

# HALOLKANES

1. A student reacted bromobutane with an excess of  $\text{OH}^-$  to produce butan-1-ol.

In this reaction the hydroxide ion acts as a nucleophile.

- (i) What name is given to this type of reaction?

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- (ii) Explain the term *nucleophile*.

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- (iii) Outline the mechanism for this reaction.

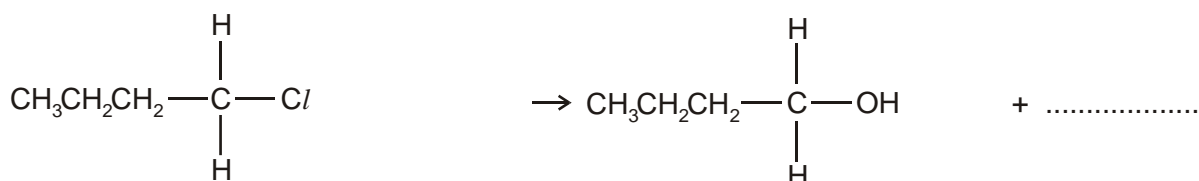
Show curly arrows and relevant dipoles.

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[Total 6 marks]

2. Halogenoalkanes, such as 1-chlorobutane, are hydrolysed with hot aqueous alkali,  $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ , to form alcohols.

- (a) Describe, with the aid of curly arrows, the mechanism of the hydrolysis of 1-chlorobutane with  $\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$  ions to produce butan-1-ol. Show any relevant lone pairs of electrons and dipoles.



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- (b) Another halogenoalkane, **H**, has a relative molecular mass of 127 and has the following composition by mass:  
C, 37.8%; H, 6.3%; Cl, 55.9%.

(i) Show that the empirical formula of compound **H** is  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ .

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(ii) Deduce the molecular formula of compound **H**.

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(iii) Compound **H** can also be hydrolysed with hot aqueous alkali to form butane-1,3-diol. Draw the structure of butane-1,3-diol

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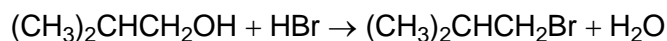
(iv) Deduce the structure of compound **H**.

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3. Halogenoalkanes are used in the production of pharmaceuticals, polymers and flame retardants.

1-Bromo-2-methylpropane is used in the production of ibuprofen and can be prepared from the reaction between 2-methylpropan-1-ol and HBr.



A student reacted 4.44 g of 2-methylpropan-1-ol with an excess of HBr. The student produced 5.48 g of 1-bromo-2-methylpropane.

- (i) Calculate the number of moles of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{OH}$  used.

answer ..... mol

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- (ii) Calculate the number of moles of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{Br}$  collected.  
 $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $M_r = 137$

answer ..... mol

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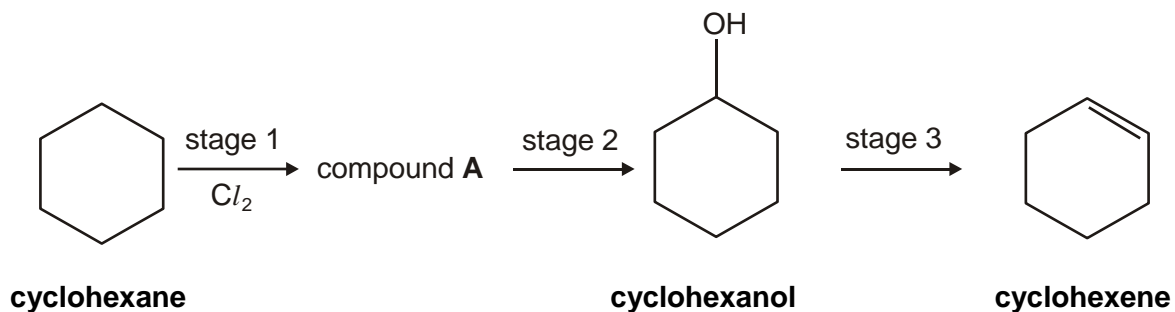
- (iii) Calculate the percentage yield. Quote your answer to three significant figures.

answer .....

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[Total 4 marks]

4. (a) Cyclohexane can be converted into cyclohexene via a three-stage synthesis.



- (i) In stage 1, cyclohexane reacts with chlorine to form the organic product, compound **A**.

Show the structure of compound **A**

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- (ii) Stage 3 involves the dehydration of an alcohol.

State a suitable reagent for dehydrating an alcohol.

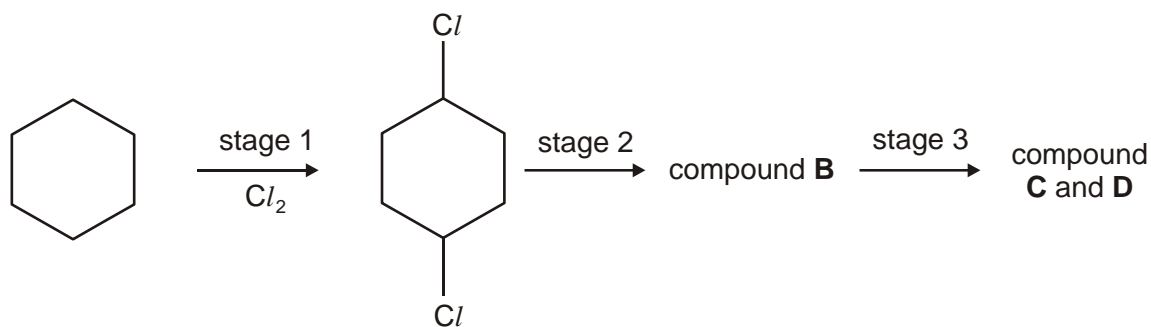
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- (iii) Write a balanced equation for the dehydration of cyclohexanol,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{OH}$ .

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- (b) The reaction in stage 1 is difficult to control. One other possible chlorinated product is 1,4-dichlorocyclohexane. This is shown below.



**cyclohexane**

**1,4-dichlorocyclohexane**

1,4-Dichlorocyclohexane reacts in the same way as compound **A** in stages 2 and 3.

- (i) Suggest the structure of compound **B**.

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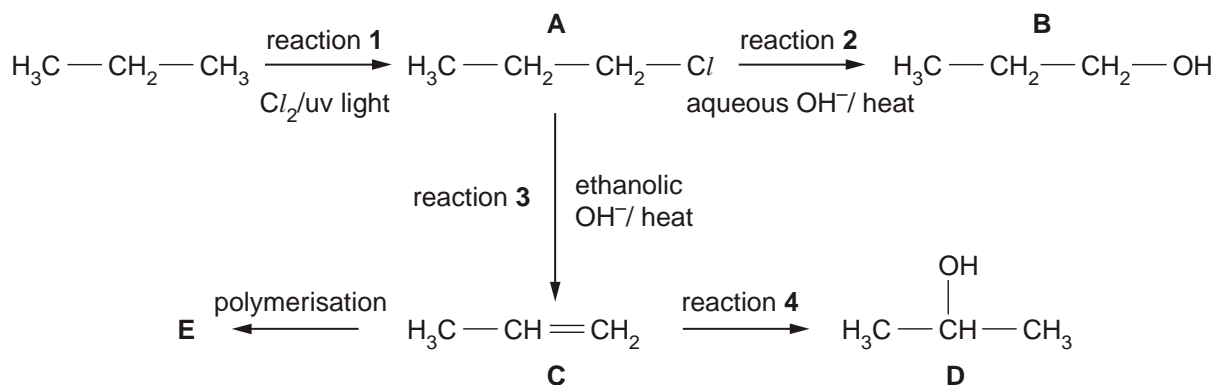
- (ii) Two cyclic alkenes, **C** and **D** are formed in stage 3. **C** and **D** are structural isomers. Suggest the structures of **C** and **D**.

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[Total 6 marks]

5. Propane, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, is used in the reaction sequence shown below.



(a) The reaction sequence shows several important reaction mechanisms. Select from reactions 1 to 4, the reaction that shows

(i) free radical substitution, reaction .....

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(ii) electrophilic addition, reaction .....

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(iii) elimination, reaction .....

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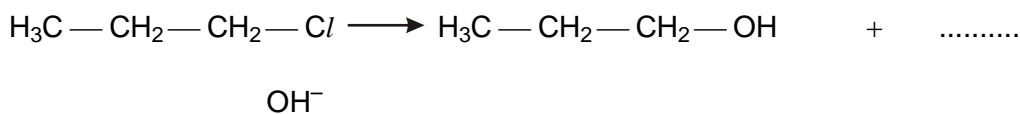
(b) In reaction 2, the aqueous OH<sup>-</sup> acts as a nucleophile.

(i) State what is meant by the term *nucleophile*.

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(ii) Complete, with the aid of curly arrows, the mechanism involved in reaction 2. Show any relevant dipoles.



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(c) Compounds **B** and **D** are structural isomers of each other.

(i) State what is meant by the term *structural isomers*.

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(ii) Draw the skeletal formulae of compounds **B** and **D**.

Compound <b>B</b>	Compound <b>D</b>

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(d) Compound **C** can be polymerised to form compound **E**.

(i) State the type of polymerisation. ....

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(ii) Name compound **E**. ....

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(iii) Draw a section of compound **E**. Show **two** repeat units.

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[Total 15 marks]