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# Chemistry

## Higher level

### Paper 3

2 November 2023

Zone A morning | Zone B morning | Zone C morning

Candidate session number

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- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- A calculator is required for this paper.
- A clean copy of the **chemistry data booklet** is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.

Section A	Questions
Answer all questions.	1

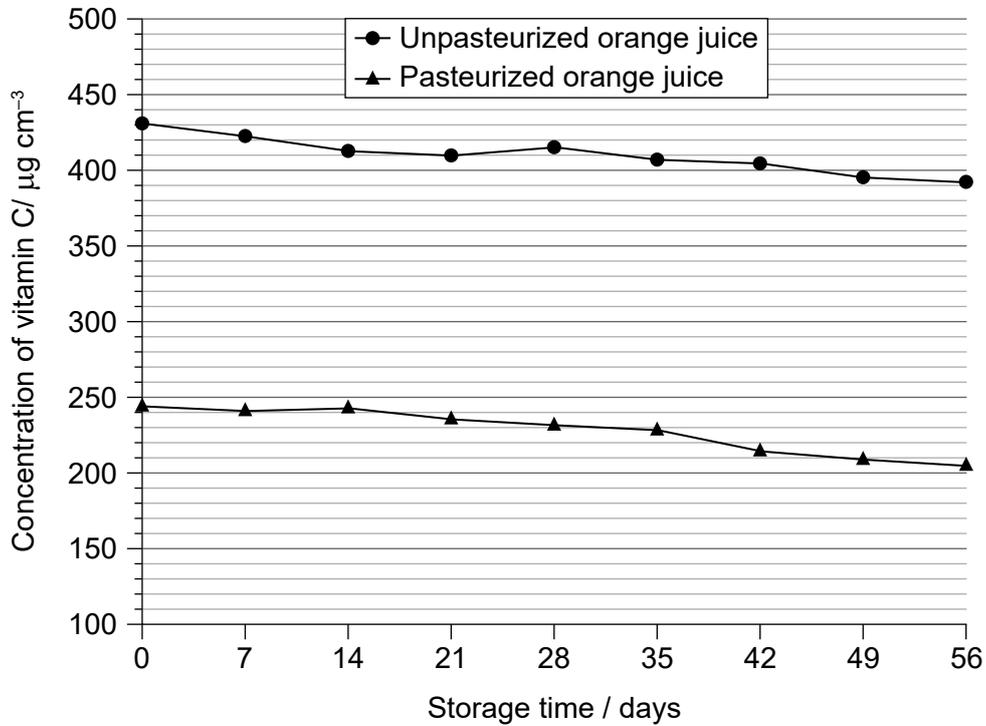
Section B	Questions
Answer all of the questions from one of the options.	
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### Section A

Answer **all** questions. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

1. Pasteurization is used to eliminate pathogenic bacteria. The concentration of vitamin C was monitored over a period of time in pasteurized and unpasteurized orange juice.



- (a) (i) Identify the dependent variable represented in the graph. [1]

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- (ii) Calculate the decrease in the concentration of vitamin C, in  $\mu\text{g cm}^{-3}$ , caused by pasteurization. [1]

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**(Question 1 continued)**

- (iii) Calculate the average rate of decrease of vitamin C concentration for pasteurized juice, in  $\mu\text{g cm}^{-3}\text{day}^{-1}$ , for the first 56 days. [1]

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- (iv) Deduce, referring to the graph, whether pasteurization affects the rate of change of vitamin C concentration during storage of orange juice. [1]

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- (v) The absolute uncertainty in each vitamin C concentration measurement was  $\pm 2 \mu\text{g cm}^{-3}$ . Deduce, with a reason, whether the concentration of vitamin C in pasteurized or unpasteurized orange juice has a larger percentage uncertainty. [1]

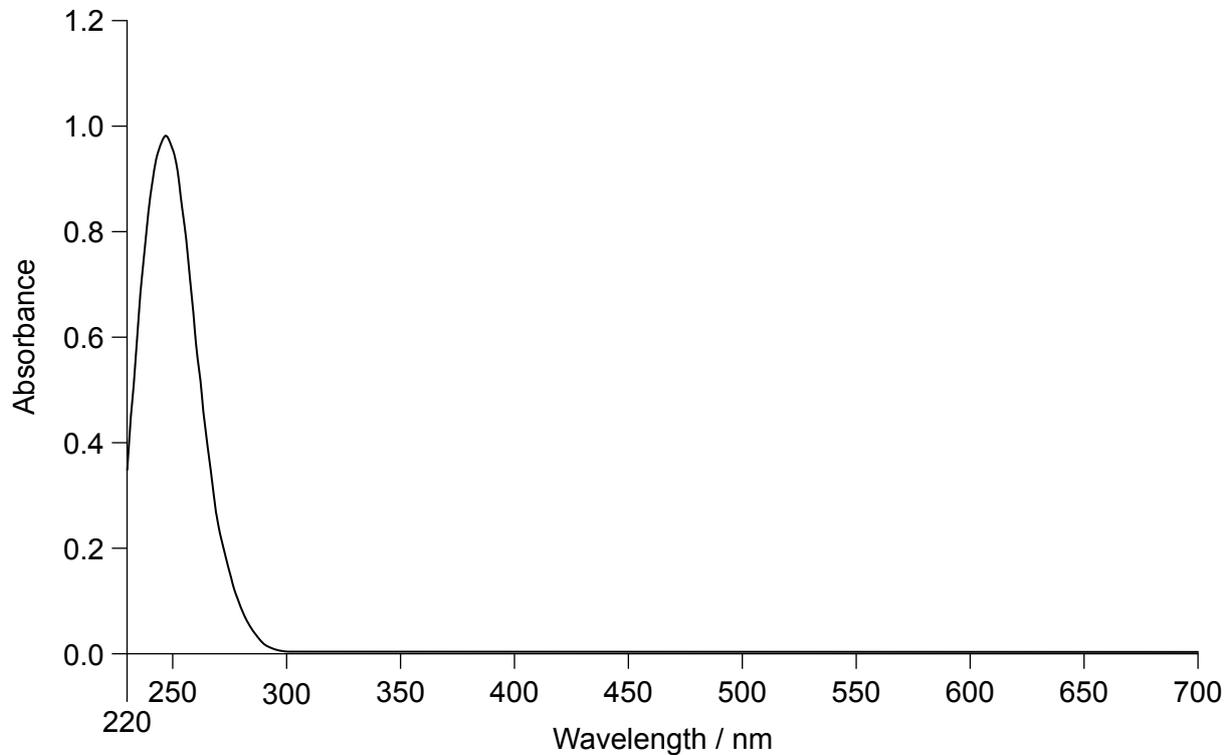
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**(Question 1 continued)**

- (b) UV treatment is an alternative to pasteurization that minimizes loss of nutritional components.
  - (i) Deduce the type of electromagnetic radiation absorbed in the absorption spectrum of vitamin C. Use section 3 of the data booklet.



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- (ii) Deduce, giving a reason, the colour of vitamin C. [1]

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- (iii) Suggest why the use of UV light is not effective for the elimination of pathogenic bacteria in orange juice. [1]

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**(Question 1 continued)**

(iv) Identify **two** ways to decrease the rate of change of vitamin C concentration due to oxidation during the storage of orange juice.

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(c) The concentration of vitamin C and pH of different fruits were measured.

	Concentration of vitamin C / mg dm <sup>-3</sup>	pH
Watermelon	29	5.07
Banana	46	5.05
Apple	69	4.18
Pineapple	139	3.51
Orange	185	4.25

Deduce, with a reason, whether the data show a correlation between concentration of vitamin C and pH.

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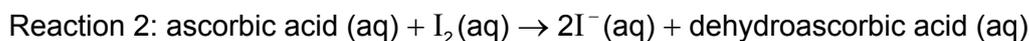
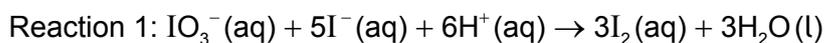
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**(Question 1 continued)**

- (d) The concentration of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) can be measured by performing a redox titration using acidified iodate,  $\text{IO}_3^-$ , and iodide ions. Starch reacts with excess iodine once the vitamin C is consumed to produce a dark-blue complex.



- (i) Identify the oxidizing agent in reaction 1. [1]

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- (ii) The student recorded the end point and then noticed the blue colour in the conical flask disappeared. Suggest why this occurred. [1]

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- (iii) State the effect the recorded end point has on the value of the calculated concentration of vitamin C. [1]

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- (iv) Suggest why this method cannot be used to measure the concentration of vitamin C in blueberry juice. [1]

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### Section B

Answer **all** of the questions from **one** of the options. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.

#### Option A — Materials

2. Sodium hydride forms a crystalline lattice.

(a) Deduce, giving a reason, whether sodium hydride could be classified as a Brønsted–Lowry acid or a Brønsted–Lowry base. [1]

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(b) Materials with high ion-exchange capacity, such as zeolites, can be used to soften water by replacing calcium ions with sodium ions. Outline **two** reasons for using zeolites for ion exchange. [2]

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**(Option A continued)**

3. Properties of materials are dependent upon their chemical structure.

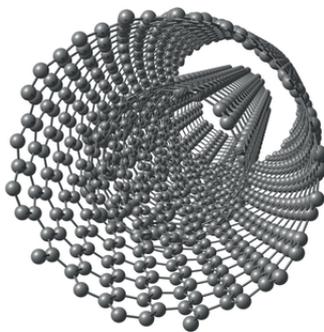
(a) Outline why polar molecules can exhibit liquid crystal behaviour.

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(b) Suggest why double walled carbon nanotubes are excellent conductors of heat along the tube but poor conductors across the width of the tube.

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Good conductors along the length of the tube:

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Poor conductors across the width of the tube:

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**(Option A, question 3 continued)**

(c) Outline how an inductively coupled plasma (ICP) torch converts argon into plasma. [3]

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(d) (i) Contrast the physical properties of polymers with extensive covalently bonded cross-links to polymers which only have a few of these links, giving an example of each. [4]

	<b>Physical properties</b>	<b>Example</b>
Extensive covalent cross-links:	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....
Few covalent cross-links:	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....

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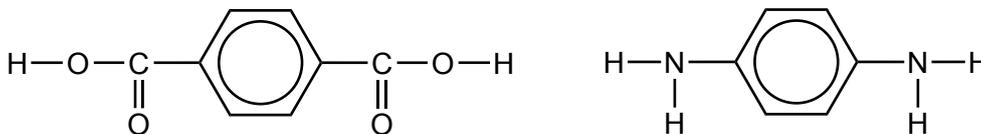
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**(Option A, question 3 continued)**

- (ii) Kevlar® has extensive hydrogen bond cross-links. The polymer can be formed from benzene 1,4-dicarboxylic acid and benzene-1,4-diamine.



Draw one repeating unit of Kevlar®.

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- (iii) Suggest **two** reasons for the degradation of Kevlar® on contact with concentrated acids.

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- (iv) Suggest **one** Resin Identification Code (RIC) for a non-recyclable plastic, with a reason for it not being recycled. Use section 30 of the data booklet.

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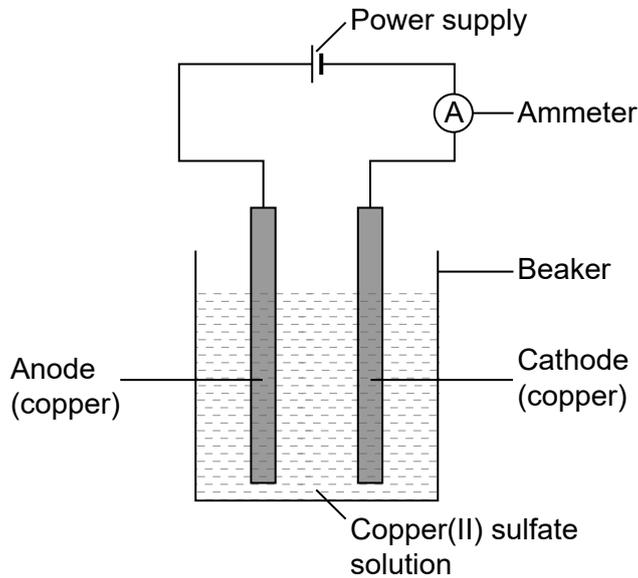
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**(Option A continued)**

4. Copper can be obtained by electrolysis as well as precipitation.
- (a) An experiment to calculate Faraday's constant ( $F$ ) was performed by electrolyzing a solution of copper(II) sulfate using pure copper electrodes. A charge of  $900.0\text{ C}$  was passed through the cell resulting in a mass loss of  $0.296\text{ g}$  at the anode.



Suggest why mass gained at the cathode is a less accurate measure of electrolysed copper than mass loss at the anode.

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- (b) Calculate a value for Faraday's constant from this experiment.

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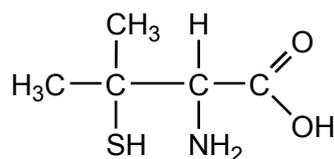
- (c) Copper can be removed from solution by precipitating aqueous  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions as copper(II) hydroxide.

Calculate the molar solubility of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  in a solution of pH 10.00.

$$K_{\text{sp}} \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2 = 2.2 \times 10^{-20} \quad [2]$$

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- (d) D-penicillamine is a chelating agent used to remove excess copper in people suffering from Wilson's disease. Explain how D-penicillamine chelates as a bidentate ligand with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .



D-penicillamine [3]

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**(Option A continued)**

5. Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (MAGLEV) trains use a niobium–titanium alloy that becomes a Type 2 superconductor when cooled with liquid helium.

(a) Outline **one** difference between Type 1 and Type 2 superconductors. [1]

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(b) Explain how superconductivity occurs in terms of Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer (BCS) theory. [3]

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**End of Option A**



**Option B — Biochemistry**

6. A variety of methods are used to analyse proteins.

(a) State the type of bonding involved in the primary level of protein structure. [1]

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(b) (i) Outline how to use paper chromatography to identify the composition of amino acids in a polypeptide. [3]

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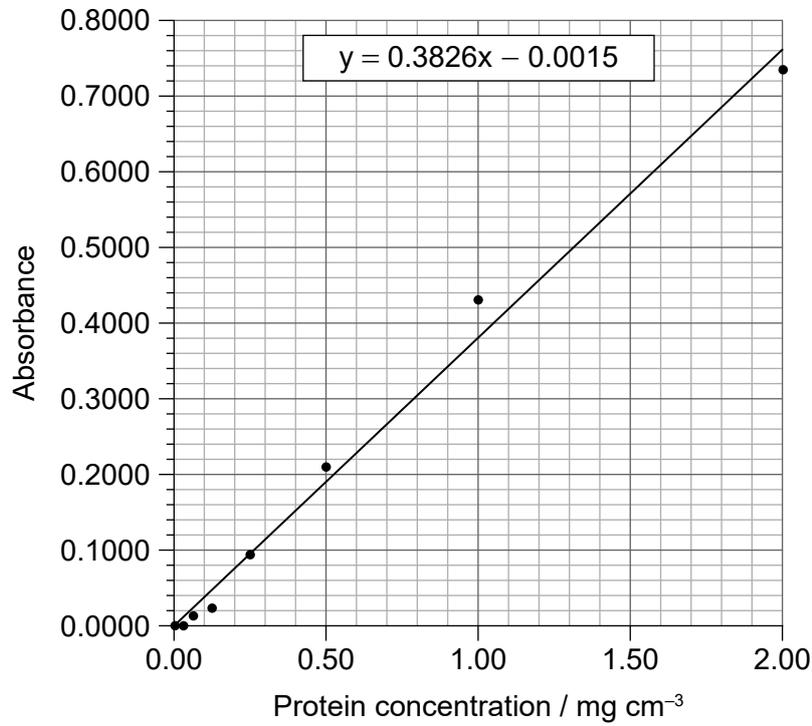
(ii) Isoleucine was identified as one of the amino acids. Draw the structure of the predominant form of this amino acid at pH = 4.50. Use section 33 of the data booklet. [1]

**(Option B continues on the following page)**



**(Option B, question 6 continued)**

- (c) The calibration curve for the absorbance of dyed protein, at 595 nm, as a function of concentration is given.



Calculate, using the linear equation, the concentration of protein in a sample with an absorbance of 0.5000.

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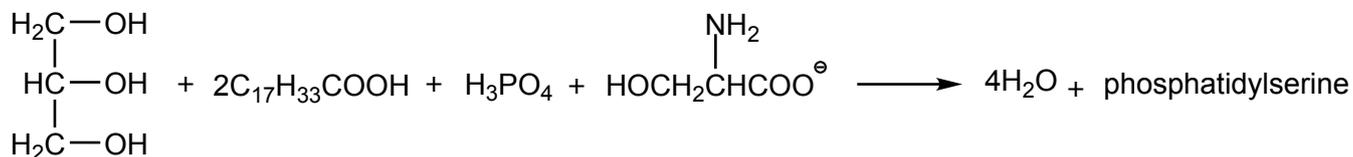
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**(Option B continued)**

7. Phosphatidylserine is an example of a phospholipid.

(a) Phosphatidylserine may be formed from propane-1,2,3-triol, 2 oleic acid molecules, phosphoric acid and the serine anion.



Sketch the structural formula of phosphatidylserine.

[2]

(b) (i) Phosphatidylserine can be composed of different fatty acids such as stearic acid and linoleic acid.

Predict, giving **two** reasons, which of these fatty acids would have a higher melting point. Use section 34 of the data booklet.

[2]

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**(Option B, question 7 continued)**

- (ii) Suggest **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of the hydrogenation of vegetable oil by the food industry. [2]

Advantage: ..... .....
Disadvantage: ..... .....

- (c) Contrast the processes of hydrolytic and oxidative rancidity in fats with respect to the site of reactivity and conditions, other than temperature, that favour reaction. [2]

	<b>Hydrolytic rancidity</b>	<b>Oxidative rancidity</b>
Site of reactivity:	..... .....	..... .....
Conditions that favour reaction:	..... .....	..... .....

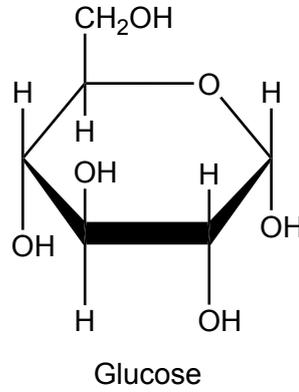
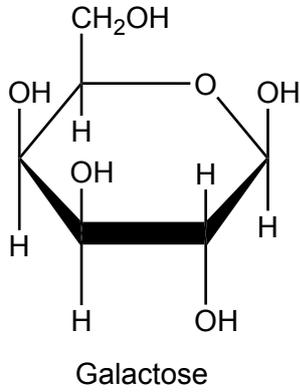
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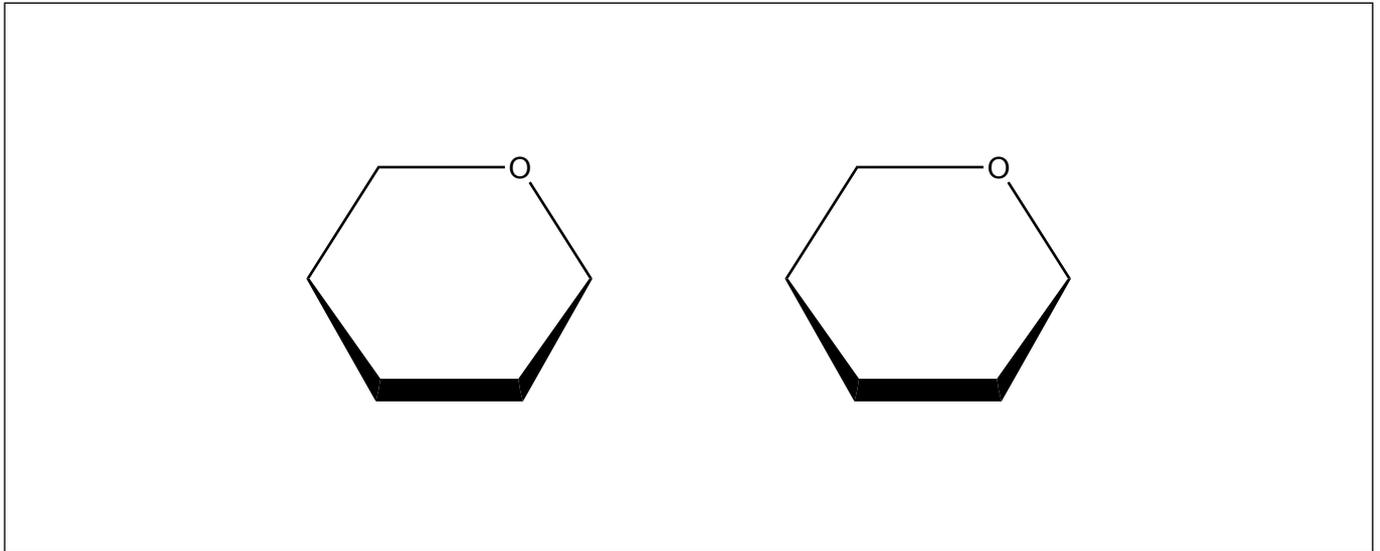
8. Lactose is the main disaccharide in milk.

(a) Lactose is composed of galactose and glucose.



(i) Draw the structure of lactose.

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(ii) State the type of reaction that forms the disaccharide from monosaccharides.

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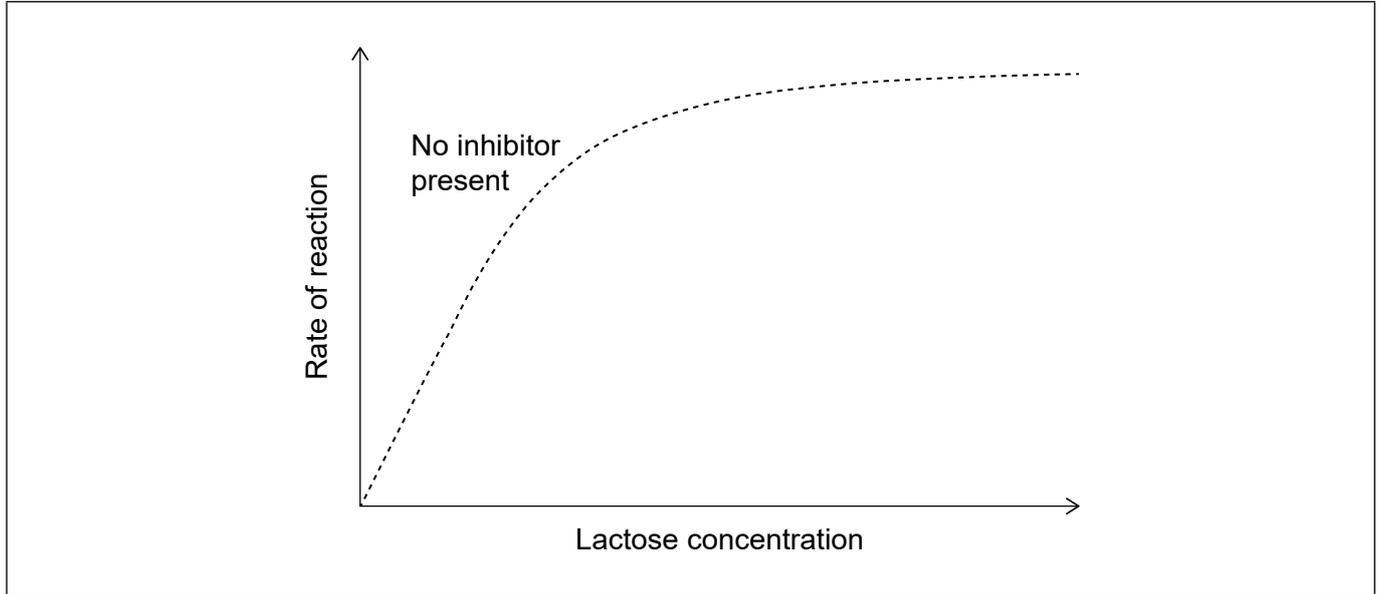
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**(Option B, question 8 continued)**

- (b) (i) Lactase is the enzyme that converts lactose into the monosaccharides.

Sketch a curve to show how the activity of lactase varies when a competitive inhibitor is present. [1]



- (ii) State, giving a reason, the effect of the competitive inhibitor on the value of  $K_m$ . [1]

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- (c) Milk is fortified with vitamin D. State a disease related to vitamin D deficiency. [1]

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**(Option B continued)**

9. Host-guest chemistry has been used for the removal of xenobiotics in the environment.

(a) Outline what is meant by *xenobiotic*. [1]

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(b) Compare the bonding of synthetic host molecules and enzymes to substrates. [1]

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(c) Suggest a specific environmental application of host-guest chemistry. [1]

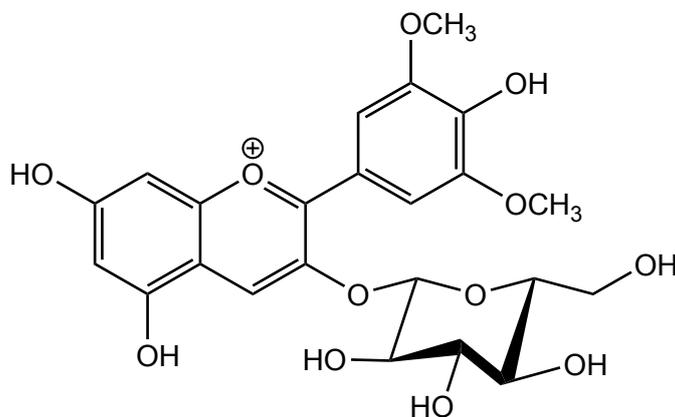
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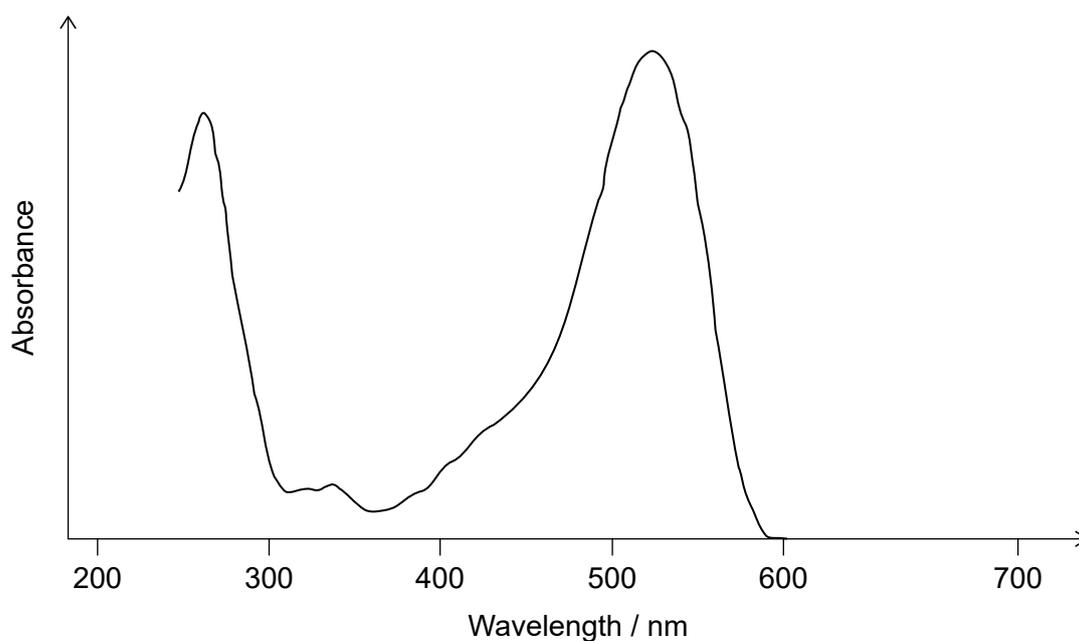
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10. Anthocyanins, such as oenin, are pigments in plants.



oenin

(a) The absorption spectrum of oenin, taken in acidic condition, is given.



Identify, giving a reason, the colour of a plant containing oenin. Use section 17 of the data booklet.

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**(Option B, question 10 continued)**

- (b) Explain how oenin acts as an acid–base indicator. Refer to its structure. [2]

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**11. Cells contain both DNA and RNA.**

- (a) Contrast **two** differences between the structures of DNA and RNA. [2]

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- (b) It is now possible to send a sample of DNA for analysis and receive results of ancestral background. Every year these results are more accurate. Suggest how this is possible even though the technology has not changed. [1]

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**End of Option B**



**Option C — Energy**

**12.** The spontaneity of nuclear fission and fusion reactions can be explained by changes in nuclear binding energy.

(a) State what is meant by nuclear binding energy. [1]

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(b) (i) A deuteron, or deuterium nucleus,  ${}^2\text{H}$ , has a mass of  $3.343583 \times 10^{-27}$  kg. Determine the nuclear binding energy of deuteron, in J, using  $E = mc^2$  and section 4 of the data booklet. [2]

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(ii) Determine the energy released, in MeV, when a helium-4 nucleus ( ${}^4\text{He}$ ) is formed from deuteron ( ${}^2\text{H}$ ) and triton ( ${}^3\text{H}$ ). Use section 36 of the data booklet.



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(c) (i) The average energy release in the fission of one atom of  ${}^{235}\text{U}$  is 193.4 MeV. Calculate the specific energy of  ${}^{235}\text{U}$  in MJ per gram.

$$1 \text{ MeV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ MJ.}$$
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**(Option C, question 12 continued)**

- (ii) Explain whether the energy density, in  $\text{MJdm}^{-3}$ , or specific energy, in  $\text{MJkg}^{-1}$ , of hydrogen has a higher value at standard conditions of temperature and pressure. [1]

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- (d) (i) Write the nuclear alpha decay equation of  $^{235}\text{U}$  forming a helium-4 nucleus and a product with a much shorter half-life. [1]

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- (ii) The half-life of the product is 25.5 hours. Calculate the time taken, in hours, for 1.000g of the product to decay to 0.03125g. [2]

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**(Option C continued)**

**13.** Many molecules interact with light.

- (a) (i) Contrast, at the molecular level, how carbon dioxide and a coloured pigment, such as chlorophyll, interact with electromagnetic radiation.

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Carbon dioxide:

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Chlorophyll:

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- (ii) Identify the range of wavelengths absorbed by carbon dioxide and chlorophyll. Use section 3 of the data booklet.

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Carbon dioxide:

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Chlorophyll:

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- (b) Upper atmosphere temperatures recorded by satellites are becoming lower over time.

Suggest how greenhouse gases could be responsible for this trend.

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**(Option C, question 13 continued)**

- (c) Explain the high efficiency of dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC) which use nanoparticles coated with a black dye.

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**(Option C continued)**

**14.** Natural gas is a fossil fuel.

(a) State the chemical process by which fossil fuels were formed from biological compounds. [1]

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(b) State the main component of natural gas. [1]

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(c) Outline **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage, apart from cost, of using natural gas over other fossil fuels. [2]

Advantage:  
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Disadvantage:  
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(d) Suggest a reason why syngas, produced from coal or biomass gasification, may be considered a viable alternative to crude oil. [1]

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**(Option C continued)**

**15.** Electrochemical cells generate electricity from a spontaneous redox reaction.

- (a) Species of *Geobacter* bacteria can be used in microbial fuel cells to oxidize aqueous ethanoate ions,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ (aq), to carbon dioxide gas. Deduce the half-equations for the reactions, in acidic conditions, at both electrodes. [2]

Negative electrode (anode):

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Positive electrode (cathode):

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- (b) Describe, in detail, how both fuel cells and secondary cells can be reused. [2]

Fuel cells:

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Secondary cells:

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- (c) Calculate the cell potential ( $E$ ), in V, of a voltaic cell which consists of a magnesium electrode in a solution of  $2.00 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ Mg}^{2+}$  (aq) and a silver electrode in a solution of  $0.0100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ Ag}^+$  (aq). Use sections 1 and 24 of the data booklet. [2]

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**End of Option C**



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**Option D — Medicinal chemistry**

**16.** Aspirin and morphine are two analgesics.

(a) State the site and mode of action of aspirin.

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Site of action:

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Mode of action:

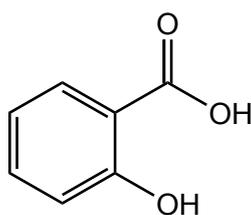
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(b) (i) Aspirin is synthesized from salicylic acid. Discuss **two** ways in which the melting point of crystallized aspirin can indicate the presence of impurities.

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(ii) Deduce the range of wavenumbers in the IR spectrum which would indicate that the impure aspirin contains salicylic acid. Use sections 26 and 37 of the data booklet.



Salicylic acid

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(Option D, question 16 continued)

- (c) Morphine can be administered both orally and intravenously.

Suggest **one** reason why drugs administered orally have lower bioavailability than drugs administered intravenously. [1]

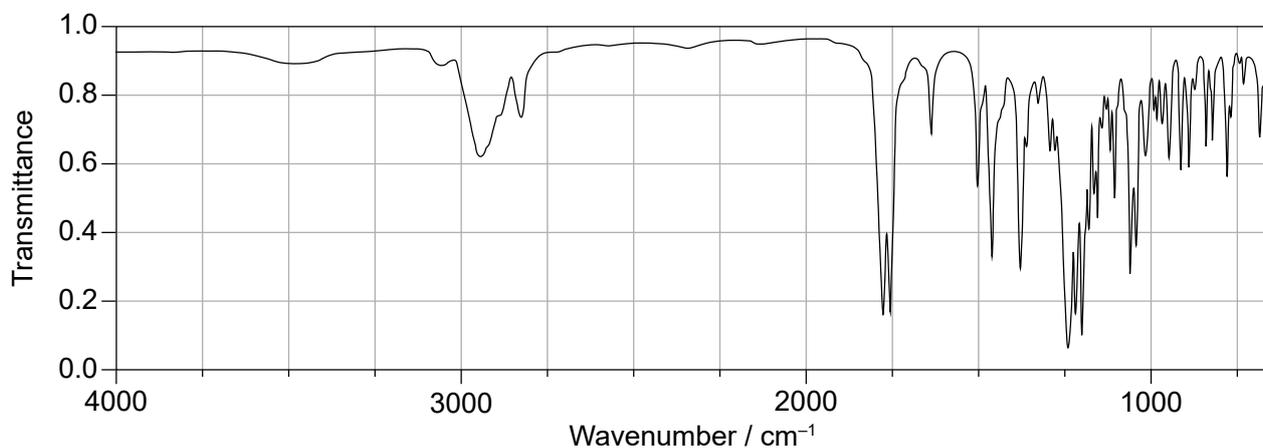
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- (d) Morphine has a much greater affinity for the opioid receptor in the central nervous system compared to diamorphine.

Explain why diamorphine is a more potent analgesic. Use section 37 of the data booklet. [2]

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- (e) Deduce, giving **two** reasons, whether the product is morphine or diamorphine, referring to structure and the spectrum. Use sections 26 and 37 of the data booklet. [2]



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**(Option D continued)**

17. Excess stomach acid is a common health condition.

(a) Explain how omeprazole regulates stomach pH. [2]

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(b) Write an equation for the reaction of a solution of sodium hydrogen carbonate with stomach acid, including state symbols. [1]

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(c) Predict, with a reason, whether the neutralization of acid by ranitidine in a titration is a reliable measure of its effectiveness in regulating stomach acid. [1]

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(d) Deduce, giving a reason, whether the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of oseltamivir or omeprazole has signals with chemical shifts in the 7.0–8.1 ppm range. Use sections 27 and 37 of the data booklet. [1]

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**(Option D continued)**

**18.** Viruses and bacteria must be targeted in different ways.

- (a) (i) Describe how oseltamivir (Tamiflu) works as a preventative agent against flu viruses. [2]

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- (ii) The production of oseltamivir requires shikimic acid, a precursor originally obtained from star anise.  
Comment on an advancement made in the production of shikimic acid and its importance in terms of green chemistry. [2]

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- (b) (i) Describe the role of the beta-lactam ring in the action of penicillin against bacteria. [2]

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- (ii) State a consequence of bacteria gaining increased resistance to antibiotics. [1]

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**19.** Radiotherapy and chemotherapy are two approaches to cancer treatment.

(a) (i) State a common side effect of radiotherapy. [1]

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(ii) State **one** advantage of using a gamma emitter over a beta emitter in nuclear medicine. [1]

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(iii) Write an equation for the beta decay of Lutetium-177. [1]

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(iv) A typical dose of Lu-177 is 2.00  $\mu\text{g}$  and its half-life is 6.71 days. Determine the mass of Lu-177, in  $\mu\text{g}$ , remaining after one week. Use section 1 of the data booklet. [2]

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- (b) (i) Taxol, a drug used in chemotherapy, is synthesized using chiral auxiliaries. Describe how the chiral auxiliary is used to produce the desired product. [2]

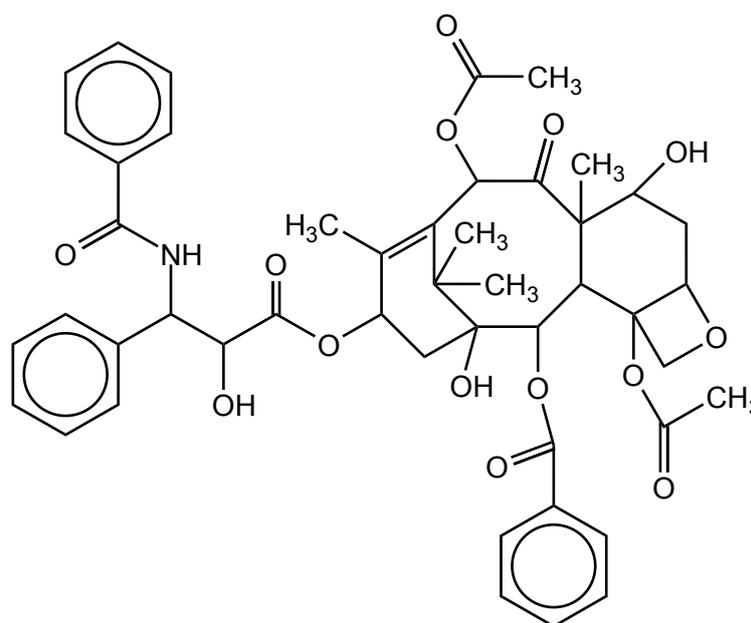
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- (ii) Mass spectroscopy of taxol ( $M_r = 854$ ) shows an  $m/z$  peak at 836. Suggest a fragment, the loss of which could be responsible for this peak. Use section 28 of the data booklet.



Taxol

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