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**CHEMISTRY**

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Paper 2 AS Level Structured Questions

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.
- Important values, constants and standards are printed in the question paper.

This document has **12** pages.



1 Phosphorus and chlorine are elements in Period 3 of the Periodic Table.

(a) Chlorine forms three different compounds with phosphorus.

The most common compounds are  $\text{PCl}_3$  and  $\text{PCl}_5$ .

(i) Complete Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

compound	oxidation number of P	oxidation number of Cl
$\text{PCl}_3$		
$\text{PCl}_5$		

[2]

(ii) In a closed system,  $\text{PCl}_3$  and  $\text{PCl}_5$  exist in an equilibrium mixture as shown in reaction 1.



Deduce **two** conditions that favour the production of  $\text{PCl}_5$  in reaction 1.

1 .....

2 ..... [2]

(iii) The third compound of phosphorus and chlorine, **W**, has a relative molecular mass,  $M_r$ , between that of  $\text{PCl}_3$  and  $\text{PCl}_5$ . The compound contains 69.6% by mass of chlorine.

Determine the molecular formula of **W**.

molecular formula of **W** = ..... [2]

(iv) **W** is a liquid at room temperature and pressure. It reacts vigorously with water to form an acidic solution.

Suggest the structure and bonding in **W**. Explain your answer.

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..... [2]



(b) Fig. 1.1 shows a reaction scheme involving  $P_4$  and  $Cl_2$ .

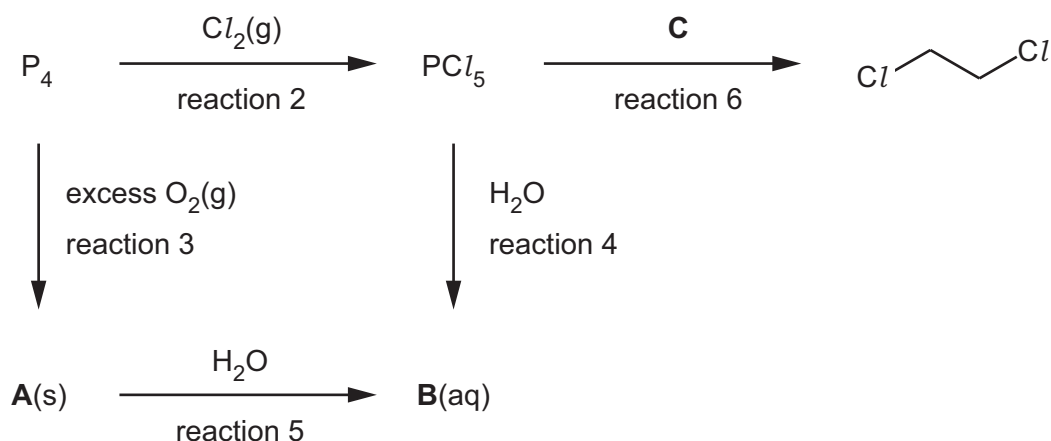


Fig. 1.1

(i) Suggest what is observed in reaction 2.

..... [1]

(ii) Predict the shape of a molecule of  $PCl_5$ .

..... [1]

(iii) Write an equation for the formation of **A** in reaction 3.

..... [1]

(iv) Name **B**, which is formed in both reactions 4 and 5.

..... [1]

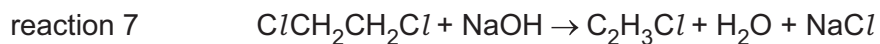
(v) Draw the structure of **C**, used in reaction 6.

[1]





- (c) 1,2-dichloroethane,  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , reacts with  $\text{NaOH}$  to produce an unsaturated compound,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{Cl}$ , as shown in reaction 7.



- (i) State what is meant by unsaturated.

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 ..... [1]

- (ii) State the conditions for reaction 7.

..... [1]

- (d) Compound **D** contains carbon, hydrogen and chlorine **only**.

Fig. 1.2 shows the mass spectrum of **D**.

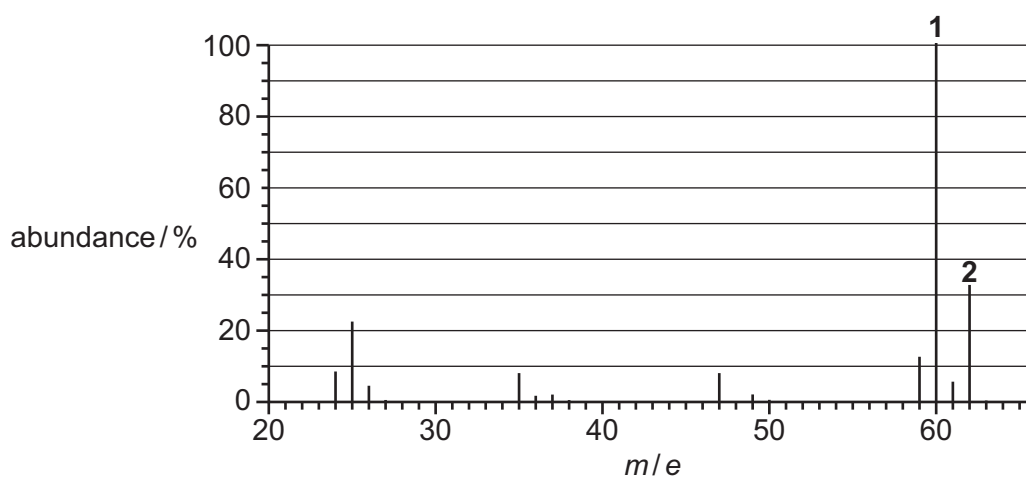


Fig. 1.2

- (i) Explain the relative abundance of peaks **1** and **2** in the mass spectrum in Fig. 1.2.

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 ..... [1]

- (ii) Suggest the structure of **D**.

[1]

[Total: 17]



- 2 (a) The Group 2 elements show metallic bonding.

Define metallic bonding.

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 ..... [2]

- (b) The Group 2 elements form stable 2+ cations.

- (i) State and explain the variation in ionic radius of the Group 2 elements down the group.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (ii) Table 2.1 shows successive ionisation energy values for beryllium, Be.

**Table 2.1**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
ionisation energy / $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	900	1760	14 800	21 000

Use Table 2.1 to state and explain:

- the general trend in these values
- the significance of the large difference between the 2nd and 3rd ionisation energies.

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 .....  
 .....  
 ..... [2]





(c) All the Group 2 elements except beryllium have more than one stable isotope.

(i) Beryllium exists as the single isotope  ${}^9_4\text{Be}$ .

Describe the distribution of mass within an atom of  ${}^9_4\text{Be}$ .

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..... [2]

(ii) Complete Table 2.2 to show the numbers of protons and neutrons in the isotopes of magnesium.

**Table 2.2**

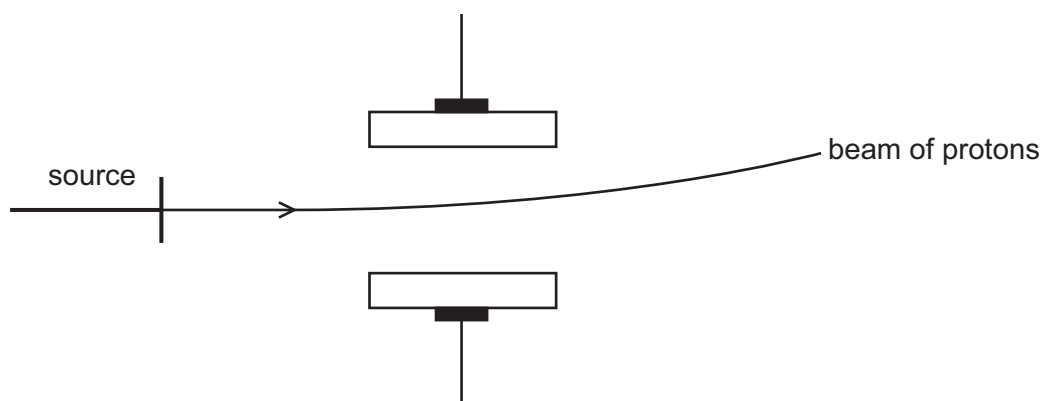
isotope	number of protons	number of neutrons
magnesium-24		
magnesium-25		
magnesium-26		

[2]

(iii) Fig. 2.1 shows the behaviour of a beam of protons in an electric field.

Complete Fig. 2.1 to show the behaviour of separate beams of neutrons and electrons in the same electric field.

Label your diagram clearly. Assume that the beams of each particle are moving at the same velocity.



**Fig. 2.1**

[3]



- (d) (i) State what is observed when dilute hydrochloric acid is added to separate samples of barium oxide and barium carbonate.

barium oxide .....

barium carbonate .....

[2]

- (ii) Write an equation for the reaction of strontium, Sr, with an excess of cold water.

..... [1]

- (iii) State the variation in solubility of the Group 2 sulfates down the group.

..... [1]

[Total: 17]





- 3 The halogens chlorine, bromine and iodine show trends in chemical and physical properties down the group.

Table 3.1 shows some properties of chlorine, bromine and iodine.

**Table 3.1**

property	chlorine	bromine	iodine
colour and state at room temperature	green gas		
bond energy / $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	242	193	151
electronegativity	3.0	2.8	2.5
formula of sodium halide	$\text{NaCl}$	$\text{NaBr}$	$\text{NaI}$

- (a) (i) Complete Table 3.1. [1]

- (ii) The bond energy values in Table 3.1 refer to the  $\text{X—X}$  bond where X is the halogen.

Explain the trend in the bond strength of the  $\text{X—X}$  bond in the halogens.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (b) Explain, with the use of an equation, how chlorine,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , is used in water purification. State the role of the active species produced.

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 .....  
 ..... [2]

- (c) The sodium halides in Table 3.1 also show trends in chemical properties.

- (i) Identify the sodium halide that reacts with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to form  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .

..... [1]

- (ii) Identify the sodium halide that **only** undergoes a Brønsted–Lowry acid–base reaction with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

..... [1]

- (iii) A student adds a few drops of  $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$  to a solution of  $\text{NaBr}(\text{aq})$ . State what is observed.

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 ..... [1]







(d) Iodine monobromide, IBr, is a dark red solid that melts near room temperature.

IBr reacts with propene. The mechanism for this reaction is the same as the mechanism for that of HBr with propene.

(i) Identify **all** the intermolecular forces that exist between molecules of IBr.

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 ..... [1]

(ii) Name the mechanism involved in the reaction of IBr with propene.

..... [1]

(iii) The reaction of IBr with propene forms two structural isomers.

Draw the **two** structural isomers shown by these molecules.



[2]

(iv) Identify the type of structural isomerism shown by the molecules in (d)(iii).

..... [1]

(v) Explain why the two structural isomers do **not** form in equal amounts.

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 ..... [2]

[Total: 15]



4 Fig. 4.1 shows compounds **J** to **M**, each of which contains four carbon atoms.

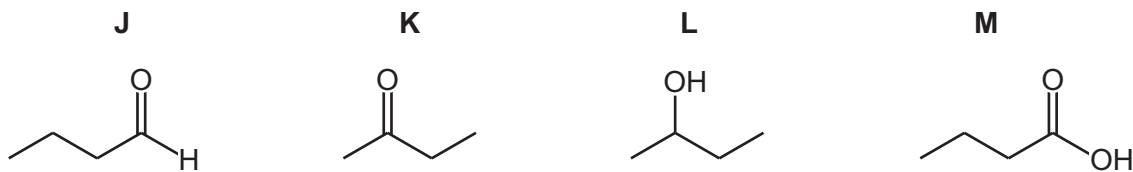


Fig. 4.1

(a) Table 4.1 gives details of tests on **J** to **M**. In each test, only **two** compounds give a positive result.

Complete Table 4.1.

Table 4.1

reagent	observation of positive result	compounds that give a positive result
acidified $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7(\text{aq})$		<b>J and L</b>
alkaline $\text{I}_2(\text{aq})$	yellow precipitate	
	orange precipitate	<b>J and K</b>
$\text{Na(s)}$		

[5]



(b) **K** reacts with HCN in the presence of a KCN catalyst, forming **N**.

(i) Complete Fig. 4.2 to show the mechanism for this reaction.

Include charges, dipoles, lone pairs of electrons and curly arrows, as appropriate.



Fig. 4.2

[4]

(ii) Identify the class of compound of which **N** is a member.

..... [1]

(iii) **N** has a chiral centre.

Explain what is meant by a chiral centre.

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 .....  
 ..... [1]

[Total: 11]

### Important values, constants and standards

molar gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday constant	$F = 9.65 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Avogadro constant	$L = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
electronic charge	$e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
molar volume of gas	$V_m = 22.4 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at s.t.p. (101 kPa and 273 K) $V_m = 24.0 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at room conditions
ionic product of water	$K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ (at 298 K (25 °C))
specific heat capacity of water	$c = 4.18 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (4.18 J g <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )



The Periodic Table of Elements

Group																			
1	2													13	14	15	16	17	18
		<div>Key</div>																	
		<div>1 H hydrogen 1.0</div>																	

lanthanoids

57	La	58	Ce	59	Pr	60	Nd	61	Pm	62	Sm	63	Eu	64	Gd	65	Tb	66	Dy	67	Ho	68	Er	69	Tm	70	Yb	71	Lu
lanthanum	cerium	praseodymium	neodymium	promethium	samarium	europlum	gadolinium	terbium	dysprosium	holmium	erbium	thulium	ytterbium	lutetium	lanthanum	cerium	praseodymium	neodymium	promethium	samarium	europlum	gadolinium	terbium	dysprosium	holmium	erbium	thulium	ytterbium	lutetium
138.9	140.1	140.9	144.2	—	150.4	152.0	157.3	158.9	162.5	164.9	167.3	168.9	173.1	175.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

actinoids

89	Ac	90	Th	91	Pa	92	U	93	Np	94	Pu	95	Am	96	Cm	97	Bk	98	Cf	99	Es	100	Fm	101	Md	102	No	103	Lr
actinium	thorium	protactinium	uranium	neptunium	plutonium	americium	curium	berkelium	californium	einsteinium	fermium	mendeleevium	nobelium	lawrencium	actinium	thorium	protactinium	uranium	neptunium	plutonium	americium	curium	berkelium	californium	einsteinium	fermium	mendeleevium	nobelium	lawrencium
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