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Paper 4 A Level Structured Questions

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You must answer on the question paper.

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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.
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- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

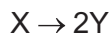
- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The Periodic Table is printed in the question paper.
- Important values, constants and standards are printed in the question paper.

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- 1 (a) The equation for reaction 1 is shown.

reaction 1



Reaction 1 is first order with respect to the concentration of X. The half-life of the reaction, $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$, is 900 s at 20 °C.

- (i) A solution of X with a concentration of $0.180 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ is prepared at 20 °C. Calculate the average rate of reaction 1 over the first 1800 s.

average rate of reaction 1 = [2]

- (ii) Complete the rate equation for reaction 1.

rate = [1]

- (iii) Show that the rate constant, k , is $7.70 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 20 °C.

[1]

- (iv) Calculate the initial rate of reaction 1 when the concentration of X is $0.150 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$.

Include units.

rate = units [2]

- (b) Catalysts may be homogeneous or heterogeneous.

- (i) Platinum is a transition element. Explain why transition elements behave as catalysts.

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 [1]

- (ii) Name the metal catalyst in the Haber process and explain why it is a **heterogeneous** catalyst.

metal

..... [1]



- (iii) Platinum acts as a heterogeneous catalyst in the removal of nitrogen dioxide, NO_2 , from the exhaust gases of car engines.

Describe the mode of action of a platinum catalyst in this process.

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 [2]

- (iv) NO_2 acts as a homogeneous catalyst in the oxidation of atmospheric sulfur dioxide, SO_2 .

Write equations for the **two** reactions that occur.

equation 1

equation 2 [1]

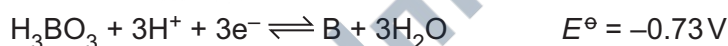
- (c) SO_2 dissolves in water, forming H_2SO_3 .

H_2SO_3 can be oxidised under acidic conditions.

The relevant electrode reaction and its E° value are shown.



Four more half-equations for reactions occurring under acidic conditions, and their E° values, are shown.



Select the oxidising agent that could oxidise H_2SO_3 to SO_4^{2-} ions under acidic conditions.

Write an equation, and give the E°_{cell} value, for the reaction that occurs.

oxidising agent

equation

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = \dots\dots\dots \text{V}$$

[3]

[Total: 14]

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- 2 (a) Predict and explain the variation in enthalpy change of hydration for the ions Na^+ , Mg^{2+} and Al^{3+} .

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..... [3]

- (b) Fig. 2.1 shows an incomplete energy cycle.

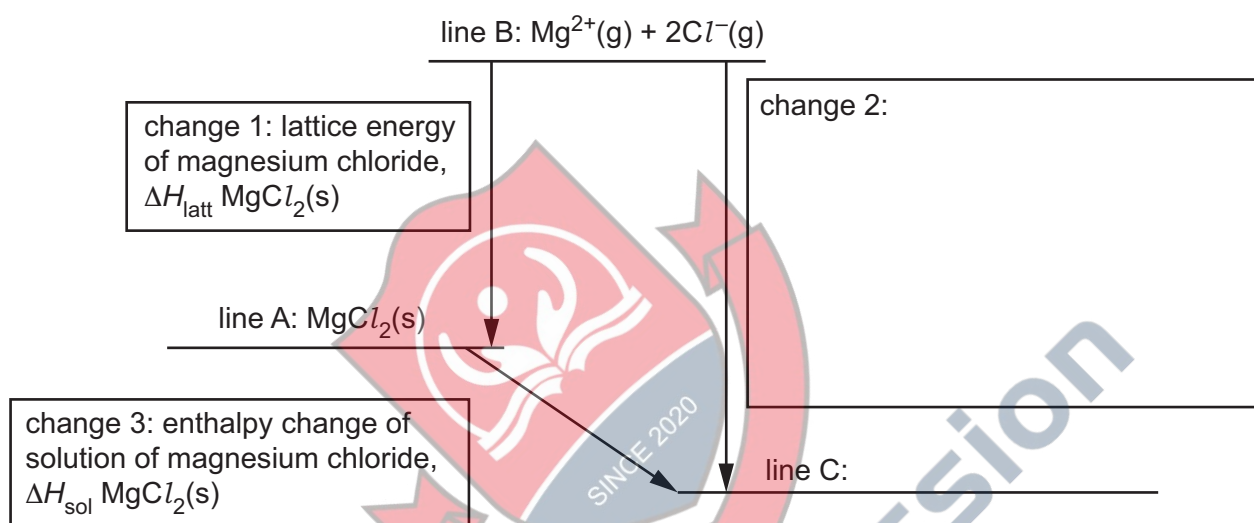


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Complete line C on Fig. 2.1. Include state symbols. [1]
- (ii) Use **both** words **and** symbols to identify change 2 on Fig. 2.1.
Use changes 1 and 3 as examples of how this should be done. [2]



- (iii) Calculate a value for the lattice energy of magnesium chloride, $\Delta H_{\text{latt}} \text{MgCl}_2(\text{s})$, by selecting and using appropriate data from Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

energy change	value / kJ mol^{-1}
enthalpy change of solution of magnesium chloride	–155
enthalpy change of formation of magnesium chloride	–642
first ionisation energy of magnesium	+736
second ionisation energy of magnesium	+1450
electron affinity of chlorine	–349
enthalpy change of hydration of Mg^{2+}	–1920
enthalpy change of hydration of Cl^-	–364

$\Delta H_{\text{latt}} \text{MgCl}_2(\text{s}) = \dots\dots\dots \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ [3]

- (c) Define entropy.

.....
 [1]

- (d) At 25°C the enthalpy change of solution of compound **Z** is $+26 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. The entropy change of solution of **Z** at the same temperature is $+52 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$.

Calculate the value of the Gibbs free energy change, ΔG , for the solution of **Z** at 25°C .

$\Delta G = \dots\dots\dots \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ [2]





- (e) (i) Use your answer to (d) to predict whether or not **Z** is soluble in water at 25 °C. Explain your answer.

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..... [1]

- (ii) Predict whether **Z** becomes more or less soluble as the water is heated from 25 °C to 95 °C. Explain your answer.

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..... [1]

[Total: 14]





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3 (a) The pH of a saturated solution of calcium hydroxide is 12.35 at 298 K.

- (i) Show that the concentration of hydroxide ions in a saturated solution of calcium hydroxide is $0.0224 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 298 K.

[2]

- (ii) Use data given in (i) to calculate the solubility product, K_{sp} , of calcium hydroxide at 298 K.

Include the units of K_{sp} in your answer.

$K_{\text{sp}} = \dots\dots\dots$ units $\dots\dots\dots$ [3]

- (iii) A spatula measure of solid calcium chloride is stirred into a sample of saturated calcium hydroxide solution. All of the calcium chloride dissolves.

Describe **one** other observation that would be made and give an estimated value of the pH of the solution obtained.

Explain **both** your answers.

observation $\dots\dots\dots$

pH of solution $\dots\dots\dots$

explanation $\dots\dots\dots$

[3]

- (iv) Calcium hydroxide reacts with dilute sulfuric acid to form calcium sulfate. Barium hydroxide behaves in a similar way, forming barium sulfate.

Explain why calcium sulfate is more soluble in water than barium sulfate.

$\dots\dots\dots$

$\dots\dots\dots$

$\dots\dots\dots$

$\dots\dots\dots$

$\dots\dots\dots$ [3]





- (i) Write an equation for the reaction of calcium with CH_3COOH .

..... [1]

- Pair 1 should consist of organic species.

pair 1:
conjugate acid conjugate base

pair 2:
conjugate acid conjugate base

[2]

- (iii) Write the expression for the K_a of CH_3COOH .

$$K_a =$$

[1]

- (iv) The concentration of calcium ethanoate, $(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Ca}$, in mixture **D** is $0.394 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$.
The concentration of CH_3COOH in mixture **D** is $0.270 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$.

The K_a of CH_3COOH is $1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ at 298 K.

Calculate the pH of mixture **D**.

pH = [2]

- (v) Write **two** equations to show how mixture **D** can act as a buffer solution.

equation 1

equation 2

[2]

[Total: 19]



- 4 Transition metal atoms and transition metal ions form complexes by combining with species called ligands.

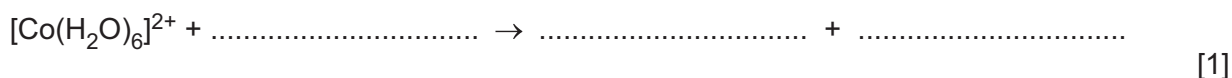
- (a) When NaOH(aq) is added to an aqueous solution containing $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ a precipitation reaction occurs accompanied by a colour change.

In this reaction two of the water ligands each lose one H^+ ion. The H^+ ions are gained by OH^- ions from the NaOH(aq).

- (i) State the colour change seen in this precipitation reaction.

from to [1]

- (ii) Complete the ionic equation for this precipitation reaction.



- (iii) This precipitation reaction can also be described as a **different** type of reaction.

Name this type of reaction.

..... [1]

- (b) L is an uncharged tridentate ligand. L donates three lone pairs to a metal atom or ion.

Cobalt forms an octahedral complex ion, E, with L. Complex ion E has a 2+ charge.

- (i) Give the formula of E.

..... [1]

- (ii) Identify the oxidation state of cobalt in E.

..... [1]

- (iii) The d-orbitals of the cobalt atom or ion present in E are split in energy.

State the number of d-orbitals that are at a higher energy level and the number of d-orbitals that are at a lower energy level.

number of d-orbitals at a higher energy level	
number of d-orbitals at a lower energy level	

[1]

- (iv) Define the term non-degenerate d-orbitals.

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..... [1]



- (c) The mineral chromite contains a compound which has the formula FeCr_nO_4 . The oxidation state of iron in FeCr_nO_4 is +2.

A sample of 4.18 g of FeCr_nO_4 is dissolved in an excess of sulfuric acid. The resulting solution is made up to 250 cm^3 . This is solution **F**.

All the Fe^{2+} ions in 25.0 cm^3 of solution **F** are oxidised to Fe^{3+} ions by exactly 18.7 cm^3 of $0.0200\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ KMnO_4 .

One MnO_4^- ion reacts with five Fe^{2+} ions. Assume no other oxidation reaction occurs.

- (i) Write an equation for the reaction of Fe^{2+} ions with MnO_4^- ions in acid solution.

..... [1]

- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of Fe^{2+} ions in 25.0 cm^3 of solution **F**.

number of moles of Fe^{2+} ions = [2]

- (iii) Calculate the M_r of FeCr_nO_4 and use your answer to deduce the value of n .

M_r of FeCr_nO_4 =

value of n = [2]

[Total: 12]





- 5 Ni^{2+} ions form a number of different complex ions, including $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$, $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ and $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$.

The abbreviation *en* represents 1,2-diaminoethane. The numerical values of two stability constants, K_{stab} , are given in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1

complex	K_{stab}
$[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$	4.8×10^7
$[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$	2.0×10^{18}

- (a) Complete the expression for the K_{stab} of $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$.

$$K_{\text{stab}} =$$

[1]

- (b) A solution of $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ is added to a solution that contains $0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ NH}_3$ and $0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ en}$.

- (i) Predict which complex ion, $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ or $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$, is present in the resulting mixture in the highest concentration. Explain your answer.

complex ion present in largest concentration =

explanation [1]

- (ii) Complete the equation for the ligand exchange reaction occurring in (i).



(c) Complete Fig. 5.1 to show the three-dimensional structures of the two isomers of $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$.

Use N  N to represent the *en* ligand.

Name the type of isomerism shown.

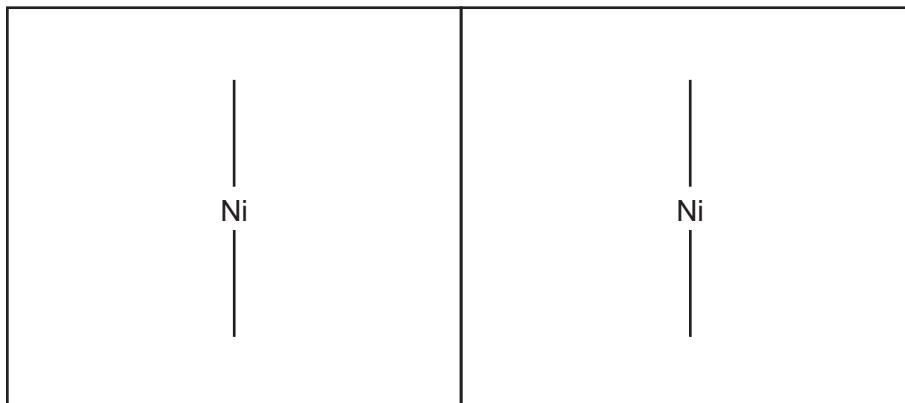


Fig. 5.1

type of isomerism shown [3]

[Total: 6]



6 Fig. 6.1 shows two reactions of ethanedioic acid, HOOC-COOH.

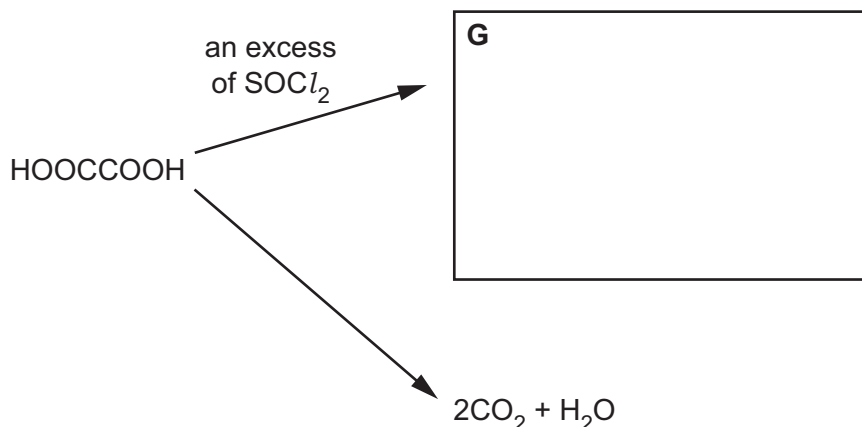
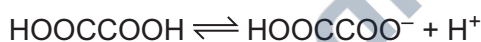


Fig. 6.1

- (a) (i) Draw the organic product **G** in the box in Fig. 6.1. [1]
- (ii) In Fig. 6.1, SOCl_2 is given as the reagent that reacts with HOOC-COOH to produce **G**. Identify a different reagent that also reacts with HOOC-COOH to produce **G**. [1]
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- (b) Identify **two** different reagents that oxidise HOOC-COOH to form carbon dioxide and water. [2]
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- (c) HOOC-COOH ionises as shown.



HOOC-COOH is a much stronger acid than methanoic acid, HCOOH .

Suggest an explanation for this difference in acidity.

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..... [2]



- (d) Benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid, $\text{HOOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH}$, can be made from benzene, C_6H_6 , in two steps as shown in Fig. 6.2.

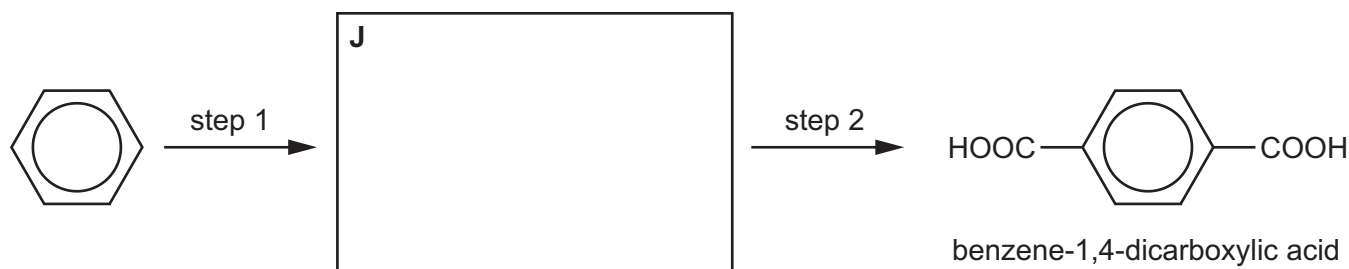


Fig. 6.2

- (i) Suggest the identity of **J** by drawing its structure in the box in Fig. 6.2. [1]
- (ii) Identify the reagents and conditions for step 1 and step 2.
- step 1
- step 2 [2]
- (iii) Draw the structure of exactly **one** repeat unit of the polymer formed when benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid reacts with ethane-1,2-diol, $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. The linkage formed between the monomers should be shown fully displayed. [2]
- (iv) State the type of polymerisation that occurs when benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid reacts with ethane-1,2-diol and name the linkage formed between the monomers.
- type of polymerisation
- linkage [1]

[Total: 12]

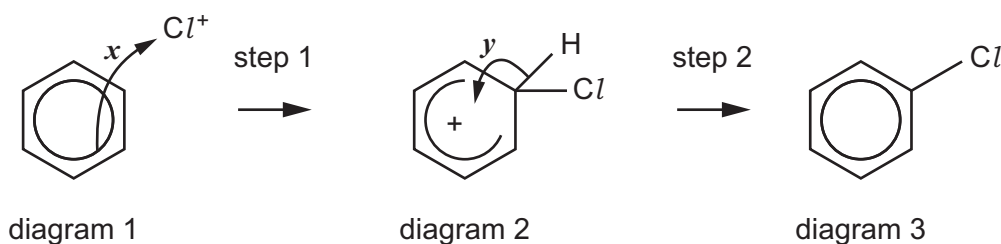


- 7 Benzene reacts with chlorine gas to form chlorobenzene. This reaction can be described as the reaction between benzene molecules and Cl^+ ions. The Cl^+ ions are formed by adding a suitable catalyst to the chlorine gas.

(a) Give the name or formula of a catalyst that can be used for this reaction.

..... [1]

(b) The mechanism for this reaction is shown.



(i) The movement of a pair of electrons is represented by x in diagram 1.

- State where this pair of electrons is **before** step 1 takes place.

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- State where this pair of electrons is **after** step 1 has taken place.

.....

[2]

(ii) The movement of another pair of electrons is represented by y in diagram 2.

- State where this pair of electrons is **before** step 2 takes place.

.....

- State where this pair of electrons is **after** step 2 has taken place.

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[2]

(c) There are six carbon atoms in diagram 2.

State how many of these carbon atoms are sp hybridised, sp^2 hybridised, and sp^3 hybridised.

sp hybridised

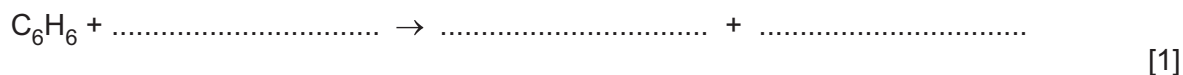
sp^2 hybridised

sp^3 hybridised

[1]



(d) Complete the equation for this reaction between benzene and chlorine.



(e) The mechanism for this reaction is electrophilic substitution.

Complete the following sentence. Write formulae in the gaps provided.

During this reaction, the electrophile is and a atom
in benzene is substituted by a atom. [1]

(f) Chloroethane reacts with NaOH(aq). Chlorobenzene does not.

(i) Name the mechanism of the reaction that chloroethane undergoes with NaOH(aq), and identify the major organic product that is formed.

mechanism

major organic product [1]

(ii) Explain the difference in reactivity of chloroethane and chlorobenzene when treated with NaOH(aq).

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..... [2]

[Total: 11]



- 8 The amino acid serine, $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{COOH}$, exists in two optically active forms. These optical isomers, isomer **P** and isomer **Q**, are shown in Fig. 8.1.



Fig. 8.1

- (a) Isomer **P** and isomer **Q** have identical physical and chemical properties, with the exception of two specific properties. One of these two properties is their differing effect on plane polarised light.

State the other property by which they differ.

..... [1]

- (b) A solution of pure isomer **P** of a particular concentration rotates plane polarised light by 5.0° in a clockwise direction.

Describe how a solution of pure isomer **Q** of the same concentration affects plane polarised light.

..... [1]

- (c) State another term, in addition to stereoisomers, optical isomers and non-superimposable mirror images, which can be used to describe this pair of chiral compounds, isomer **P** and isomer **Q**.

..... [1]

- (d) Give the term used to describe a mixture containing equal amounts of isomer **P** and isomer **Q**.

..... [1]

- (e) Describe **one** way in which a single pure optical isomer of serine can be produced, instead of making a mixture of isomer **P** and isomer **Q**.

..... [1]



- (f) Complete Table 8.1 to describe the peaks seen in the proton (^1H) NMR spectrum of $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{COOH}$ dissolved in D_2O .

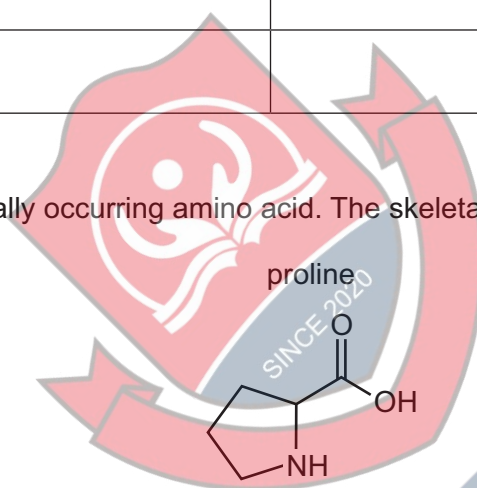
Use as many rows in Table 8.1 as you need to, leaving the other rows blank.

Table 8.1

group responsible for peak	name of splitting pattern shown by peak	explanation for splitting pattern

[3]

- (g) Proline is a naturally occurring amino acid. The skeletal formula of proline is shown.



State the number of peaks in the carbon-13 (^{13}C) NMR spectrum of proline.

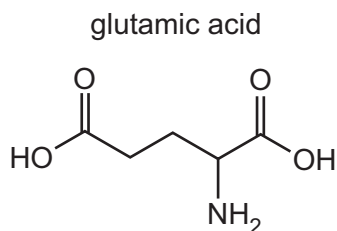
..... [1]





(h) Glutamic acid is a naturally occurring amino acid.

The skeletal formula of glutamic acid is shown.



The isoelectric point of glutamic acid is pH 3.

A sample of glutamic acid is dissolved in a solution of pH 1. A strong alkali is then added until the pH of the mixture reaches pH 14. During this process **all** possible ionised forms of glutamic acid are present at different times, depending on the pH of the solution.

Complete the boxes below to show four **different** ionised forms of glutamic acid that are present at the stated pH values.

at pH 1	at pH 3
at pH 9	at pH 14

[3]

[Total: 12]





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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	$L = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
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 ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)



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Group																		
1	2	Key															18	
		atomic number atomic symbol name relative atomic mass																
3	4																	
Li lithium 6.9	Be beryllium 9.0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
11	12																	
Na sodium 23.0	Mg magnesium 24.3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
K potassium 39.1	Ca calcium 40.1	Sc scandium 45.0	Ti titanium 47.9	V vanadium 50.9	Cr chromium 52.0	Mn manganese 54.9	Fe iron 55.8	Co cobalt 58.9	Ni nickel 58.7	Cu copper 63.5	Zn zinc 65.4	Ga gallium 69.7	Ge germanium 72.6	As arsenic 74.9	Se selenium 79.0	Br bromine 79.9	Kr krypton 83.8	
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	
Rb rubidium 85.5	Sr strontium 87.6	Y yttrium 88.9	Zr zirconium 91.2	Nb niobium 92.9	Mo molybdenum 95.9	Tc technetium —	Ru ruthenium 101.1	Rh rhodium 102.9	Pd palladium 106.4	Ag silver 107.9	Cd cadmium 112.4	In indium 114.8	Sn tin 118.7	Sb antimony 121.8	Te tellurium 127.6	I iodine 126.9	Xe xenon 131.3	
55	56	57–71 lanthanoids	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	
Cs caesium 132.9	Ba barium 137.3	Hf hafnium 178.5		Ta tantalum 180.9	W tungsten 183.8	Re rhenium 186.2	Os osmium 190.2	Ir iridium 192.2	Pt platinum 195.1	Au gold 197.0	Hg mercury 200.6	Tl thallium 204.4	Pb lead 207.2	Bi bismuth 209.0	Po polonium —	At astatine —	Rn radon —	
87	88	89–103 actinoids	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	
Fr francium —	Ra radium —	Rf rutherfordium —		Db dubnium —	Sg seaborgium —	Bh bohrium —	Hs hassium —	Mt meitnerium —	Ds darmstadtium —	Rg roentgenium —	Cn copernicium —	Nh nihonium —	Fl flerovium —	Mc moscovium —	Lv livermorium —	Ts tennessine —	Og oganesson —	

57	La	lanthanum	138.9
58	Ce	cerium	140.1
59	Pr	praseodymium	140.9
60	Nd	neodymium	144.2
61	Pm	promethium	—
62	Sm	samarium	150.4
63	Eu	euroium	152.0
64	Gd	gadolinium	157.3
65	Tb	terbium	158.9
66	Dy	dysprosium	162.5
67	Ho	holmium	164.9
68	Er	erbium	167.3
69	Tm	thulium	168.9
70	Yb	ytterbium	173.1
71	Lu	lutetium	175.0
72	Hf	hafnium	178.5
73	Ta	tantalum	180.9
74	W	tungsten	183.8
75	Re	rhenium	186.2
76	Os	osmium	190.2
77	Ir	iridium	192.2
78	Pt	platinum	195.1
79	Au	gold	197.0
80	Hg	mercury	200.6
81	Tl	thallium	204.4
82	Pb	lead	207.2
83	Bi	bismuth	208.9
84	Po	polonium	—
85	At	astatine	—
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87	Fr	francium	—
88	Ra	radium	—
89	Ac	actinium	—
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91	Pa	protactinium	231.0
92	U	uranium	238.0
93	Np	neptunium	—
94	Pu	plutonium	—
95	Am	americium	—
96	Cm	curium	—
97	Bk	berkelium	—
98	Cf	californium	—
99	Es	einsteinium	—
100	Fm	fermium	—
101	Md	mendelevium	—
102	No	nobelium	—
103	Lr	lawrencium	—

57	La	lanthanum	138.9
58	Ce	cerium	140.1
59	Pr	praseodymium	140.9
60	Nd	neodymium	144.2
61	Pm	promethium	—
62	Sm	samarium	150.4
63	Eu	euroium	152.0
64	Gd	gadolinium	157.3
65	Tb	terbium	158.9
66	Dy	dysprosium	162.5
67	Ho	holmium	164.9
68	Er	erbium	167.3
69	Tm	thulium	168.9
70	Yb	ytterbium	173.1
71	Lu	lutetium	175.0
72	Hf	hafnium	178.5
73	Ta	tantalum	180.9
74	W	tungsten	183.8
75	Re	rhenium	186.2
76	Os	osmium	190.2
77	Ir	iridium	192.2
78	Pt	platinum	195.1
79	Au	gold	197.0
80	Hg	mercury	200.6
81	Tl	thallium	204.4
82	Pb	lead	207.2
83	Bi	bismuth	208.9
84	Po	polonium	—
85	At	astatine	—
86	Rn	radon	—
87	Fr	francium	—
88	Ra	radium	—
89	Ac	actinium	—
90	Th	thorium	232.0
91	Pa	protactinium	231.0
92	U	uranium	238.0
93	Np	neptunium	—
94	Pu	plutonium	—
95	Am	americium	—
96	Cm	curium	—
97	Bk	berkelium	—
98	Cf	californium	—
99	Es	einsteinium	—
100	Fm	fermium	—
101	Md	mendelevium	—
102	No	nobelium	—
103	Lr	lawrencium	—