Mark scheme - Spectroscopy

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1	a a	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Structure I has a viable chemical structure of C ₆ H ₉ NO ₂ which has the key features consistent with spectral data AND Most of the data analysed There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Compound I has a viable chemical structure of C6H9NO2 with most of the key features consistent with spectral data AND Some of the spectral data analysed. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Correct determination of empirical formula and/or molecular formula. OR Analyses some of the IR and NMR data. There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.	6 (AO3. 1×4) (AO3. 2×2)	Indicative scientific points: Empirical and Molecular Formulae C: H: N: O 56.69 7.09 11.02 25.20 0 R 4.72: 7.09: 0.787: 1.575 = 6: 9: 1: 2 • Empirical formula = CeHoNO2 • m/z = 127.0 and empirical formula mass (127) used to determine molecular formula as CeHoNO2 Structures of compound I NC C:
		0 marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		Candidates achieving Level 2 had most of the key features, e.g. CN,

	b		CDCl₃ used as a solvent ✓ D₂O used to identify OH OR NH protons ✓	2 (AO1. 1×2)	C=O bond and a methyl group but did not consider the splitting patterns seen in the NMR. Most candidates could correctly work out the empirical and molecular formula but then did not use their analysis of the NMR and IR data to suggest a structure. This limited their response to Level 1. The IR spectrum had no O-H peak from an alcohol or carboxylic acid, but candidates often included these groups in their suggested structures. Example and use required for each mark ALLOW for 1 mark, D2O as a solvent Examiner's Comments Misconception The use of deuterated compounds in NMR analysis was often explained the use in terms of lack of spin but did not give examples (e.g. CDCI3 as a solvent or D2O as for identifying OH/NH protons)
			Total	8	
2		i	Compound Compound C D Number of 3 \(\sqrt{8} \)	2 (AO3. 2)	
		i	reagent: HNO3 catalyst: H2SO4 compound C reagent: CH3COC1 compound D	5 (AO3. 2×5)	ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous IGNORE names for organic intermediates (question asks for structures ALLOW names of reagents and catalyst Around top arrow, ALLOW 1 of 2 marks if HNO ₃ and H ₂ SO ₄ swapped. i.e. reagent: H ₂ SO ₄ catalyst: HNO ₃ IGNORE references to concentration ALLOW (CH ₃ CO) ₂ O for left arrow IGNORE CH ₃ COOH IGNORE acyl chloride DO NOT ALLOW AICl ₃ /FeCl ₃ /Fe4
			Total	7	
3		i		5 → 4 max	ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES, etc ALLOW ORA throughout

	nparison of branching and nts of contact		ALLOW 'The straighter the chain, the more points of contact'
Relation	e.g. CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ has onger chain / straight chain / no branches AND e.g. CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ has more points of contact / more surface interaction (between molecules) \(\) ative strength of force e.g. CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ has stronger/more nduced dipole(–dipole) nteractions OR London forces	(AO 1.2)	IGNORE comparison using 'primary', 'secondary' and 'tertiary'. Comparison of branching is required. For London forces, • ALLOW induced dipole(–dipole) interactions • IGNORE IDID OR van der Waals' forces/VDW DO NOT ALLOW CH3CH2CH2NH2 has more electrons (number of electrons are the same)
	Irogen bonds CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ OR (CH ₃) ₂ CHNH ₂ have hydrogen/H bonds	(AO 2.1)	DO NOT ALL OW for one or constructs have do not please heards
	onds OR (CH₃)₃N has no hydrogen/H conds √		DO NOT ALLOW 'more energy to break covalent bonds ALLOW little energy is required to break London forces (compared with H bonds)
l t	Ative strength of force Hydrogen bonds are stronger than London forces permanent dipole interactions		Examiner's Comments Candidates were expected to explain the different boiling points of three amines. Most candidates linked increased branching with less surface contact between molecules, leading to weaker induced dipole
to b	mparison of energy required break force e.g. More energy to break/overcome London forces/intermolecular forces in CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂	(AO 1.2)	interactions (London forces). Fewer candidates linked the decreasing boiling points to less energy being required to break the intermolecular bonds. The highest performing candidates recognised the large difference between the boiling points of the primary and tertiary amines. They ther identified the cause: primary amines form hydrogen bonds but tertiary
l k	More energy is needed to oreak H bonds (than London forces) √	(AO 2.1)	amines do not. This question was answered reasonably well with fewer candidates that in the past describing relative strengths of covalent bonds, a common misconception.
FOR IF m AND AND gas	ST CHECK MOLECULAR RMULA and STRUCTURE polecular formula = C ₅ H ₁₃ N O correct structure O evidence of ideal	6	
	rect up to 87 \rightarrow 4 marks	(AO 2.2×4	IF $n = \frac{pV}{RT}$ is omitted, ALLOW when values are substituted into rearranged ideal gas equation.

Rearranging ideal gas equation $n = \frac{pV}{DT} \checkmark$

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Unit conversion AND substitution into

$$n = \frac{pV}{RT}$$

- R = 8.314 **OR** 8.31
- $V = 72(.0) \times 10^{-6}$
- T in K: 373 Ke.g. $\frac{1.00 \times 10^5 \times 72.0 \times 10^{-6}}{8.314 \times 373} \checkmark$

Calculation of n

 $n = 2.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (mol) } \checkmark$

Calculation of M

$$M = \frac{0.202}{2.32 \times 10^{-3}} = 87 \checkmark$$

Molecular formula

C₅H₁₃N √

Molecular formula required

Structure of amine A from $C_5H_{13}N \checkmark$

Use of 24000

3 marks max possible for use of 72.0 cm³ **OR** 0.720 dm³ by **ECF**

Calculation

e.g.
$$n = \frac{72.0}{24000} = 3.00 \times \frac{\text{No mark}}{(calculati)}$$

Calculator: $n = 2.321740325 \times 10^{-3}$ from 8.314 From 8.31, $n = 2.322857889 \times 10^{-3}$

ALLOW elements in any order

ALLOW molecular formula = C₃H₉N₃

ALLOW other molecular formulae of an amine that has M = 87, e.g. C₄H₉NO

ALLOW any combination of skeletal **OR** structural **OR** displayed formula as long as unambiguous

ALLOW structures below from molecular formula = $C_3H_9N_3$

ALLOW ECF but only if structure has calculated $M_{\rm r}$ **AND** has 3 peaks in ¹³C NMR spectrum.

Examiner's Comments

Most candidates rearranged the ideal gas equation correctly to make n the subject. They then substituted correct values for p, V, R and T into the equation, with correct unit conversions. Most candidates then calculated n correctly as 2.32×10^{-3} and combined this value with the mass of 0.202 g to derive the molecular formula as 87.

Lower-attaining candidates often made an error in their conversion of cm³ into m³, by multiplying by 10^{-3} rather than 10^{-6} . This error resulted in a value of n as 2.32 and the unrealistic molecular mass of 8.7×10^{-3} , from which a molecular formula is impossible. Candidates in this position are advised to check back at the unit conversions in the working. Very few candidates did not convert 100° C into 373 K.

Candidates with the correct molecular formula of 87 usually suggested

			on much simpler) $M = \frac{0.202}{3.00 \times 10^{-3}} = 67.3 ($		C5H13N as the molecular formula. A significant number quoted $C_5H_{11}NH_2$. This response was not credited as it is not a 'molecular' formula. There are several possible structures of $C_5H_{13}N$ with three ^{13}C NMR peaks and any were credited. Error carried forward was applied from a different molecular mass for both the molecular formula and a structure. This emphasises the importance of working within calculation; credit will always be given for a correct method. Instead of using the ideal gas equation, some candidates used the molar gas constant at room temperature and pressure, 24.0 dm3, which gives a molecular mass of 67. This simplified approach could only gain the final 2 marks for this question: a molecular formula (with an error carried forward value of 67, e.g. C_4H_5N) and a structure of an amine with this molecular formula and 3 peaks in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum.
			Total	10	
4	а	i	ethyl 3-bromopropanoate √	1(AO 1.2)	ALLOW one word: ethyl3-bromopropanoate OR more words, e.g. ethyl 3-bromo propanoate IGNORE lack of hyphens, or addition of commas Examiner's Comments This demanding question discriminated well. The most able candidates were able to apply the nomenclature rules to name ester A correctly as ethyl 3-bromopropanoate. Common incorrect responses included ethyl 1-bromopropanote and ethyl 4-bromopropanoate.
		i	Br OH HO Br OH H'(aq) OH (aq) HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO H	5(AO 2.5 ×5)	ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous ALLOW in either order ALLOW any vertical bond to the OH group e.g. ALLOW OR OH HO DO NOT ALLOW OH— ALLOW in either order For reaction with OH—, ALLOW one mark for OR HO OR HO OR

			Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to apply their knowledge of hydrolysis reactions to ester A. The majority of candidates were able to show 3-bromopropanoic acid and ethanol in the top two boxes to secure two marks. The organic products from the alkaline hydrolysis proved more difficult. Many candidates identified ethanol as a product in one of the lower boxes but lower ability responses showed the ethoxide ion. Some candidates drew the 3-bromopropanoate ion as the other product. Higher ability candidates realised that the Br atom would be replaced by an OH group and the best responses showed the correct carboxylate ion. Examiners were encouraged by the number of excellent responses seen and the majority of candidates scored 4 or 5 marks.
i i i	hydrolysis √	1(AO 1.1)	IGNORE 'acid' and 'alkaline'' IGNORE nucleophilic substitution
b	Proton environment Splitting pattern 1 3.0–4.3 Triplet 2 2.0–3.0 Triplet 3 3.0–4.3 Quartet 4 0.5–1.9 Triplet Mark by column Chemical shift: all 4 correct ✓✓ 3 correct ✓ Splitting pattern: all 4 correct ✓✓ 3 correct ✓	4(AO 3.1 × 4)	ALLOW δ values ± 0.2 ppm, as a range or a value within the range ALLOW integers for δ values e.g. 2 is equivalent to 2.0 ALLOW quadruplet for quartet ALLOW diagrams to show splitting pattern e.g. for triplet for quartet ALLOW splitting patterns shown as numbers i.e. '3' for triplet, '4' for quartet Examiner's Comments This question was answered well and most candidates scored full marks. A common error was the chemical shift of environment 2, which was sometimes shown as 9.0-10.0. Some candidates gave incorrect splitting patterns for environment 2, stating it would give a singlet, rather than a triplet. This is presumably the result of focusing on the carbon atom to the right of the environment with no H atoms. Candidates should be reminded to consider adjacent carbon atoms on both sides of a particular environment, rather the just looking in one direction.
С	Br OH OR	1(AO 3.1)	ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to use both pieces of information to deduce that B was a carboxylic acid with two equivalent carbon atoms.

	O OH OH OH OH		Many candidates were able to suggest a suitable structure. However some candidates did not use all the information and it was common to see responses that showed an ester or a straight chain carboxylic acid.
d	IF answer on answer line = 24018, AWARD 2 marks IF answer on answer line = 27600, AWARD 1 mark Relative mass of 200 molecules = 200 × 138 = 27600 √ Mr of polyester = 27600 − 199 × 18 = 24018 √	2(AO 2.2 ×2)	ALLOW ECF from incorrect <i>M</i> _r Alternative method based on repeat unit: <i>M</i> _r of 200 repeat units = 200 x 120 = 24000 √ <i>M</i> _r of polymer = 24000 + 1 + 17 = 24018 √ Examiner's Comments A variety of responses was seen in this demanding question. In general candidates adopted one of two approaches. The most common was to multiply the Mr of 2-hydroxybenzoic acid by 200 and then subtract the mass of the 199 water molecules removed during polymerisation. The other approach used the Mr of the repeat unit. This was multiplied by 200 and the mass of H and OH at each end of the polymer was added to give the final answer. Many candidates were successful with the first step of their approach, but the best responses included the second step taking into account the Mr of water. A significant number of candidates used an incorrect value for the Mr in their first step. Candidates are advised to draw out the structure of a compound before determining the Mr. This is particularly important when only a name is given in the question.
e i	* Refer to marking instructions on page 4 of mark scheme for guidance on marking this question. Level 3 (5-6 marks) Correct calculation of the mass of (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO. AND Planned synthesis includes oxidation of aldehyde and formation of ester C with most of the reagents and conditions identified and equations are mostly correct. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3-4 marks) Calculation of the mass of (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO is partly correct AND Planned synthesis includes	6 (AO 3.3 ×6)	Indicative scientific points may include: Calculation of mass of (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO Using moles • $n(\text{ester}) = \frac{12.75}{102.0}$ $= 0.125 \text{ (mol)}$ • $n((\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCHO}) = 0.125 \times \frac{100}{40}$ $= 0.3125 \text{ (mol)}$ • Mass of (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO = $72.0 \times 0.3125 = 22.5 \text{ g}$ Using mass • Theoretical mass of ester = $12.75 \times \frac{100}{40}$ $= 31.875 \text{ (g)}$ • Theoretical $n((\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCHO}) = \frac{31.875}{102}$ $= 0.3125 \text{ (mol)}$ • Mass of (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO = $72.0 \times 0.3125 = 22.5 \text{ g}$ ALLOW small slip/rounding errors such as errors in Mr e.g. use of 71 instead of 72 for (CH ₃) ₂ CHCHO

oxidation of aldehyde and formation of ester **C** with some of the reagents and conditions identified

OR

Attempts to calculate mass of (CH3)2CHCHO but makes little progress

AND

Planned synthesis includes oxidation of aldehyde and formation of ester **C** with most of the reagents and conditions identified and equations for each step are mostly correct

There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.

Level 1 (1-2 marks)

Calculation of the mass of (CH₃)₂CHCHO is partly correct

OR

Planned synthesis includes both steps with some of the reagents and conditions identified

OR

Attempts equations for both steps but these may contain errors

OR

Describes one step of the synthesis with reagents, conditions and equation mostly correct

There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant.

0 marks

No response or no response worthy of credit.

(% yield inverted)

Mass = $9.00 \text{ g from } 0.125 \times 72$

(% yield omitted)

Synthesis: reagents and conditions

Step 1: Oxidation of aldehyde (CH₃)₂CHCHO

Reagents: Cr₂O₇²⁻/H⁺
 Conditions: reflux

 Equation: (CH₃)₂CHCHO + [O] → (CH₃)₂CHCOOH

Step 2: Formation of ester C

 Reagents: methylpropanoic acid/(CH₃)₂CHCOOH and methanol/CH₃OH

• Conditions: acid (catalyst) reflux/heat

• Equation:

 $(CH_3)_2CHCOOH + CH_3OH \rightarrow (CH_3)_2CHCOOCH_3 + H_2O$

IGNORE attempts to form methanol in synthesis

Examiner's Comments

This question was marked using a level of response mark scheme. Most candidates gave a response worthy of at least Level 2 (3-4 marks) by either providing the synthetic steps with reagents and/or equations for the synthesis of ester **C** as well as calculating the mass of 2-methylpropanal required. Exemplar 3, below, shows a frequently seen Level 2 response. The best performing candidates determined the mass correctly and showed the synthesis efficiently, using equations to communicate the preparation of ester **C** and received Level 3 (5-6 marks). Some responses focused solely on the 2-methylpropanal and suggested it would be both oxidised and reduced with each of the products being used to form an ester. Others omitted the mass calculation or gave only a partial synthesis. Such responses received Level 1 (1-2 marks).

Exemplar 3

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				O xidation of 2-methyl propanal to form
				2- methydropousic acid using Kaccoup. Alt under reflux.
				Esterification of mac you with methanol
				. H3.6 40H + CH3-OH - H3C-C-C
				t he c
				Ester C: 2 nethyl proposal
				0.4; 1
				° 0 - 1 1
				: 2- methyd propanal mass = 12.76 = 31.875 g
				(to 2 ō.p)
				This response includes an excellent description of the synthesis of ester
				C. Each step is labelled clearly with the most of the reagents and
				conditions stated and correct equations. The candidate makes little progress with the calculation of the mass of 2-methylpropanal required,
				completing only the first step. This response satisfies the Level 2 criteria.
				The information is provided is relevant and presented with a clear logical
				structure and was therefore given the upper mark within the level and
				achieved four marks.
				The presentation of the synthesis by equations rather than words is an excellent strategy. Candidates are advised to adopt such an approach in
				questions like this as it allows them develop and clear line of reasoning
				without the need to write lots of unnecessary text.
				ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural
				OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous
				ALLOW positive charge to be anywhere on the structure
				For Y and Z ,
				ALLOW structure of a feasible fragment ion formed from ester C
				H ₃ C — C
		$Y (43) = (CH_3)_2 CH^+ \checkmark$		CH ₃ O—CH ₃
		1 (43) = (6113)2611 V		Ester C
		Z (71) (CH ₃) ₂ CHCO ⁺ √	2/12	
	i		2(AO 2.7 ×	e.g. Y (43) = CH ₃ OC ⁺
	i	If '+' charge is missing/incorrect	2.7 ^	Z (71) = CCOOCH ₃
		but the structures of both		
		fragments are correct, award one		ALLOW 1 mark if both correct ions are shown but in the incorrect
		mark		columns
				ALLOW A manufacture to the second of the sec
				ALLOW 1 mark for both correct ions if one or both have an 'end bond'
				ALLOW 1 mark if both ions are shown using correct molecular formulae
				Examiner's Comments
				Most candidates were able to provide a correct structure for each of the
				ions responsible for the peaks labelled Y and Z . Some candidates
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				omitted the charge, or included 'end bonds'. These responses were able

			to achieve one mark if both fragments were correct. So the majority of candidates scored one or two marks in this part.
	Total	22	
5	* Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Structure is CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ CH(CH ₃)COOH AND Most of the data analysed. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) A viable aromatic structure of C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ that contains C=O AND most key features consistent with spectral data AND Some of the spectral data analysed There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure.	6(AO 1.2 × 2)(AO 3.1 × 2)(AO 3.2 × 2)	Indicative scientific points: Empirical and Molecular Formulae • C:H:O = \frac{73.17}{12.0} : \frac{7.32}{1.0} : \frac{19.51}{16.0} = 6.10 : 7.32 : 1.22 = 5 : 6 : 1 • Empirical formula = C ₅ H ₆ O • uses m/z = 164.0 to determine molecular formula as C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ Structure ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous Key features of an aromatic structure consistent with spectral data • COOH group • 4 aromatic H atoms • single H atom that would give a quartet • CH ₃ group that would give a doublet • CH ₃ group that would give a singlet Correct Structure • CH ₃ C ₆ H4CH(CH ₃)COOH ALLOW 2-, 3- OR 4- substitution of ring i.e.
	The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Correct determination of empirical formula and/or molecular formula. OR Analyses some of the IR and NMR data. OR Analyses most of the NMR data. There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning. The information is in the most part relevant. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		ALLOW 2-, 3- OR 4- substitution of fing i.e. H ₃ C OR Ar-CH OR Ar-CH OR Ar-CH-CH ₃ / C ₆ H ₅ -CH-CH ₃ OR Ar-CH-CH ₃ / C ₆ H ₅ -CH-CH ₃ OR Ar-T-7.5 ppm, multiplet, 4H C ₆ H ₄ - ALLOW approximate values for chemical shifts. IR:

- peak at 2300-3700 (cm⁻¹) is O-H
- peak at ~1720 (cm⁻¹) is C=O
- unknown is a carboxylic acid

ALLOW ranges from *Data Sheet* **IGNORE** references to C–O peaks

Examiner's Comments

Candidates are confident in tackling questions requiring spectral analysis. Most candidates were able to determine the empirical and molecular formula of the unknown compound and analyse the IR and NMR data. A number of excellent responses were seen which included interpretation of the peak splitting in the NMR spectrum. However, many candidates were unable to suggest a structure that matched their spectral analysis. The majority of structures seen were aromatic but not all contained the carboxylic acid group. Some candidates focused on the NMR data and suggested a structure that was consistent with some of these peaks and included a two substituents of the ring or a degree of chain branching. Lower ability responses often showed a simpler structure of a monosubstituted ring with a straight chain. Stronger responses were able to use all the data to suggest a correct structure as demonstrated in Exemplar 9. Examiners were impressed with the problem solving ability shown by candidates and a significant proportion of responses were given six marks.

Exemplar 8

C: 73:17	H: 7.32	0: [9:5]	
12	1	16	
= <u>6:0975</u>			
1-219375	1-219375	1.219375	
= 5			
Empirical = Calleo			
the moleculo			
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The shorp peak o	↓ 1700 cm²¹	is due to a	C=0 900p.
The broad peck	d 3000 cs-1	is due to a	OH This
suggests a co	boxelic acid	is peant.	
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Additional answer space if req	uired		
feet at 1.5 pp	m is due to	a CHz group. I	t is a doublet due
to being adjacent to 1			
Q-CH3 group. IL	is a sing	let due lo beig	a adjaca to
O piotons. Peak o			
ring. The peak			
HC - C 900p.			
being adjo	cont to	3prolens	
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g. Hs	END OF QUESTION	PAPER CH3	
BA.			
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This candidate starts their analysis by determining the empirical and molecular formula of the unknown compound. Next the IR and NMR data

			is analysed in a clear, logical fashion. Although not shown in this report, the candidate had annotated the spectra, a good strategy. At the end of the response the candidate has determined a possible structure. Notice how the candidate has crossed out the first attempt at a structure. This is much better than rubbing out a pencil diagram and re-drawing over the space as this often leads to unclear images that are difficult for examiners to read. This candidate received full marks in this question.
	Total	6	
	Please refer to the marking instructions on page 5 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question.		Indicative scientific points: Empirical and Molecular Formula
	Level 3 (5–6 marks) Compound is a structure of C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₃ that is consistent with splitting pattern and chemical shifts in NMR spectrum. AND Comprehensive reasoning with		C: H: O = $54.54/12$: $9.10/1$: $36.36/16$ 4.545 : 9.10 : 2.273 2 : 4 : 1 Empirical formula = C_2H_4O uses m/z = 132.0 to determine molecular formula as $C_6H_{12}O_3$
	most of the data analysed. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated.		¹ H NMR analysis Spectrum: • δ = 4.0 ppm, quartet, 1H, CH ₃ –CH–O • δ = 1.3 ppm, singlet, 6H, (CH ₃) ₂ –C • δ = 1.2 ppm, doublet, 3H, CH ₃ –CH–
6	Level 2 (3–4 marks) Compound has a feasible chemical structure that is consistent with the splitting pattern in NMR spectrum but may have incorrect molecular formula. AND Reasoning provided with some of	6	Peak at 11.0 ppm COOH or OH peak at 3.6 ppm OH Note: Data Sheet shows O-H chemical shift can occur around 11.0 ppm
	the data analysed. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence.		Structure ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous Contains region that gives doublet and quartet
	Level 1 (1–2 marks) Correct determination of empirical formula and/or molecular formula. OR Analyses most of the NMR data. OR Attempts to determine empirical and/or molecular formula AND analyses some of the NMR data.		e.g. HOCCCCCCC HHCCCCCCCC HHCCCCCCCC HHCCCCCCCC

There is an attempt at a logical structure with a line of reasoning.
The information is in the most part relevant.

0 marks

No response or no response worthy of credit.

Examples of structures consistent with splitting and chemical shift in NMR

Note: there may be other possible structures that are consistent with the splitting pattern and chemical shifts in NMR – if an alternative structure is seen, please contact your team leader

Examiner's Comments

Most candidates were able to determine the empirical and molecular formula of the unknown compound. A number of excellent and clear response were seen, where the NMR data was explained, including interpretation of the additional peaks observed without D₂O. However many candidates were unable to suggest a structure that matched their NMR interpretation. Some candidates used the quartet, doublet and singlet to suggest a structure that would give rise to this splitting pattern, but which was not consistent with the chemical shifts, see Exemplar 12. Such responses received a level 2 mark (3-4). Stronger responses were able to use all the data to suggest a correct structure. The most common was CH₃CH(OH)C(CH₃)₂COOH although other viable structures, including CH₃CH(OH)COC(CH₃)₂OH, were also seen. Examiners were impressed with the problem solving ability shown by candidates and a significant proportion of responses were credited six marks.

				Exemplar 12 C H O Sh. Sh. 9.10 36.36 12 1 16 emplored formula-Coth.0 4.545 9.10 2.2725 H- 4.4 2 4 132-3 44 moscular formula= Coth.0 x 3 - Coth.03 peak at 1.2 ppm - Midd H C - R 1 H 5. doublet so adjacent carbon has I H peak at 1.3 ppm = HC - R Sixclet so adjacent C has a protons Integral of 5 (ths) Peak at 1.3 ppm indicative of HC - O Quartet so adjacent C has 3 protons Integral of 1 - C H Additional answer space if required. Additional answer space if required. Da. At 1. ppm = C Oth and 3 S. ppm Indicative of HC - O M. F - Coth. O S
				This logically presented Level 2 response uses the elemental analysis and mass spectrum data to determine the correct empirical and molecular formula of the unknown compound. The peaks in the NMR spectrum are analysed in detail, with a clear explanation of the splitting patterns. A comment about the two additional peaks observed when the spectrum is run without D ₂ O is also provided. The response concludes with a structure of C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₃ that would show a singlet, doublet and quartet in its ¹H NMR spectrum. However, this structure is not consistent with the chemical shift values shown in the spectrum provided. In particular this structure would produce a quartet between 2.0–2.9 ppm, rather than at 4.0 as in the spectrum shown. Consequentially this response does not achieve Level 3. When tackling questions of this type candidates are advised to check that a proposed structure would produce peaks in the correct region of the NMR spectrum to ensure it is totally consistent with the data analysed.
		Total	6	
		FIRST CHECK ANSWER ON ANSWER LINE IF answer = 7.5 × 10 ⁻⁴ award 2 marks		If there is an alternative answer, Apply ECF Alternative method [K] in g dm ⁻³ with peak area of 5.9
7	i	[K] in mol dm ⁻³ $\frac{9.13 \times 10^{-2}}{166} = 5.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}$	2	$9.13 \times 10^{-2} \times \frac{5.9}{4.3}$ OR $9.13 \times 10^{-2} \times 1.37$ $= 0.125 OR 0.13 (g dm-3) \checkmark$ Calculator: 0.125272093
		[L] from peak areas		[L] in mol dm ⁻³

	$5.50 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{5.9}{4.3} \frac{\text{OR}}{1.37} 5.50 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{5.9}{4.3} \frac{\text{OR}}{1.37}$		$\frac{0.125}{166} = 7.5 \times 10^{-4}$ OR $\frac{0.13}{166} = 7.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (mol dm}^{-3}\text{) } \checkmark$
	= 7.5 × 10 ⁻⁴ (mol dm ⁻³) √ 2 SF Required		Common errors: Common errors: Award 1 mark for:
			• 0.099(from $\frac{9.13 \times 10^{-2}}{166} \times 180$)
			• 6.9×10^{-4} (from $\frac{0.125}{180}$)
			• 7.2×10^{-4} (from $\frac{0.13}{180}$)
			• 7.0×10^{-4} (from $\frac{0.25272093}{180}$)
			Examiner's Comments
			This question required candidates to apply their knowledge of gas chromatography and the mole to solve this problem. Most candidates recognised the need to use the relative peak areas to determine the relative proportion of \mathbf{M} . Many also realised that division by the molar mass was required to ensure the final answer was given in mol dm ⁻³ . However, some used molar mass of \mathbf{M} rather than \mathbf{K} in this step, leading to an answer of 7.0×10^{-4} mol dm ⁻³ .
			Answer = $7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
	ester J		ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous
	C O CH		
	но		L and M can be identified either way round
i	esters L and M	3	IGNORE 'C ₃ H ₇ ' in L and/or M as ambiguous (question requires structures)
lli	CH ₂ CH ₂ C		IGNORE connectivity of phenol OH group (marks are for structures of alkyl groups)
	но		Examiner's Comments
	HO CH(CH		Examiners were encouraged by the number of good responses to this problem solving question. Most candidates achieved at least one mark in this part, often from a correct structure of J . Although many candidates deduced that the R group for both L and M consisted of 3 C atoms and 7 H atoms, only the highest ability candidates were able to join these correctly. A small but significant number of responses showed R groups

				that involved O atoms, despite the prompt that the R represented an alkyl group. Candidates are advised to read questions carefully.
		Total	5	
8	Ī	Number of peaks 2 marks 2-nitrophenol AND 3-nitrophenol have six peaks/environments/types of carbon √ 4-nitrophenol has four peaks/environments/types of carbon √ Statement 1 mark 4-nitrophenol can be distinguished OR 2-nitrophenol and 3-nitrophenol cannot be distinguished ✓	3	IGNORE any numbers shown on structures ALLOW 1 mark only IF a response identifies that all the compounds have 6 peaks/environments/types of C OR all the compounds have 4 peaks/environments/types of carbon IGNORE chemical shifts DO NOT ALLOW ECF from an incorrect number of peaks/environments/types of carbon Examiner's Comments This question required candidates to apply their knowledge of ¹³ C NMR spectroscopy to deduce the number of different carbon environments in each of the nitrophenols shown. The best responses were succinct, stating that it is possible to distinguish 4-nitrophenol from the other two after deducing the correct number of carbon environments for each compound. Lower ability candidates' responses did not identify the symmetry in 4-nitrophenol and suggested all three compounds would produce six peaks, therefore making it impossible to distinguish between them.
		(In phenol) a (Ione) pair of electrons on O is(partially) delocalised/donated into the π-system / ring ✓		ALLOW the electron pair in the p-orbitals of the O atom becomes part of the π-system / ring ALLOW diagram to show movement of lone pair into ring ALLOW lone pair of electrons on O is (partially) drawn/attracted/pulled/ into π-system / ring IGNORE activating
	i	Electron density increases/is higher (than benzene) √ ORA	3	IGNORE charge density IGNORE electronegativity IGNORE phenol reacts more readily (no reference to electrophile)
	İ	(phenol) is more susceptible to electrophilic attack OR (phenol) attracts/accepts electrophile/HNO₃ more OR (phenol) polarises electrophile/HNO₃ more ✓ ORA	3	Examiner's Comments The relative reactivity of phenol is well known by candidates at this level and the majority scored two or three marks. Candidates who did not score full marks gave imprecise or vague explanations. This included reference to 'higher charge density' or 'higher electronegativity' of the phenol ring, rather than 'higher electron density'.

		Total	6	
9	а	Empirical formula Mole Ratio C : H : O = 5.88 : 5.92 : 1.47 √ Empirical formula = C ₄ H ₄ O √ Molecular formula Molecular formula = C ₈ H ₈ O ₂ AND Evidence of 136 in working or from labelled peak in spectrum √	3	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES $\frac{70.58}{\text{ALLOW}} : \frac{5.92}{1.0} : \frac{23.50}{16.0}$ ALLOW 4:4:1 if linked to C:H:O Alternative method for 3 marks: $C: \frac{136 \times 70.58/100}{12.0} = 8$ H: $\frac{136 \times 5.92/100}{1.0} = 8$ O: $\frac{136 \times 23.50/100}{16.0} = 2$ Examiner Comments The empirical formula was correctly calculated by all but the weakest candidates. The final mark was more difficult to obtain as it required evidence that the molar mass had been determined from the mass spectrum and used in establishing the molecular formula.
	р	Functional groups Phenol AND ketone ✓ Explanation Links phenol to (weak) acidity AND no reaction with Na₂CO₃ (so not carboxylic acid) ✓ Links 2,4-DNP(H) or Brady's reagent observation to carbonyl AND Tollens' reagent observation (so not an aldehyde) ✓	3	DO NOT ALLOW any other functional groups for first marking point. ALLOW identity of functional groups in the explanation if not stated on functional group prompt line. ALLOW "aldehyde or ketone" in place of carbonyl Examiner Comments Many candidates were able to suggest that the compound contained a ketone but found it more difficult to indicate the presence of phenol. Approximately 20% of the entry obtained all three marks. When explaining the presence of the ketone some failed to indicate that the 2,4-DNP test indicated that the compound must contain a carbonyl and just focused on the lack of reactivity with Tollens'. Answers suggesting the molecule contained a ketone as no reaction was observed with Tollens' did not gain credit when no reference to carbonyl was seen. Those who recognised the presence of a phenol explained that the only acidic functional group that does not react with sodium carbonate is a phenol.
	С	Carbon NMR analysis Peaks between 110–160 ppm are the (four) aromatic (carbon environments) √ Compound contains a C=O between 190 – 200 ppm AND Compound contains a C-C at 20 –	3	Peaks labelled on spectrum Peaks indicated on a chemical structure Peaks indicated from within text Note: If identifying aromatic peaks from the spectrum all four peaks should be indicated. ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous Examiner Comments When interpreting a carbon-13 NMR spectrum, candidates should be advised to fully label any peaks. Many candidates failed to indicate the

	30 ppm ✓ Structure		presence of four aromatic peaks yet produced a structure containing a benzene ring. In some cases candidates did not link their answer to part (a) of the question giving structures that did not match their molecular formula.
	Total	9	
1 0	Please refer to marking instructions on page 4 of mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) A comprehensive analysis of the information available with through explanations linked to the evidence. Acid C identified as a tricarboxylic acid with a tertiary –OH group and the correct molecular formula of C ₆ H ₆ O ₇ . There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated Level 2 (3–4 marks) Analysis of the information available but explanations may be incomplete or there may be mistakes in calculations, although the method may be sound. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) A simple analysis of the information available and limited explanations which may or may not be explicitly linked to the evidence. The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear. 0 marks – No response worthy of credit.	6	Indicative scientific points may include Identification of functional groups • Tribasic acid → three -COOH groups From 1 mol C requires 3 mol NaOH • Tertiary alcohol From no colour change with hot acidified dichromate(VI) Determination of molecular formula of C • M(C) = 1.21 × 10 ⁻² = 192 (g mol ⁻¹) From 1.21 × 10 ⁻² mol C has a mass of 2.323 g. • 192 - 3 × 45 (3 × COOH) - 16 (O) = 41 41 → C₃H₅ (or evidence of working) • Molecular formula = C₅H₅O7 Structure of citric acid • 4 peaks in ¹³C NMR → 4 types of carbon • Correct structure of C matching evidence. COOH HOOC-CH₅-C-CH₅-COOH OH NOTE: Structure below match all evidence except for ¹³C NMR. See Level 3 criteria.

		Total	6	
1 1	а	Reagent and observation sodium carbonate AND Fizzing/effervescence/bubbling ✓ Equation Correctly balanced equation ✓ e.g. 2RCOOH + Na ₂ CO ₃ → 2RCOONa + CO ₂ + H ₂ O	2	Note: both reagent and observation are required for first mark ALLOW name or formula for any suitable carbonate e.g NaHCO ₃ , potassium carbonate etc. ALLOW reagent from equation if not stated elsewhere
		Reagent and observation Tollens' (reagent) AND Silver (mirror) ✓ Equation RCHO + [O] → RCOOH ✓	2	Note: both reagent and observation are required for first mark ALLOW ammoniacal silver nitrate OR Ag ⁺ /NH ₃ ALLOW H ⁺ /Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ OR acidified (potassium/sodium) dichromate AND Orange to green (this would identify the aldehyde from the carboxylic acid, ketone and esters)
k	0	2,4−dinitrophenylhydrazine AND Orange/yellow/red precipitate ✓	1	ALLOW errors in spelling ALLOW 2,4(-)DNP OR 2,4(-)DNPH ALLOW Brady's reagent or Brady's Test ALLOW solid OR crystals OR ppt as alternatives for precipitate
	C	CH ₃ COOC(CH ₃) ₃ + NaOH → CH ₃ COONa + (CH ₃) ₃ COH CH ₃ COONa ✓ Rest of equation correct ✓ OR (CH ₃) ₃ CCOOCH ₃ + NaOH → (CH ₃) ₃ CCOONa + CH ₃ OH (CH ₃) ₃ CCOONa ✓ Rest of equation correct ✓	2	Note: the hydrolysis of either ester may be given ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous DO NOT ALLOW molecular formulae of products (question requires structures of products to be shown)
		Reagent and observation H ⁺ /Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ OR acidified (potassium/sodium) dichromate AND Orange to green (with CH ₃ OH) ✓ Equation	2	

	CH ₃ OH + [O] \rightarrow HCHO + H ₂ O OR CH ₃ OH + 2[O] \rightarrow HCOOH + H ₂ O \checkmark		ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous DO NOT ALLOW molecular formulae (question requires structures of organic compounds to be shown)
i	13C NMR (1 mark) (It is) not possible to identify (the esters) with ¹³C NMR AND (both) spectra would contain four peaks (with similar chemical shifts) ¹H NMR (2 marks) (It is) possible to identify (the esters) with ¹H NMR (¹H NMR spectrum of) CH₃COOC(CH₃)₃ has a singlet/peak between 2.0−3.0 (ppm) (¹H NMR spectrum of) (CH₃)₃CCOOCH₃ has a singlet/peak between 3.0−4.3 (ppm)	3	ALLOW 'same number of peaks' in place of 'four peaks' ALLOW any value or range of values within 2.0-3.0 ALLOW any value or range of values within 3.0-4.3
	All three correct statements√√ Any two correct statements √		
d	Possible structures for ketone (2 marks) CH ₃ —C—CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₂ —C—CH ₂ CH ₃ CH ₃ —C—CH—CH ₃ All three correct ✓✓ Any two correct ✓	5	ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous IGNORE names of ketones

	Aldehyde (3 marks) Peak at (δ) 1.2 shows HC–R AND No H on adjacent C atom as peak is singlet √		
	Peak at (δ) 9.6 shows H–C=O AND No H on adjacent C atom as peak is singlet ✓ CH ₃ O		
	H ₃ C — C — H CH ₃ OR (2,2-)dimethylpropanal ✓		
	Total	17	
1 2	*Please refer to the marking instructions on page 4 of this mark scheme for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Structure of J identified as CH ₃ CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂ CN AND/OR A comprehensive analysis with most of the spectral data analysed and few omissions. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The	6	LOOK ON THE SPECTRA for labelled peaks. Indicative scientific points may include:
	information presented is relevant and substantiated. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Analysis may be incomplete and structure of J identified. OR Thorough analysis of one aspect of		¹ H NMR spectrum • $δ = 0.9$ ppm, triplet, CH ₃ −CH ₂ −(C−) • $δ = 1.4$ ppm, singlet, (CH ₃) ₂ C ⁻ • $δ = 1.6$ ppm, quartet, CH ₃ −CH ₂ −(C−)
	the information given in question and structure of J may be incorrectly identified. There is a line of reasoning		IR Spectrum and Structure of J
	presented with some structure. The information presented is		o peak at 2220−2260 (cm ⁻¹) is C≡N

		relevant and supported by some evidence. Level 1 (1–2 marks) An attempt at a simple analysis. OR Explains one scientific point thoroughly with a few omissions. The information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.		CH ₃ —CH ₂ —C—CN CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃
		Total	6	
1 3	a i	¹ H NMR spectrum for 2-aminop Chemical shift,	3	One mark for each correct row ALLOW δ values as a range or a value within the specified range. ALLOW δ values +/- 0.2 ppm. ALLOW a response that implies a splitting into two for a doublet etc. ALLOW sextet/hextet/six (or more than 5) as alternative to multiplet Relative peak area = CH /3H etc. penalise once Examiner's Comments Although it could be argued that this question tested the same skill three times, the full range of marks was awarded and errors were seen in the chemical shift, relative peak area and splitting pattern. Fully correct responses included either a chemical shift value within the range specified on the data sheet or a range that matched the one given on the data sheet.
	i		2	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above as long as unambiguous Positive charge is essential but ALLOW maximum of one mark if both formulae are correct AND neither species has a positive charge Examiner's Comments Although peak 2 was often correct, the species responsible for the M+ peak was often missing a positive charge. Possibly students have learned that the particles become charged as part of the fragmentation process and don't realise that only charged particles can be detected by a mass spectrometer.

	b	i	Ethanolic ammonia OR ammonia/NH₃ AND ethanol √	1	ALLOW ammonia in a sealed tube ALLOW dilute ethanolic ammonia/NH3 IGNORE heat ALLOW alcohol for ethanol DO NOT ALLOW any reference to water or hydroxide ions Examiner's Comments A well answered question. Some candidates forgot to use a solvent or suggested the use of aqueous ammonia.
		i	(compound D) $ \begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_3} \\ \\ H \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_2OH} \\ \\ H \\ \end{array} $	1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above as long as unambiguous Examiner's Comments This question discriminated well. Although there were very few blank pages, many incorrect structures were seen.
	С	i	Alcohol AND Amide/peptide √	1	IGNORE phenol IGNORE hydroxyl/hydroxy IGNORE attempts to classify alcohol or amide as primary, secondary or tertiary DO NOT ALLOW hydroxide Examiner's Comments Generally well answered but incorrect functional groups included carbonyl and amine.
		i i	OH OH NH3*	2	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR combination of above as long as unambiguous ALLOW + on N or H i.e. *NH ₃ or NH ₃ *ALLOW NH ₃ *CI ⁻ Examiner's Comments Many candidates were able to score one mark for this question but the amine group was often not protonated and it was surprisingly common to see the amine group as NH ₂ *.
1 4	а		Reducing agent NaBH ₄ / sodium tetrahydridoborate(III) / sodium borohydride√ Equation	10	ALLOW LiAlH4/lithium tetrahydridoaluminate(III)/lithium aluminium hydride ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above

	CH ₃ (CH ₂)3CHO + 2[H] → CH ₃ (CH ₂)3CH ₂ OH √		ALLOW C ₄ H ₉ CHO + 2[H] → C ₅ H ₁₁ OH ALLOW molecular formulae: C ₅ H ₁₀ O + 2[H] → C ₅ H ₁₂ O DO NOT ALLOW –COH for aldehyde Examiner's Comments Very well answered. The most common error was an incorrect formula
			ANNOTATE WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above as long as unambiguous IGNORE names if structures are given
	M1 Compound F structure is a secondary alcohol with the formula C₅H₁₁OH ✓ M2 Compound F = CH₃CH(OH)CH(CH₃)CH₃ ✓		ALLOW 3-methylbutan-2-ol if structure not given ALLOW ECF from an incorrect secondary alcohol for M3 e.g. pentan-2-ol → pentan-2-one e.g. pentan-3-ol → pentan-3-one ALLOW (3-)methylbutanone if structure not given IGNORE any discussion of the reactions of compound G with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine and/or Tollens' reagent.
b	M3 Compound G = CH₃COCH(CH₃)CH₃ ✓	7	ALLOW 3 SF up to calculator value correctly rounded IF M(compound H) = 74 award 2 marks (M4 + M5) ALLOW ECF from incorrect calculation of amount of NaOH ALLOW propanoic acid if structure not given ALLOW ECF from incorrect compound F (alcohol) and/or incorrect
	M4 n(NaOH) = (0.125 x 22.8/1000) = 0.00285 (mol) √ M5 M(compound H) = (0.211/0.00285 =) 74(.0) (g mol ⁻¹) √ M6 Compound H = / CH ₃ CH ₂ COOH √ M7 Compound I =		Compounds F, G, H and I must be placed in the correct box or correctly labelled for M2. M3, M6 and M7 Examiner's Comments A high scoring question with many candidates gaining full marks. Although most realised that Compound F was a secondary alcohol, fewer candidates combined this knowledge with the information provided by carbon-13 NMR to deduce the correct structure of the secondary alcohol.

			H H CH		
	C		The structural isomer is:	1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR a combination of above as long as unambiguous ALLOW 2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol Examiner's Comments A good discriminator but many correct structures were seen.
			Total	10	
1 5	а	·	Radio (waves) ✓	1	Examiner's Comments The interaction of materials with the low-energy radio wave region of the electromagnetic spectrum is described in the specification but this question was surprisingly poorly answered. Infrared, ultraviolet, X-rays and gamma rays were all commonly seen answers in addition to ranges of chemical shift quoted from the data sheet.
		i	The solvent does not have any hydrogen / H / protons ✓	1	ALLOW to prevent (¹H nuclei from) the solvent from interfering with the NMR spectrum ALLOW does not show on the spectrum ALLOW no peak / signal (from solvent) IGNORE volatility Examiner's Comments The need for deuterated solvents was well known but some candidates confused the use of this solvent with the use of TMS as the standard for chemical shift measurements or the identification of O—H and N—H protons by proton exchange using D2O.
	b		14 ✓	1	Examiner's Comments Almost all candidates scored this mark for counting the peaks in the ¹³ C NMR spectrum.
	С		NMR analysis (5 marks) M1	7	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES ETC IGNORE analysis of ¹³ C spectrum

Peaks between (δ) 7.1 and 7.5 Each peak can be identified from its δ value \pm 0.2 ppm (ppm) OR Relative peak area of 7 OR ALLOW (seven) benzene ring protons OR aromatic protons Multiplet DO NOT ALLOW benzene ring without reference to protons **ALLOW** C₆H₆ **IGNORE M2** IGNORE O-H, CONH AND C=CH Peak at 5.2/5.3 OR Relative peak area of 1 = N-H ✓ М3 Peak at 2.3/2.4 **ALLOW** quadruplet IGNORE CHC=O AND HC-N OR Relative peak area of 2 OR Quartet **DO NOT ALLOW** triplet = CH₃ **OR** CH₂CH₃ OR This also scores M4 if triplet is linked to R-CH3 М4 **ALLOW** CH₃CH₂ described as R–CH₃ and 2 adjacent H Peak at 0.7/0.8 OR —CH₂- and 3 adjacent H OR Triplet = R-CH OR R-CH₃ ✓ The information can be presented on the spectrum or in a table. М5 Triplet (at δ 0.7) **AND** quartet (at δ $2.3) = CH_2CH_3$ **OR** triplet at (δ) 0.7 shows (C with) 2 adjacent Hs / protons = CH₂CH₃ **OR** quartet (at δ 2.3) shows (C with) 3 adjacent Hs / protons = CH₂CH₃ ✓

		O H		
		7		
			N-H	
		المالا	1 	
1	0 8	7	6	5 4
				chemical shift, δ/p

QWC: **triplet** or **quartet** spelled correctly in the correct context for **M5**

Identification of R¹ and R² (2 marks)

Orange precipitate L

Correct structure scores 2 marks

$$R^1$$
 or $R^2 = -CH_3$ \checkmark

 R_1 or R_2 =

Chemical shift/ppm	Relative peak area	Splitting pat
7.1 – 7.5	7	Multiple
5.3	1	Singlet
2.3/2.4	2	Quartet
1.7/1.8	3	Singlet
0.7/0.8	3	triplet

IGNORE peak in the range 1.6–2.2 = HC–C=N– because this information is given in the question.

 H_3C -C=N- scores one mark for the identification of \mathbf{R}^1 or \mathbf{R}^2 (see below)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{ALLOW} & correct structural \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{OR} & displayed \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{OR} & skeletal formulae \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{OR} & a \\ combination & of above as long as unambiguous \\ \end{tabular}$

Marks are for structure of R^1 and R^2

IGNORE errors in the rest of the structure

ALLOW 1 mark for CH₃ and CH₃CH₂ swapped, i.e. the following structure

	CH ₃ CH ₂		CH ₃ CH ₂ NO ₂ NO ₂ NO ₂ NO ₂ NO ₃ NO ₂ NO ₃ NO ₄ NO ₄ NO ₅ NO ₅ NO ₅ NO ₆ NO ₆ NO ₇ N
			MUST BE 1,4-disubstituted (14 carbon environments in the ¹³ C NMR spectrum
			Examiner's Comments
			Although the use of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine to detect the presence of a carbonyl group in an organic compound and to identify a carbonyl compound from the melting point of the derivative is required in the specification, the equation for this reaction and the structure of the derivative was not required in the question. The equation for the reaction and the structure of the derivative, with R¹ and R² groups from the original carbonyl compound, was given in the question. The structure of carbonyl K was similar in complexity to structures featured in previous papers. The mark scheme was constructed so that at least two of the first five marks awarded for the analysis were easily accessible by comparing the chemical shifts in the ¹H NMR spectrum with those displayed in the data sheet. These marks were often achieved by the construction of a clearly labelled and well organised table or by annotating the spectrum. Splitting patterns were well understood but one problem for candidates was the difficulty in associating the peak at $\delta = 2.3/2.4$ ppm with a benzylic hydrogen; many candidates focused more on coupling than on chemical shifts and missed a chance to solve the structure. Of the two marks available for identifying R¹ and R², one could be derived quickly by linking information given in the question with one of the peaks in the ¹H NMR spectrum. The second identification mark required careful analysis of both the ¹H NMR and 13 C NMR data. Overall, most candidates were able to score marks on this question and completely correct answers were achieved by the most able candidates.
	Carbonyl compound K		ALLOW ECF from incorrect compound L
	H₃C C==0		Must be a correct carbonyl structure
d	CH₃CH₂ ✓	1	Examiner's Comments It was not possible to score a mark for this question unless a structure had been drawn for compound L. However, many candidates were able to score this mark as error carried forward from structures that had failed to gain any credit in the previous question were allowable.
	Total	11	

			ALLOW (CH ₃) ₄ Si
		TMS / tetramethylsilane	ALLOW TMS is the reference OR TMS has δ = 0 (ppm) OR for calibration OR for comparison
6	а	(which is the) standard (for chemical shift measurements)	IGNORE solvent, unreactive, volatile, it gives a sharp peak
		√	Examiner's Comments
			This was well answered by the majority of candidates.
		NMR analysis = 5 marks	NOTE: Each peak can be identified from:
			 its δ value a range, e.g. "the peak between 0.8 and 2.0" its relative peak area (beware two peaks with 2 protons) its splitting (beware two triplets) labelling on the spectrum
		M4.	ALLOW CH ₂ CHO / aldehyde IGNORE reference to phenol
		M1: Peak(s) at (δ) 9.7 = CHO ✓	ALLOW (four) benzene ring proton(s) IGNORE reference to phenol
		M2: Peak(s) at (δ) 7.1 = C ₆ H ₄ ✓	
	b	M3: Triplet at (δ) 1.3 / peak at 1.3 AND quartet (at δ 2.6) / peak at 2.6 = CH ₂ CH ₃ ✓	M3 and M4 Look for a clear link (using words or diagrams) between the two peaks
		M4: Triplet at (δ) 9.7 / peak at 9.7 AND doublet (at δ 3.7) / peak at 3.7 = CH_2CHO \checkmark	
		M5: (n+1 rule) Any one of the following	ALLOW a response that implies a splitting into three for a triplet / into two for a doublet etc.
		shows (C with) 2 adjacent Hs / protons OR adjacent CH ₂ (because of	ALLOW "neighbouring" Hs for "adjacent to" Hs
		splitting: so triplet)	IGNORE other comments about splitting once M5 has been awarded

0	quartet at (δ 2.6
	shows) (C with)
	3 adjacent Hs /
	protons
	OR adjacent
	CH₃

 $\ensuremath{\text{DO NOT ALLOW}}$ one of $\ensuremath{\text{M3}}$ or $\ensuremath{\text{M4}}$ or $\ensuremath{\text{M5}}$ if triplet not seen

- triplet at (δ) 9.7 shows (C with) 2 adjacent Hs / protons OR adjacent CH₂
- doublet at (δ 3.7 shows)
 (C with) 1 adjacent H /
 proton OR adjacent CH

QWC: **triplet** spelled correctly in the correct context once

ALLOW correct structural **OR** displayed **OR** skeletal formulae **OR** combination of above as long as unambiguous

IF structure contains C₆H₄ ✓

IF structure contains C₆H₄

AND the organic structure contains CH₃CH₂ directly attached to the benzene ring

OR contains CH₂CHO directly attached to the benzene ring ✓✓

IF structure has formula C₁₀H₁₂O

AND structure contains C₆H₄

AND the structure contains CH₃CH₂

AND contains CH₂CHO

AND 1,2 OR 1,3 substituted ✓√✓

Aldehyde structure = 4 marks

IF structure has formula C₁₀H₁₂O

AND structure contains C₆H₄

AND the structure contains CH₃CH₂

AND contains CH₂CHO

AND 1,4 substituted √√√√

(use of ¹³C data)

Examiner's Comments

Good discrimination was achieved in this question. Nearly all could score at least one mark from the first two marking points by identifying the peak associated with the proton in the aldehyde group, or the peak given by

					benzene ring protons. Many gave a good explanation of a splitting pattern to score the fifth marking point. These marks were often achieved by the construction of a clearly labelled and well organised table. Many were able to suggest a structure for compound H . The best candidates included a 1,4 substituted benzene ring after correctly interpreting the information from the carbon-13 NMR spectrum. Candidates should avoid drawing several different structures and not indicating which one they wish to have marked.
			Total	10	
1 7			Compound C D Number of peaks 5 5 all correct ✓	1	Examiner's Comments The interpretation of carbon-13 NMR spectra seems to be very well understood and the vast majority of candidates were able to correctly predict the number of peaks for all three compounds.
			Total	1	
1 8	а		TH NMR spectrum for second chemical shift, relative peak area 2.0 to 3.0 1 3.3 to 4.2 2 One mark for each correct row	2	ALLOW δ values ± 0.2 ppm, as a range or a value within the range ALLOW a response that implies a splitting into three for a triplet / into two for a doublet Examiner's Comments Many candidates did not have the skills required to score marks on this question. Errors were made in all three columns and most often in assigning appropriate shift values from the data sheet.
	b	i	* N * COO	1	ALL correct for one mark Examiner's Comments This part was answered well by many candidates. Some missed the chiral centre on the proline moiety or added an asterisk to a carbonyl carbon.
		i	any two from: no / fewer side effects increases the (pharmacological) activity / effectiveness Reduces / stops the need for / cost / difficulty in separating stereoisomers / optical isomers	2	IGNORE toxic / harmful IGNORE a response that implies a reduced dose IGNORE "it takes (less) time to separate" Examiner's Comments Most candidates gained this mark by stating that the use of a single stereoisomer results in fewer side effects and increased pharmacological activity. Vague answers and comments about a reduced dose did not score marks.

		i i	OH one mark for ethanol one mark for your proline with NH OR NH2+ OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH O	4	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formulae OR combination of above as long as unambiguous ALLOW + charge on H of NH ₂ groups, <i>i.e.</i> NH ₂ ⁺ IGNORE negative (counter) ions Examiner's Comments
			one mark for remaining fragment with H or H ₂ Fourth mark for structure of both ions shown correctly with NH ₂ ⁺		This question discriminated well. Most candidates were able to score one mark for the formula of ethanol. Only a small number of able candidates scored full marks for including the correct formulae for the protonated amine groups formed during acid hydrolysis.
		i V	idea of separating (the components / compounds) AND idea of (identifying compounds by) comparison with a (spectral) database ✓	1	ALLOW (identifies compounds) using fragmentation (patterns) / fragment ions (but IGNORE molecular ions) IGNORE retention times Examiner's Comments To get the mark for this question candidates had to include points about the separation of the mixture and identification of the compounds. Answers based on identification using retention times or measurement of molar mass did not score the mark.
			Total	10	
1 9	а			1	
	b	İ	2Na + 2CH ₃ OH → 2Na ⁺ + 2CH ₃ O ⁻ + H ₂ ✓	1	ALLOW 2Na + 2CH ₃ OH → 2CH ₃ ONa + H ₂
			δ+ CH ₃ O [−] δ−		ALLOW correct structural OR skeletal OR displayed formula OR mixture of the above as long as non-ambiguous. The curly arrow must start from O atom of CH ₃ O ⁻ AND must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge.
		i	Curly arrow from CH₃O⁻ to carbon atom of C-Br bond ✓	3	No need to show lone pair if curly arrow comes from negative charge. ALLOW S _N 1
			Dipole shown on C–Br bond, C ^{δ+} and Br ^{δ−} AND curly arrow from C–Br bond to the Br atom ✓		Dipole shown on C–Br bond, C^{δ^+} and Br^{δ^-} , and curly arrow from C–Br bond to the Br atom. Correct carbocation drawn.

		i	Products of reaction (must not be ambiguous) ✓ CH₃O⁻ donates an electron pair		AND curly arrow from CH ₃ O ⁻ to carbocation. The curly arrow must start from the oxygen atom of the CH ₃ O ⁻ , and must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge.
		i i	AND heterolytic fission ✓	1	ASSUME 'it' refers to CH₃O⁻
	С		Chemical shift, δ/ppmRelative peak areaSplitting pattern0.5-1.93Triplet ✓3.0-4.32Quartet ✓0.5-1.96Doublet ✓3.0-4.31Heptet ✓	4	ALLOW δ values \pm 0.2 ppm, as a range or a value within the range
	d	i	Curly arrow from CH ₃ O ⁻ to H of CH ₂ ✓ Curly arrow from C-H bond to C of CH ₂ ✓ Curly arrow from C-H bond to C of CH ₂ ✓	3	The curly arrow must start from O atom of CH ₃ O ⁻ AND must start either from a lone pair or from the negative charge. No need to show lone pair if curly arrow comes from negative charge. ALLOW any unambiguous structure, skeletal, displayed, structural or combination.
		i i	CH₃O⁻ accepted a proton √	1	ASSUME 'it' refers to CH₃O⁻
			Total	14	
2 0			Electrophilic substitution means benzene ring Electrophilic addition means alkene / C=C Isomer of C ₉ H ₈ O ₂ containing C=C, benzene ring AND COOH Correct isomer:	5	Concluded using data provided and conclusions from 1st two marks. ALLOW 1 mark for: OR (does not gain final justification mark)

	justification in terms of number of carbon environments		
	Total	5	
2 1	carbon environments	5	ANNOTATE ANSWER WITH TICKS AND CROSSES C:H:O
	1H on adjacent C as peak is doublet Structure Correct structure: Allow one mark for		ALLOW any combination of skeletal OR structural OR displayed formula as long as unambiguous DO NOT ALLOW ECF from incorrect molecular formula

	Total	8	
2 2 2	* Please refer to the marking instruction point 10 for guidance on how to mark this question. Level 3 (5–6 marks) Structure correct AND Analysed all ¹H NMR signals with at least two supporting statements made. The analysis is clear and logically structured. The supporting statements are relevant to the correct structure drawn. Level 2 (3–4 marks) Structure has correct molecular formula AND C=O AND OH but in incorrect positions AND Analysed at least three ¹H NMR signals with one or two supporting statements made. The analysis is presented with some structure. The supporting statements are in the most-part relevant to the structure drawn. Level 1 (1–2 marks) Structure has correct molecular formula AND C=O OR OH but in incorrect positions. AND Analysed at least two ¹H NMR signals with no or one supporting statements made. The analysis is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The relationship of the supporting evidence to the structure may not be clear. O marks No response or no response worthy of credit.	6	Indicative scientific points may be included: Structure OH $L = \bigcirc$ OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH O