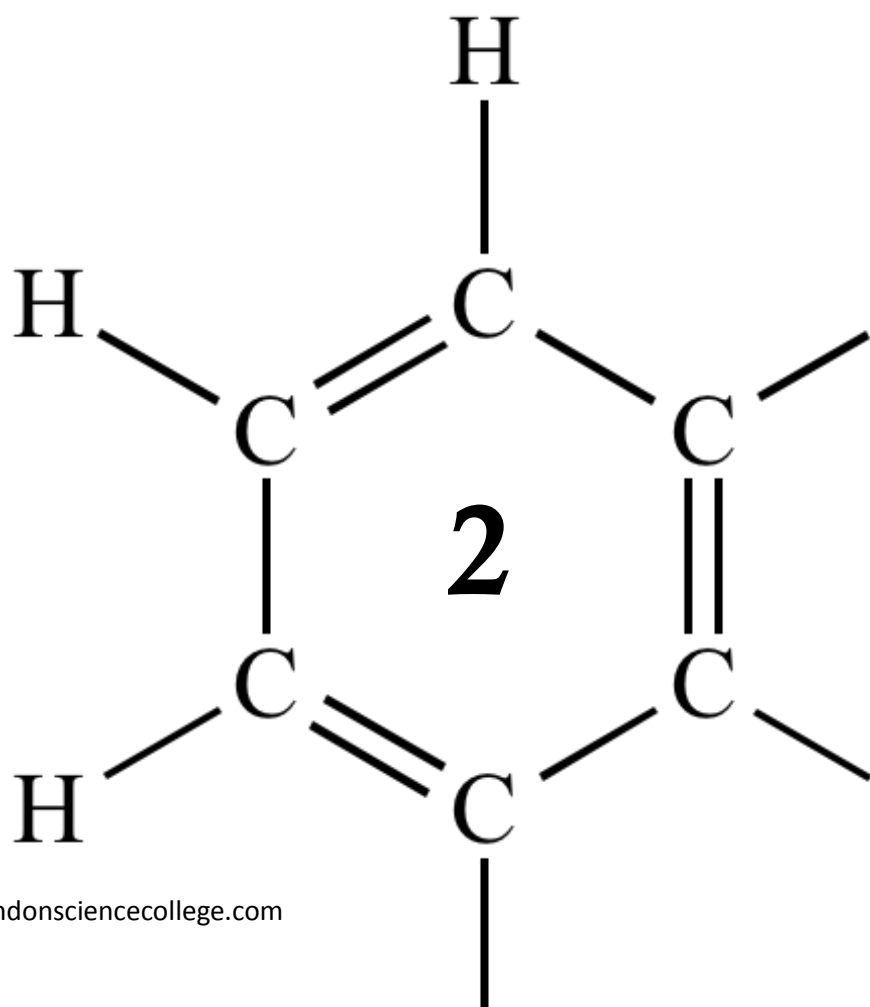


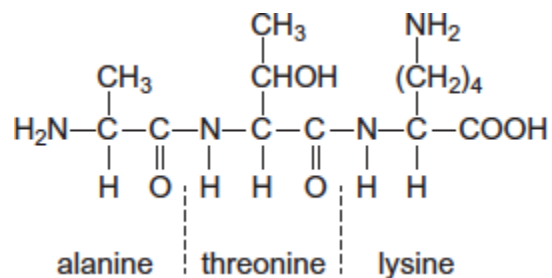
AQA A2 CHEMISTRY

POLYMERS



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(a) The tripeptide shown is formed from the amino acids alanine, threonine and lysine.



(i) Draw a separate circle around **each** of the asymmetric carbon atoms in the tripeptide. (1)

(ii) Draw the zwitterion of alanine.

(1)

(iii) Give the IUPAC name of threonine.

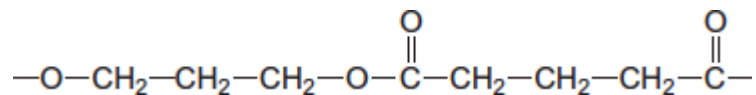
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(iv) Draw the species formed by lysine at low pH.

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(b) The repeating unit shown represents a polyester.



(i) Name this type of polymer.

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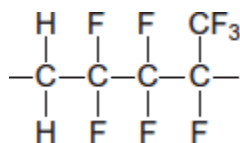
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(ii) Give the IUPAC name for the alcohol used to prepare this polyester.

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(1)

- (c) The repeating unit shown represents a polyalkene co-polymer. This co-polymer is made from two different alkene monomers.



- (i) Name the type of polymerisation occurring in the formation of this co-polymer.

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(1)

- (ii) Draw the structure of each alkene monomer.

Alkene monomer 1

Alkene monomer 2

(2)

- (d) One of the three compounds shown in parts (a), (b) and (c) cannot be broken down by hydrolysis.

Write the letter **(a)**, **(b)** or **(c)** to identify this compound and explain why hydrolysis of this compound does **not** occur.

Compound

Explanation

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Acyl chlorides and acid anhydrides are important compounds in organic synthesis.

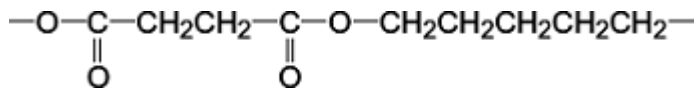
- (a) Outline a mechanism for the reaction of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCl}$ with CH_3OH and name the organic product formed.

Mechanism

Name of organic product

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- (b) A polyester was produced by reacting a diol with a diacyl chloride. The repeating unit of the polymer is shown below.



- (i) Name the diol used.

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(1)

- (ii) Draw the displayed formula of the diacyl chloride used.

(1)

- (iii) A shirt was made from this polyester. A student wearing the shirt accidentally splashed aqueous sodium hydroxide on a sleeve. Holes later appeared in the sleeve where the sodium hydroxide had been.

Name the type of reaction that occurred between the polyester and the aqueous sodium hydroxide. Explain why the aqueous sodium hydroxide reacted with the polyester.

Type of reaction

Explanation

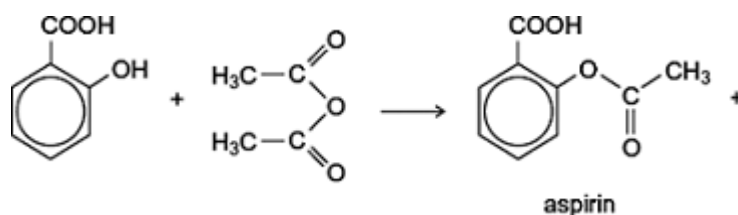
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- (c) (i) Complete the following equation for the preparation of aspirin using ethanoic anhydride by writing the structural formula of the missing product.



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- (ii) Suggest a name for the mechanism for the reaction in part (c)(i).

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- (iii) Give **two** industrial advantages, other than cost, of using ethanoic anhydride rather than ethanoyl chloride in the production of aspirin.

Advantage 1

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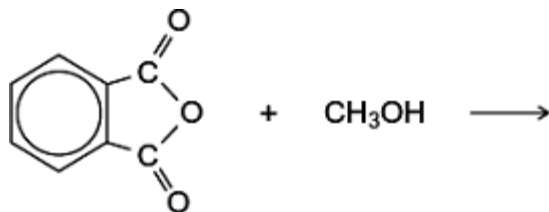
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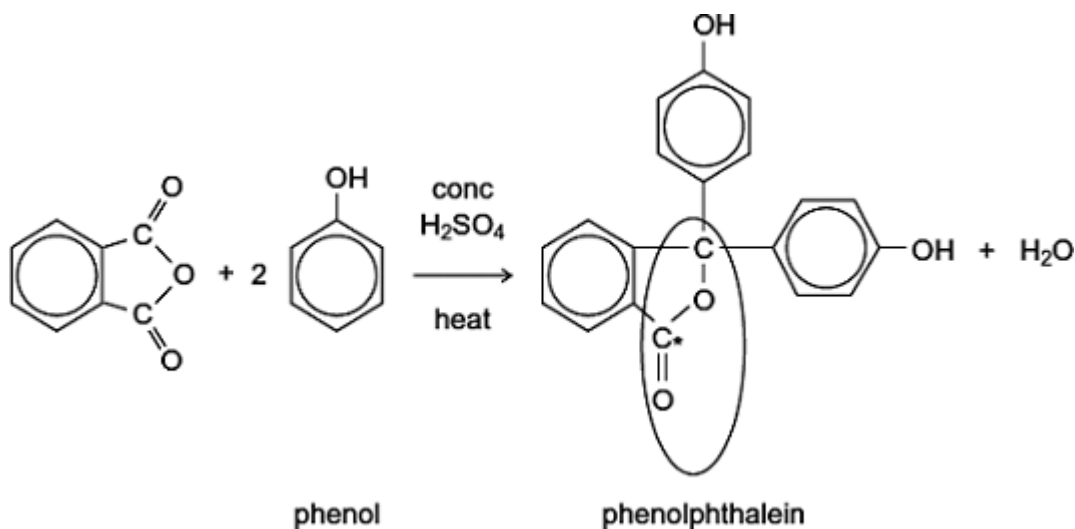
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- (d) Complete the following equation for the reaction of one molecule of benzene-1,2-dicarboxylic anhydride (phthalic anhydride) with one molecule of methanol by drawing the structural formula of the single product



(1)

- (e) The indicator phenolphthalein is synthesised by reacting phthalic anhydride with phenol as shown in the following equation.



- (i) Name the functional group ringed in the structure of phenolphthalein.

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(1)

- (ii) Deduce the number of peaks in the ^{13}C n.m.r. spectrum of phenolphthalein.

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(1)

- (iii) One of the carbon atoms in the structure of phenolphthalein shown above is labelled with an asterisk (*).

Use **Table 3** on the Data Sheet to suggest a range of δ values for the peak due to this carbon atom in the ^{13}C n.m.r. spectrum of phenolphthalein.

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(1)

(f) Phenolphthalein can be used as an indicator in some acid–alkali titrations. The pH range for phenolphthalein is 8.3 – 10.0

(i) For **each** acid.alkali combination in the table below, put a tick (✓) in the box if phenolphthalein could be used as an indicator.

Acid	Alkali	Tick box (✓)
sulfuric acid	sodium hydroxide	
hydrochloric acid	ammonia	
ethanoic acid	potassium hydroxide	
nitric acid	methylamine	

(2)

(ii) In a titration, nitric acid is added from a burette to a solution of sodium hydroxide containing a few drops of phenolphthalein indicator. Give the colour **change** at the end-point.

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(1)

(Total 21 marks)

3

Common substances used in everyday life often contain organic compounds.

(a) State an everyday use for each of the following compounds.

(i) $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{17}\text{COO}^- \text{Na}^+$

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(ii) $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{19}\text{COOCH}_3$

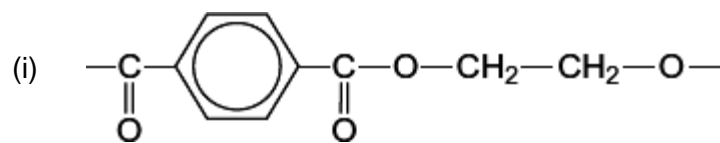
(1)

(iii) $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3]^+ \text{Br}^-$

(1)

(b) The following structures are the repeating units of two different condensation polymers.

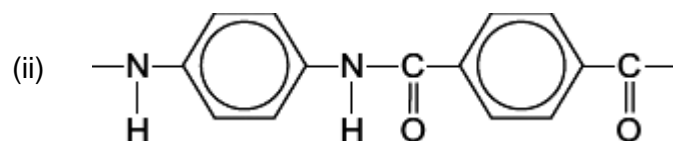
For each example, name the type of condensation polymer. Give a common name for a polymer of this type.



Type of condensation polymer

Common name

(2)



Type of condensation polymer

Common name

(2)

(iii) Explain why the polymer in part (b)(ii) has a higher melting point than the polymer in part (b)(i).

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(Total 9 marks)

4

The amide or peptide link is found in synthetic polyamides and also in naturally occurring proteins.

(a) (i) Draw the repeating unit of the polyamide formed by the reaction of propanedioic acid with hexane-1,6-diamine.

(2)

(ii) In terms of the intermolecular forces between the polymer chains, explain why polyamides can be made into fibres suitable for use in sewing and weaving, whereas polyalkenes usually produce fibres that are too weak for this purpose.

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(b) (i) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCl}$ with CH_3NH_2

Name of mechanism.....

Mechanism

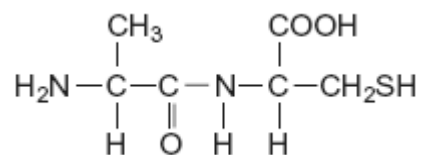
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(ii) Give the name of the product containing an amide linkage that is formed in the reaction in part (b) (i).

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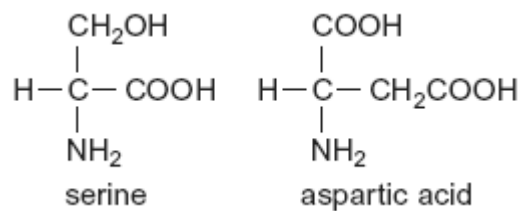
(c) The dipeptide shown below is formed from two different amino acids.



Draw the structure of the alternative dipeptide that could be formed by these two amino acids.

(1)

(d) The amino acids serine and aspartic acid are shown below.



(i) Give the IUPAC name of serine.

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(1)

(ii) Draw the structure of the species formed when aspartic acid reacts with aqueous sodium hydroxide.

(1)

(iii) Draw the structure of the species formed when serine reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid.

(1)

(iv) Draw the structure of the species formed when serine reacts with an excess of bromomethane.

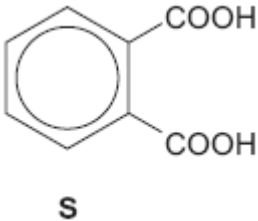
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5

Items softened with plasticisers have become an essential part of our modern society.

Compound **S**, shown below, is commonly known as phthalic acid.

Esters of phthalic acid are called phthalates and are used as plasticisers to soften polymers such as PVC, poly(chloroethene).



(a) Give the IUPAC name for phthalic acid.

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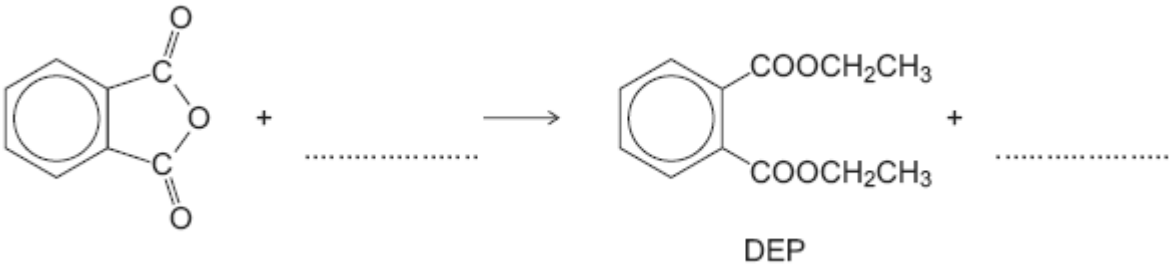
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(b) Draw the displayed formula of the repeating unit of poly(chloroethene).

(1)

(c) The ester diethyl phthalate (DEP) is used in food packaging and in cosmetics.

(i) Complete the following equation showing the formation of DEP from phthalic anhydride.



(2)

(ii) Deduce the number of peaks in the ¹³C n.m.r. spectrum of DEP.

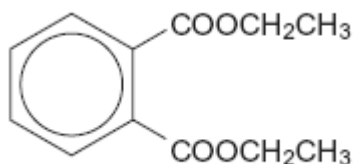
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- (iii) One of the peaks in the ^{13}C n.m.r. spectrum of DEP is at $\delta = 62$ ppm.

Table 3 on the Data Sheet can be used to identify a type of carbon atom responsible for this peak.

Draw a circle around **one** carbon atom of this type in the structure below.



(1)

- (d) The mass spectrum of DEP includes major peaks at $m/z = 222$ (the molecular ion) and at $m/z = 177$

Write an equation to show the fragmentation of the molecular ion to form the fragment that causes the peak at $m/z = 177$

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(2)

- (e) Because of their many uses, phthalates have been tested for possible adverse effects to humans and to the environment.

An organisation that represents the manufacturers of plasticisers asserts that experimental evidence and research findings show that phthalates do not pose a risk to human health because they biodegrade in a short time scale.

According to the organization's research, phthalates do not represent a risk for humans or for the environment and they are biodegradable.

- (i) Hydrolysis of DEP in an excess of water was found to follow first order kinetics.

Write a rate equation for this hydrolysis reaction using DEP to represent the ester.

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(1)

- (ii) Suggest what needs to be done so that the public could feel confident that the research discussed above is reliable.

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6

- (a) Name compound **Y**, HOCH₂CH₂COOH

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(1)

- (b) Under suitable conditions, molecules of **Y** can react with each other to form a polymer.

- (i) Draw a section of the polymer showing **two** repeating units.

(1)

- (ii) Name the type of polymerisation involved.

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(1)

(c) When **Y** is heated, an elimination reaction occurs in which one molecule of **Y** loses one molecule of water. The organic product formed by this reaction has an absorption at 1637 cm^{-1} in its infrared spectrum.

(i) Identify the bond that causes the absorption at 1637 cm^{-1} in its infrared spectrum.

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(1)

(ii) Write the displayed formula for the organic product of this elimination reaction.

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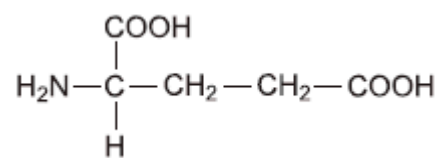
(iii) The organic product from part (ii) can also be polymerised.
Draw the repeating unit of the polymer formed from this organic product.

(1)

(d) At room temperature, 2-aminobutanoic acid exists as a solid.
Draw the structure of the species present in the solid form.

(1)

(e) The amino acid, glutamic acid, is shown below.



Draw the structure of the organic species formed when glutamic acid reacts with each of the following.

(i) an excess of sodium hydroxide

(1)

(ii) an excess of methanol in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid

(1)

(iii) ethanoyl chloride

(1)

- (f) A tripeptide was heated with hydrochloric acid and a mixture of amino acids was formed. This mixture was separated by column chromatography. Outline briefly why chromatography is able to separate a mixture of compounds. Practical details are **not** required.

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