

Alkanes

Question paper 5

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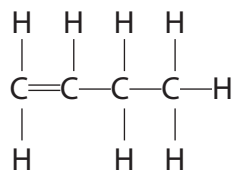
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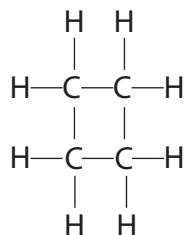
1 But-1-ene is a member of the homologous series of alkenes.

The displayed formula of but-1-ene is



The saturated compound cyclobutane is an isomer of but-1-ene.

The displayed formula of cyclobutane is



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

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(ii) Draw the displayed formula of another isomer of but-1-ene.

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(iii) Describe a test that would distinguish between but-1-ene and cyclobutane.

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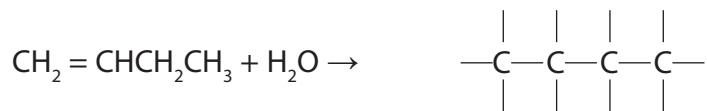
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(b) Using your knowledge of the reactions of ethene, complete the two chemical equations to show the formula of the organic product.

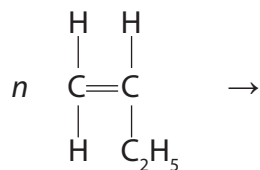
(i) The reaction between but-1-ene and steam.

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(ii) The polymerisation of but-1-ene.

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(Total for Question 1 = 9 marks)

2 Ethene is an unsaturated hydrocarbon.

(a) (i) The molecular formula of ethene is

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- A CH_4
- B C_2H_6
- C C_2H_4
- D C_3H_6

(ii) Ethene is bubbled into bromine water until there is no further change.

What is the appearance of the solution formed?

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- A brown
- B colourless
- C purple
- D red

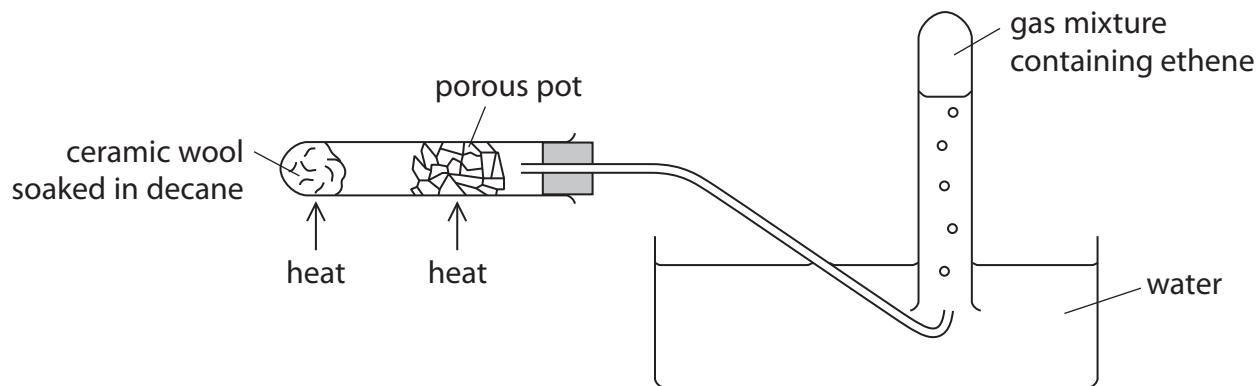
(iii) Ethene can be formed from ethanol.

This type of reaction is called

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- A dehydration
- B oxidation
- C reduction
- D substitution

(b) This apparatus can be used to decompose decane ($C_{10}H_{22}$).



(i) What name is given to this type of thermal decomposition?

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(ii) Porous pot contains oxides such as silica and alumina.

What is the purpose of the porous pot in this experiment?

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(iii) Suggest why the gas collected is a mixture and not pure ethene.

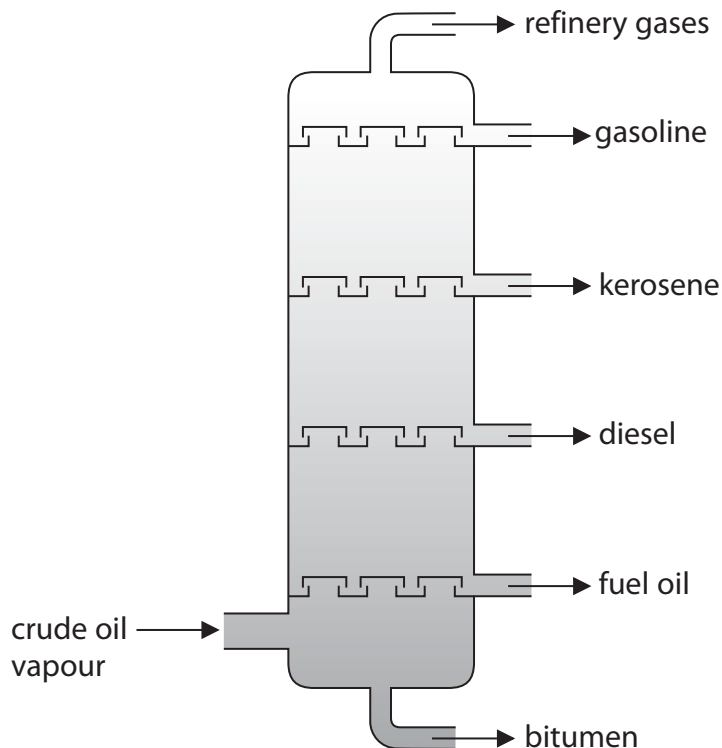
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(Total for Question 2 = 6 marks)

3 Crude oil is a complex mixture of organic compounds called hydrocarbons. It is separated into fractions using a fractionating tower.



(a) Which fraction has the lowest boiling point?

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(b) Which fraction is the most viscous?

(1)

- (c) (i) Some fractions containing long-chain hydrocarbons are cracked. The cracking of octadecane, (C₁₈H₃₈), produces octane, (C₈H₁₈), and one other product.

Write a chemical equation for this cracking reaction.

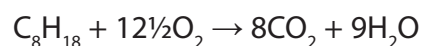
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- (ii) Explain why it is important to crack long-chain hydrocarbon fractions.

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- (d) Octane is one of the hydrocarbons in the petrol used in cars.

The equation for the complete combustion of octane is



The incomplete combustion of octane produces a poisonous gas that reduces the capacity of blood to carry oxygen.

Write a chemical equation for this incomplete combustion of octane.

(2)

(Total for Question 3 = 7 marks)

- 4 The table shows percentage by mass of the fractions obtained from a sample of crude oil and the percentage market demand for these fractions.

Fraction	Percentage by mass in crude oil	Market demand (%)
refinery gases	3	5
gasoline	12	28
kerosene	9	20
diesel	15	25
fuel oil	51	20
bitumen	10	2

- (a) Why is the market demand for the gasoline fraction greater than that for the fuel oil fraction? (1)

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- (b) Cracking is used to make long-chain hydrocarbon molecules into shorter-chain hydrocarbon molecules.

- (i) Complete the equation to show the other hydrocarbon molecule formed when $C_{20}H_{42}$ is cracked. (1)



- (ii) Give the name of a catalyst used in industry to crack long-chain hydrocarbons and state a temperature at which cracking is carried out. (2)

Catalyst

Temperature

(c) Ethene (C_2H_4) can be produced by cracking long-chain hydrocarbon molecules obtained from crude oil. The ethene produced can then be used to make ethanol.

Ethanol can also be made by the fermentation of sugars.

(i) Give **two** advantages of making ethanol from ethene, rather than by fermentation. (2)

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(ii) Suggest **two** reasons why ethanol is sometimes made by fermentation, rather than from ethene. (2)

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(Total for Question 4 = 8 marks)