

**GCE** 

# **Chemistry A**

Que	estion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
1 a	i	Series having same functional group and a general formula	1	ALLOW same functional group and members vary by CH <sub>2</sub> ALLOW organic compounds with the same functional group that differ in length of their hydrocarbon chain	
	ii		2	BOTH answers need to be comparisons	
		More surface contact <b>OR</b> bigger molecules ✓		ALLOW higher relative formula mass OR has more electrons OR longer chain length OR more carbon atoms IGNORE surface area / bigger compounds	
		More van der Waals' forces ✓		ALLOW stronger van der Waals' forces / stronger induced dipoles VDW forces is not sufficient More intermolecular forces is not sufficient DO NOT ALLOW breaking bonds within the chain / breaking covalent bonds IGNORE reference to bonds if not linked to covalent bonds	
b	i	Pent-1-yne <b>OR</b> pent-2-yne ✓	1	ALLOW pentyne  Look for answer in the table if not on answer line but answer line takes precedence	
	ii	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n-2</sub> ✓	1	ALLOW C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2(n-1)</sub>	
	ii	C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>2n-2</sub> ✓	1	ALLOW $C_nH_{2(n-1)}$	

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1	b	iii	Correct displayed formula ✓	1	H H—C—C≡C—H   H
		iv	Correct skeletal formula of cyclic hydrocarbon with formula C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ✓	1	Examples of correct skeletal formulae include
	С		Energy required to break bonds = (+) 2912 ✓ Energy released to make bonds = (-)4148 ✓ Enthalpy of combustion = -1236 ✓	3	ALLOW full marks for correct answer with no working out  ALLOW (2 × 415) + (837) + (2.5 × 498)  ALLOW (4 × -805) + (2 × -464)  OR (4 × 805) + (2 × 464)  ALLOW ECF for calculation of enthalpy of combustion ALLOW 2 marks for +1236 with no working out

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1	d	i	(Enthalpy change) when one mole of a compound ✓	3	IGNORE energy required / energy released ALLOW (energy change) when one mole of a substance DO NOT ALLOW enthalpy change for one mole of products
			is made from its elements (in their standard states) ✓ (Standard conditions are) 298 K and 100 kPa ✓		ALLOW 1 atmosphere pressure / 101 kPa / 10 <sup>5</sup> Pa / 1.01 x 10 <sup>5</sup> Nm <sup>-2</sup> / 1000 millibars / 25 °C / any stated
					temperature in words  IGNORE 1 mol dm <sup>-3</sup> for solutions
		ii	From energy cycle Enthalpy change to get elements = -(-60) - (2 -286) / (+) 632 ✓	3	ALLOW full marks for −128 with no working out
			Enthalpy change from elements = −987 + (+227) / (−)760 ✓		ALLOW ECF from errors in calculation
			Enthalpy change = −128 ✓		<b>ALLOW two</b> marks for answer of -414 / +128 / -1392 / +1392
					ALLOW one mark for answer of +414
	е	i	<u>26.0</u> × 100 <b>100.1</b> ✓	2	First mark for 100.1 <b>OR</b> (64.1 + 36.0) <b>OR</b> (74.1 + 26.0) at <b>bottom</b> of fraction with or without × 100
			26.0% ✓		ALLOW full marks for 26.0 or 26% with no working out
					ALLOW from two significant figures up to calculator value ALLOW 25.97 / 26%
					NO ECF for this part from incorrect numbers in first expression

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1	е	ii	1.56 × 10 <sup>4</sup> <b>OR</b> 15600 <b>OR</b> 15601 ✓	1	<b>ALLOW</b> calculator value of 15600.62402 and any rounded value to a minimum of three significant figures
		iii	1.5 × 10⁴ <b>OR</b> 15000 ✓	1	<b>ALLOW</b> $1.50 \times 10^4$ etc.
		iv	96.2 ✓	1	ALLOW ECF from (iii) ÷ (ii) ALLOW calculator value 96.1538461 and any rounded value to a minimum of two significant figures ALLOW 96.14768284 if 15601 is used  ALLOW any value between 88 to 89 if answer to (iii) was calculated by dividing by 26
		V	Any two from:  Low atom economy gives a poor sustainability OR low atom economy means lots of waste ✓  A use for the aqueous calcium hydroxide needs to be developed to increase atom economy ✓  Alternative process needs to be developed with high atom economy ✓	2	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES IGNORE comments about percentage yield  ALLOW ECF from (i) e.g. high atom economy will have good sustainability  ALLOW find a use for the waste to increase atom economy
			Total	23	

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2	а	i	Branched chain alkane of formula C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> to C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub> e.g. 2-methylpentane, 3-methyloctane ✓	1	Must have position number <b>but ALLOW</b> methylbutane <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> 1-methylpentane or 2-ethylpentane etc <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> incorrect nomenclature e.g. 2-methypentane etc	
	b	i	Vibrate (more) ✓	1	ALLOW bend / stretch / oscillate IGNORE rotate NOT break / molecules vibrate	
		ii	Incomplete combustion ✓	1	ALLOW not enough oxygen	
		iii	NO for photochemical smog <b>OR low level</b> ozone ✓  CO is toxic ✓	2	ALLOW NO can (eventually) cause acid rain OR can result in respiratory irritation OR can (eventually) depletes high level ozone OR depletes ozone layer IGNORE greenhouse gas  ALLOW poisonous OR kills OR lethal ALLOW CO reduces the capacity of blood to carry oxygen Oxygen combines with haemoglobin is insufficient  IGNORE CO is harmful / suffocates / greenhouse gas	
	С	i	Makes nitrogen <b>AND</b> carbon dioxide ✓  2CO + 2NO → N <sub>2</sub> + 2CO <sub>2</sub> ✓	2	ALLOW any correct multiples IGNORE state symbols	

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2	С	ii	One activation energy correctly labelled on enthalpy profile diagram ✓	7	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES With the line/arrow no more than 1 mm from top of curve or reactant line – arrow can be double headed for activation energy ALLOW vertical line with no arrows DO NOT ALLOW arrow just pointing downwards
			Idea that activation energy is lowered ✓		Marks can be awarded via, reaction profile, in words or from Boltzmann
			Catalyst has a different reaction pathway <b>OR</b> different reaction mechanism <b>OR</b> two curves drawn on profile $\checkmark$ Correct diagram of reaction profile for exothermic reaction with product below reactants with y axis as enthalpy or energy and $\Delta H$ label – arrow should go down. Ignore a small gap between at either end of $\Delta H$ line $\checkmark$		enthalpy reactants $\Delta H$ products progress of reaction
			Drawing of Boltzmann distribution – axes labelled number of molecules and energy ✓		Boltzmann distribution – must start at origin and must not end up at 0 on <i>y</i> -axis i.e. must not touch <i>x</i> -axis
			More molecules with energy above activation energy with a catalyst ✓  More effective collisions <b>OR</b> more successful collisions ✓		number of Ea cat  molecules  molecules  with KE above activation ene
					Kinetic energy

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2 d	Any two benefits from:	3	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES
	Save crude oil <b>OR</b> no risk of large scale pollution from exploitation of crude oil ✓		ALLOW decrease the need for fossil fuels
	Biodiesel is renewable <b>OR</b> diesel is non-renewable ✓		ALLOW plants are a renewable resource / crude oil non-renewable resource / biodiesel is more sustainable / diesel is not sustainable
	Use of biodiesel is (more) carbon-neutral <b>OR</b> plants take up the carbon dioxide released during combustion ✓		ALLOW lower carbon footprint IGNORE can be used by diesel powered cars with or without any conversion
	and one disadvantage		
	Land not used to grow food crops <b>OR</b> (rain)forests have to be cut down to provide land <b>OR</b> food prices may rise because less is grown ✓		IGNORE comments about availability / fertilisers / pesticides
	200dd00 1000 10 g.c.m.		Destroys habitats is not sufficient
	Total	17	

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3	а		Answers clockwise from top left	4	ALLOW skeletal formula
			CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COOH ✓		ALLOW butanoic acid
			CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> ✓		ALLOW but-1-ene
			CH <sub>3</sub> COOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ✓		ALLOW butyl ethanoate
			CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO ✓		ALLOW butanal
					If name and structure given both must be correct
					If C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> used instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> penalise once and then apply ECF
					If wrong carbon skeleton used then penalise once then apply ECF
					If a hydrogen is missing then penalise once

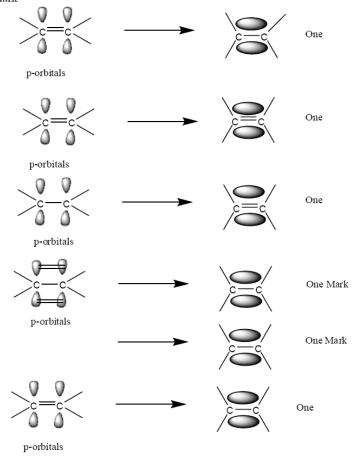
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3	b	i	Nucleophilic substitution ✓ Heterolytic ✓	5	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES
			Dipole shown on C–I bond, C <sup>δ+</sup> and I <sup>δ−</sup> ✓  Curly arrow from OH <sup>−</sup> to carbon atom of C–I bond ✓  Curly arrow from C–I bond to the iodine atom ✓		DO NOT ALLOW fish hooks  No need to show lone pair on $OH^-$ or $I^-$ Curly arrow must come from the negative sign or lone pair on the oxygen of the hydroxide ion $C_3H_7-C_1-C_2-C_3H_7-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1-C_1$
					ALLOW S <sub>N</sub> 1 mechanism  dipole shown on C–I bond, C <sup>δ+</sup> and I <sup>δ−</sup> ✓  curly arrow from C–I bond to the iodine atom ✓  curly arrow from OH <sup>−</sup> to correct carbonium ion ✓
		ii	Use reflux <b>OR</b> heat for more than 20 minutes ✓	2	ALLOW heat stronger OR heat for longer OR heat at a higher temperature OR more heat
			C–Cl stronger bond (than C–I bond) <b>OR</b> C–Cl shorter bond (than C–I bond) <b>OR</b> C–Cl bond is harder to break <b>OR</b> needs more energy to break C–Cl bond <b>OR</b> ora ✓		Answer must refer to the C–C1 bond or C–I bonds
			Total	11	

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4	а	i	Any two from:  Any value between 1000–1300 ✓  Any value between 2850–3100 ✓  Any value between 3200–3550 ✓	2		
		ii	Orange to green or blue ✓	1		
		iii	$CH_3CH_2OH + [O] \rightarrow CH_3CHO + H_2O$ OR $CH_3CH_2OH + 2[O] \rightarrow CH_3COOH + H_2O$ Correct organic product $\checkmark$	2	IGNORE any state symbols  ALLOW CH <sub>3</sub> COH in equation but not for the structure  ALLOW equations with molecular formulae but not the product mark	
	b	i	Balanced equation ✓ Absorption around 2850–3100 (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) so contains C—H bonds ✓ No other important absorptions present / no other characteristic absorptions ✓	2	Answer must have a reference to infrared spectrum i.e. use of cm <sup>-1</sup> or data from the infrared spectrum  'Has no other peaks so no functional groups present' is <b>not</b> sufficient <b>BUT</b> There are no peaks due to functional groups is sufficient <b>ALLOW</b> peaks instead of absorption <b>ALLOW</b> no absorption due to C=O and O-H / no absorption due to carbonyl and hydroxyl	
		ii	Peak furthest to right hand side is 58 / molecular ion peak is 58 / peak at highest mass ✓	1	ALLOW peak at m/z 58 marked on the mass spectrum / M peak is 58 / peak at 58 linked to the molecular mass  DO NOT ALLOW highest peak but ALLOW 58 is the highest peak	

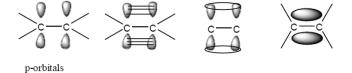
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4	b	iii	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	1	If three structures are drawn then do not award mark  ALLOW skeletal formulae / structural formulae  IGNORE incorrect names
		iv	$CH_3^+ \checkmark$ $C_2H_5^+ \checkmark$ $C_3H_7^+ / CH_3CH_2CH_2^+ / (CH_3)_2CH^+ \checkmark$	3	Essentially marks are allocated as positive ions ✓ Formula of two fragments correct (ignore charge) ✓ BUT formulae of all three fragments correct (ignore charge) ✓✓
		V	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> because there is a peak at <i>m</i> / <i>z</i> = 29 ✓	1	<b>ALLOW</b> name, displayed or skeletal structure <b>ALLOW</b> butane because there is a C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> fragment <b>ALLOW</b> butane because it gives all three fragments listed in (iv)
			Total	13	

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5	а		Sideways overlap of two p orbitals on each carbon atom ✓ forms π-orbital or π-bond above and below plane of molecule ✓	2	Answers can be awarded from a labelled diagram see additional page with typical diagrams you might see  2p orbitals  Drawings with a double bond drawn can score a maximum of one mark  Drawing above with no labels scores one mark

Each of the following diagrams is worth one mark. The words p-orbitals must be present to score the mark



Each of the diagrams on its own scores no mark



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5	b	i	Double bond does not rotate / restricted rotation of the double bond ✓	2	ALLOW π bond does not rotate
			Each carbon atom of double bond is bonded to (two) different groups ✓		<b>ALLOW</b> each carbon atom of double bond is bonded to (two) different atoms / each end of the π-bond is bonded to different groups or atoms ✓
		ii	C and E ✓	1	

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5	С	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH / ethanol √	1	IGNORE alcohol
	d		9	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES  QWC mark and 8 other marking points
		$C_4H_8 + HBr \rightarrow C_4H_9Br \checkmark$ $C_2H_4 + HBr \rightarrow C_2H_5Br \checkmark$		The equation must be the overall equation not a series of steps as in a mechanism
		B makes CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Br ✓ CH <sub>3</sub> CHBrCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ✓		ALLOW skeletal or displayed formulae ALLOW B makes 1-bromobutane and 2-bromo butane ✓ if marks for the structures not awarded
		QWC – number of products is linked to structure of alkene e.g. because <b>D</b> is symmetrical <b>OR B</b> is not symmetrical ✓		
		Movement of electron pair from double bond to attack hydrogen of H−Br and breaking of H−Br bond ✓  Correct dipole shown on H−Br ✓  Correct carbonium ion drawn ✓  Curly arrow from Br⁻ to the carbonium ion ✓		$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
				ALLOW curly arrow from lone pair or minus sign of bromide ion  ALLOW marks for the mechanism even if the wrong alkene is used e.g. for alkene B  If two mechanisms are drawn mark the one for alkene D

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5	е	-	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1	Must have at least two repeat units and the free bonds at the end All carbon–carbon bonds in the polymer chain must be shown ALLOW bond to ethyl group to any part of ethyl group  IGNORE any brackets drawn
		ii	Poly(but-1-ene) ✓	1	ALLOW polybut-1-ene n.b. the bracket is part of the answer  DO NOT ALLOW polybutene
	f	i	(Lots of) OH group present ✓ Can form hydrogen bonds with water ✓	2	ALLOW hydroxyl group present / hydroxy group Alcohol group is not sufficient
		ii	Any two from: Incineration to produce energy OR combustion to produce energy ✓  Sorting and recycling OR sorting and remoulding ✓  Cracked (to give monomers) OR as an organic feedstock ✓	2	Used as a fuel is not sufficient  IGNORE use photodegradable or biodegradable polymers
			Total	21	

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6 a	Low pressure because more (gas) molecules on right hand side of equation <b>OR</b> low pressure because $\Delta V = \text{positive } \checkmark$ Low temperature because the (forward) reaction is exothermic $\checkmark$	2	ALLOW low pressure because more (gas) moles on right hand side of equation
b	Increased pressure speeds up reaction / ora ✓  900 °C increases the rate <b>OR</b> increased temperature speeds up reaction / ora ✓  Idea that high enough temperature without compromising yield <b>OR</b> idea that high enough pressure without compromising yield ✓	3	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES  ALLOW 'pushes gases through system'
c i	$5.68 \times 10^7 / 5.7 \times 10^7 \checkmark$	1	<b>ALLOW</b> two or more significant figures Calculator answer is 5.6812500 × 10 <sup>7</sup>
ii	Used to heat the incoming gases ✓	1	ALLOW used to heat rest of factory OR sold to the national grid  Provide energy to create conditions is not sufficient because one condition is pressure
	Total	7	

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7	Infrared QWC – 1720 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates carbonyl group ✓ QWC – broad 2900 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates O–H bond in carboxylic acid ✓	8	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES  P QWC -Structure linked to information at least once  ALLOW 1720 indicates presence of aldehydes, ketones, esters, carboxylic acid, amides  ALLOW 2900 indicates carboxylic acid
	QWC – 1080 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates C–O bond ✓		ALLOW 1080 indicates alcohol, esters, carboxylic acids
	Percentage composition  Mole ratio C : H : O = 2.23 : 2.22 : 4.44 ✓  Empirical formula is CHO <sub>2</sub> ✓		ALLOW 26.7/12.0. 2.22/1.0 and 71.1/16.0 ALLOW COOH ALLOW two marks for correct empirical formula with no working out
	(mass of one mole is 90 g) so $M_{\rm r}$ is 90 $\checkmark$		
	QWC – molecular formula is $C_2H_2O_4$ with working out from $M_r \checkmark$		<b>ALLOW</b> 0.0945/0.00105 = 90
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	Structure is COOH ✓		O ALLOW CHO
	Total	8	