

Demonstrate understanding of the properties of organic compounds

## WORKBOOK

Working to Excellence & NCEA Questions



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## Past NCEA questions Functional Groups (Part ONE)

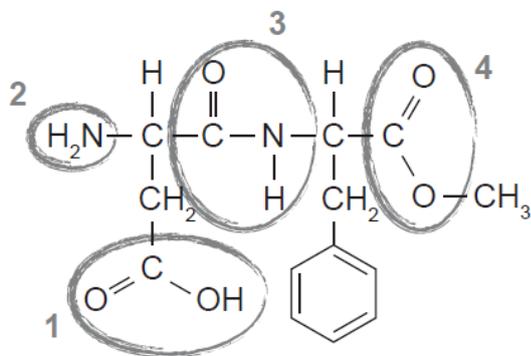
2013: 1a Complete the table below by giving the IUPAC systematic name or the structural formula for each compound.

Structural formula	IUPAC systematic name
$\text{HO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{H}$	
	propanamide
$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2-\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_3$	

2014: 1a. Complete the table below giving the IUPAC systematic name or the structural formula for each compound.

Structural formula	IUPAC systematic name
$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_3$	
	propanamide
$\text{CH}_3-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$	

2015: 1a. The structure of aspartame is given below. Aspartame is often used as an artificial sweetener in drinks. Identify the FOUR different functional groups within the aspartame molecule that are circled and numbered below:



2015: 1b. Complete the table below by drawing the structural formula for the named compounds.

IUPAC systematic name	Structural formula
propanoyl chloride	
3-bromopentan-2-one	
2-methylbutanal	



## Past NCEA questions Functional Groups (part TWO)

2015: 1c (i) draw the three structural isomers of  $C_4H_9Cl$  that represent a primary, secondary and tertiary haloalkane.

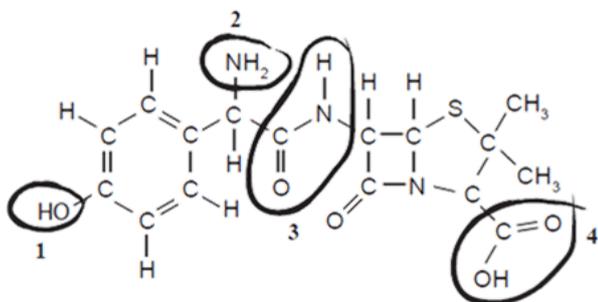
Primary haloalkane	Secondary haloalkane

Tertiary haloalkane

2016: 1a. Complete the table below by drawing the structural formula for the named compounds.

IUPAC systematic name	Structural Formula
butylethanoate	
2-hydroxybutanal	
ethanamide	

2016: 1b. The structure of amoxicillin is given below. It is an antibiotic used in the treatment of bacterial infections. Name the four different functional groups circled within the amoxicillin molecule below.



1	
3	

2	
4	

2016: 2b. The structures of four different organic substances are shown in the table below. (i) Name the organic substances A to D.

Letter	Structure	Name
A	$CH_3CH_2CH_2-NH_2$	
B	$CH_3CH_2-C(=O)H$	
C	$CH_3CH_2-C(=O)Cl$	
D	$CH_3-C(=O)-CH_3$	



## Past NCEA questions Functional Groups (part THREE)

2017: 1a. Complete the table below to indicate the IUPAC name, functional group, and / or the structural formula for organic compounds that contain only four carbon atoms. The first row has been completed for you.

Functional group	Structural formula	IUPAC (systematic) name
Alkene	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	but-1-ene
		2-methylpropan-1-amine
Acyl chloride		
		propyl methanoate
	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_3$	
Aldehyde		
Amide		butanamide

2018: 1a. Complete the table below to show either the structural formula or the IUPAC (systematic) name for each organic molecule.

Structural Formula	IUPAC (systematic) name
$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{Cl}$	
$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_3$	
	4-methylhexanal
	propanamide

2019: 1a. Complete the table below to show either the structural formula or the IUPAC (systematic) name for each organic molecule.

Structural formula	IUPAC (systematic) name
$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{H}$	
	Ethyl hexanoate
$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{NH}_2$ $\quad \quad \quad  $ $\quad \quad \quad \text{CH}_3$	

Question 2c:  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$  can exist as a number of different constitutional (structural) isomers.

Draw the structural formulae for the isomers of  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$  that meet the following requirements.

Requirements	Structure
(i) Straight-chain molecule that forms a silver mirror when heated with Tollens' reagent.	
(ii) Branched-chain molecule that does not form a silver mirror when heated with Tollens' reagent.	
(iii) Five-carbon ring cyclic molecule that forms steamy fumes when reacted with thionyl chloride, $\text{SOCl}_2$ .	
(iv) Straight-chain secondary alcohol that decolourises bromine water, and can exist as both cis-trans (geometric) isomers and enantiomers (optical isomers).	

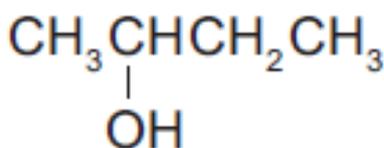


## Writing Excellence answers to Optical Isomers questions

## Optical Isomers QUESTION

Question: The alcohol below can exist as two enantiomers (optical isomers).

- (i) Draw three-dimensional structures for the two enantiomers.  
(ii) Link the structure of enantiomers to a physical property that can be used to distinguish them from non-optically active molecules.



## ANSWER

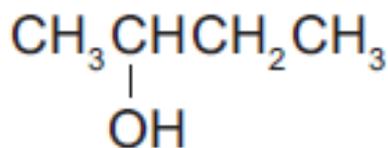
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1. Draw the two optical isomers isomers  If you need to select the molecule make sure that it has: a Chiral carbon with 4 different groups attached		
2. link the requirements of an enantiomer to the presence of four different groups joined to a C		
3. explain the isomers have the same molecular formula but are non-superimposable mirror images		
4. link the requirements above to your specific molecule (D)		
5. link different physical properties to rotating (plane) polarised light in opposite directions.		

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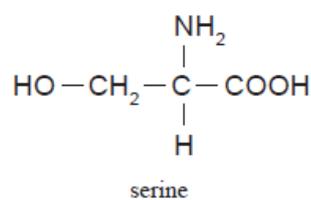
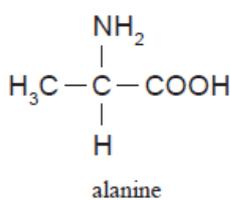
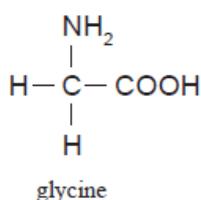
## Past NCEA questions Optical Isomers

2013: 1b (i). The alcohol below can exist as two enantiomers (optical isomers). Draw three-dimensional structures for the two enantiomers.



2013: 1b (ii). Link the structure of enantiomers to a physical property that can be used to distinguish them from non-optically active molecules.

2016: 1c (i) Glycine, alanine, and serine are three amino acids shown below. Draw the 3-D structures of the enantiomers (optical isomers) of serine.



2016: 1c: (ii) Which amino acid above does NOT display optical isomerism: Explain your answer

2017: 1c: (i) Some organic compounds can exist as enantiomers (optical isomers).

An example is a secondary alcohol with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$ .

(i) Draw the enantiomers of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$

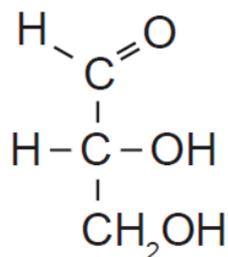
2017: 1c: (ii) Explain what is meant by the term enantiomers (optical isomers).

In your answer, you should:

- identify the structural requirement for a molecule, such as  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OH}$ , to exist as enantiomers
- explain how enantiomers can be distinguished from each other.

2018: 2a. The structural formula of 2,3-dihydroxypropanal, more commonly known as glyceraldehyde, is shown below. Glyceraldehyde can exist as enantiomers (optical isomers).

(i) Draw the enantiomers of glyceraldehyde



2018: 2a:

(ii) Explain why glyceraldehyde can exist as enantiomers.

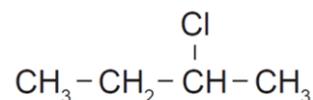
(iii) How could the two enantiomers of glyceraldehyde be distinguished?

Explain your answer.

2019: 2a. 2-chlorobutane can exist as enantiomers (optical isomers).

(i) Draw the enantiomers of 2-chlorobutane in the box below.

(ii) Explain how the two enantiomers of 2-chlorobutane could be distinguished.





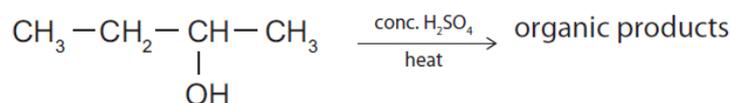
## Writing Excellence answers to Elimination Reaction – Multiple Products questions

## Elimination Reaction – Multiple Products QUESTION

Question: When butan-2-ol undergoes a reaction with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , three possible organic products form, which are isomers of each other.

(i) Draw the three isomers formed during this reaction.

(ii) Which of the three isomers from part (i) will be formed in the smallest amount?



## ANSWER

1. Draw the minor product  If you need to select the molecule make sure that it has both: a C=C double bond and 2 different groups of each C	Name:	
2. State reaction type and name molecule as the minor product linking to forming in the smallest amount.		
3. Explain how the minor product is formed using Saytzeff's rule		
4. Link to your specific molecule (i.e. groups removed, double bond formed)		
5. Draw the major product as cis and trans isomers	Cis  Name:	Trans  Name:
6. link the presence of a double C=C bond to lack of rotation and two different groups off each of the C		

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## Writing Excellence answers to Multiple reactants - Substitution and Elimination questions

## Substitution and Elimination reactions QUESTION

Question: Chloroethane,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , reacts with aqueous KOH, alcoholic KOH, and with  $\text{NH}_3$ . Compare and contrast the reactions of chloroethane with the three reagents.

In your answer you should include:

- the type of reaction occurring and the reason why it is classified as that type
- the type of functional group formed
- equations showing structural formulae for reactions occurring.

## ANSWER

ANSWER	
Reaction 1 Chloroethane reacts with $\text{KOH}_{(\text{aq})}$	Product formed
	Reaction type
	Condensed Structural Formula equation
	Structural Formula equation
Reaction 2 Chloroethane reacts with $\text{KOH}_{(\text{alc})}$	Product formed
	Reaction type
	Condensed Structural Formula equation
	Structural Formula equation
Reaction 3 Chloroethane reacts with $\text{NH}_3_{(\text{alc})}$	Product formed
	Reaction type
	Condensed Structural Formula equation
	Structural Formula equation

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## Writing Excellence answers to Multiple Reactants - Addition Reactions questions

## Addition Reactions QUESTION

Question: Ethene,  $C_2H_4(g)$ , reacts with aqueous potassium permanganate solution,  $KMnO_4(aq)$ , dilute acid,  $H_2O / H^+$ , and hydrogen bromide,  $HBr$ .

Compare and contrast the reactions of ethene gas with each of these three reagents.

In your answer, you should:

- describe any observations that can be made
- identify, with reasons, the type of reaction ethene undergoes with each reagent
- describe the functional group of the products formed
- include equations showing the structural formulae for the organic compounds for each reaction.

## ANSWER

<b>Reaction 1</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with aqueous potassium permanganate solution, $KMnO_4(aq)$ ,	Observations
	Reaction type
	Functional group of products
	Structural Formula equation
<b>Reaction 2</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with dilute acid, $H_2O / H^+$	Observations
	Reaction type
	Functional group of products
	Structural Formula equation
<b>Reaction 3</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with hydrogen bromide, $HBr$ .	Observations
	Reaction type
	Functional group of products
	Structural Formula equation
Summary of the three reactions	

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## Past NCEA questions Addition, Substitution and Elimination reactions

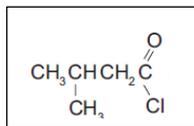
2013: 2a. For the following conversions, identify the reagent required, and state the type of reaction occurring.

(ii) Butan-2-ol is converted to a mixture of but-1-ene and but-2-ene.

2013: 2a (ii) Butan-2-ol is converted to a mixture of but-1-ene and but-2-ene.

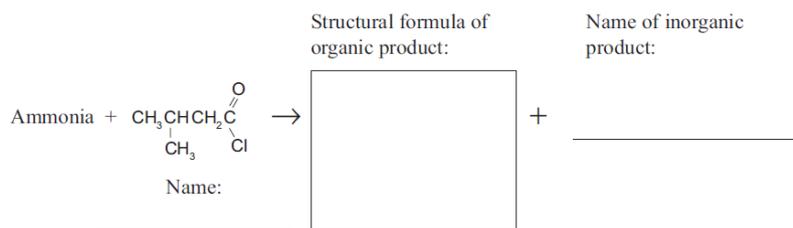
Discuss the reaction occurring in (ii) above, with reference to the structures of the organic reactant and products.

2013: 3c. When ammonia reacts with

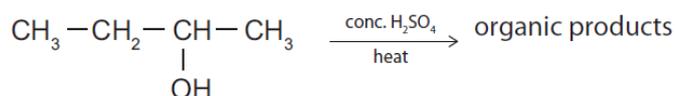


two products are formed.

Complete the equation below by naming compounds or drawing the structure.



2014: 1b. When butan-2-ol undergoes a reaction with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , three possible organic products form, which are isomers of each other.



- (i) Draw the three isomers formed during this reaction.
- (ii) Which of the three isomers from part (i) will be formed in the smallest amount?

2015: 1c (i) draw the three structural isomers of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$  that represent a primary, secondary and tertiary haloalkane.

(ii) Elaborate on the reactions occurring when each of the haloalkane isomers from (c)(i) reacts with  $\text{KOH}$  in alcohol.

In your answer you should include:

- the identification of ALL organic products formed
- an explanation of the type of reaction taking place
- reasons for the formation of any major and minor products.

2018: 1c. Unknown X has the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$  and undergoes the following reactions:

- It reacts with sodium carbonate solution to release carbon dioxide gas.
- When X is heated with acidified potassium dichromate, the colour changes from orange to green, but the product does not react with Benedict's solution.
- X undergoes an elimination reaction with concentrated sulfuric acid to produce two organic products.

Based on the information above, draw the structural formula of Unknown X.

Justify your structural formula of X, including:

- structural formulae of any organic products
- an explanation of any major and minor products.



## Writing Excellence answers to Oxidation Reactions of Alcohol questions

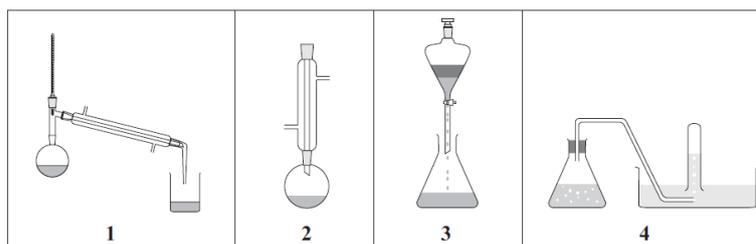
## Oxidation Reactions of Alcohol QUESTION

Question: Discuss the laboratory procedures used to convert butan-1-ol into butanal, and butan-1-ol into butanoic acid.

In each discussion, you should:

- outline the process for each conversion
- state and justify the type of reaction occurring
- identify the reagents used, and explain any observations made

Identify which piece of the equipment that a student would use to perform each process from the diagrams below.



## ANSWER

1. For the conversion of butan-1-ol into butanal:

Identify the laboratory procedure used and select the numbered equipment

2. give the reagent used:  
butan-1-ol into butanal

3. Explain why this laboratory procedure was required: butan-1-ol into butanal

4. give any observations seen:  
butan-1-ol into butanal

5. For the conversion of butan-1-ol into butanoic acid  
Identify the laboratory procedure used and select the numbered equipment

6. give the reagent used:  
butan-1-ol into butanoic acid

7. Explain why this laboratory procedure was required:  
butan-1-ol into butanoic acid

8. give any observations seen:  
butan-1-ol into butanoic acid

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## Writing Excellence answers to Redox Reactions of Ketones and Aldehydes questions

## Redox Reactions of Ketones and Aldehydes QUESTION

Question:

- (i) What reagent can be used to reduce aldehydes and ketones?
- (ii) For the reduction of pentanal and pentan-2-one, draw the structure of the organic product formed in each case. Identify the functional group of each product formed.
- (iii) Using Benedict's reagent ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) Give a description of test observations that could be used to distinguish between pentanal and pentan-2-one.
- Plus any equations to show the organic products formed, if applicable.

## ANSWER

1. Name the reagent for reduction of Aldehydes and Ketones	
2. Draw the products for the reduction reaction of pentanal and name the functional group	Functional Group:
3. Draw the products for the reduction reaction of pentan-2-one and name the functional group	Functional Group:
4. Give the expected observations of the test for pentanal  Plus any equations if applicable	
5. Give the expected observations of the test for pentan-2-one  Plus any equations if applicable	

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## Past NCEA questions Oxidation and Reduction reactions

2013: 2a. For the following conversions, identify the reagent required, and state the type of reaction occurring.

(i) Pentan-2-one is converted to pentan-2-ol.

2013: 2b. Discuss the laboratory procedures used to convert butan-1-ol into butanal, and butan-1-ol into butanoic acid.

In each discussion, you should:

- outline the process for each conversion
- state and justify the type of reaction occurring
- identify the reagents used, and explain any observations made.

2016: 2a: (i) What reagent can be used to reduce aldehydes and ketones?

(ii) For the reduction of pentanal and pentan-2-one, draw the structure of the organic product formed in each case. Identify the functional group of each product formed.

2016: 3b. Draw a reaction scheme to show the conversion of butan-1-ol to butan-2-one.

You should include any relevant reagents, conditions required, and the structures of all organic substances involved.

2017: 1b Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing the structural formulae of both organic compounds A and B, as well as the major and minor products C and D.

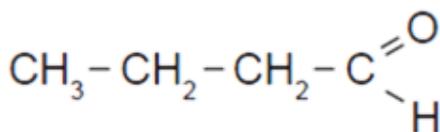
Identify both reagents 1 and 2, and indicate the type of

2018: 2c: The structural formula of butanal is:

Devise a reaction scheme to convert butanal into butanone.

For each step include:

- the reagents and conditions
- structural formula of the organic product after each step.



The diagram shows a reaction scheme starting with Propanone (CH<sub>3</sub>-C(=O)-CH<sub>3</sub>). The first step involves a reagent (Reagent 1) and a reaction type, leading to product A. The second step involves a reagent (Reagent 2) and a reaction type, leading to product B. The third step involves a reagent (Reagent 3: HCl) and a reaction type, leading to two products: C (Major product) and D (Minor product).

2019: 1a (i): Propanal, CH<sub>3</sub> - CH<sub>2</sub> - CHO, can be formed from the oxidation of a primary alcohol.

Draw the structural formula of the primary alcohol, and explain why distillation is required to obtain the aldehyde product during the oxidation process.

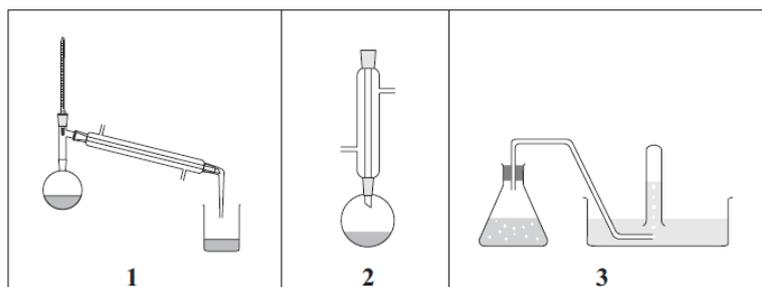


## Writing Excellence answers to Esterification questions

## Ester Hydrolysis QUESTION

Question: Many organic synthesis reactions are heated under reflux.

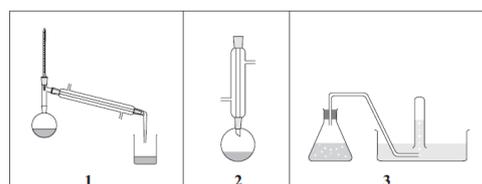
- Draw the structural formula and name the ester formed from heating ethanol and butanoic acid under reflux in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid.
- From the diagrams below, give the number of the apparatus used for heating under reflux.
- Outline the advantages of heating under reflux in the preparation of the ester in part (i).
- From the diagrams below, give the number of the apparatus and explain the process that could be used to purify (separate) the ester in part (i) from the reaction mixture.



## ANSWER

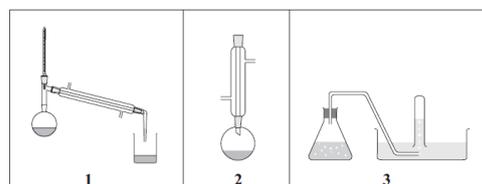
1. Draw structure and name ester formed

2. Select correct diagram for reflux



3. explain advantages / purpose of reflux

4. Select correct diagram for distillation



5. State the process (distillation), and describe process of how the ester is separated from the alcohol and carboxylic acid liquids in terms of boiling point, evaporation and condensation

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## Writing Excellence answers to Ester Hydrolysis questions

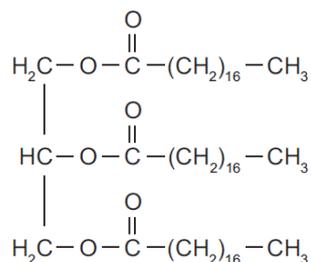
## Ester Hydrolysis QUESTION

Question: Give the structures and functional groups of the products of the reactions below.

These reactions are carried out by heating in either:

- dilute hydrochloric acid solution, or
- dilute sodium hydroxide solution.

Compare and contrast the reactions below. In your answer, you should include the type of reaction(s) taking place.



## ANSWER

1. Draw (condensed) the products for the reaction with dilute hydrochloric acid solution		
	Functional Group:	Functional Group:
2. Draw (condensed) the products for the reaction with dilute sodium hydroxide solution		
	Functional Group:	Functional Group:
3. explain what type of reaction occurs in both acid and base conditions and the link it occurs with		
4. discuss the products of the reaction in the acid conditions		
5. discuss the products of the reaction in the base conditions		

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## Past NCEA questions Esterification and Ester Hydrolysis reactions (Part One)

2013: 1d. Give the structures and names of the products of the reactions below.

These reactions are carried out by heating in either:

- dilute hydrochloric acid solution, or
- dilute sodium hydroxide solution.

Compare and contrast the reactions below.

In your answer, you should include the type of reaction(s) taking place.

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dilute hydrochloric acid solution      dilute sodium hydroxide solution

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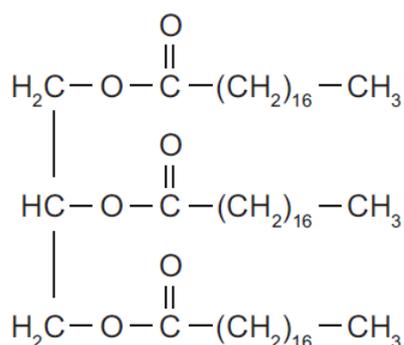
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2014: 1(c): (i) The triglyceride below is shown in condensed form. Circle a functional group on the diagram above and give its name

(ii) Compare and contrast the reaction of the triglyceride when it undergoes both acidic and basic hydrolysis.

In your answer you should include:

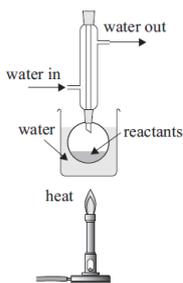
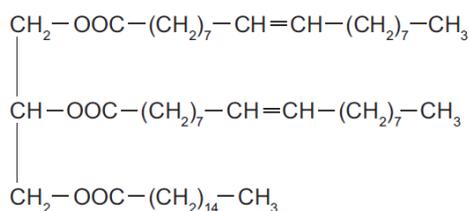
- drawings of condensed structures of the organic products
- any reagents and conditions required for the reaction to proceed.





## Past NCEA questions Esterification and Ester Hydrolysis reactions (Part Two)

2015: 3(a): A triglyceride has the following structure:



(i) Circle one of the alkene groups in the triglyceride molecule. This triglyceride is described as unsaturated.

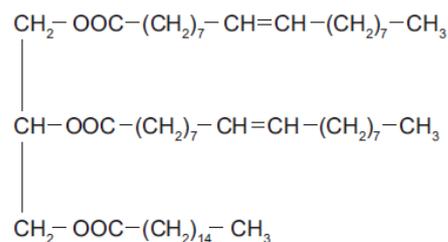
(ii) Describe a chemical test that can be used to show that the molecule is unsaturated. Give any observations and state the type of reaction occurring.

(iii) Draw the structural formulae of the organic products formed by hydrolysis of this triglyceride using aqueous sodium hydroxide.

(iv) Explain why the equipment to the left is used for hydrolysis of the triglyceride.

2016: 3c A triglyceride found in olive oil has the following structure beside:

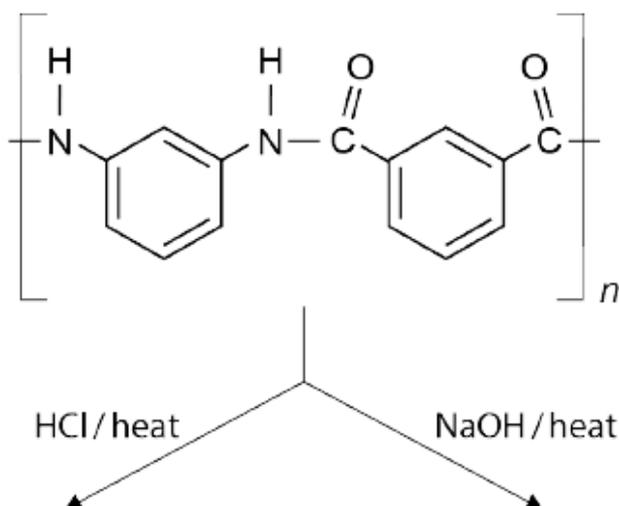
- (i) Put a circle around one of the ester groups in the triglyceride molecule shown above.
- (ii) Draw the structural formulae of the products produced by the hydrolysis of this triglyceride in basic conditions, using aqueous sodium hydroxide, NaOH.



2017: 3c: Polymers such as Nomex® can be hydrolysed by either aqueous acid or base.

Show the products of the hydrolysis of Nomex® using:

- (i) aqueous acid
- (ii) aqueous base.





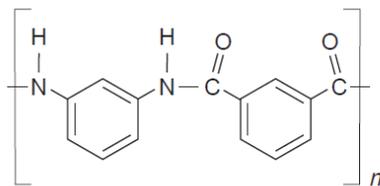


## Writing Excellence answers to Polymerisation Reactions questions

## Polymerisation Reactions QUESTION

Question: Nomex® is a polymer used in firefighters' suits. Nomex® is made up of two different monomers bonded together to form the polymer chain.

A small portion of the structure of Nomex® is shown below.



Note:  is a benzene ring and does not change when the monomers bond together to form the polymer.

Explain the structure of the polymer, Nomex®.

In your answer, you should include:

- the name of the functional group linking the monomers
- a drawing of both monomers
- a classification of the type of polymer formed, with an explanation to justify your choice.

## ANSWER

1. The name of the functional group linking the monomers.

Make sure you include the name of the polymer i.e. Nomex has a ..... linkage

2. Draw the two possible monomers

diamine

dicarboxylic acid (or di acid chloride)

3. Link type of molecule to the type of reaction that forms it and explain the products produced during the reaction (definition)

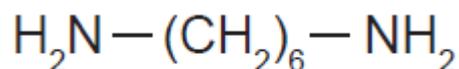
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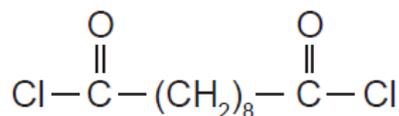
## Past NCEA questions Polymerisation Reactions

2015: 2(c): A form of the polymer nylon can be made from the two monomers below.

1,6-diaminohexane



Sebacoyl chloride (decanedioyl dichloride)



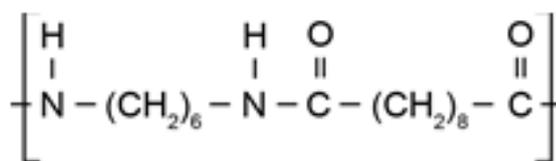
(i) draw the repeating unit of the polymer formed if these two monomers are used.

2015: 2(c): Consider the formation of this form of nylon in a laboratory.

(ii) Describe the type of reaction occurring, and explain why this reaction results in a polymer.

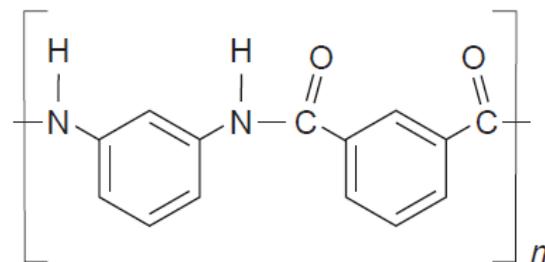
(iii) Explain why sebacoyl chloride is dissolved in a non-polar organic solvent rather than in water.

(iv) Elaborate on the reaction that will occur if a dilute aqueous solution of acid is mixed with the newly formed polymer.



2017: 3b: Nomex® is a polymer used in firefighters' suits. Nomex® is made up of two different monomers bonded together to form the polymer chain.

A small portion of the structure of Nomex® is shown beside

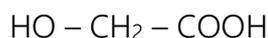


Explain the structure of the polymer, Nomex®.

In your answer, you should include:

- the name of the functional group linking the monomers
- a drawing of both monomers
- a classification of the type of polymer formed, with an explanation to justify your choice.

2018: 3a : Glycolic acid can be used to make polyglycolic acid (PGA), a polyester used to make dissolvable stitches. The structure of glycolic acid is shown below:



- In the box below, draw a section of the PGA polymer chain to show THREE repeating units.
- Identify and explain the type of reaction occurring in the formation of PGA.

2019: 3a: Nylon 6,6 is used to make airbags. The monomers used to make nylon 6,6 are shown below:



- In the box below, draw a section of the nylon 6,6 polymer chain to show TWO repeating units.
- Explain why nylon 6,6 is referred to as a condensation polymer.

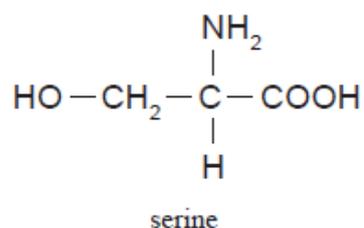
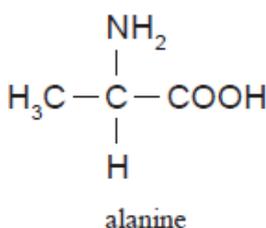
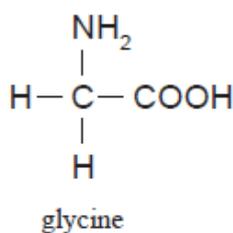


## Writing Excellence answers to Amino Acids questions

## Amino Acids QUESTION

Question: Peptides are formed when amino acids combine.

- (i) In the boxes below, show two possible dipeptides that can be formed by combining the amino acids  
(ii) Name the type of reaction that occurred when the dipeptides formed in (iii) above. Explain your Answer  
(iii) One of these amino acids cannot form optical isomers (enantiomers). Name and explain why.



## ANSWER

1. Draw one possible dipeptide

Draw the amino acids used

2. Draw a second possible dipeptide

Draw the amino acids used

3. Give the type of reaction and explain (definition)

4. state which amino acids cannot form an optical isomer (enantiomer)

5. Explain why your specific molecule was selected

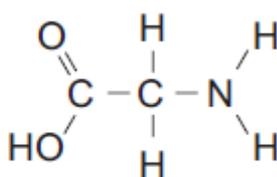
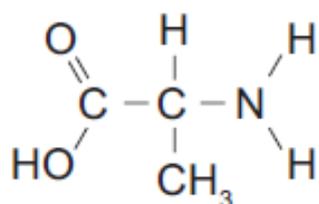
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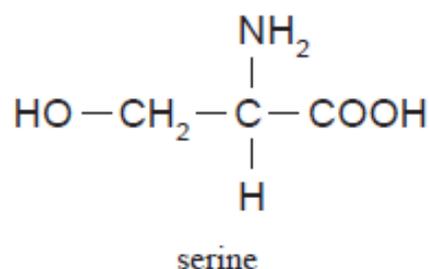
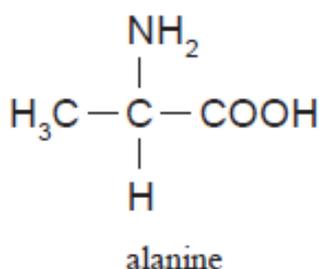
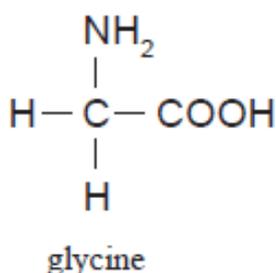
## Past NCEA questions Amino Acids

2013: 2d: Peptides are formed when amino acids combine.

(i) In the boxes below, show two possible dipeptides that can be formed by combining the amino acids:



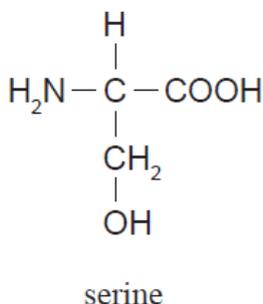
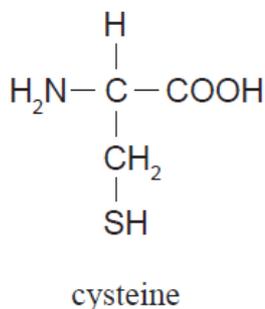
2016: 1c: (iii) Draw the two possible dipeptides formed from the amino acids glycine and alanine. .



2016: 1c: (iv) Name the type of reaction that occurred when the dipeptides formed in (iii) above. Explain your Answer

2017: Question 3a: Peptides are molecules that form when amino acids combine.

The following structures show the amino acids cysteine and serine



(i) Show two possible dipeptides that can be formed by combining the two amino acids shown above.

(ii) Circle the amide functional group on ONE of the dipeptides drawn in part (i).



## Writing Excellence answers to Reaction Scheme questions

## Reaction Scheme QUESTION

Question: Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing organic structures for S1 to S7, and identifying reagents 1 to 3.

## ANSWER

## HINTS:

S1 will be an ester

R1 will result in acid hydrolysis with two products

R2 will cause an elimination reaction

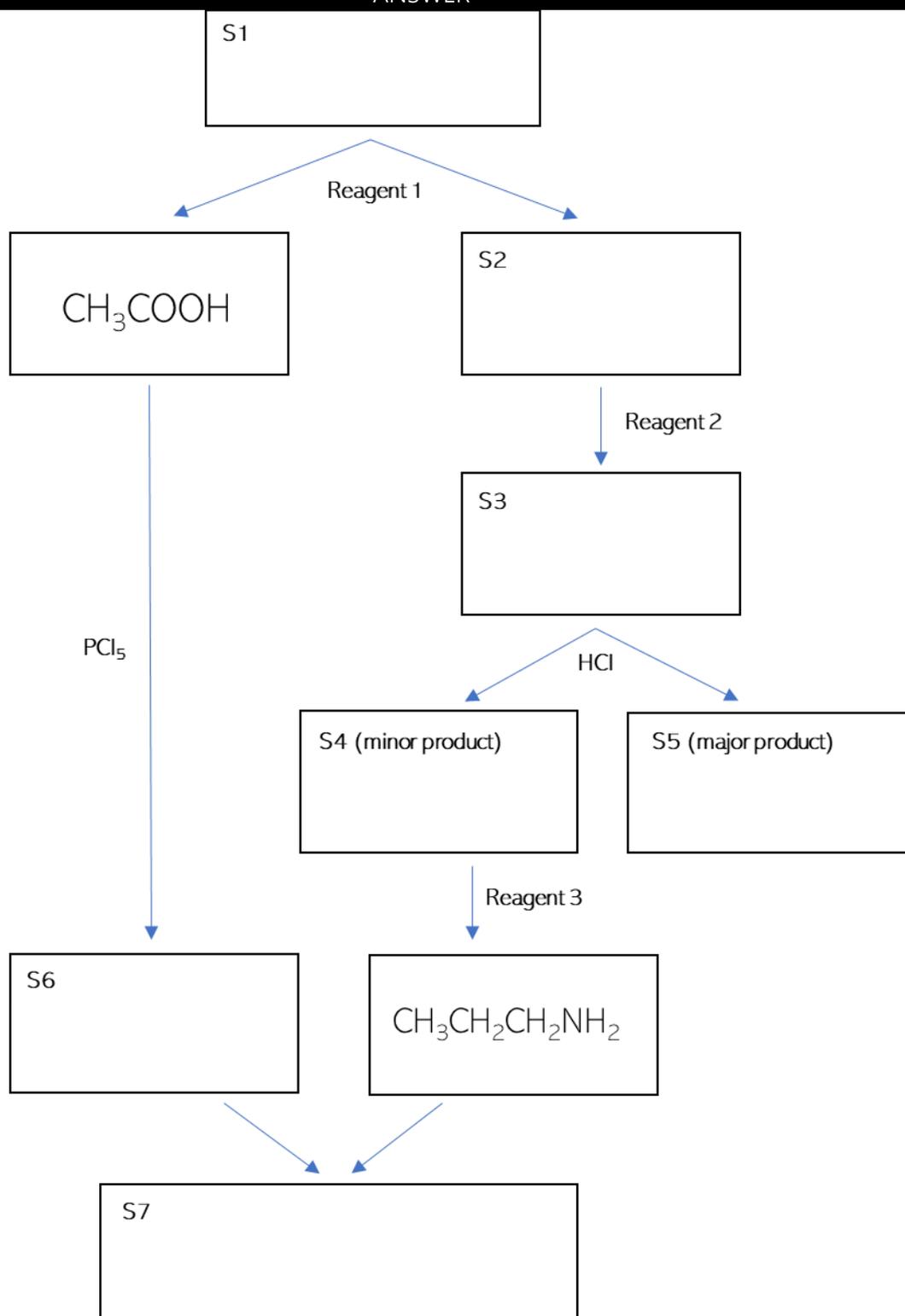
S3 will be an unsaturated substance

S4 and S5 will be the result of an addition reaction

R3 will cause a substitution reaction

S6 is the result of a substitution reaction

S7 will be the product of a condensation reaction





## Past NCEA questions Reaction Schemes

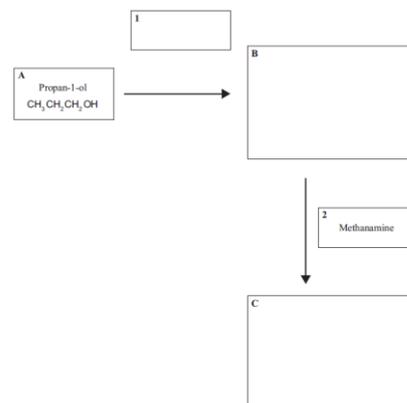
2013: 2a: For the following conversions, identify the reagent required, and state the type of reaction occurring.

(i) Pentan-2-one is converted to pentan-2-ol.

(ii) Butan-2-ol is converted to a mixture of but-1-ene and but-2-ene.

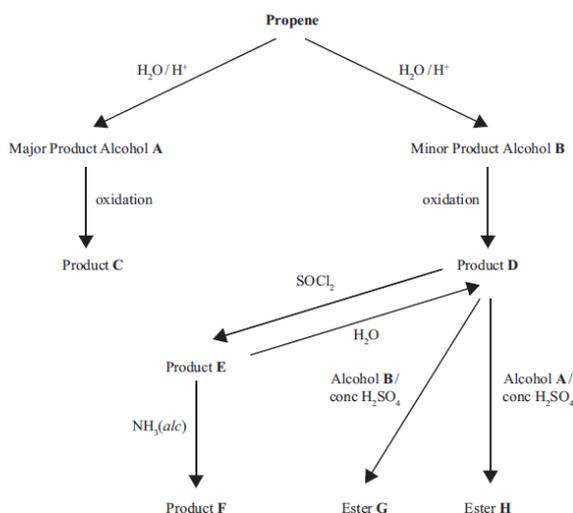
2013: 3(a): Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing the structural formulae of the organic compounds B and C, and identifying reagent 1.

Include any necessary conditions, needed to bring about the transformation from reactant A to the organic compound C, which is a base.



2014: 3(a): Propene can be reacted with water in the presence of acid to form a major product (A) and a minor product (B).

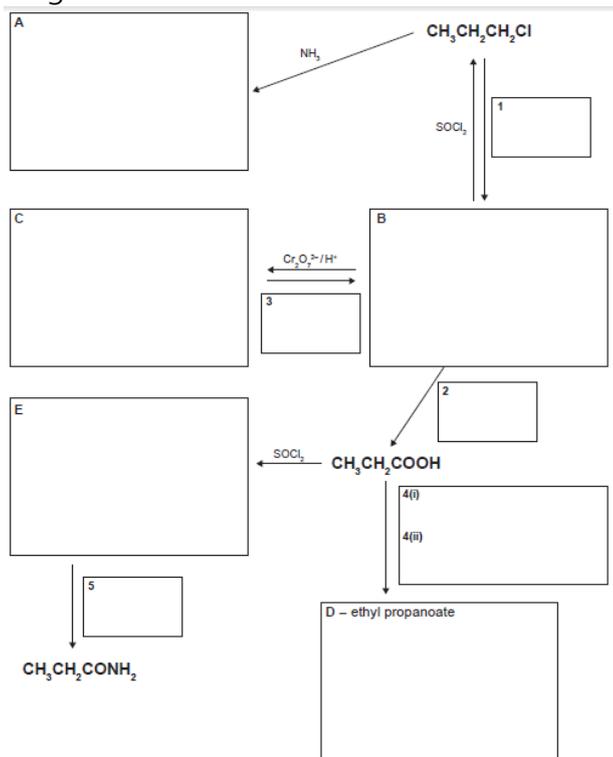
- A is oxidised to form product C.
- B is oxidised to form product D.
- When D is reacted with  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , it forms product E.
- When D is reacted with alcohol B, it forms an ester G.
- When D is reacted with alcohol A, it forms ester H, which is an isomer of G.
- When E is reacted with alcoholic ammonia, it forms product F.
- When E is reacted with water, it forms product D.



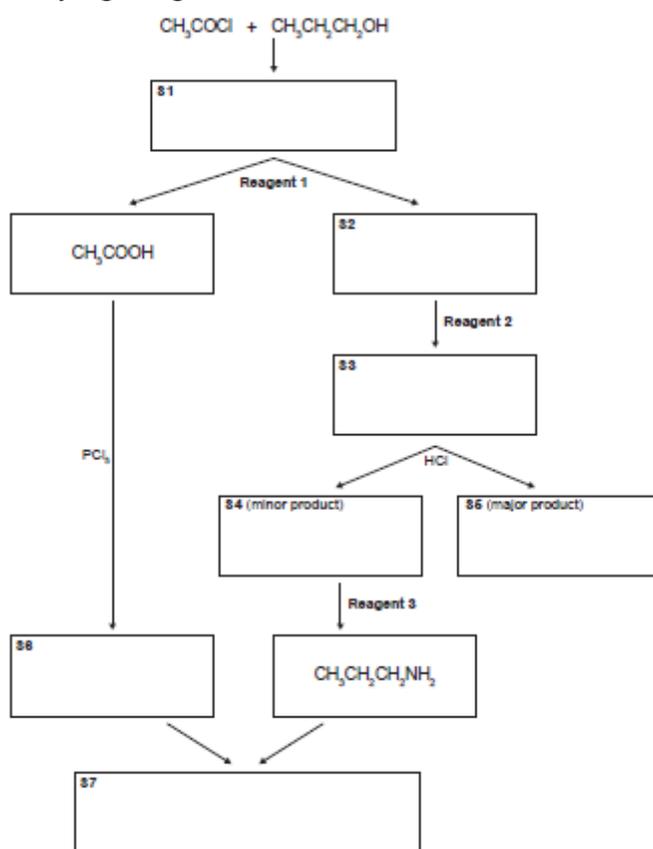
2016: 3b: Draw a reaction scheme to show the conversion of butan-1-ol to butan-2-one.

You should include any relevant reagents, conditions required, and the structures of all organic substances involved.

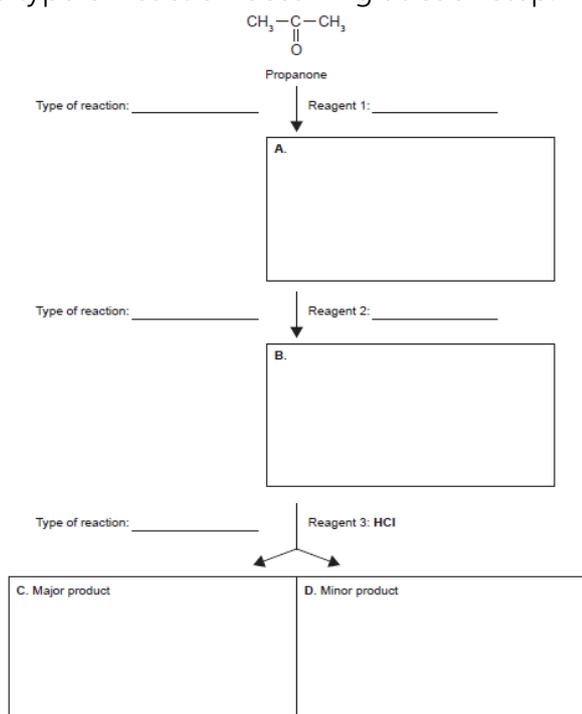
2015: 3(b): Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing the structural formulae of the organic compounds A to E, and identifying reagents 1 to 5



2016: 3a: Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing organic structures for S1 to S7, and identifying reagents 1 to 3.



2017: 1b: Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing the structural formulae of both organic compounds A and B, as well as the major and minor products C and D. Identify both reagents 1 and 2, and indicate the type of reaction occurring at each step.



2017: 2a:

Compound P and compound Q are straight-chain constitutional (structural) isomers with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ .

Compound P can form optical isomers, whereas compound Q cannot.

When reacted with concentrated sulfuric acid, compound P forms two products, compounds R and S; compound Q forms only one product, compound S.

When compound Q is reacted with *Reagent 1*, it forms a chloroalkane, compound T.

Compound T reacts with concentrated  $\text{NH}_3$  to form compound U.

Compound Q can also be oxidised to form compound V, which will turn moist blue litmus paper red.

Compound V can also be reacted with compound Q and *Reagent 2*, to form a sweet-smelling liquid, compound W.

Use the information above to identify compounds P to W, and *reagents 1 and 2*.



## Past NCEA questions Reaction Schemes

2019: 1c: Unknown W is a straight-chain organic molecule with the molecular formula  $C_4H_6OCl_2$ .

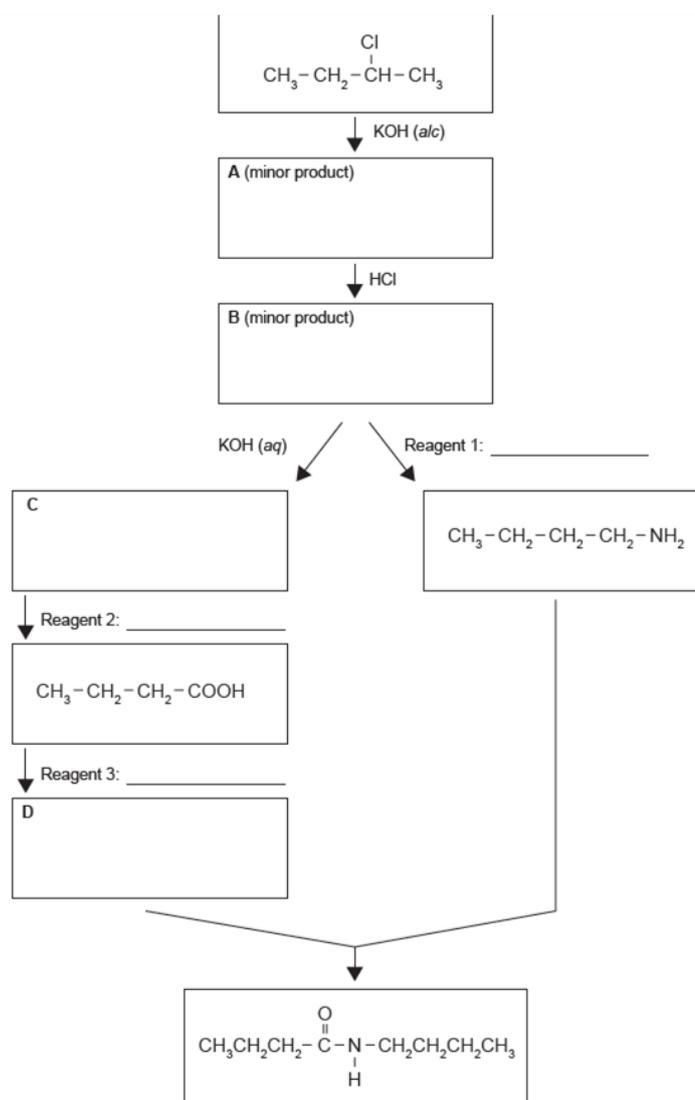
Unknown W shows the following properties and reactions:

- does not exist as enantiomers (optical isomers)
- produces steamy fumes with water
- reacts with an excess of ammonia to form product X. Product X turns damp litmus blue.

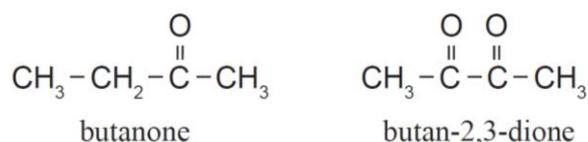
Product X undergoes acidic hydrolysis to produce product Y. Bubbles are released when product Y reacts with sodium carbonate solution.

Draw the structural formulae for the organic molecules W, X, and Y

2019: 2b: Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing the structural formulae for organic products A, B, C, and D, and identifying reagents 1, 2, and 3.



2019: 3c: Devise a reaction scheme to convert butanone into butan-2,3-dione.



For each step include:

- the reagents and conditions
- the structural formula of the organic product after each step.



## Writing Excellence answers to Identification Tests questions

## Identification Tests QUESTION

Question: Devise a method for distinguishing between the three liquid compounds, butan-1-ol, butanoic acid, and butanoyl chloride, using only blue litmus paper and water.

Explain each of the observations in your method, with reference to the structure of the organic compounds.

Write equations if any products formed

## ANSWER

1. state method (general)

2. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butan-1-ol and link to functional group

Write equations if any products formed

3. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butanoic acid and link to functional group

Write equations if any products formed

4. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butanoyl chloride and link to functional group

Write equations if any products formed

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## Past NCEA questions Identification Tests (Part One)

2013: 3a:(ii) Describe how you could distinguish between the alcohols in (i) above, using chemical tests on the alcohols and / or their oxidation products.

2013: 2c: Devise a method for distinguishing between the three liquid compounds, butan-1-ol, butanoic acid, and butanoyl chloride, using only blue litmus paper and water.

Explain each of the observations in your method, with reference to the structure of the organic compounds.

2014: 2(a): (iv) Explain why the equipment to the right is used for hydrolysis of the triglyceride.

(i) Aqueous solutions of propanamine and propanamide.

(ii) Propanone and propanal.

(iii) Propanoyl chloride and propyl propanoate.

2016: 2b: Explain how you would identify each of the organic substances, A to D, from the table in (b)(i), using only moist litmus paper, water, and Benedict's solution.

In your answer, you should include:

- a description of any tests carried out and any observations you would make
- equations to show the organic products formed, if applicable.

A: Propan-1-amine. (1-propanamine)

B: Propanal.

C: Propanoyl chloride.

D: Propan-2-one. (propanone)

2017: 2b (i): Adding an acidified potassium dichromate solution to propan-1-ol can produce either propanal or propanoic acid.

Explain the laboratory procedure used to convert propan-1-ol to propanal.

In your answer, you should:

- outline the procedure for the conversion, and describe any colour changes linked to the species involved
- state the type of reaction occurring
- explain how the procedure ensures only propanal is collected.



## Past NCEA questions Identification Tests (Part Two)

2017: 2b (ii): Explain how Benedict's solution can be used to distinguish between propanone and propanal.

In your answer, you should include:

- any observations made linked to the organic compounds involved
- the type of reaction occurring
- relevant equations showing any organic reactants and products involved.

2018: 1b: Three bottles, each containing a different colourless liquid, have been incorrectly labelled. The three colourless liquids are known to be:

pentanal  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$

pentan-1-ol  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

pentanoyl chloride  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COCl}$

Develop a procedure to identify each of the three colourless liquids using only the following reagents:

- water
- Tollens' reagent
- acidified potassium dichromate,  $\text{H}^+ / \text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ .

Your procedure should include:

- observations linked to the species involved
- the type of reaction occurring
- structural formulae of any organic products.

2019: 1b: Describe and explain a chemical test to distinguish the following pairs of organic molecules.

Your answer should include:

- reagents and conditions required
- observations
- the reaction type used to distinguish each pair
- structural formulae of any organic products.

(i) propan-1-ol and propene

(ii) butanal and butan-1-ol

(iii) ethanoyl chloride and ethyl pentanoate



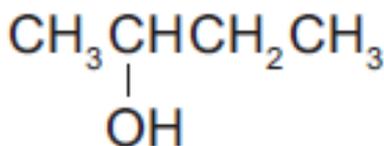
## Writing Excellence answers to Optical Isomers questions

## Optical Isomers QUESTION

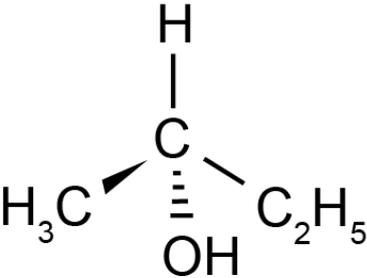
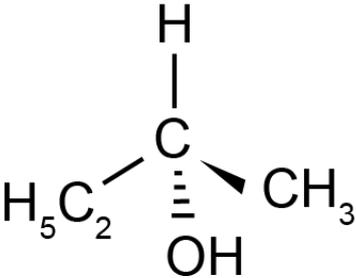
Question: The alcohol below can exist as two enantiomers (optical isomers).

(i) Draw three-dimensional structures for the two enantiomers.

(ii) Link the structure of enantiomers to a physical property that can be used to distinguish them from non-optically active molecules.



## ANSWER

<p>1. Draw the two optical isomers isomers</p> <p>If you need to select the molecule make sure that it has: a Chiral carbon with 4 different groups attached</p>	<p>left</p> 	<p>right</p> 
<p>2. link the requirements of an enantiomer to the presence of four different groups joined to a C</p>	<p>In order for a molecule to exist as an Enantiomer it needs to have a central carbon atom, called a chiral carbon, with 4 different groups attached to it.</p>	
<p>3. explain the isomers have the same molecular formula but are non-superimposable mirror images</p>	<p>the two isomers have the same molecular formula but are non-superimposable mirror images</p>	
<p>4. link the requirements above to your specific molecule (D)</p>	<p>With the alcohol above the chiral carbon has a -OH, -H, -CH<sub>3</sub> and a -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> group attached to it</p>	
<p>5. link different physical properties to rotating (plane) polarised light in opposite directions.</p>	<p>The two Enantiomers rotate (plane) polarised light in opposite directions.</p>	

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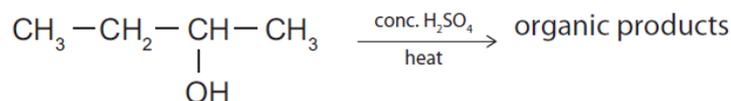
## Writing Excellence answers to Elimination Reaction – Multiple Products questions

## Elimination reaction – Multiple Products QUESTION

Question: When butan-2-ol undergoes a reaction with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , three possible organic products form, which are isomers of each other.

(i) Draw the three isomers formed during this reaction.

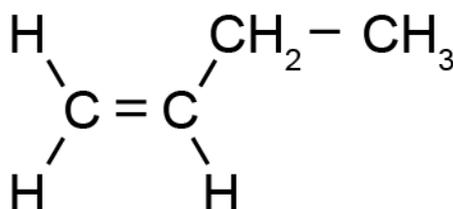
(ii) Which of the three isomers from part (i) will be formed in the smallest amount?



## ANSWER

1. Draw the minor product

If you need to select the molecule make sure that it has both:  
a C=C double bond  
and 2 different groups of each C



Name: but-1-ene

2. State reaction type and name molecule as the minor product linking to forming in the smallest amount.

This is an elimination reaction and the minor product is but-1-ene so this will form in the smallest amount. (compared to the major products)

3. Explain how the minor product is formed using Saytzeff's rule

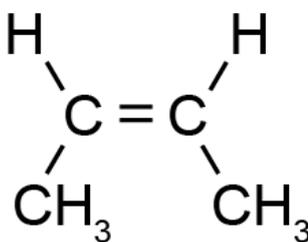
Major and minor products will only form in unsymmetrical molecules. Saytzeff's rule states the minor product will have hydrogen atom removed from the carbon (next to the C-OH) that has the most hydrogens

4. Link to your specific molecule (i.e. groups removed, double bond formed)

because the reactant, butan-2-ol, is unsymmetrical then major and minor products will form during an elimination reaction. The -OH group is removed and a double bond forms between the 2 carbon atoms with un-bonded electrons

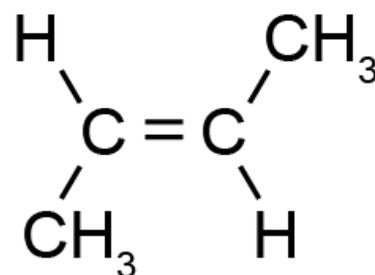
5. Draw the major product as cis and trans isomers

Cis



Name: cis but-2-ene

Trans



Name: trans but-2-ene

6. link the presence of a double C=C bond to lack of rotation and two different groups off each of the C

For *cis* and *trans* isomers to occur a carbon-carbon double bond must be present as this prevents any rotation about this bond, and the atoms or groups of atoms attached to the two carbon atoms are therefore fixed in position. They must also have two different groups attached to each carbon (involved in the double bond).

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## Writing Excellence answers to Multiple Reactants - Substitution and Elimination

## Substitution and Elimination Reactions QUESTION

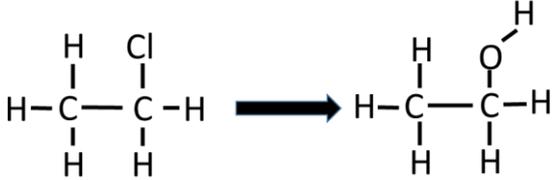
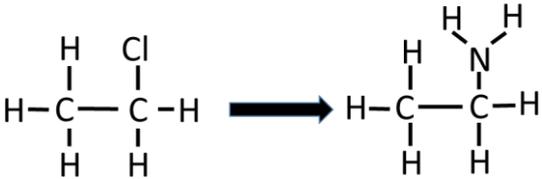
Question: Chloroethane,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , reacts with aqueous  $\text{KOH}$ , alcoholic  $\text{KOH}$ , and with  $\text{NH}_3$ .

Compare and contrast the reactions of chloroethane with the three reagents.

In your answer you should include:

- the type of reaction occurring and the reason why it is classified as that type
- the type of functional group formed
- equations showing structural formulae for reactions occurring.

## ANSWER

<b>Reaction 1</b>  Chloroethane reacts with $\text{KOH}_{(\text{aq})}$	Product formed - forms an alcohol, ethanol
	Reaction type - in a substitution reaction; Cl is replaced by OH.
	Condensed Structural Formula equation $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
	Structural Formula equation  
<b>Reaction 2</b>  Chloroethane reacts with $\text{KOH}_{(\text{alc})}$	Product formed - forms an alkene, ethane (plus a HCl molecule)
	Reaction type - in an elimination reaction; H and Cl removed / HCl formed.
	Condensed Structural Formula equation $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2 + \text{HCl}$
	Structural Formula equation  
<b>Reaction 3</b>  Chloroethane reacts with $\text{NH}_3_{(\text{alc})}$	Product formed - forms an amine, aminoethane
	Reaction type - in a substitution reaction; Cl is replaced by $\text{NH}_2$
	Condensed Structural Formula equation $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$
	Structural Formula equation  

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## Writing Excellence answers to Multiple Reactants - Addition Reactions questions

## Addition Reactions QUESTION

Question: Ethene,  $C_2H_4(g)$ , reacts with aqueous potassium permanganate solution,  $KMnO_4(aq)$ , dilute acid,  $H_2O / H^+$ , and hydrogen bromide,  $HBr$ .

Compare and contrast the reactions of ethene gas with each of these three reagents.

In your answer, you should:

- describe any observations that can be made
- identify, with reasons, the type of reaction ethene undergoes with each reagent
- describe the functional group of the products formed
- include equations showing the structural formulae for the organic compounds for each reaction.

## ANSWER

<b>Reaction 1</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with aqueous potassium permanganate solution, $KMnO_4(aq)$ ,	Observations - The purple $KMnO_4$ turns colourless (or brown)
	Reaction type - This is an oxidation or addition reaction in which the double bond is broken and two $-OH$ groups attach to each C atom of the double bond.
	Functional group of products Ethene reacts with aqueous $KMnO_4$ to form a diol, ethan-1,2-diol.
	Structural Formula equation $CH_2=CH_2 \xrightarrow{KMnO_4} \begin{array}{c} CH_2-CH_2 \\   \quad   \\ OH \quad OH \end{array}$
<b>Reaction 2</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with dilute acid, $H_2O / H^+$	Observations - No colour changes are observed in this reaction. (colourless to colourless)
	Reaction type - This is an addition reaction as once again the double bond is broken. However, in this reaction one $-OH$ group and one $-H$ atom attach to each C atom of the double bond.
	Functional group of products Ethene reacts with dilute acid, $H_2O / H^+$ , to form ethanol.
	Structural Formula equation $CH_2=CH_2 \xrightarrow{H_2O / H^+} CH_3-CH_2-OH$
<b>Reaction 3</b>  Ethene, $C_2H_4(g)$ reacts with hydrogen bromide, $HBr$ .	Observations - Again there is no colour change observed. (colourless to colourless)
	Reaction type - This reaction is an addition reaction, as the double bond is broken and two atoms are added to each C atom of the double bond. In this reaction one H and one Br atom are added.
	Functional group of products When ethene reacts with hydrogen bromide, bromoethane is formed.
	Structural Formula equation $CH_2=CH_2 \xrightarrow{HBr} CH_3-CH_2-Br$
Summary of the three reactions	All three reactions involve the breaking of the double bond. All three reactions involve addition (adding atoms on) Two of these reactions are addition reactions and one is an oxidation reaction. Only one of the reactions gives a colour change that is easily observed.

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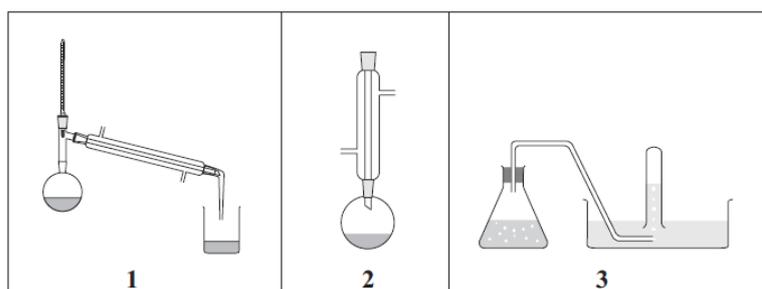


## Writing Excellence answers to Esterification questions

## Ester Hydrolysis QUESTION

Question: Many organic synthesis reactions are heated under reflux.

- Draw the structural formula and name the ester formed from heating ethanol and butanoic acid under reflux in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid.
- From the diagrams below, give the number of the apparatus used for heating under reflux.
- Outline the advantages of heating under reflux in the preparation of the ester in part (i).
- From the diagrams below, give the number of the apparatus and explain the process that could be used to purify (separate) the ester in part (i) from the reaction mixture.



## ANSWER

1. Draw structure and name ester formed	ethyl butanoate $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-COO-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$
2. Select correct diagram for reflux	
3. explain advantages / purpose of reflux	Increases rate because it is able to be heated No loss of products / reactants because they are condensed back into the mixture Increases the amount of products / yield because reactants / products are prevented from escaping
4. Select correct diagram for distillation	
5. State the process (distillation), and describe process of how the ester is separated from the alcohol and carboxylic acid liquids in terms of boiling point, evaporation and condensation	Distillation could be used to purify the ester (diagram 1). The reaction mixture is heated to the boiling point of the ester which is different from both the alcohol and carboxylic acid reactants. The ester will evaporate from the mixture and enter the condenser where it is cooled back to the liquid to be collected. The ester has therefore been separated from the reaction mixture.

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## Writing Excellence answers to Ester Hydrolysis questions

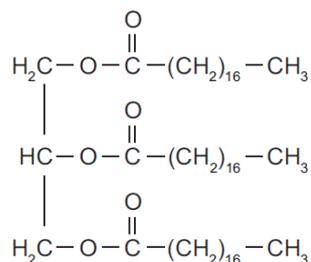
## Ester Hydrolysis QUESTION

Question: Give the structures and functional groups of the products of the reactions below.

These reactions are carried out by heating in either:

- dilute hydrochloric acid solution, or
- dilute sodium hydroxide solution.

Compare and contrast the reactions below. In your answer, you should include the type of reaction(s) taking place.



## ANSWER

1. Draw (condensed) the products for the reaction with dilute hydrochloric acid solution	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$3 \times \text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{COOH}$
2. Draw (condensed) the products for the reaction with dilute sodium hydroxide solution	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$3 \times \text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{COO}^-\text{Na}^+$  $(+ 3 \times \text{H}_2\text{O})$
3. explain what type of reaction occurs in both acid and base conditions and the link it occurs with	The ester link is hydrolysed in both acid and basic conditions. Both produce an triol (alcohol) In base conditions a further acid-base reaction occurs	
4. discuss the products of the reaction in the acid conditions	In the acid conditions in dilute hydrochloric acid solution the hydrolysis of the triglyceride produces a triol and three long chained carboxylic acid molecules. No further reaction occurs in acid.	
5. discuss the products of the reaction in the base conditions	In the base conditions in dilute sodium hydroxide solution the hydrolysis of the triglyceride, produces a triol and then a further acid base reaction forms a three long chained carboxylic salt (sodium salt) molecules + water (products of neutralisation)	

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## Writing Excellence answers to Oxidation Reactions of Alcohol questions

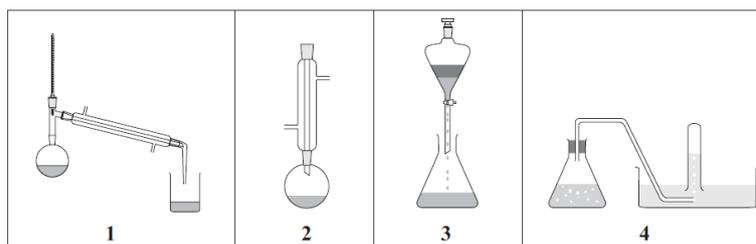
## Oxidation Reactions of Alcohol QUESTION

Question: Discuss the laboratory procedures used to convert butan-1-ol into butanal, and butan-1-ol into butanoic acid.

In each discussion, you should:

- outline the process for each conversion
- state and justify the type of reaction occurring
- identify the reagents used, and explain any observations made

Identify which piece of the equipment that a student would use to perform each process from the diagrams below.



## ANSWER

1. For the conversion of butan-1-ol into butanal: Identify the laboratory procedure used and select the numbered equipment	Aldehyde (Butanal) is obtained by distillation of butan-1-ol Equipment piece 1 is used
2. give the reagent used: butan-1-ol into butanal	with acidified (potassium) dichromate / (acidified potassium) permanganate solution.
3. Explain why this laboratory procedure was required: butan-1-ol into butanal	(Distillation) is used because the aldehyde has a lower boiling point (than butan-1-ol and the carboxylic acid formed) and this will prevent it from being oxidised further.  Both alcohol and the carboxylic acid have hydrogen bonding which means they have a higher boiling point than aldehyde which only has permanent dipoles (+ all have temporary dipoles and they are of similar molar mass)
4. give any observations seen: butan-1-ol into butanal	orange $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ to green or purple $\text{MnO}_4^-$ to colourless and the aldehyde is condensed in the condenser.
5. For the conversion of butan-1-ol into butanoic acid Identify the laboratory procedure used and select the numbered equipment	Carboxylic acid (butanoic acid) is obtained under reflux conditions Equipment piece 2 is used
6. give the reagent used: butan-1-ol into butanoic acid	with acidified (potassium) dichromate / (acidified potassium) permanganate solution.
7. Explain why this laboratory procedure was required: butan-1-ol into butanoic acid	Reflux is used so all of the reactant remains in the flask heating until it has been converted to butanoic acid. Aldehyde is an intermediate product and it will evaporate if it is not condensed and returned to the reaction flask.
8. give any observations seen: butan-1-ol into butanoic acid	orange $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ to green or purple $\text{MnO}_4^-$ to colourless

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## Writing Excellence answers to Redox Reactions of Ketones and Aldehydes questions

## Redox Reactions of Ketones and Aldehydes QUESTION

Question:

- (i) What reagent can be used to reduce aldehydes and ketones?
- (ii) For the reduction of pentanal and pentan-2-one, draw the structure of the organic product formed in each case. Identify the functional group of each product formed.
- (iii) Using Benedict's reagent ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) Give a description of test observations that could be used to distinguish between pentanal and pentan-2-one.
- Plus any equations to show the organic products formed, if applicable.

## ANSWER

1. Name the reagent for reduction of Aldehydes and Ketones	Sodium borohydride / $\text{NaBH}_4$
2. Draw the products for the reduction reaction of pentanal and name the functional group	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  Functional Group: Pentanal will produce a primary alcohol / pentan-1-ol.
3. Draw the products for the reduction reaction of pentan-2-one and name the functional group	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\underset{\text{OH}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_3$  Functional Group: Pentan-2-one will produce a secondary alcohol / pentan-2-ol
4. Give the expected observations of the test for pentanal  Plus any equations if applicable	Pentanal will react with Benedict's reagent, with the blue solution forming a (copper mirror) / brick red precipitate. Pentanoic acid is formed.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$
5. Give the expected observations of the test for pentan-2-one  Plus any equations if applicable	Pentan-2-one will not react with Benedict's reagent, with the blue solution as there is no reaction, so the blue solution stays blue

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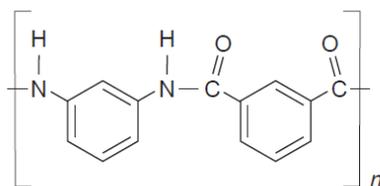


## ANSWER Writing Excellence answers to Polymerisation Reactions questions

## Polymerisation Reactions QUESTION

Question: Nomex® is a polymer used in firefighters' suits. Nomex® is made up of two different monomers bonded together to form the polymer chain.

A small portion of the structure of Nomex® is shown below.



Note:  is a benzene ring and does not change when the monomers bond together to form the polymer.

Explain the structure of the polymer, Nomex®.

In your answer, you should include:

- the name of the functional group linking the monomers
- a drawing of both monomers
- a classification of the type of polymer formed, with an explanation to justify your choice.

## ANSWER

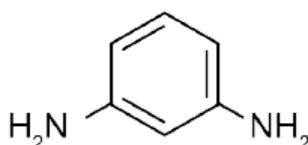
1. The name of the functional group linking the monomers.

Nomex® is a polymer and has an amide linkage  
\_NH-CO-

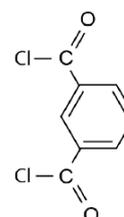
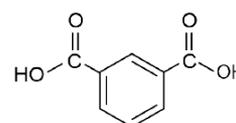
Make sure you include the name of the polymer i.e. Nomex has a ..... linkage

2. Draw the two possible monomers

diamine



dicarboxylic acid (or di acid chloride)



3. Link type of molecule to the type of reaction that forms it and explain the products produced during the reaction (definition)

Nomex® is a condensation polymer, specifically a polyamide. It is formed from polymerisation as monomers join with amide link to form a polymer. It is condensation polymerisation because a molecule of water (or HCl) is released during the reaction.

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## Writing Excellence answers to Amino Acids questions

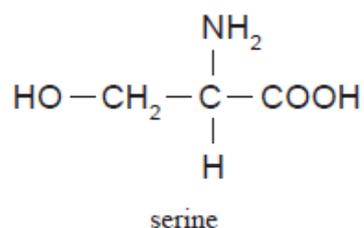
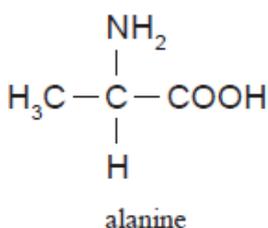
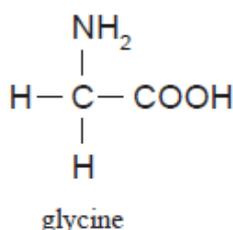
## Amino Acids QUESTION

Question: Peptides are formed when amino acids combine.

(i) In the boxes below, show two possible dipeptides that can be formed by combining the amino acids

(ii) Name the type of reaction that occurred when the dipeptides formed in (iii) above. Explain your Answer

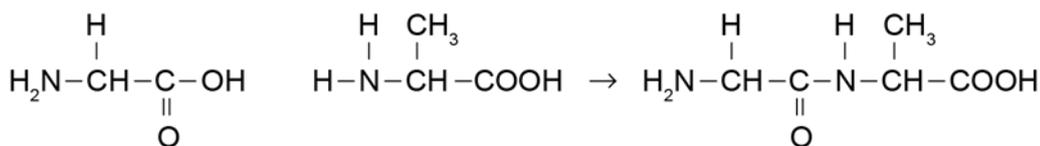
(iii) One of these amino acids cannot form optical isomers (enantiomers). Name and explain why.



## ANSWER

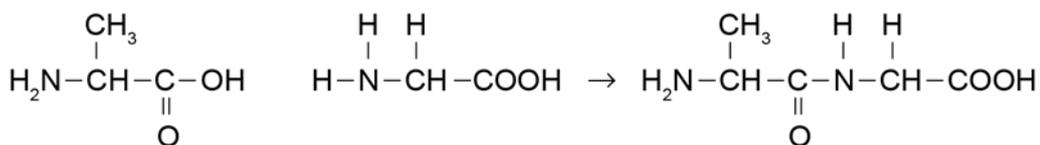
1. Draw one possible dipeptide

Draw the amino acids used



2. Draw a second possible dipeptide

Draw the amino acids used



3. Give the type of reaction and explain (definition)

This type of reaction is Condensation  
Two larger molecules are joined together with the elimination of a smaller molecule.

4. state which amino acids cannot form an optical isomer (enantiomer)

Glycine cannot form an optical isomer. (the other two, alanine and serine can)

5. Explain why your specific molecule was selected

Glycine does not have a central (chiral) carbon with 4 different groups off it – as two of the groups are the same (H).  
Both alanine and serine have a chiral carbon with 4 different groups attached

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## Writing Excellence answers to Reaction Scheme questions

## Reaction Scheme QUESTION

Question: Complete the following reaction scheme by drawing organic structures for S1 to S7, and identifying reagents 1 to 3.

## ANSWER

## HINTS:

S1 will be an ester

R1 will result in acid hydrolysis with two products

R2 will cause an elimination reaction

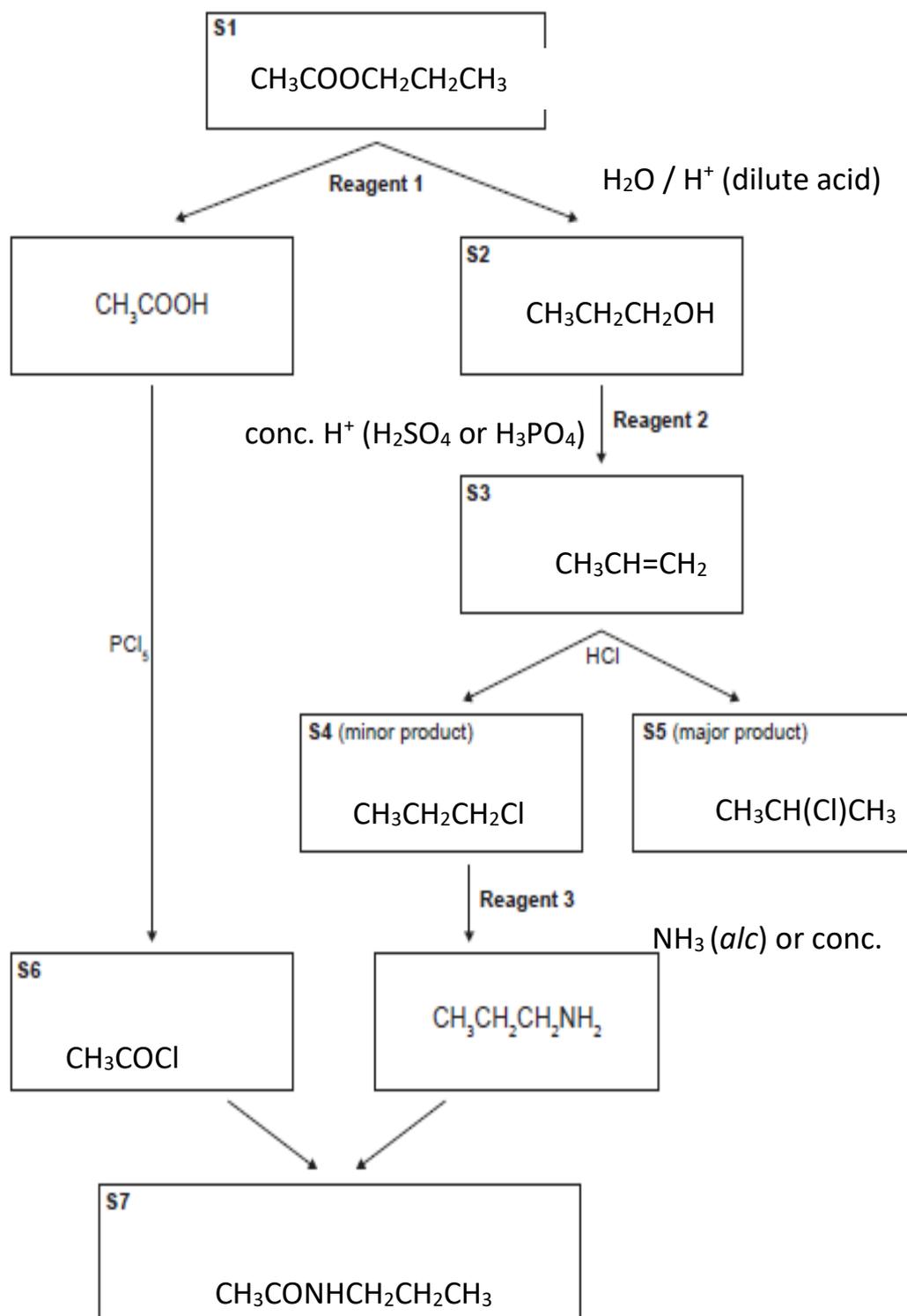
S3 will be an unsaturated substance

S4 and S5 will be the result of an addition reaction

R3 will cause a substitution reaction

S6 is the result of a substitution reaction

S7 will be the product of a condensation reaction





## Writing Excellence answers to Identification Tests questions

## Identification Tests QUESTION

Question: Devise a method for distinguishing between the three liquid compounds, butan-1-ol, butanoic acid, and butanoyl chloride, using only blue litmus paper and water.

Explain each of the observations in your method, with reference to the structure of the organic compounds.

Write equations if any products formed

## ANSWER

1. state method (general)	Place 10mL of each substance in a test-tube. Slowly add 5mL of water and record observations  Place another new 10mL of each substance in a test-tube. then test with dampened blue litmus paper and record observations
2. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butan-1-ol and link to functional group  Write equations if any products formed	The butan-1-ol will not react with water nor change the colour of the moistened litmus paper.  It will be soluble in water as it is a polar alcohol
3. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butanoic acid and link to functional group  Write equations if any products formed	Carboxylic acids react with water to form carboxylic ions and hydronium ions in an acid-base reaction  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  The butanoic acid will change the moistened blue litmus paper to red.
4. Give observations with water and litmus paper for butanoyl chloride and link to functional group  Write equations if any products formed	The butanoyl chloride will react violently with the water.  Acyl chlorides react with water to form carboxylic acids and hydrogen chloride in a substitution reaction  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} + \text{HCl}$  The HCl fumes will change the moistened blue litmus paper to red.

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# C3.5 Reaction Scheme



Reaction Type	arrow colour
substitution	green
condensation polymerisation	orange
oxidation	red
condensation	purple
elimination	grey
hydrolysis	red
addition	orange
acid-base	orange
reduction	yellow

