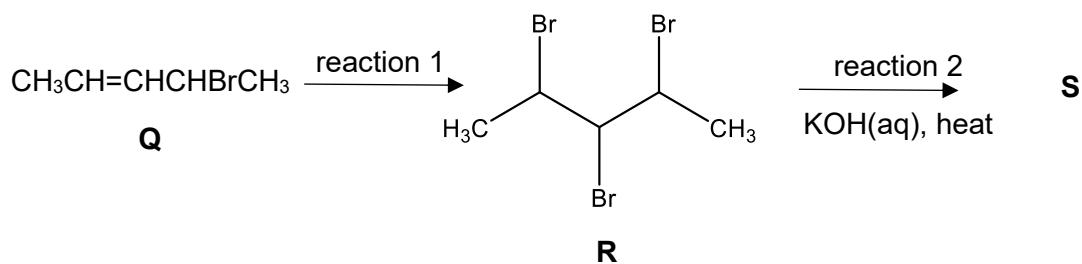
- (iii) The experiment is repeated using  $0.0500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of **Q**.  
Suggest the total time that has passed when the **[Q]** is  $6.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

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- (b) The following shows the conversion of compound **Q** to compound **S**:



- (i) State the type of reaction for reaction 1.

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- (ii) State the reagent and condition for reaction 1.

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- (iii) Draw the structure of compound **S**.

[1]

- (iv) Draw the structures of all the monochlorinated isomeric products formed when compound **R** reacts with chlorine in the presence of uv light and state their relative ratios.

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[Total: 10]

- 6 (a) Carbon forms many allotropes such as graphite and diamond. Recent scientific research has found that replacing the graphite electrodes with graphene in lithium-ion batteries can extend battery life.

(i) Explain why graphene can conduct electricity along the plane.

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(ii) Explain why the C–C bonds in graphene are stronger compared to that in diamond.

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(b) Briefly explain how geckos can climb up walls or walk on smooth glass panels.

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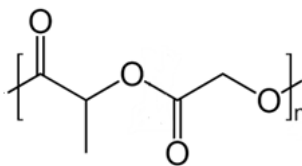
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- (c) Poly(lactic-co-glycolic) acid (PLGA) is made from monomers commonly obtained from fermentation from sugars. It is a useful material for making various medical and pharmaceutical applications such as prosthetic devices and surgical sealant films.



PLGA

- (i) Draw the displayed formulae of monomers in PLGA.

[2]

- (ii) Suggest what type(s) of bonding will occur between the PLGA chains, indicating the groups that are involved.

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- (iii) Suggest two reasons why PLGA is a suitable material for making medical and pharmaceutical applications such as surgical sealant films.

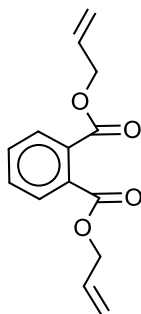
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- (d) Poly(diallyl phthalate), PDAP is another polymer made from diallyl phthalate monomer. It exhibits different properties from PLGA.



Diallyl phthalate monomer

- (i) Draw the polymer of PDAP and state the type of polymerisation.

Type of reaction used to form polymer: .....

Structure of PDAP polymer:

[2]

- (ii) PDAP is used for high-performance military and commercial electrical components. It can retain its insulating properties, even when subjected to high heat over long time periods. Suggest a reason for this.

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## Section B

Answer **one** question from this section in the spaces provided.

- 7 (a) The Periodic Table is an arrangement of the elements in increasing order of their atomic numbers, such that elements with similar chemical behaviour are grouped together.

- (i) The melting points of the oxides of the Period 3 elements, sodium to sulfur, are given in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1

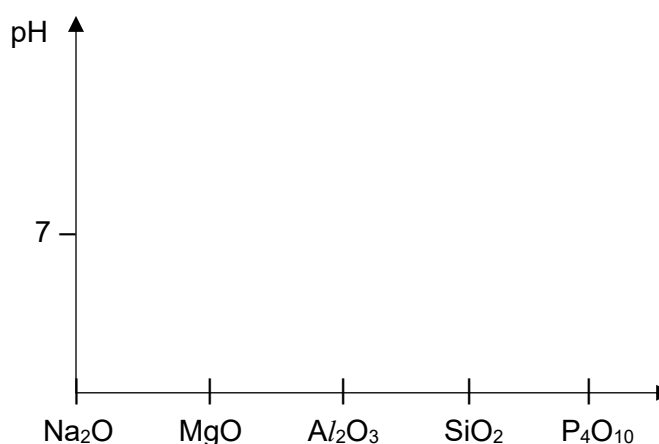
| Compound             | Formula                        | Melting Point / °C |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sodium oxide         | Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 1132               |
| Magnesium oxide      | MgO                            | 2830               |
| Aluminium oxide      | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 2054               |
| Silicon dioxide      | SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 1710               |
| Phosphorus pentoxide | P <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> | 422                |
| Sulfur trioxide      | SO <sub>3</sub>                | 17                 |

Explain the difference in melting points, in terms of structure and bonding between Na<sub>2</sub>O and MgO.

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- (ii) The oxides of the Period 3 elements, sodium to sulfur, can dissolve in or react with water.

Sketch a graph showing the variation in pH of the solution obtained when each of these oxides is added to water. Specific pH values are not required to be indicated on the graph.



- (b) (i) Write a balanced chemical equation, including state symbols, of a reaction to illustrate each of the three types of reactions below. Each equation must include one element or compound from either Group 1 or Group 17.

| Reaction             | Equation from Group 1 or Group 17 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reaction with oxygen |                                   |
| Decomposition        |                                   |
| Displacement         |                                   |

[3]

- (ii) State and explain the relative reactivity of Group 1 elements as reducing agents.

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- (iii)  $\text{Cl}_2$  forms  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_3^-$  ions in alkaline medium.

State the type of reaction and write a balanced equation for this reaction.

Type of reaction: .....

Equation: .....[2]

- (c) Phosgene can dissociate to form carbon monoxide and chlorine.



0.200 mol of phosgene was placed into a rigid reaction vessel of volume  $12.5 \text{ dm}^3$  and allowed to dissociate at a temperature of 770 K. The total amount of gas at equilibrium was found to be 0.319 mol.

- (i) Calculate the equilibrium concentrations of  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  at 770 K.

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- (ii) Hence, determine the percentage of  $\text{COCl}_2$  dissociated at 770 K.

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- (iii) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_c$ , showing its units clearly.

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- (iv) Calculate the value of  $K_c$  at 770 K.

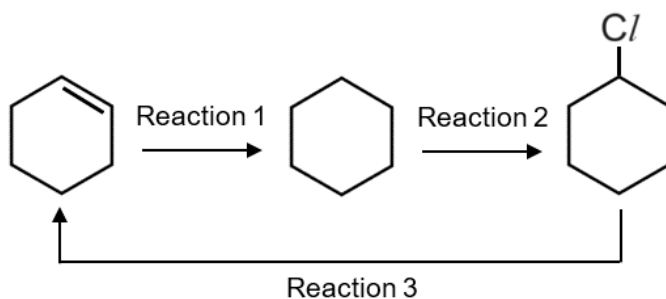
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- (v) The value of  $K_c$  for the dissociation of  $\text{COCl}_2$  at 298 K is smaller than that at 770 K. Deduce whether the forward or backward reaction will be favoured when the temperature of the equilibrium mixture is decreased from 770 K to 298 K. Hence, deduce the sign of the enthalpy change of reaction,  $\Delta H$ , for the dissociation of phosgene.

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(d)



- (i) Identify the type of reaction for Reaction 1.

Reaction 1: .....

[1]

- (ii) State the reagents and conditions for Reactions 2 and 3.

Reaction 2: .....

Reaction 3: .....

[2]

[Total: 20]

8 This question is about the physical and chemical properties of chlorides.

Some period 3 chlorides are given in the list below.



(a) From the list above, identify all possible chlorides which fulfill the criteria below.

(i) giant ionic structures in the solid state

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(ii) react(s) vigorously with water to form solutions with pH 3 and below

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(iii) react(s) with excess water to give a solid

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(b) With reference to structure and bonding, suggest an explanation for the difference in melting points of  $\text{NaCl}$  and  $\text{SiCl}_4$ .

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- (c) When chlorine is bubbled through a solution of iodine in hot aqueous sodium hydroxide, the two halogens react in the  $\text{Cl}_2 : \text{I}_2$  ratio of 7 : 1, forming a white solid **A** and a solution of sodium chloride.

**A** has the following percentage composition by mass:

|    |        |
|----|--------|
| Na | 16.9 % |
| H  | 1.1%   |
| I  | 46.7%  |
| O  | 35.3%  |

- (i) Show that the empirical formula of **A** is  $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6$ .

[1]

- (ii) **A** is a useful reagent in organic synthesis.

With reference to the oxidation state of iodine in **A**, suggest the role of **A** in organic synthesis.

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- (d) Sulfur reacts with chlorine to form several different chlorides. The most common are  $S_2Cl_2$  and  $SCl_2$ .

- (i)  $SCl_2$  is a cherry-red liquid that reacts vigorously with water to form an acidic solution and yellow solid. The acidic solution comprises sulfurous acid,  $H_2SO_3$ , as one of products.

Use this information to deduce the structure and bonding shown by  $SCl_2$ . Explain your answer.

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- (ii) Construct a balanced equation for the reaction of  $SCl_2$  and water.

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- (iii)  $S_2Cl_2$  can exist in 2 isomeric forms, **C** and **D**.

Sulfur is the central atom in both isomers.

Isomer **C** has only single bonds in the structure.

The sulfur – sulfur bond in isomer **D** is stronger than that in isomer **C**.

Using the information above, deduce possible structure of isomer **C** and **D**.

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| <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> |

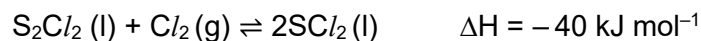
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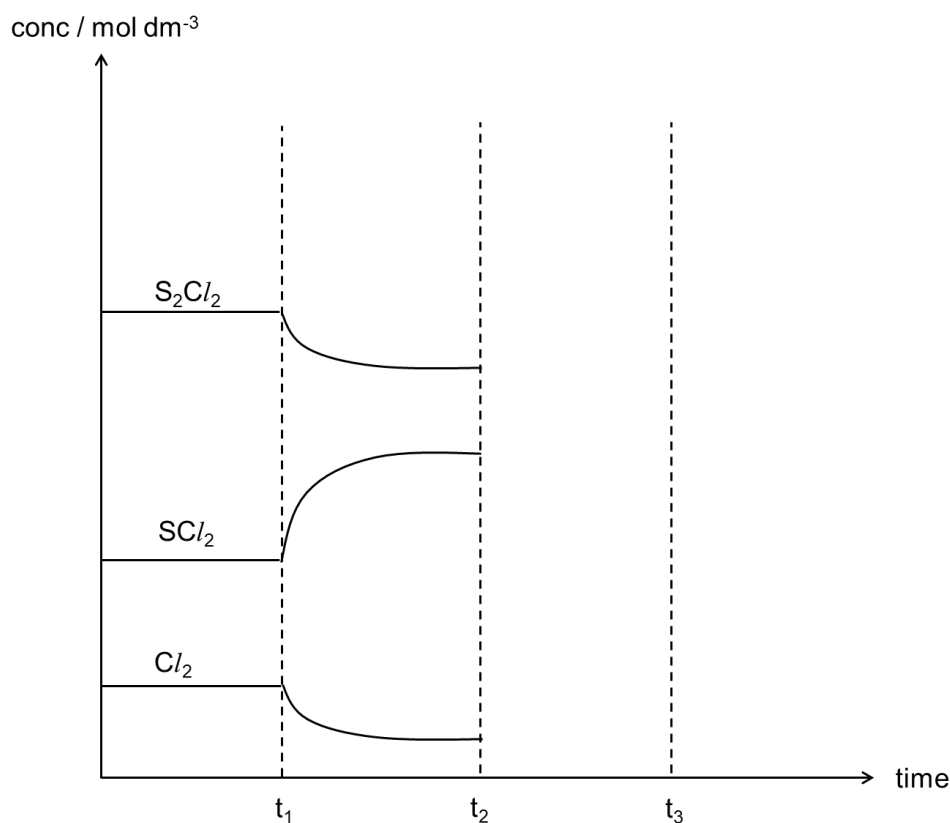
- (e)  $\text{SCl}_2$  is formed in an equilibrium reaction between  $\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$ .



The equilibrium constant of the reaction is  $K$ .

Once equilibrium has reached at time  $t_1$ , a student altered the condition of the reaction and monitored the concentration of each species until new equilibrium is reached at time  $t_2$ .

Fig. 8.1 shows the graph of concentration change with time.



**Fig. 8.1**

- (i) State Le Chatelier's Principle.

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- (ii) Write an expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_c$ , of this reaction.

[1]

- (iii) Using Fig. 8.1, deduce the condition which was altered at time  $t_1$  and explain your answer.

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- (iv) At time  $t_2$ , the student added more  $\text{Cl}_2$  at constant volume. A new equilibrium is reached at time  $t_3$ .

On Fig. 8.1, sketch the graphs to show how the concentration of all species change from  $t_2$  to  $t_3$ . [2]

Fig. 8.2 shows the graph of equilibrium constant against time of the reaction in (e).

Equilibrium constant

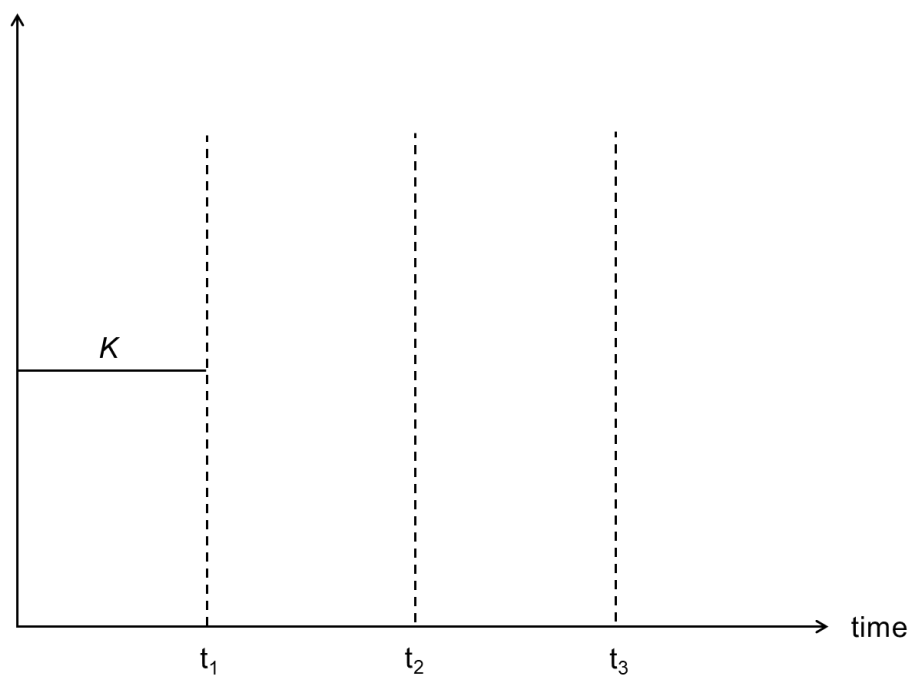


Fig. 8.2

- (v) Sketch on Fig. 8.2 to show how the equilibrium constant changes from  $t_1$  to  $t_3$ . [1]

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