

Alkanes

Question Paper

Level	GCSE
Subject	Chemistry
Exam Board	Edexcel IGCSE
Module	Double Award (Paper 1C)
Topic	Organic Chemistry
Sub-Topic	Alkanes
Booklet	Question Paper

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

Score: /46

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	75%	70%	60%	55%	50%	<50%

1 These are the displayed formulae of six organic compounds.

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P	Q	R
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S	T	U

(a) Use the letters above to select

(i) the compound that is **not** a hydrocarbon.

(1)

(ii) **one** compound with the empirical formula CH_2

(1)

(iii) **one** compound that can form a polymer.

(1)

(b) Describe a test that will distinguish between compounds **Q** and **T**, and state the observation made with compound **T**.

(2)

Test

Observation with compound **T**

(c) Draw the displayed formula of an alkene containing four carbon atoms.

(1)

(d) Three of the compounds belong to the alkane homologous series.

All the alkanes in this homologous series have the same general formula.

(i) What is the general formula of the alkanes?

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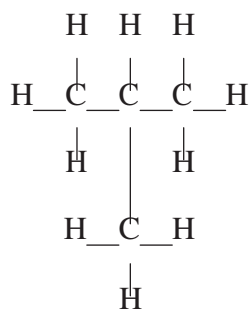
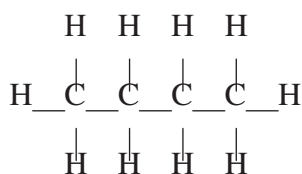
(ii) State **two** other features of a homologous series.

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(e) The displayed formulae below represent isomers.



Explain what isomers are.

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(Total for Question 1 = 11 marks)

2 (a) Explain what is meant by the term **isomerism**.

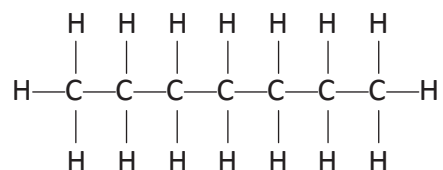
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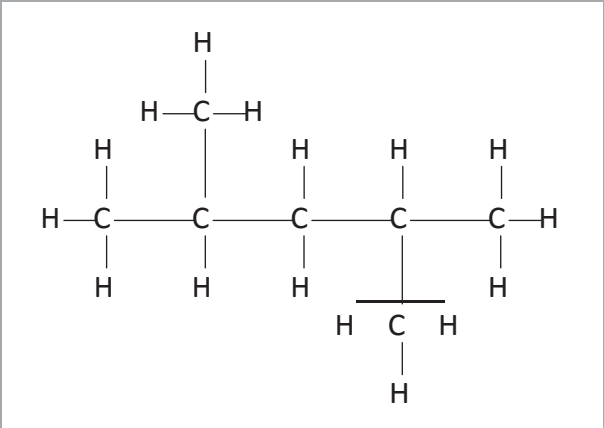
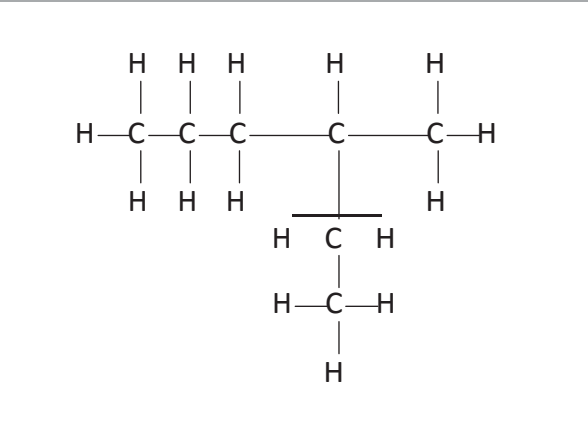
(b) The displayed formula of heptane (C_7H_{16}) is

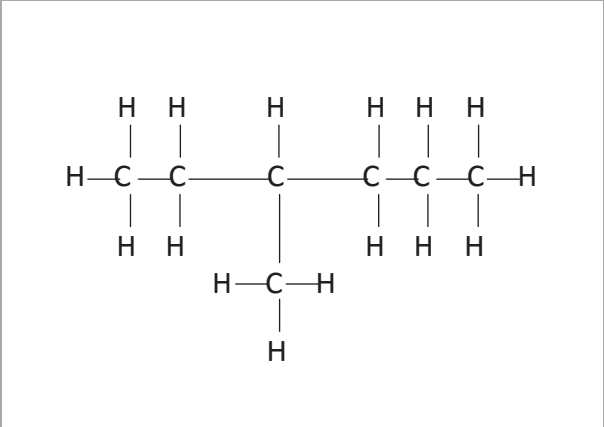
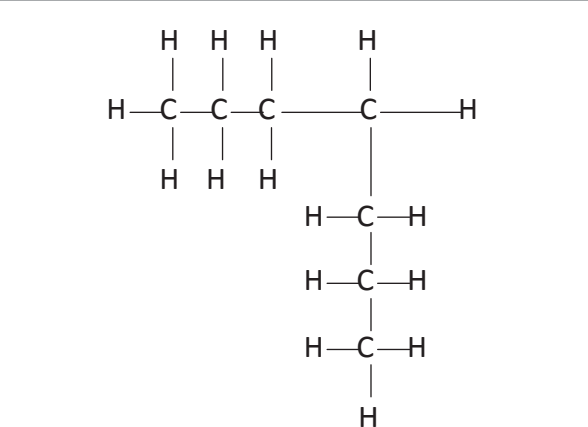


Which one of the displayed formulae below does **not** represent an isomer of heptane?

Place a cross (☒) in the box to indicate your answer.

(1)

	
A ☒	B ☒

	
C ☒	D ☒

(c) Heptane belongs to a homologous series of compounds called alkanes.

The general formula of the alkanes is C_nH_{2n+2}

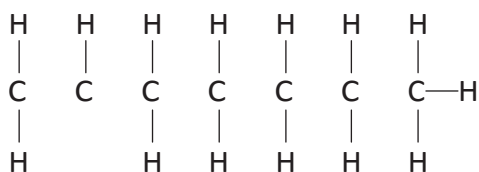
(i) Heptene belongs to a homologous series of compounds called alkenes.

Give the general formula of the alkenes.

(1)

(ii) Complete the following diagram to show the structural formula of heptene (C_7H_{14}) by inserting lines to represent the covalent bonds between the carbon atoms.

(2)



(d) When heptene is added to bromine water, and the mixture is shaken, a reaction occurs.

State the type of reaction and give the colour of the bromine water before and after the reaction with heptene.

(3)

Type of reaction.....

Colour before.....

Colour after.....

(e) Explain, in terms of the bonds present, why heptane is described as saturated and heptene as unsaturated.

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(Total for Question 2 = 11 marks)

- 3 The table gives some data about the first six members of a homologous series of compounds called the alkanes.

Alkane	Molecular formula	Relative formula mass	Boiling point in $^{\circ}\text{C}$
methane	CH_4	16	-164
ethane	C_2H_6	30	-87
propane	C_3H_8	44	-42
butane	C_4H_{10}		0
pentane	C_5H_{12}	72	
hexane		86	69

(a) Complete the table by

- giving the molecular formula of hexane
- giving the relative formula mass of butane
- suggesting the boiling point of pentane

(3)

(b) What does the data show about the relationship between boiling point and relative formula mass?

(1)

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(c) The molecular formula of ethene is C_2H_4

Ethene and ethane are in different homologous series.

Explain how the formulae of these compounds show that they are in different series.

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(d) (i) In the table, draw displayed formulae for the two alkanes with the molecular formula C_4H_{10}

(2)

Displayed formula 1	Displayed formula 2

(ii) What is the name given to compounds that have the same molecular formula but different displayed formulae?

(1)

(e) The reaction between ethane and bromine (Br_2) is similar to the reaction between methane and bromine.

(i) Write a chemical equation for the reaction between ethane and bromine.

(2)

(ii) What is the name given to the type of reaction that occurs when ethane reacts with bromine?

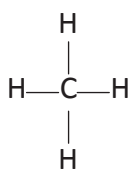
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(iii) Suggest the condition necessary for this reaction to occur.

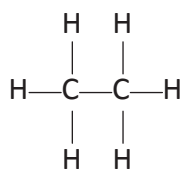
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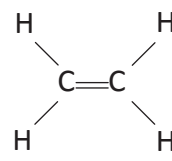
4 The diagram shows the displayed formulae of five hydrocarbons A, B, C, D and E.



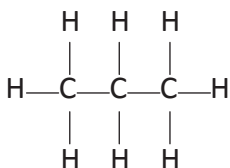
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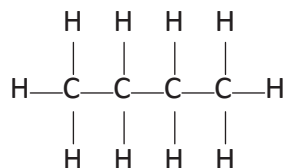
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D



E

(a) Give the letter of a hydrocarbon to answer these questions.

You may use each letter once, more than once or not at all.

(i) Which hydrocarbon is the main component of natural gas?

(1)

(ii) Which other hydrocarbon is produced, together with D, when pentane (C_5H_{12}) is cracked?

(1)

(iii) Which hydrocarbon can undergo an addition reaction with hydrogen to form B?

(1)

(b) Give the molecular formula and the empirical formula of E.

(2)

molecular formula.....

empirical formula.....

(c) Hydrocarbons A, B, D and E all belong to the same homologous series.

(i) Give the name and the general formula of this homologous series.

(2)

name.....

general formula.....

(ii) Draw the displayed formula of an isomer of E.

(1)

(d) Two reactions that can occur when hydrocarbon A is burned in air are represented by these equations.



Explain why a different product is formed in reaction 2 and why this product is dangerous.

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(Total for Question 4 = 11 marks)
