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Physical constants

Name	Symbol	Value
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.0221 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k_B$	$1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R$	$8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Faraday constant	$F$	$96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Speed of light	$c$	$2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Planck constant	$h$	$6.6261 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Standard pressure	$p^\circ$	$10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Atmospheric pressure	$p_{\text{atm}}$	$1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
Zero of the Celsius scale		$273.15 \text{ K}$
Standard acceleration of free fall	$g$	$9.807 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Bohr magneton	$m_B$	$9.274015 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$

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Periodic table with relative atomic masses

1 H 1.008																	18 He 4.003
3 Li 6.94	4 Be 9.01											13 B 10.81	14 C 12.01	15 N 14.01	16 O 16.00	17 F 19.00	10 Ne 20.18
11 Na 22.99	12 Mg 24.31	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Al 26.98	14 Si 28.09	15 P 30.97	16 S 32.06	17 Cl 35.45	18 Ar 39.95
19 K 39.102	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.90	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 52.00	25 Mn 54.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.71	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.37	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.59	33 As 74.92	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.80
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.4	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.40	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.69	51 Sb 121.75	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.30
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.34	57 La*	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.85	75 Re 186.2	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.09	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.37	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac <sup>+</sup>															

*Lanthanides	58 Ce 140.12	59 Pr 140.91	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm	62 Sm 150.4	63 Eu 151.96	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tb 158.93	66 Dy 162.50	67 Ho 164.93	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93	70 Yb 173.04	71 Lu 174.97
<sup>+</sup> Actinides	90 Th 232.01	91 Pa	92 U 238.03	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

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## Problem 1

9% of the total

### Estimating the Avogadro constant

1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	Total
4	4	4	2	1	2	3	6	4	3	3	36

Many different methods have been used to determine the Avogadro constant. Three different methods are given below.

#### Method A – from X-ray diffraction data (modern)

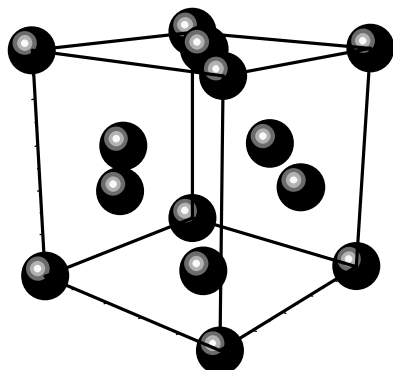
The unit cell is the smallest repeating unit in a crystal structure. The unit cell of a gold crystal is found by X-ray diffraction to have the face-centred cubic unit structure (i.e. where the centre of an atom is located at each corner of a cube and in the middle of each face). The side of the unit cell is found to be 0.408 nm.

- a) Sketch the unit cell and calculate how many Au atoms the cell contains.

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Unit cell:



2 points

Number of Au atoms in the unit cell:

$8 \times 1/8$  from each corner = 1

$6 \times 1/2$  from each face = 3

Total = 4 atoms

2 points

- b) The density of Au is  $1.93 \times 10^4 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . Calculate the volume and mass of the cubic unit cell.

Volume:

$\text{volume} = (0.408 \text{ nm})^3 = 6.79 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^3$  (will accept 3 or 2 Sig Fig as long as accurate value is carried forward)

2 points, half a point off for wrong SFs, 1 point off for incorrect or missing units

Mass:

$\text{mass} = \text{density} \times \text{volume} = 1.31 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg}$  (will accept 3 or 2 Sig Fig as long as accurate value is carried forward)

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- c) Hence calculate the mass of a gold atom and the Avogadro constant, given that the relative atomic mass of Au is 196.97.

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Mass of Au atom:

$$m = 1.31 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg} / 4 = 3.28 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$$

*2 points, half a point off for wrong SFs, 1 point off for incorrect or missing units*

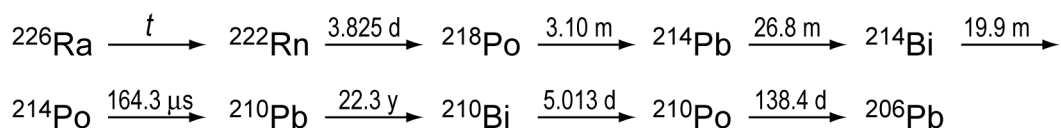
Avogadro constant:

$$N_A = 196.97 \text{ g mol}^{-1} / 3.28 \times 10^{-22} \text{ g} = 6.01 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

*2 points, half a point off for wrong SFs, accepted with or without mol<sup>-1</sup> units*

### Method B – from radioactive decay (Rutherford, 1911)

The radioactive decay series of <sup>226</sup>Ra is as follows:



The times indicated are half-lives, the units are y = years, d = days, m = minutes.  
The first decay, marked *t* above, has a much longer half-life than the others.

- d) In the table below, identify which transformations are  $\alpha$ -decays and which are  $\beta$ -decays.



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	$\alpha$ -decay	$\beta$ -decay
$^{226}\text{Ra} \longrightarrow ^{222}\text{Rn}$	X	
$^{222}\text{Rn} \longrightarrow ^{218}\text{Po}$	X	
$^{218}\text{Po} \longrightarrow ^{214}\text{Pb}$	X	
$^{214}\text{Pb} \longrightarrow ^{214}\text{Bi}$		X
$^{214}\text{Bi} \longrightarrow ^{214}\text{Po}$		X
$^{214}\text{Po} \longrightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$	X	
$^{210}\text{Pb} \longrightarrow ^{210}\text{Bi}$		X
$^{210}\text{Bi} \longrightarrow ^{210}\text{Po}$		X
$^{210}\text{Po} \longrightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb}$	X	

*2 points, half a point off for each error or omission*

- e) A sample containing 192 mg of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  was purified and allowed to stand for 40 days. Identify the first isotope in the series (excluding Ra) that has not reached a steady state.

Answer:

$^{210}\text{Pb}$

*1 point, 0 points for wrong or missing mass number*

- f) The total rate of  $\alpha$ -decay from the sample was then determined by scintillation to be 27.7 GBq (where 1 Bq = 1 count  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ). The sample was then sealed for 163 days. Calculate the number of  $\alpha$  particles produced.

$$2.77 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 163 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ s} = 3.90 \times 10^{17}$$

*2 points*

- g) At the end of the 163 days the sample was found to contain 10.4  $\text{mm}^3$  of He, measured at 101325 Pa and 273 K. Calculate the Avogadro constant from these data.



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Answer:

$$n = pV / RT = 4.64 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}$$

$$N_A = 3.90 \times 10^{17} / 4.64 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol} = 8.4 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

3 points

- h) Given that the relative isotopic mass of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  measured by mass spectrometry is 226.25, use the textbook value of the Avogadro constant ( $6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ) to calculate the number of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  atoms in the original sample,  $n_{\text{Ra}}$ , the decay rate constant,  $\lambda$ , and the half-life,  $t$ , of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  (in years). You need only consider the decays up to but not including the isotope identified in (e).

$$n_{\text{Ra}} = 0.192 \text{ g} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} / 226.25 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 5.11 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms}$$

1 point

$$\lambda = 2.77 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1} / 4 / 5.11 \times 10^{20} = 1.36 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (only } \frac{1}{4} \text{ of the decays are from } ^{226}\text{Ra)}$$

3 points, 1 off for wrong or missing units, 1 off for missing factor of 4

$$t = \ln 2 / \lambda = 5.12 \times 10^{10} \text{ s} = 1620 \text{ years}$$

2 points

$n_{\text{Ra}} =$

$\lambda =$

$t =$

Method C – dispersion of particles (Perrin, 1909)



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One of the first accurate determinations of the Avogadro constant was carried out by studying the vertical distribution under gravity of colloidal particles suspended in water. In one such experiment, particles with radius  $2.12 \times 10^{-7}$  m and density  $1.206 \times 10^3$  kg m<sup>-3</sup> were suspended in a tube of water at 15 °C. After allowing sufficient time to equilibrate, the mean numbers of particles per unit volume observed at four heights from the bottom of the tube were:

height / 10 <sup>-6</sup> m	5	35	65	95
mean number per unit volume	4.00	1.88	0.90	0.48

- i) Assuming the particles to be spherical, calculate: the mass,  $m$ , of a particle; the mass of the water it displaces,  $m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ ; and the effective mass,  $m^*$ , of the particle in water accounting for buoyancy (i.e. taking account of the upthrust due to the displaced volume of water). Take the density of water to be 999 kg m<sup>-3</sup>.

$$V = 3.99 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^3$$

$$m = 4.81 \times 10^{-17} \text{ kg} \quad 2 \text{ points, 1 off for missing units}$$

$$m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 3.99 \times 10^{-17} \text{ kg} \quad 1 \text{ point, } \frac{1}{2} \text{ off for missing units}$$

$$m^* = 8.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ kg (accept 1 or 2 sig fig)} \quad 1 \text{ point, } \frac{1}{2} \text{ off for missing units}$$

$$m =$$

$$m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} =$$

$$m^* =$$



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At equilibrium, the number of particles per unit volume at different heights may be modelled according to a Boltzmann distribution:

$$\frac{n_h}{n_{h_0}} = \exp\left[-\frac{E_h - E_{h_0}}{RT}\right]$$

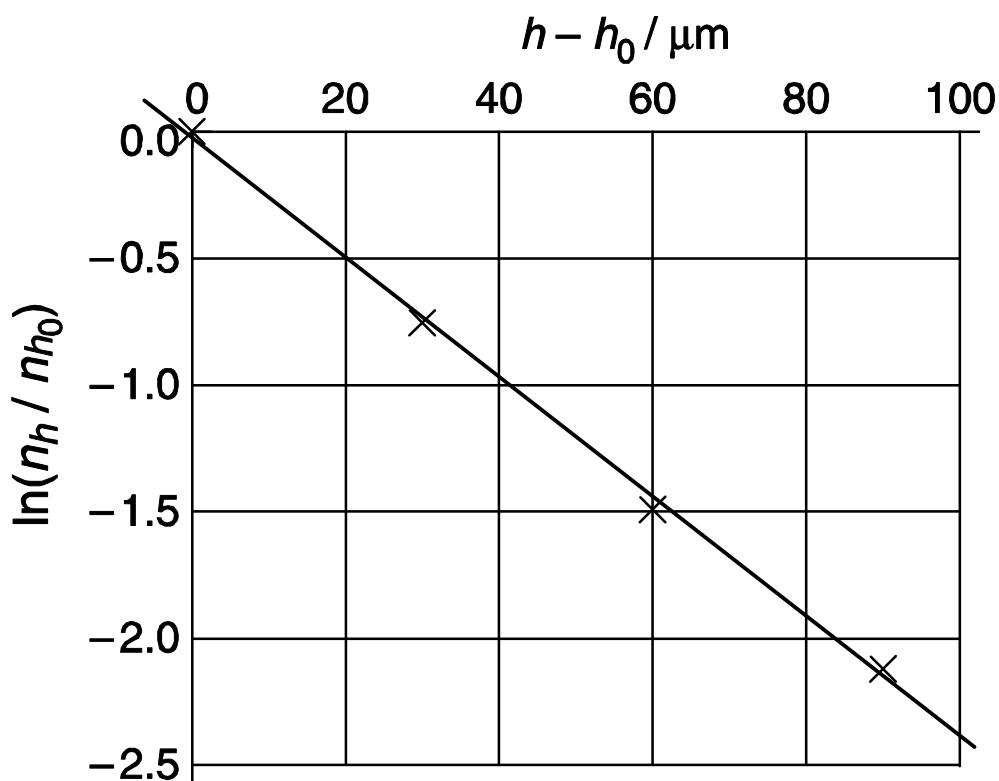
where  $n_h$  is the number of particles per unit volume at height  $h$ ,

$n_{h_0}$  is the number of particles per unit volume at the reference height  $h_0$ ,

$E_h$  is the gravitational potential energy per **mole** of particles at height  $h$  relative to the particles at the bottom of the tube,

$R$  is the gas constant,  $8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

A graph of  $\ln(n_h/n_{h_0})$  against  $(h - h_0)$ , based on the data in the table above, is shown below. The reference height is taken to be  $5 \mu\text{m}$  from the bottom of the tube.





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j) Derive an expression for the gradient (slope) of the graph.

$$\text{gradient} = -m^* N_A g / (RT)$$

*3 points (1 point for basic equation, 1 point for using  $m^*$ , 1 point for  $N_A/R$ )*

k) Determine the Avogadro constant from these data.

*Acceptable range of slopes is  $0.0235 \pm 0.002 \text{ mm}$*

*Hence  $N_A = (6.9 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  (error range needs widening here).*

*3 points (-1 point if slope is outside acceptable range)*

**Problem 2****9% of the total****Interstellar production of H<sub>2</sub>**

2a	2b	2c	2d	2e	2f	2g	2h	2i	Total
2	2	4	2	6	6	3	2	6	33

If two atoms collide in interstellar space the energy of the resulting molecule is so great that it rapidly dissociates. Hydrogen atoms only react to give stable H<sub>2</sub> molecules on the surface of dust particles. The dust particles absorb most of the excess energy and the newly formed H<sub>2</sub> rapidly desorbs. This question examines two kinetic models for H<sub>2</sub> formation on the surface of a dust particle.

In both models, the rate constant for adsorption of H atoms onto the surface of dust particles is  $k_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The typical number density of H atoms (number of H atoms per unit volume) in interstellar space is  $[H] = 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

[Note: in the following, you may treat numbers of surface-adsorbed atoms and number densities of gas-phase atoms in the same way as you would normally use concentrations in the rate equations. As a result, the units of the rate constants may be unfamiliar to you. Reaction rates have units of numbers of atoms or molecules per unit time.]

- a) Calculate the rate at which H atoms adsorb onto a dust particle. You may assume that this rate is constant throughout.

Ans:  $1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

2 points



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Desorption of H atoms is first order with respect to the number of adsorbed atoms. The rate constant for the desorption step is  $k_d = 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

- b) Assuming that only adsorption and desorption take place, calculate the steady-state number,  $N$ , of H atoms on the surface of a dust particle.

Ans:  $1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1} = 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} N \Rightarrow N = 7.4 \times 10^{-2}$

*2 points*

The H atoms are mobile on the surface. When they meet they react to form  $\text{H}_2$ , which then desorbs. The two kinetic models under consideration differ in the way the reaction is modelled, but share the same rate constants  $k_a$ ,  $k_d$ , and  $k_r$ , for adsorption, desorption, and bimolecular reaction, as given below.

$$k_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_d = 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_r = 5.1 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



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### Model A

Reaction to form  $H_2$  is assumed to be second order. On a dust particle the rate of removal of H atoms by reaction is  $k_r N^2$ .

- c) Write down an equation for the rate of change of  $N$ , including adsorption, desorption and reaction. Assuming steady state conditions, determine the value of  $N$ .

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{dN}{dt} = 0 = k_a[H] - k_d N - k_r N^2$$

$$N = \frac{-k_d + \sqrt{k_d^2 + 4k_r k_a[H]}}{2k_r}$$

$$N = 5.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

*4 points (2 for equation, 2 for solution)*

$$N =$$

- d) Calculate the rate of production of  $H_2$  per dust particle in this model

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{1}{2} k_r N^2 = 7.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

*2 points (1 point if missing factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ )*

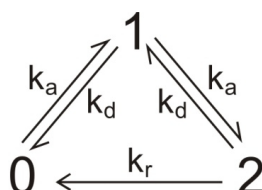


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### Model B

Model B attempts to analyse the probability that the dust particles carry 0, 1 or 2 H atoms. The three states are linked by the following reaction scheme. The assumption is made that no more than 2 atoms may be adsorbed simultaneously.



$x_0$ ,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the fractions of dust particles existing in state 0, 1 or 2, respectively. These fractions may be treated in the same way as concentrations in the following kinetic analysis. For a system in state  $m$  with fraction  $x_m$ , the rates of the three possible processes are

Adsorption ( $m \rightarrow m + 1$ ): rate =  $k_a[H]x_m$

Desorption ( $m \rightarrow m - 1$ ): rate =  $k_dmx_m$

Reaction ( $m \rightarrow m - 2$ ): rate =  $\frac{1}{2} k_r m(m-1)x_m$

- e) Write down equations for the rates of change,  $dx_m/dt$ , of the fractions  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

$$\frac{dP_0}{dt} = -k_a[H]P_0 + k_dP_1 + k_rP_2$$

$$\frac{dP_1}{dt} = k_a[H]P_0 - (k_a[H] + k_d)P_1 + 2k_dP_2$$

$$\frac{dP_2}{dt} = k_a[H]P_1 - (2k_d + k_r)P_2$$

(remember P is changed to x)

*2 points for each equation*

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- f) Assuming steady-state conditions, use the above rate equations to find expressions for the ratios  $x_2/x_1$  and  $x_1/x_0$ , and evaluate these ratios.

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{k_a[\text{H}]}{(2k_d + k_r)} \approx \frac{k_a[\text{H}]}{k_r} = 2.7 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\frac{P_1}{P_0} = \frac{k_a[\text{H}](2k_d + k_r)}{k_d(2k_d + k_r) + k_r k_a[\text{H}]} \approx \frac{k_a[\text{H}]}{k_d + k_a[\text{H}]} = 6.9 \times 10^{-2}$$

*2 points for each equation (either exact or approximate forms) and 1 point for each numerical value*

- g) Evaluate the steady state fractions  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

[If you were unable to determine the ratios in (f), use  $x_2/x_1 = a$  and  $x_1/x_0 = b$  and give the result algebraically].

$$P_0 = 0.94,$$

$$P_1 = 0.064,$$

$$P_2 = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

*1 point for each value*



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- h) Evaluate the rate of production of H<sub>2</sub> per dust particle in this model

$$k_r x_2 = 9.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

2 points

- i) It is currently not possible to measure the rate of this reaction experimentally, but the most recent computer simulations of the rate give a value of  $9.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Which of the following statements apply to each model under these conditions? Mark any box you consider to be appropriate.

Statement	Model A	Model B	Neither model
The rate determining step is adsorption of H atoms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rate-determining step is desorption of H <sub>2</sub> molecules.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rate determining step is the bimolecular reaction of H atoms on the surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rate determining step is adsorption of the second H atom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The implicit assumption that reaction can take place regardless of the number of atoms adsorbed leads to substantial error (at least a factor of two).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limiting the number of atoms adsorbed on the particle to 2 leads to substantial error (at	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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least a factor of two).				
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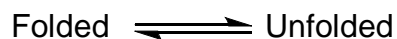
## Problem 3

11% of the total

### Protein Folding

3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	3h	Total
2.5	3.5	1	6	2	4	2	2	23

The unfolding reaction for many small proteins can be represented by the equilibrium:



You may assume that the protein folding reaction takes place in a single step. The position of this equilibrium changes with temperature; the melting temperature  $T_m$  is defined as the temperature at which half of the molecules are unfolded and half are folded.

The intensity of the fluorescence signal at a wavelength of 356 nm of a 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  sample of the protein Chymotrypsin Inhibitor 2 (CI2) was measured as a function of temperature over the range 58 to 66  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :

Temp / $^{\circ}\text{C}$	58	60	62	64	66
Fluorescence intensity (arbitrary units)	27	30	34	37	40

A 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  sample in which all of the protein molecules are folded gives a fluorescence signal of 21 units at 356 nm. A 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  sample in which all of the protein molecules are unfolded gives a fluorescence signal of 43 units.

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- a) Assuming that the fluorescence intensity from each species is directly proportional to its concentration, calculate the fraction,  $x$ , of unfolded molecules present at each temperature.

*2.5 points (1 point for equation; 1/2 point removed for each incorrect value)*

Temp /°C	58	60	62	64	66
$x$	0.27	0.41	0.59	0.73	0.86

- b) Give an expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K$ , in terms of  $x$ , and hence calculate the value of  $K$  at each temperature.

*3.5 points (1 for equation, 1/2 point off for each incorrect value)*

Temp /°C	58	60	62	64	66
$K$	0.38	0.69	1.4	2.7	6.3



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- c) Estimate the value of  $T_m$  for this protein (to the nearest 1°C).

Ans: 61 °C

1 point

$T_m =$

Assuming that the values of  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  for the protein unfolding reaction are constant with temperature then:

$$\ln K = -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} + C$$

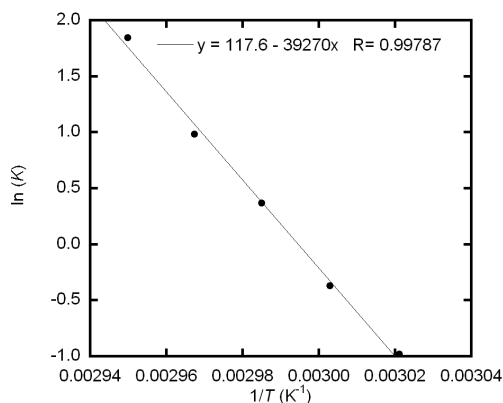
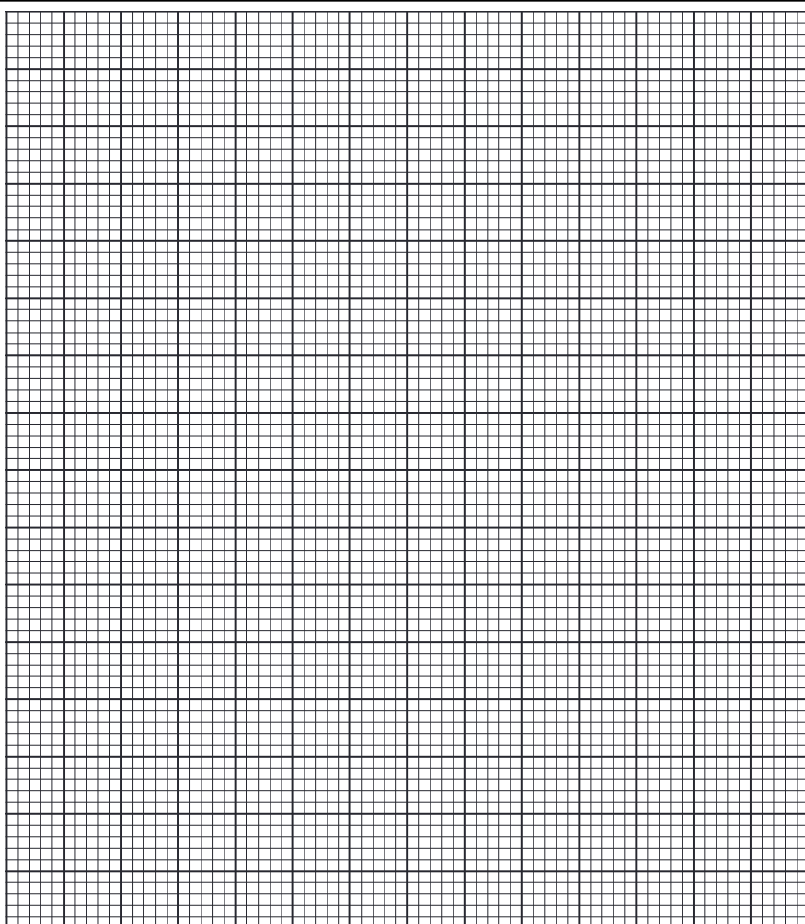
where  $C$  is a constant.

- d) Plot a suitable graph and hence determine the values of  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  for the protein unfolding reaction.



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$$\Delta H^\circ = 330 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S^\circ = 980 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

6 points (full marks if gradient in range -37000 to -41000; 1 mark for gradient in range -35000 to -37000 or -41000 to -43000; zero marks for gradient if temp is in °C) 2 for graph, 2 each for  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$ , 1 point off each value for incorrect or missing units).

$$\Delta H^\circ =$$

$$\Delta S^\circ =$$

If you have been unable to calculate values for  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$ , you should use the following incorrect values for the subsequent parts of the question:

$$\Delta H^\circ = 130 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S^\circ = 250 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$



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- e) Calculate the equilibrium constant for the unfolding reaction at 25 °C.

$\Delta H^\circ = 330000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S^\circ = 980 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  then  $\Delta G^\circ = 35000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

hence  $K = 6.9 \times 10^{-7}$

2 points

$K =$

If you have been unable to calculate a value for  $K$ , you should use the following incorrect values for the subsequent parts of the question:  $K = 3.6 \times 10^{-6}$

The first order rate constant for the CI2 protein folding reaction can be determined by following the fluorescence intensity when a sample of unfolded protein is allowed to refold (typically the pH of the solution is changed). The concentration of protein when a 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  sample of unfolded CI2 was allowed to refold was measured at a temperature of 25 °C:

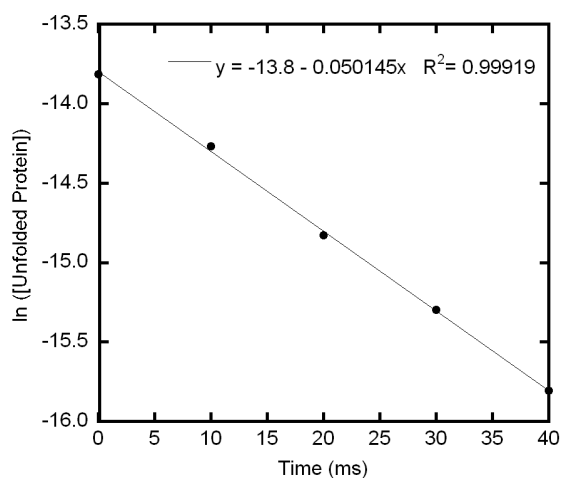
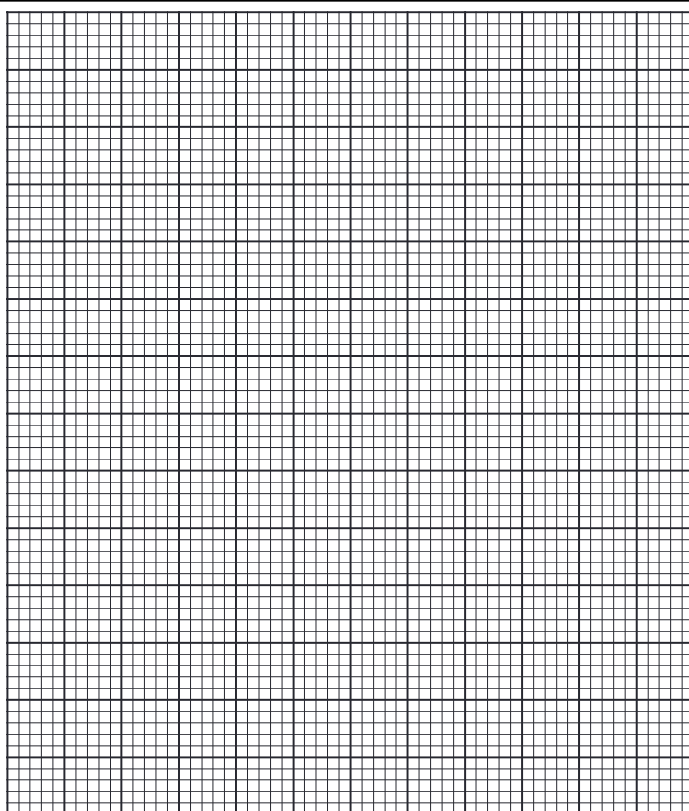
time / ms	0	10	20	30	40
concentration / $\mu\text{M}$	1	0.64	0.36	0.23	0.14

- f) Plot a suitable graph and hence determine the value of the rate constant for the protein folding reaction,  $k_f$ , at 25 °C.



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$$k_f = 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

4 points (2 points for plotting graph of  $\ln(\text{concn of unfolded protein})$  vs time, 2 for calculation of rate constant within the range  $48$  to  $53 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , 1 mark off for incorrect or missing units)

$$k_f =$$

If you have been unable to calculate the values for  $k_f$ , you should use the following incorrect value for the subsequent parts of the question:

$$k_f = 60 \text{ s}^{-1}.$$



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- g) Determine the value of the rate constant for the protein *unfolding* reaction,  $k_u$ , at 25 °C.

$$k_u = 3.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

2 points (1 point off for incorrect or missing units)

$k_u =$

- h) At 20 °C the rate constant for the protein folding reaction is  $33 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the activation energy for the protein folding reaction.

Ans:  $61 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

2 points (1 point off for incorrect or missing units)

Activation energy =



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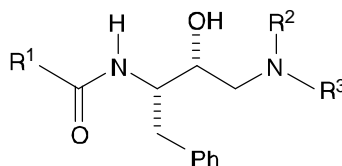
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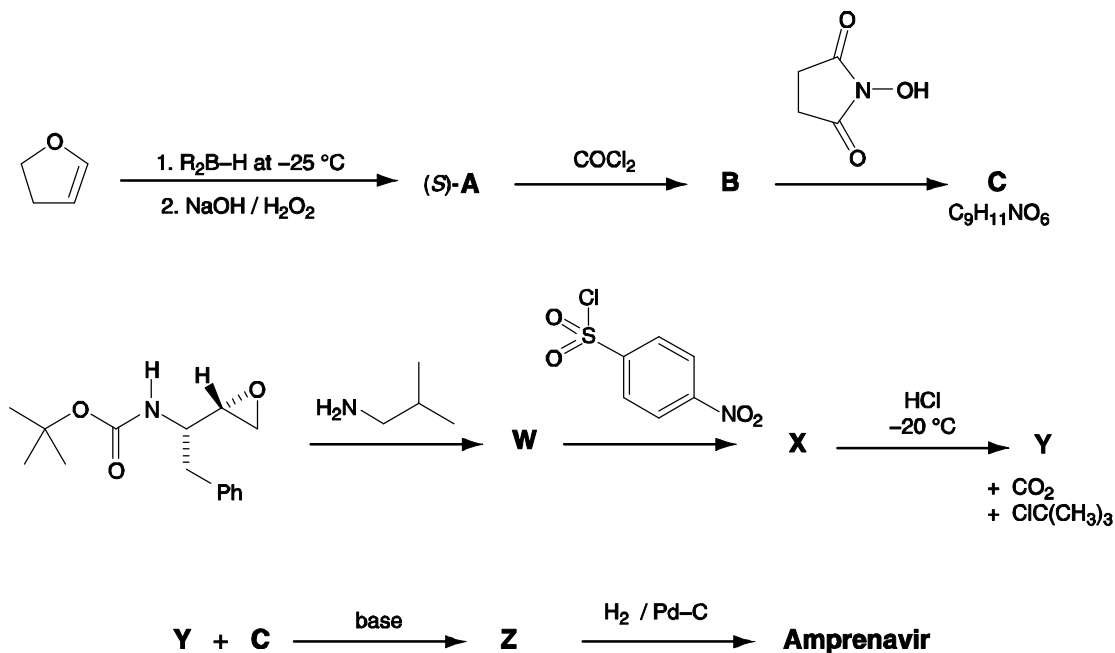
### Synthesis of Amprenavir

4a A	4a B	4a C	4a W	4a X	4a Y	4a Z	4b	Total
4	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	23

One class of anti-HIV drugs, known as *protease inhibitors*, works by blocking the active site of one of the enzymes used in assembly of the viruses within the host cell. Two successful drugs, *saquinavir* and *amprenavir*, contain the structural unit shown below which mimics the transition state within the enzyme. In the structure,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  may represent any atom or group other than hydrogen.



*Amprenavir* may be synthesised as shown in the convergent scheme below.



The reagent  $R_2B-H$  used in the first step is chiral. Product **A** is formed as the (*S*)-enantiomer.



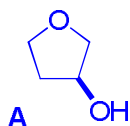
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3 of the signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Amprenavir disappear on shaking with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ :  $\delta$  4.2 (2H),  $\delta$  4.9 (1H) and  $\delta$  5.1 (1H).

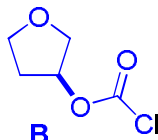
Suggest structures for **a)** the intermediates **A**, **B**, **C**, **W**, **X**, **Y** and **Z**, and **b)** for *Amprenavir*. Your answers should clearly show the stereochemistry at each centre.

**A**



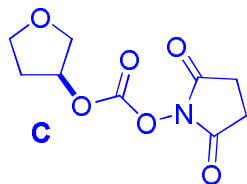
4 points . 1 off for wrong regiochem,  
1 off for stereochemical errors. No  
marks for boron-containing  
species. 2 off for peroxides

**B**



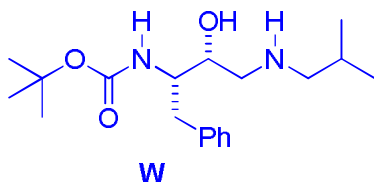
3 points (2 points for carbonate,  
reasonable answer but this won't  
react in the next step, 1 point off if  
stereochemistry changed from A)

**C**



2 points (no marks for reaction via nitrogen or carbonyl oxygen, 1 point off for new  
errors in stereochemistry)

**W**



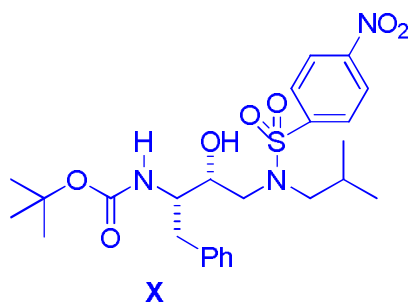
3 points (1 off for wrong regiochemistry, 1 off for stereochemical errors, 0 marks for  
attack on the carbonyl, 0 marks for deprotonation)



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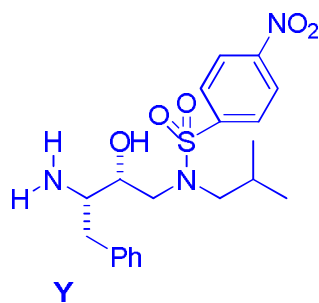
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**X**



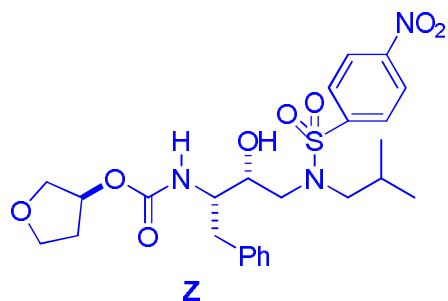
*3 points (2 points if attack by OH, 1 off for new stereochemical errors)*

**Y**



*2 points (full credit for either amine or corresponding ammonium salt, 1 off for new stereochemical errors)*

**Z**



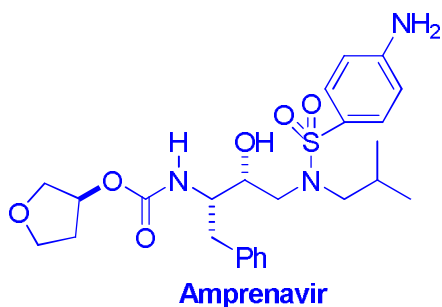
*3 points (1 off for ring opening at succinamide, 1 off for new stereochemical errors)*



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### Amprenavir



3 points (2 mark for reducing  $\text{NO}_2$  and the aromatic ring attached to it, 1 mark for reducing sulphonamide, no marks for reducing the phenyl group or any other functional groups, 1 point off for new stereochemical errors)

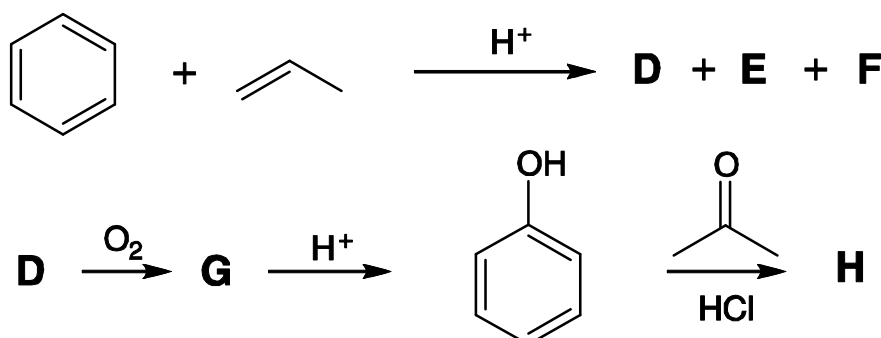
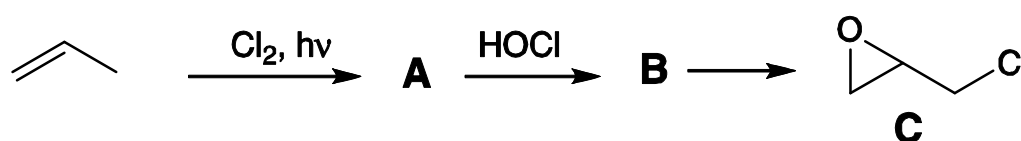
## Problem 5

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### Epoxy resins

5a A	5a B	5b	5c D	5c E	5c F	5d G	5e H	5f	5g I	5h J	5h K	5h L	5i M	5j N	5k O	Total
2	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	35

The synthesis of epoxy resins is a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide. Epoxy resins are high performance adhesives synthesised from the reaction of a bis-epoxide with a diamine. The bis-epoxide is made from **H** and epichlorohydrin, **C**. **C** and **H** can be synthesised according to the schemes below.

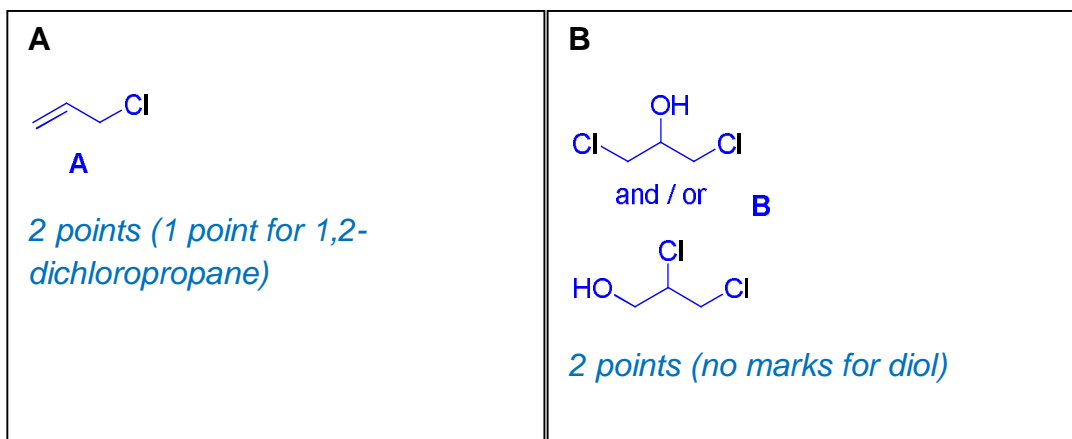


The synthesis of epichlorohydrin **C** begins with the reaction of propene with chlorine in the presence of light.

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a) Draw the structures of **A** and **B**:



b) Give the formula of a suitable reagent for the conversion of **B** into epichlorohydrin **C**:

NaOH, or the formula of another suitable base

*1 point*

The synthesis of **H** commences with the reaction of benzene with propene in the presence of an acid catalyst which gives **D** as the major product and **E** and **F** as minor products.

c) Draw the structures of **D**, **E**, and **F** from the following data:

**D**: Elemental composition: C 89.94%, H 10.06%; 6 signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum

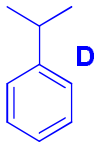
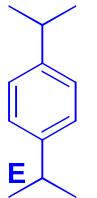
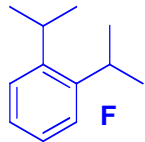
**E**: Elemental composition: C 88.82%, H 11.18%; 4 signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum

**F**: Elemental composition: C 88.82%, H 11.18%; 5 signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum



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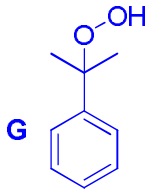
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<p><b>D</b></p>  <p><i>2 points (no marks just for molecular formula, no marks for non-aromatic product)</i></p>	<p><b>E</b></p>  <p><i>2 points (no marks for incorrect isomer, no marks for non-aromatic product)</i></p>	<p><b>F</b></p>  <p><i>2 points (no marks for incorrect isomer, no marks for non-aromatic product)</i></p>
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Bubbling oxygen through a hot solution of **D** gives **G** which on exposure to acid gives phenol (hydroxybenzene) and acetone (propanone).

**G** turns starch iodide paper from white to dark blue. **G** has 6 signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum and the following signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum:  $\delta$  7.78 (1H, s), 7.45-7.22 (5H, m), 1.56 (6H, s); addition of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  results in the disappearance of the signal at  $\delta = 7.78$ .

d) Draw the structure of **G**.

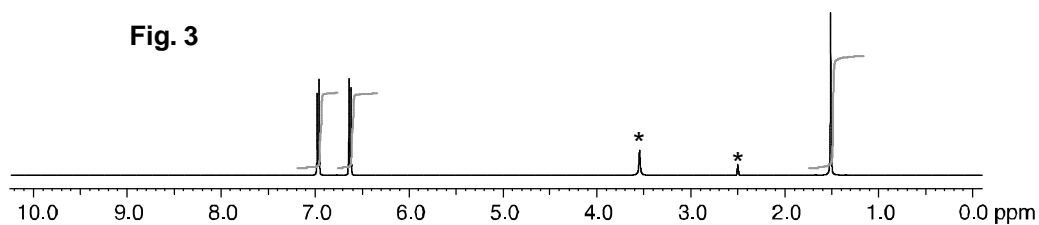
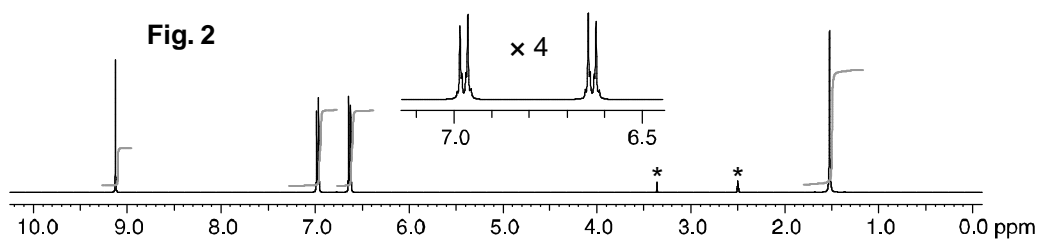
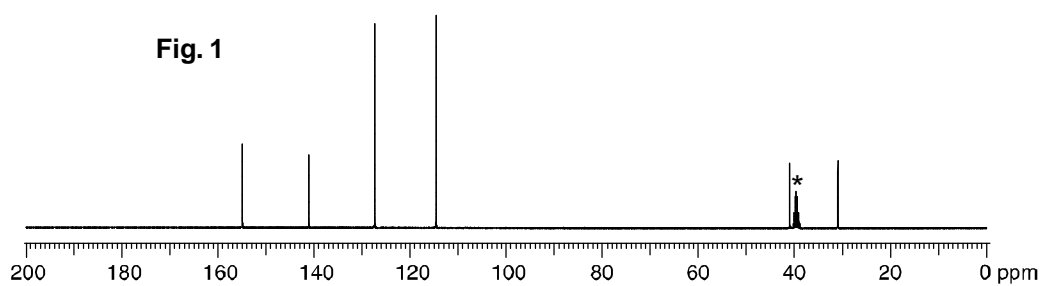
<p><b>G</b></p>  <p><i>3 points (1 point for a sensible oxidant, 1 point for an exchangeable OH on sensible structure, 1 point if structure fits the NMR data.)</i></p>
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Exposure of phenol and acetone to hydrochloric acid gives compound **H**. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **H** is shown in Fig. 1. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum is shown in Fig. 2 together with a four-fold expansion of the region 6.5 – 7.1 ppm. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum after the addition of a drop of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , is shown in Fig. 3. Peaks due to the solvent are marked with an asterisk (\*).



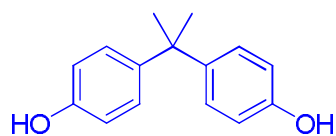
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e) Draw the structure of H.

H

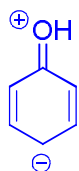


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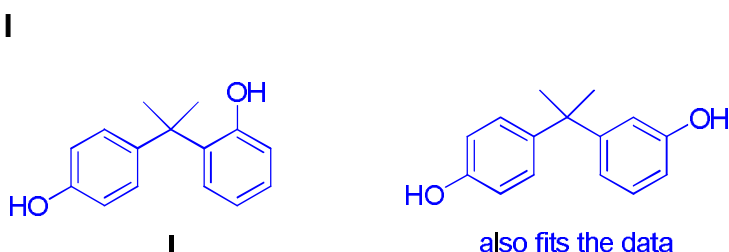
f) Draw one resonance structure of phenol which explains the regioselective formation of **H**.



1 point

A second compound, **I**, is also formed in the reaction of phenol with acetone. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **I** has 12 signals. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum has the following signals:  $\delta$  7.50-6.51 (8H, m), 5.19 (1H, s), 4.45 (1H, s), 1.67 (6H, s); addition of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  results in the disappearance of the signals at  $\delta = 5.19$  and 4.45

g) Draw a structure for **I**.



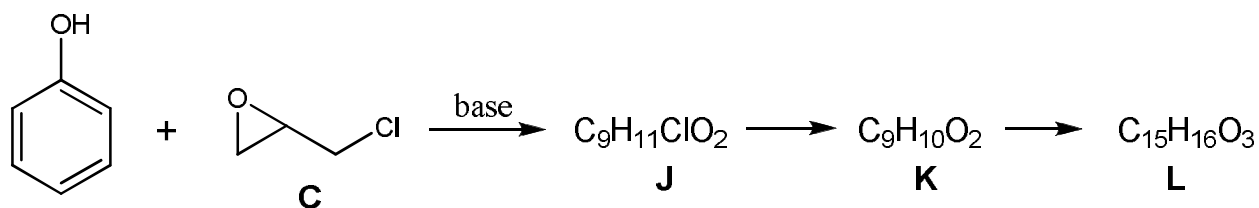
2 points (1 point for meta-para product)

Excess phenol reacts with epichlorohydrin **C** in the presence of base to give compound **L** which has 6 signals in its  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum. If the reaction is stopped before completion compounds **J** and **K** can also be isolated. Compound **L** is formed from compound **K** and compound **K** is formed from compound **J**.

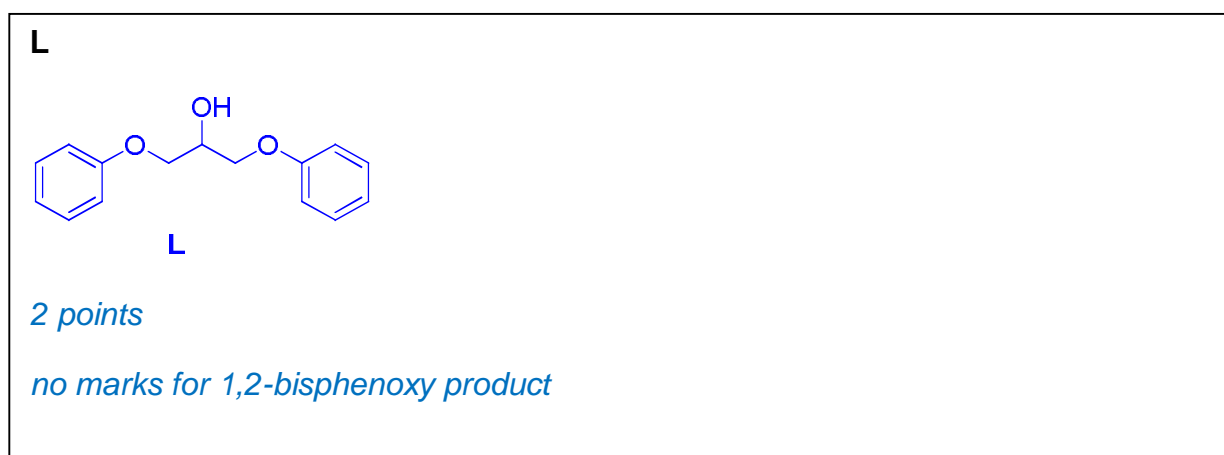
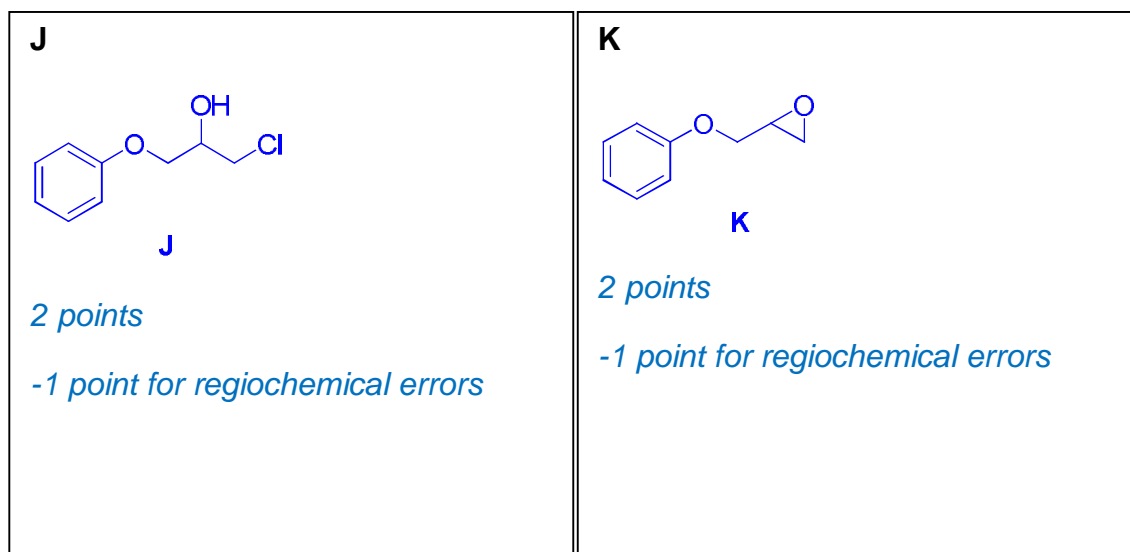


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h) Draw the structures of **J**, **K** and **L**.



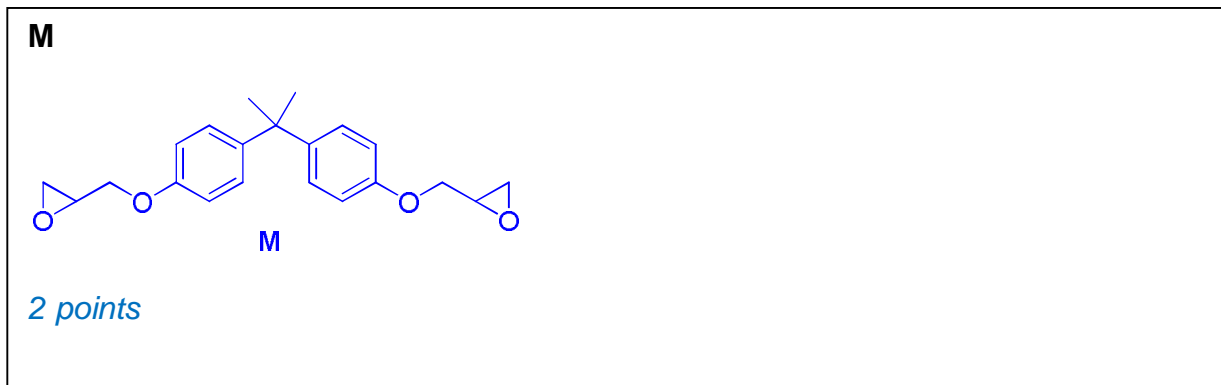
Treatment of **H** with a large excess of epichlorohydrin **C** and base gives a monomeric bis-epoxide **M**. **M** contains no chlorine atoms or OH groups.



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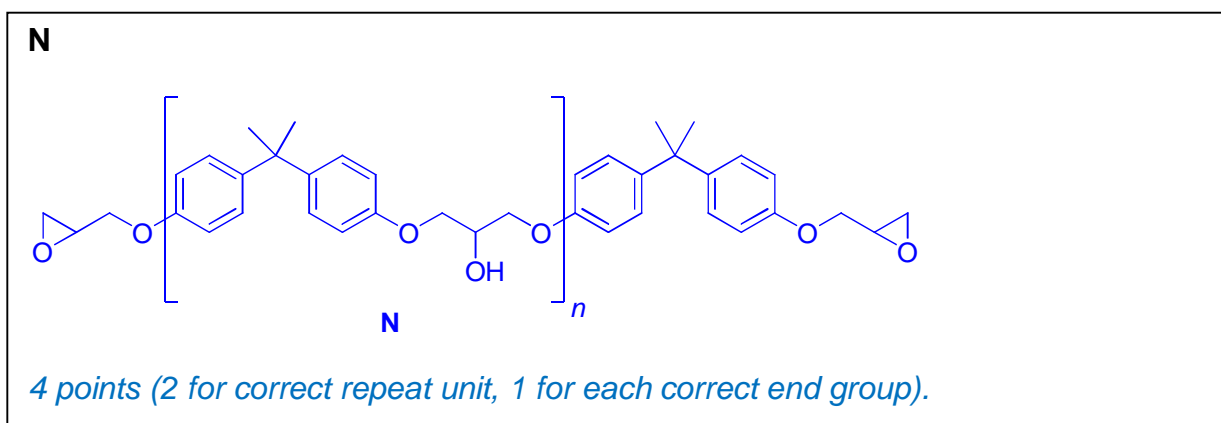
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i) Draw the structure of **M**.



Treatment of **H** with a small excess of epichlorohydrin and base gives **N**. **N** has the form: **endgroup1**-[**repeat unit**]<sub>*n*</sub>-**endgroup2** where *n* is approximately 10 – 15. **N** does not contain chlorine atoms and contains one OH group per repeat unit.

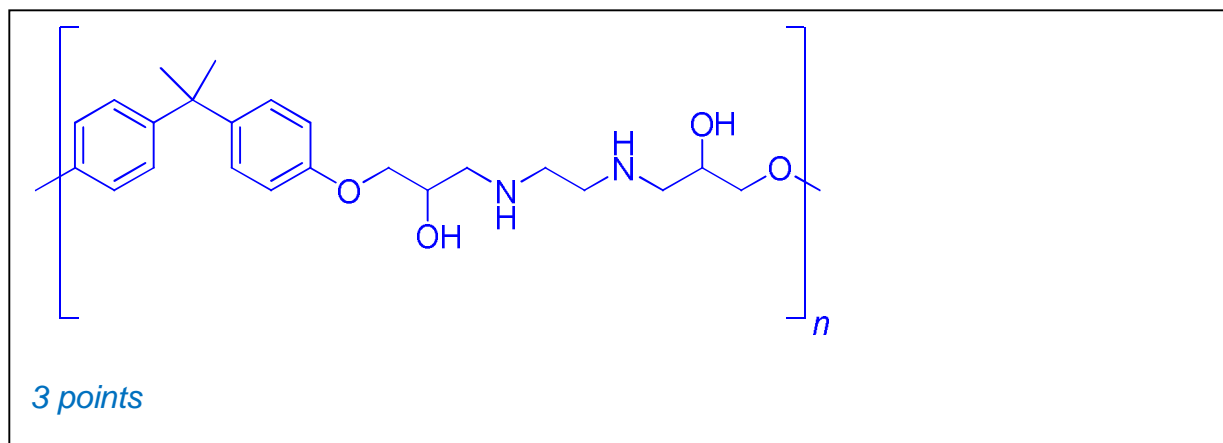
j) Draw the structure of **N** in the form indicated above (**endgroup1**-[**repeat unit**]<sub>*n*</sub>-**endgroup2**).



k) Draw the repeat unit of the polymeric epoxy resin **O** formed from the reaction of the bis-epoxide **M** with ethane-1,2-diamine.

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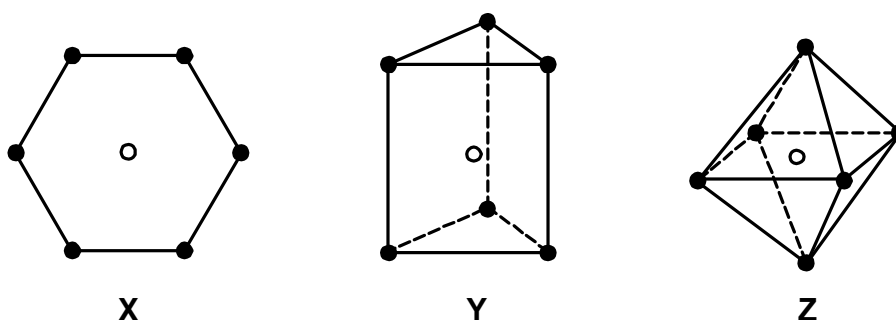
## Problem 6

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### Transition metal complexes

6a	6b	6c	6d	6e	6f	6g	6h	6i	6j	6k	6l	Total
18	5	4	6	5	2	3	2	4	4	2	6	61

Alfred Werner used the technique of 'isomer counting' to deduce the structure of metal complexes with coordination number six. Three of the shapes he considered are shown below.



In each structure, the empty circle shows the location of the central metal atom and the filled circles show the location of the ligands. Structure **X** is hexagonal planar, structure **Y** is trigonal prismatic and structure **Z** is octahedral.

For each of the three shapes, there is just one structure when all of the ligands are the same, i.e. when the complex has the general formula  $MA_6$  where A is the ligand. However, when achiral ligands A are substituted by one or more achiral ligands, it may be possible for each structure to form geometrical isomers. It might also be possible for one or more of the geometrical isomers to be optically active and exist as pairs of enantiomers.

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- a) Fill in the table below to indicate how many geometrical isomers may be formed for each structure **X**, **Y**, and **Z** as the monodentate ligands A are substituted by monodentate ligands B or by symmetrical bidentate ligands, denoted C—C. Bidentate ligand C—C can only link between two atoms on adjacent positions, i.e. those positions connected by a line in the structures **X**, **Y**, and **Z**.

In each case write the number of geometrical isomers in the space provided. If one of the isomers exists as a pair of enantiomers, include an asterisk, \*, in the box. If two exist as two pairs of enantiomers, include two asterisks and so on. For example, if you think there are five geometrical isomers of a particular structure, three of which exist as pairs of enantiomers, write 5\*\*\*.

	Number of predicted geometrical isomers		
	Hexagonal planar <b>X</b>	Trigonal Prismatic <b>Y</b>	Octahedral <b>Z</b>
MA <sub>6</sub>	1	1	1
MA <sub>5</sub> B	1	1	1
MA <sub>4</sub> B <sub>2</sub>	3	3*	2
MA <sub>3</sub> B <sub>3</sub>	3	3*	2
MA <sub>4</sub> (C—C)	1	2	1
MA <sub>2</sub> (C—C) <sub>2</sub>	2	4*	2*
M(C—C) <sub>3</sub>	1	2	1*

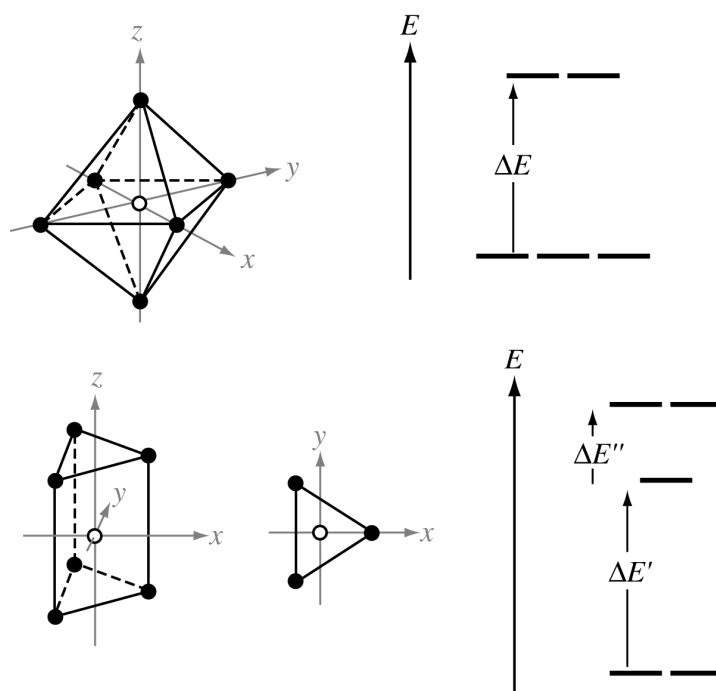
*18 points (1 mark off for each box containing any error)*

There are no known complexes that adopt the hexagonal planar geometry **X**, but structures are known for both the trigonal prismatic geometry **Y** and the octahedral geometry **Z**. In these complexes, the orbitals derived from the metal d orbitals have different energies depending on the geometry of the complex. The splitting patterns for the trigonal prismatic geometry and for the octahedral geometry are shown below.



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The separations in energy,  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta E'$  and  $\Delta E''$  depend on the particular complex.

- b) For each of the splitting patterns shown below label which d orbitals are which.

$d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{z^2}$ ———	$d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ———
	$d_{z^2}$ —
$d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}$ ———	
	$d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{xy}$ ———

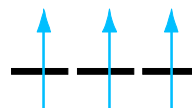
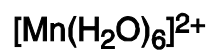
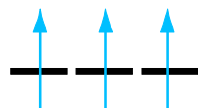
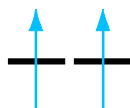
5 points in total. Half a mark off for each error

The two complexes  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]^{2-}$  are both octahedral. One has a magnetic moment of 5.9 BM, the other has a magnetic moment of 3.8 BM but you must decide which is which.

- c) On the diagram below, draw the electronic arrangements for each of the complexes.

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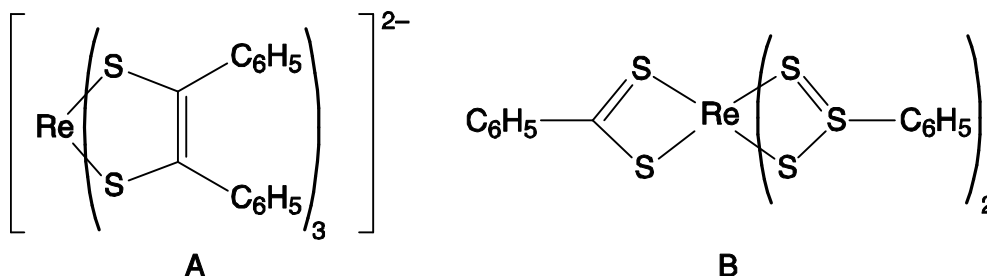


4 points in total. 1 point for the correct number of electrons in each diagram.  
1 point for correct arrangement for each.

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The magnetic moments of complexes **A** and **B** shown below have been measured and found to be 1.9 and 2.7 BM but you must decide which is which.



- d) Draw the orbital splitting diagrams for the two complexes, including the arrangements of the electrons.

6 points in total: 1 for correct total number of electrons in each complex, 1 for correct number of unpaired electrons in each complex, 1 for correct splitting diagrams (i.e. trigonal prismatic for A and octahedral for B).

Octahedral complexes are far more common than trigonal prismatic. Werner isolated five compounds **C** – **G** containing Co(III), Cl, and NH<sub>3</sub> only, each of which contained one octahedral complex. (There is actually a sixth compound but Werner could not isolate it). Werner's five compounds had the molar conductivities shown below. The conductivities are extrapolated to infinite dilution and are expressed in arbitrary units. Compound **G** does not react with aqueous AgNO<sub>3</sub>; compounds **C**, **D**, and **E** react with different stoichiometric ratios of aqueous AgNO<sub>3</sub>; **E** and **F** react with the same stoichiometric ratio of aqueous AgNO<sub>3</sub>.

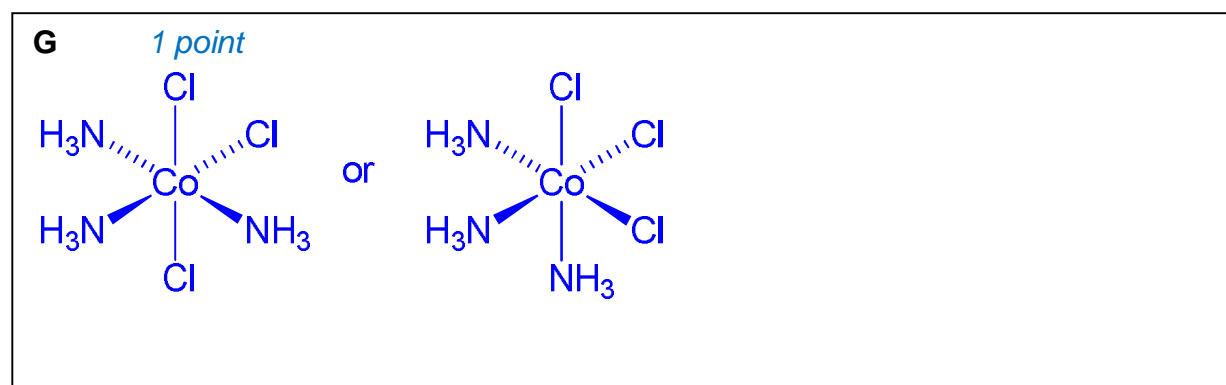
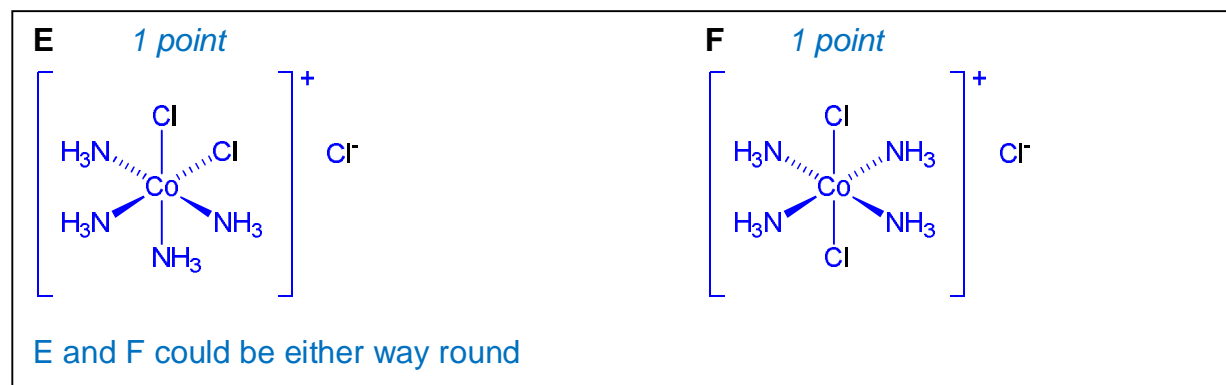
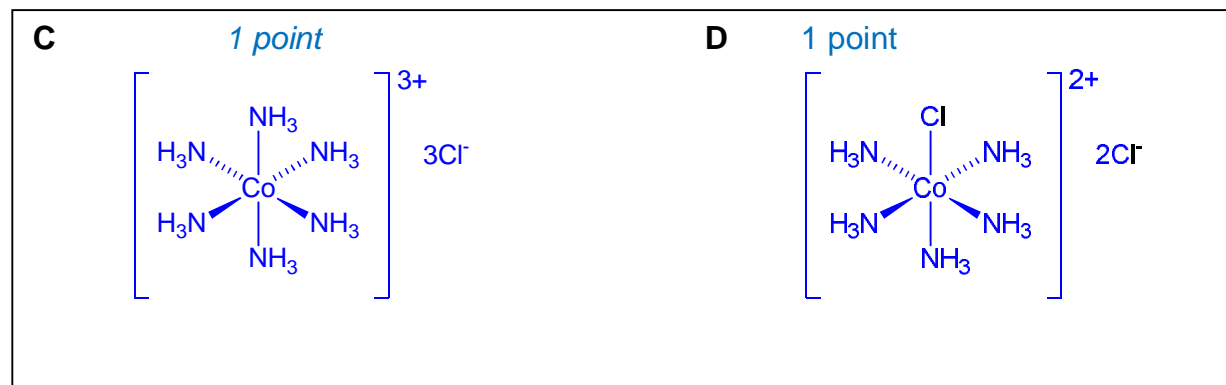
	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
molar conductivity	510	372	249	249	~0



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e) As far as you are able, suggest a structure for each of the compounds **C – G**.



Werner was also the first person to separate the enantiomers of an octahedral compound, **H**, which contained no carbon atoms. The compound, **H**, is composed of only cobalt, ammonia, chloride and an oxygen species which could be either  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , or  $\text{HO}^-$  or  $\text{O}^{2-}$ . The compound contains octahedrally coordinated cobalt ions. All of the chloride is easily removed from the compound by titration with aqueous silver nitrate. A 0.2872 g sample of **H** (containing no water of crystallization) required 22.8  $\text{cm}^3$  of 0.100 M silver nitrate to exchange all of the chloride.

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f) Calculate the percentage, by mass, of chloride in **H**.

$$\text{mol of Ag}^+ = \text{mol of Cl}^- = 2.28 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{mass of Cl} = 8.0826 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g}$$

$$\% \text{ Cl} = 28.1 \text{ by mass}$$

2 points

**H** is stable to acids, but is hydrolysed in alkali. A 0.7934 g sample of **H** (containing no water of crystallization) was heated with excess aqueous sodium hydroxide. Cobalt(III) oxide was formed and ammonia gas given off. The ammonia produced was distilled off and absorbed into 50.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 M aqueous HCl. The residual HCl required 24.8 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 M aqueous KOH to be neutralized.

The remaining suspension of cobalt(III) oxide was allowed to cool, approximately 1g of potassium iodide was added, and then the mixture was acidified with aqueous HCl. The liberated iodine was then titrated with 0.200 M aqueous sodium thiosulfate and required 21.0 cm<sup>3</sup> for complete reaction.

g) Calculate the percentage, by mass, of ammonia in **H**.

$$\text{mol of KOH} = 0.0124$$

$$\text{mol of HCl neutralised by ammonia} = 0.025 - 0.0124 = 0.0126 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass of ammonia} = 17.034 \times 0.0126 \text{ g} = 0.2146 \text{ g}$$

$$\% \text{ ammonia} = 100 \times 0.2146 / 0.7934 = 27.1\%$$

3 point



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- h) Give the equation for the reaction of cobalt(III) oxide with potassium iodide in aqueous acid.



2 point

- i) Calculate the percentage, by mass, of cobalt in **H**.

mol of thiosulfate used =  $0.200 \times 21/1000 = 4.20 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

mol of  $\text{I}_2$  2.10 mmol 1 mol of  $\text{I}_2$  from 2 mol Co atoms

mass of Co =  $4.20 \times 10^{-3} \times 58.93 = 0.2475$  g

% Co by mass =  $0.2475 / 0.7934 = 31.2$  %

4 point

- j) Calculate the identity of the oxygen species contained in **H**. Show your working.

assuming 100 g of complex, there is 13.6 g unaccounted for

molar ratio of Co :  $\text{NH}_3$  : Cl =  $0.529 : 1.591 : 0.7927 = 2 : 6 : 3$

missing species is either  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with similar molar mass  $\approx 17 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

molar fraction of missing oxygen species  $\approx 13.6 / 17 = 0.8$  i.e. the same as the Cl

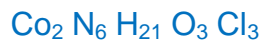
considering charge balance,  $2(+3) + 6(0) + 3(-1) = +3$  so need -3 to balance

i.e. must be  $\text{OH}^-$ . 4 points.

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k) Give the empirical formula of **H**.



2point

l) Suggest a structure for the chiral compound **H**.

6 points Structure must fit the empirical formula worked out above, contain only octahedral cobalt, and be chiral **otherwise zero marks**. 4 marks deducted if chloride is directly coordinated to cobalt, or if any single ammonia molecule is coordinated to more than one cobalt atom.

