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#### **Mark Scheme**

#### Answer 1.

- a) The reagents and conditions required for the conversion of butan-1-ol into 1-bromobutane are:
  - Sodium bromide / NaBr; [1 mark]
  - Sulfuric acid / H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; [1 mark]
  - Heat under reflux: [] mark]

#### OR

- Phosphorous tribromide / PBr<sub>3</sub>; [1 mark]
- Dropwise addition / added one drop at a time; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 3 marks]

- Practice recalling the reagents, conditions, mechanisms and reaction types for all of these conversions as it will help with answering exam questions easily
  - o It will also help with your A-level knowledge as there will be more conversions added

 b) The type of reaction involved when butan-1-ol is heated with concentrated sulfuric acid causing the loss of a small molecule is:

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© 2824 Exam Papers Practice Dehydration; [1 mark]

The resulting alkene is:

But-1-ene; [1 mark]

- . In this case, the small molecule that is lost will be water
  - This means that the alkene formed will be but-1-ene
  - But-2-ene cannot be formed as the hydroxyl group is on carbon 1



c) The second organic product formed when the alkene formed in part **(b)** reacts with hydrogen bromide is:

2-bromobutane; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 1 mark]

- Hydrogen bromide will undergo electrophilic addition, adding across the double bond of the alkene
- In this case, the alkene is but-1-ene
  - This means that the bromine can end up attached to carbon-1 or carbon-2
  - 1-bromobutane will be the minor product as the primary carbocation intermediate is less stable than the secondary carbocation intermediate that forms 2-bromobutane
- You could deduce that the alkene is but-1-ene as this would be the only feasible alkene able to produce 1-bromobutane

#### Answer 2.

- a) A suitable reagent and expected observations are:
  - Reagent = acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution; [1 mark]
  - Observation with G = colour change from orange to green; [1 mark]
  - Observation with H = no visible change; [1 mark]

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- Reagent = (acidified) potassium manganate(VII) solution; [1 mark]
- Observation with G = colour change from purple to colourless; [1 mark]
- Observation with H = no visible change; [1 mark]

- Compound G is a secondary alcohol which can be oxidised to a ketone
- Compound G will therefore change acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution from orange to green
- Compound H is a ketone which will not react with acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution
- The same applies to acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution but the colour change will be from purple to colourless



- b) A suitable reagent and expected observations are:
  - Reagents = sodium hydroxide

#### AND

Followed by acidified silver nitrate solution; [1 mark]

- Observation with I = no visible change; [1 mark]
- Observation with J = forms a white precipitate; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 3 marks]

- The only difference between compounds I and J is the chlorine atom attached to the methyl
  group in compound J
- This can be tested using the halide ion test of acidified silver nitrate solution after the sample has been reacted with sodium hydroxide solution
  - A nucleophilic substitution reaction occurs with the sodium hydroxide which releases the chlorine as a chloride ion

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- Chlorides give a white precipitate, which fully dissolves in dilute ammonia
- c) A suitable reagent and expected observations are:
  - Reagent = sodium carbonate solution; [1 mark]
  - Observation with K = no visible change; [1 mark]
- Observation with **L** = effervescence / bubbles of gas form; [1 mark]

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- Compound K is an aldehyde and compound L is a carboxylic acid
- Careful: It is very tempting to put down Fehling's or Tollens' as your answer but the question says that the reagent should not convert compound K into compound L
  - This means that you must test for the carboxylic acid, not the aldehyde
- This question is testing both your analysis and synthesis knowledge



#### Answer 3.

a) The reagents and conditions required are:

#### Conversion of A to B

- Ethanol; [1 mark]
- Potassium / sodium hydroxide; [1 mark]
- Heat under reflux; [1 mark]

#### Conversion of A to C

- Ethanol; [1 mark]
- Potassium cyanide / KCN; [1 mark]
- Heat under reflux; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 6 marks]

- The conversion of a halogenoalkane like compound A to an alkene requires an elimination reaction
- To form the nitrile from a halogenoalkane, a nucleophilic substitution reaction must occur

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b) The name of compound **C** is:

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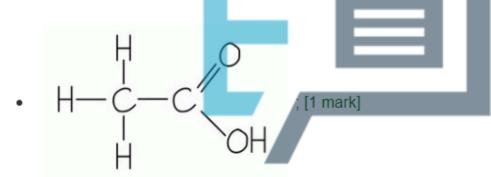
- Nucleophilic substitution involving CN<sup>-</sup> ions is an effective way of extending a carbon chain
- When naming a nitrile, ensure that:
  - Your spelling is correct and you do not miss the 'e' in butane
  - You count the correct number of carbons in the main carbon chain
    - Many students will incorrectly give the name of compound C as propanenitrile because the original organic molecule was propane-based



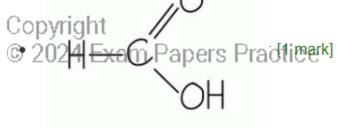
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i) The structure of compound **D** is:

ii) The structure of compounds **E** and **F** are (in any order):

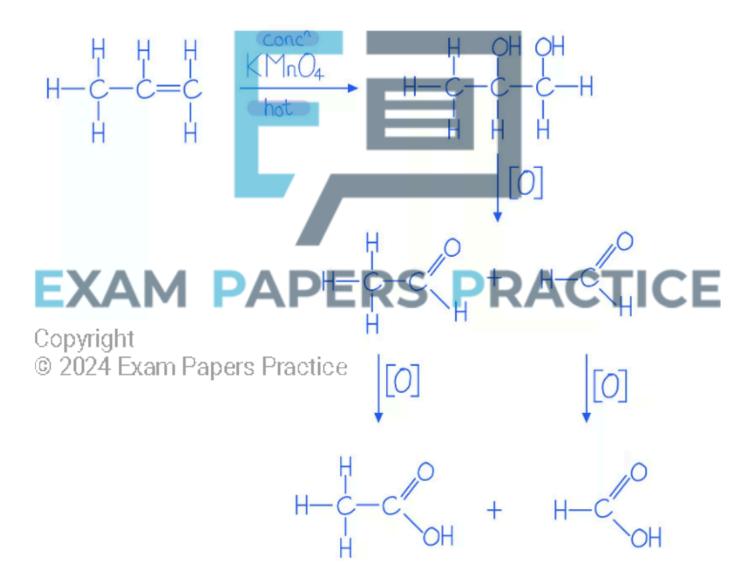


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- When an alkene reacts with potassium manganate(VII) the conditions will cause different products
- · If cold and dilute a diol is formed
- If hot and concentrated the conditions are harsher causing the C-C double bond to completely break
- The O-H groups in the diol formed are further oxidised to ketones, aldehydes, carboxylic acids or carbon dioxide gas
- . The actual products formed depend on what is bonded to the carbon atoms in the alkene





. In these conditions, the methanoic acid formed can be oxidised to carbon dioxide and water



#### Answer 4.

a) The reagents and equation for the one-step process converting but-2-ene into butan-2-ol are:

#### Reagents:

- Steam / water vapour / H<sub>2</sub>O (g); [1 mark]
- Phosphoric acid / H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> catalyst
   OR

Sulfuric acid / H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> catalyst; [1 mark]

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CH<sub>3</sub>CHCHCH<sub>3</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O → CH<sub>3</sub>CHOHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; [1 mark]
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- The reaction converting an alkene directly into an alcohol is hydration requiring steam and a strong acid catalyst such as phosphoric or sulfuric acid
- This can also be described as electrophilic addition



b) The reaction scheme, including reagents and conditions for the two step process is:

But 
$$-2$$
 -ene  $\xrightarrow{\text{Step 1}} 2$  -bromobutane  $\xrightarrow{\text{Step 2}}$  butan  $-2$  -ol

Intermediate compound:

• 2-bromobutane; [1 mark]

Step 1 reagent:

• Hydrogen bromide; [1 mark]

Step 2 reagent:

Aqueous sodium hydroxide / NaOH (aq)
 OR



[Total: 3 marks]

- This reaction uses HBr as the electrophile
- It is an electrophilic addition reaction involving heterolytic bond fission



( ) ( ) ( ) The alkene double bond breaks open in but-1-ene) it can form a primary and a

- © sécojidary carbocation intermediate: [1 mark]
  - (Resulting in the) formation of butan-1-ol and butan-2-ol; [1 mark]

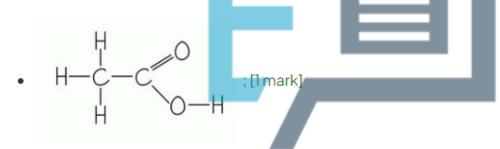
- But-2-ene is a symmetrical alkene and will only form butan-2-ol
- But-1-ene is not a symmetrical alkene and can form two carbocation intermediates
  - o This results in the formation of a major and a minor product
  - You should be able to apply and explain Markownikoff's rule in writing as well as by drawing mechanisms



d) The displayed formula for both reactions are:

Reaction with cold, dilute MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>ions:

Reaction with hot, concentrated MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>ions:



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You should know the reactions of alkenes with both cold dilute KMnO₄ and hot

Coconciontrated KMnO<sub>4</sub>

- The reaction of hot concentrated KMnO<sub>4</sub> with an alkene results in the breaking of the double bond
  - As there is only one CH<sub>3</sub> group either side of the double bond, two molecules of ethanoic acid are formed
    - $\circ \ \, \text{Therefore there is only one type of compound formed from this reaction}$

Careful: You are asked for the displayed formulas, so the OH group should be drawn as OH



#### Answer 5.

a) A suitable reagent and conditions for reaction 1 is:

- Reagents = conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> / conc H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; [1 mark]
- Conditions = heat

OR

Pass vapour over hot  $Al_2O_3$ ; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- Reaction 1 is the dehydration of an alcohol which forms an alkene
- Dehydration is a reaction in which a water molecule is removed from a larger molecule
- A dehydration reaction is a type of elimination reaction.
- Look for the changes in the compound to help you identify suitable reagents and conditions

b)

i) An equation for reaction **2**, using [O] to represent the oxidising agent

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ii) A suitable reagent and conditions for reaction **2**.

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Potassium dichromate / K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>; [1 mark]

Conditions = H<sup>+</sup> / acidified

AND

(Heat under) reflux; [1 mark]

- Reaction 2 is the oxidation of butan-1-ol to form butanoic acid
- Primary alcohols oxidise to form aldehydes and then carboxylic acids
- This is the full oxidation, as the reaction scheme does not show the aldehyde has been produced
- If the product was the aldehyde then distillation apparatus would be used, not reflux



#### c) The structures of U and V are:

U = CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>3</sub>

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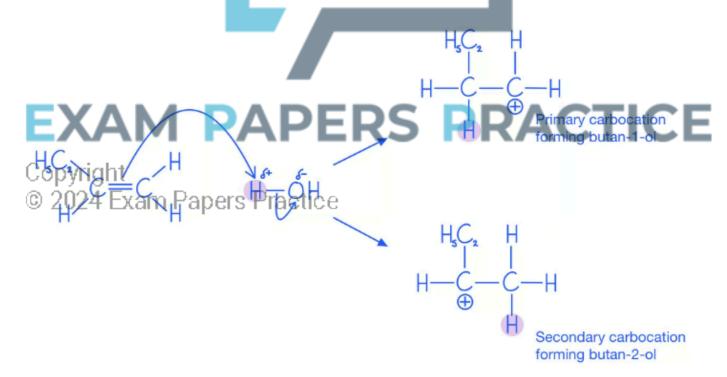
 $U = CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$ ; [1 mark]

V = CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHBrCH<sub>3</sub>

OR

 $V = CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2Br$ ; [1 mark]

- Reacting but-1-ene with steam will form an alcohol
  - A secondary alcohol will be the major product, and the primary alcohol will be the minor product
  - This is due to the difference in stability of the primary and secondary carbocation
- The first step of this addition mechanism is shown below:



- It is not specified if a minor or major product is formed so it doesn't matter which one you choose
- The primary alcohol will then undergo a nucleophilic substitution reaction with HBr and form 1-bromobutane
- The secondary alcohol will react in the same way but will form 2-bromobutane



d) Suitable reagent and conditions for reaction 3 are:

- Reagent = KOH / NaOH; [1 mark]
- Conditions = ethanol / alcohol

AND

Heat / reflux; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- Reaction 3 is an elimination reaction.
  - Depending on your answer for compound V, 1-bromobutane or 2 bromobutane are reacting to form but-1-ene (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br will form CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>) so a H and Br atom must be eliminated from the molecule
- This reaction requires extreme conditions so heat is required in alcoholic conditions
- In aqueous conditions, nucleophilic substitution will occur

Answer 6.

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a) The correct skeletal structures for compounds B, C and D are:

- Compound A contains a C=O group (ketone) and a carbon=carbon double bond (alkene)
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- H<sub>2</sub> and Ni will react with the C=C double bond and saturate it
- Cold, acidified KMnO₄ (ag) will react with alkenes to form a diol

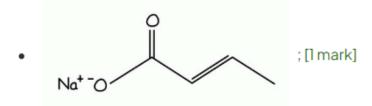
#### b) The colour change is:

Purple to colourless; [1 mark]

- For the reactions of alkenes with cold, acidified potassium manganate, the colour change is purple to colourless
- The same colour change occurs during the oxidation of alcohols to aldehydes, carboxylic acids and ketones



c) The skeletal structures of both these compounds are:



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; [1 mark]

[Total: 2 marks]

- This reaction is called the iodoform reaction
- It forms a salt and tri-iodomethane
- The question states that iodine and hydroxide ions react with compound A to form two products
  - o Tri-iodomethane has the formula CHI<sub>3</sub> and is a yellow precipitate

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#### d) The name of compound A is

Pent-3-en(e)-2-one

OR

3-penten-2-one; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 1 mark]

 In compound A, there are 5 carbons in the main chain, therefore you must use the prefix 'pent'

 The carbonyl group is the highest priority group on the second carbon so '2-one' will be the suffix

Compound A contains a C=C on the third carbon atom, so '3-ene' should be in the name



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- all the merchanisms for each step are:
  - 2024 Exam Papers Practice Reaction; [Imark]
  - Reaction 3 = nucleophilic addition; [1 mark]

- Propene to propanol involves the electrophilic addition of alkenes
- Compound G has to be a a ketone to form the hydroxynitrile, therefore the mechanism is nucleophilic addition



b) The reagents and conditions are:

#### Reaction 1

- Steam; [1 mark]
- Phosphoric acid; [1 mark]

#### Reaction 2

· Acidified potassium dichromate

OR

Acidified potassium manganate; [1 mark]

Heat

AND

Reflux; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 4 marks]

- You could also be asked the colour changes for the oxidation of an alcohol
- For acidified potassium dichromate it is orange to green and for acidified potassium manganate it is purple to colourless
- Propan-2-ol is a secondary alcohol so will oxidise to form a ketone



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The reaction mechanism is:

- Correct partial charges, charges and lone pairs on atoms; [] mark]
- Curly arrow from lone pair on CN nucleophile to δ+C atom in C=O bond; [1 mark]
- Curly arrow from C=O bond to O atom; [1 mark]
- Curly arrow from lone pair on O atom to H+ ion; [1 mark]

- The nucleophilic addition of hydrogen cyanide to carbonyl compounds is a two-step process
  - HCN is formed by the reaction of KCN or NaCN with sulfuric acid
- It is toxic so is formed 'in situ' In step 1, the cyanide ion attacks the  $\delta$ + carbonyl carbon to form a negativel

- You must show the negative charge on the intermediate tep 2, the negatively charged oxygen atom in the reactive intermediate quickly reacts with aqueous H+ (either from HCN, water or dilute acid) to form a 2-hydroxynitrile



d) 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropanenitrile does not exhibit optical isomerism because:

- No chiral carbon: [] mark]
- As 2 of the groups / 2 methyl groups on carbon atom; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- Optical isomers must contain a chiral carbon
- A chiral carbon has 4 different atoms or groups of atoms bonded to it
  - In 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropanenitrile, there are two methyl groups
- It can help to draw out the structure and identify the main carbon chain
  - In nitriles, the CN carbon is the first carbon



#### Answer 8. RACTICE a) Suitable reagents for the synthesis of Compound **A** via step **1** are

- CODYTIGHT Cr2O72-/(potassium) dichromate
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 $KMnO_4/MnO_4^-/(potassium)$  permanganate; [1 mark]

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sup>+</sup>/acidified/with acid

#### OR

Heat: [1 mark]

Oxidation; [] mark ]

- An ester is made from a carboxylic acid and alcohol
- A carboxylic acid cannot be produced from the second molecule which is a ketone, so the first step in producing A must be the oxidation of an aldehyde to carboxylic acid

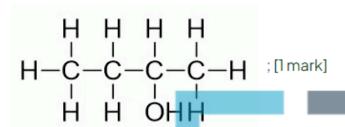


b)

i) The name and structure of the molecule that is produced from step 2 are:

Butan-2-ol; [1 mark]

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ii) The name of the type of reaction that is involved in step 2 and a suitable reagent for the process are

- Reduction; [1 mark]
- LiAlH<sub>4</sub> / lithium aluminium hydride / lithium tetrahydridoaluminate OR

NaBH<sub>4</sub> / sodium borohydride / sodium tetrahydridoborate; [1 mark]

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- © 17 Juis secondary alcohol is required to produce the branched chain ester Lithium tetrahydridoaluminate, LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, is much more reactive than sodium
- Lithium tetrahydridoaluminate, LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, is much more reactive than sodium tetrahydridoborate, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, so is more dangerous to use in the laboratory
- For the purposes of this question, both reagents are suitable answers



c) The synthesis of ethanol from ethane in two steps:

Step 1: Ethane to chloroethane

Reagent: chlorine / Cl<sub>2</sub>; [1 mark]

Conditions: UV light / high temps; [1 mark]

Reaction type: (free radical) <u>substitution / halogenation</u>; [1 mark]

Step 2: Chloroethane to ethanol

- Reagent: <u>aqueous</u> sodium hydroxide / NaOH (<u>aq)</u> / <u>aqueous</u> potassium hydroxide / KOH
   (<u>aq)</u>; [1 mark]
- Condition hot / heat under reflux; [1 mark]
- Reaction type: (nucleophilic) <u>substitution</u> / <u>hydrolysis</u>; [] mark]

[Total: 6 marks]

- The conversion of an alkane to a halogenoalkane would be very impractical industrially as it
  is hard to control the extent of halogenation and to prevent multiple products from
  forming, however, here it is included to test your ability to apply your knowledge of organic
  reactions to solve problems in synthesis
- The type of mechanisms are shown in brackets, but they are not essential for the mark

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d)

i) The names of four possible substances A to D:

A = propanone, B = propan-2-ol, C = propene D = 1-bromopropane / 1-chloropropane / 1-iodopropane; [1 mark]

ii) The reagents and conditions for step 4 are:

Aqueous sodium hydroxide / NaOH (aq)
 OR

<u>Aqueous</u> potassium hyd<mark>roxi</mark>de / KOH <u>(aq);</u> [<u>1 mark]</u>

Heat under reflux; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 3 marks]

- B must be secondary alcohol formed by reduction of a three carbon ketone, which gives A
  as propanone and B as propan-2-ol
- C can only be a three carbon alkene, so must be propene
- In order to finish with propan-1-ol, the halogen must be on the first carbon in **D**, so it will be a 1-halopropane

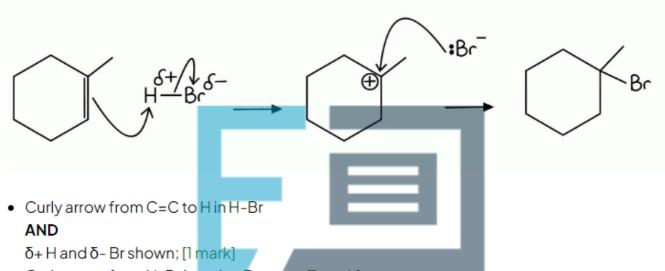
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a) The name and mechanism for the reaction between compound E and hydrogen bromide, HBr is:

Electrophilic addition; [1 mark]



- Curly arrow from H-Br bond to Br atom: [1 mark]
- Tertiary carbocation identified and labeled; [1 mark]
- Curly arrow from lone pair in :Br- to carbocation; [1 mark]

Correct structure of the major product; [] mark], **S PRACTICE** 

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- o These are more stable than secondary carbocations
- Therefore the major product will be 1-bromo-1-methylcyclohexane



b) A major and minor product are produced because:

- The major product is formed as the intermediate would contain a tertiary carbocation; [] mark]
- The minor product is produced as the intermediate would contain a secondary carbocation; [1 mark]
- Tertiary carbocations are more likely to bond with the Br atom as they are more stable OR

Secondary carbocations are more likely to bond with the H atom as they are less stable; [] mark]

#### [Total: 3 marks]

- This is due to Markovnikov's rule regarding addition across the C=C of an asymmetric alkene
  - The H-Br will add across the double bond (C=C)
  - The H atom will most likely form a bond with the least substituted carbon atom leaving a tertiary carbocation
  - o This tertiary carbocation will form a bond with the Br atom

c) A possible starting molecule is:

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Copyriethvicyclohexanol; [1 mark]

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Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Conc. acid; [1 mark]

OR

- The question asks to suggest a possible starting molecule, however, based on the reactions you are expected to know at this level, it must be an alcohol
- The only reaction you know which produces an alkene is the dehydration / elimination of an alcohol
- The alcohol group can be placed on either side of where the double bond should be
- You are not expected to know the reaction mechanism for this type of reaction



#### Answer 10.

- a) The mechanisms are:
  - Step 1 = nucleophilic substitution; [1 mark]
  - Step 2 = oxidation; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- You should recognise that the reagents K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in step 2 are used to oxidise an alcohol
- This then allows you to figure out that step 1 is going from a haloge noalkane to an alcohol, which is nucleophilic substitution

#### b) Compound H is:

Butanoic acid; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 1 mark]

- As the starting compound is 1-chlorobutane then the alcohol formed will be a primary alcohol, butan-1-ol
- As step 2 is carried out by heating under reflux then the resulting compound will be a

### Cocarboxylic acid

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- c) The alkene required is:
  - But-1-ene; [1 mark]

#### The reagent required is

• Hydrogen chloride; [1 mark]

- 1-chlorobutane is the minor product made when but-1-ene, an unsymmetrical alkene, undergoes electrophilic addition
  - 2-chlorobutane would be the major product formed
- But-2-ene and HCl will only produce 2-chlorobutane as a product



- d) The functional group of the final compound in the reaction scheme in part (a) would be:
  - A ketone (rather than a carboxylic acid); [1 mark]
  - (As) secondary alcohols are oxidised to ketones when heating under reflux; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- Using the reaction scheme given in part (a), if 2-cholorobutane is used then reaction step 1
   will result in a secondary alcohol butan-2-ol
- Heating a secondary alcohol under reflux will result in a ketone being produced



- To work out the identity of compound Y:
  - $M_r(\text{compound } \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{2.754 \text{ g}}{0.027 \text{ moles}} = 102.00 \text{ g mol}^{-1}; [1 \text{ mark}]$
  - Pentanoic acid; [1 mark]

[Total: 2 marks]

- There is a lot of information given in the question and the first step will be to calculate the molar mass of compound Y
- You know that it contains 5 C atoms so that is  $5 \times 12 = 60$  g mol<sup>-1</sup> of the molar mass

Coperprinted for, leaving 42 g mol<sup>-1</sup>

- Toware that it is an exidation product so must contain at least 10 atom
  - o If 10 atom was present, 26 g mol<sup>-1</sup> would be due to H, which is not feasible
  - o If 2 O atoms are present, 10 g mol<sup>-1</sup> would be due to H, which gives a credible product
  - This gives the formula to be  $C_5H_{10}O_2$
  - Carboxylic acids contain 2 O atoms and are obtained through the oxidation of primary alcohols when refluxed with acidified potassium dichromate



b) The formula for compound **W** and formation of compound **Z** is:

Compound W is CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

OR

C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; [1 mark]

Compound Z is water / H<sub>2</sub>O

AND

Produced by a condensation reaction between pentanoic acid and pentanol / compounds X and Y: [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- You should be aware that the reaction between an alcohol and carboxylic acid produces an ester and water
  - In this reaction, concentrated sulfuric acid, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, is used as a catalyst
- The formation of the ester eliminates a water molecule through a condensation reaction
  - Careful: A condensation reaction does not mean that water is formed; it actually
    means that a small molecule is lost
- The name of compound W is pentyl pentanoate

### c) A student could prevent the full oxidation of compound X by:

- Distill off aldehyde as soon as it is produced; [1 mark]
- Perform the reaction above the boiling point of the aldehyde / pentanal; [1 mark]

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- The full oxidation of a primary alcohol such as Compound X will produce
  - An aldehyde followed by a carboxylic acid
- If we want to prevent this full oxidation, we must alter the reaction conditions and use different apparatus
  - A Liebig condenser is used for this purpose
  - This piece of apparatus is ideal for the separation of an organic product from its reacting mixture
  - It allows the distillate to be collected in an approximate boiling point range



d) The formula of the isomer and the reason it can not react with acidified potassium dichromate,  $H^+/K_2Cr_2O_7$  is:

- CH<sub>3</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)OHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; [1 mark]
- It doesn't react because it is a tertiary alcohol; [1 mark]

#### [Total: 2 marks]

- Earlier, compound X was identified to be an alcohol with 5 carbons, which gives it the molecular formula C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OH
- For the isomer to not react with acidified potassium dichromate, it must be a tertiary alcohol
- If you are unsure it is best to draw out the molecule
- The only isomer which gives a tertiary alcohol is 2-methylbutan-2-ol

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