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Chapter 15

Halogen compounds

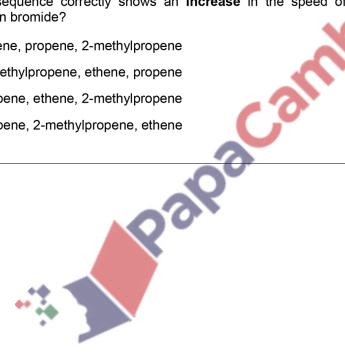
15.1Halogenoalkanes

877. $9701_m22_qp_12$ Q: 28

Alkenes react with aqueous hydrogen bromide. The reaction proceeds via an intermediate carbocation. The more stable the intermediate, the faster the reaction.

Which sequence correctly shows an increase in the speed of reaction of the alkenes with hydrogen bromide?

- ethene, propene, 2-methylpropene
- 2-methylpropene, ethene, propene
- propene, ethene, 2-methylpropene
- propene, 2-methylpropene, ethene





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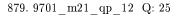
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The diagram shows the structures of three halogenoalkanes.

P, Q and R can all be hydrolysed.

Which row is correct?

	relative speed of hydrolysis			anism rolysis
	Q	R	Р	Q
Α	fast	slow	S _N 1	S _N 2
В	fast	slow	S _N 2	S _N 1
С	slow	fast	S _N 1	S _N 2
D	slow	fast	S _N 2	S _N 1



Dibromopentanes can undergo 'double elimination' reactions to produce hydrocarbons.

$$2NaOH + C_5H_{10}Br_2 \rightarrow C_5H_8 + 2NaBr + 2H_2O$$

Which isomer produces only one hydrocarbon product?

- A 1,5-dibromopentane
- **B** 1,4-dibromopentane
- C 2,3-dibromopentane
- D 2,4-dibromopentane





$$880.\ 9701_s21_qp_12\ Q:\ 24$$

A few drops of 2-bromopropane were placed in a test-tube. An equal volume of aqueous silver nitrate was added. A precipitate was formed.

The experiment was repeated with 2-iodopropane.

Which row is correct?

	colour of precipitate from 2-bromopropane + AgNO ₃ (aq)	faster rate of reaction
Α	cream	2-bromopropane + AgNO₃(aq)
В	yellow	2-bromopropane + AgNO₃(aq)
С	cream	2-iodopropane + AgNO₃(aq)
D	yellow	2-iodopropane + AgNO₃(aq)

$$881.\ 9701_s21_qp_12\ Q:\ 25$$

Sodium methoxide, $Na^+CH_3O^-$, reacts with 2-chloro-2-methylpropane in a nucleophilic substitution reaction. The nucleophile is the CH_3O^- ion.

Which row is correct?

	intermediate or transition state	product
Α	(CH₃)₃C ⁺	(CH ₃) ₃ COCH ₃
В	(CH₃)₃C ⁺	(CH₃)₃CCH₂OH
С	H ₃ C CH ₃ -	HOCH₂C(CH₃)₃
D	H ₃ C CH ₃ H ₃ COCl CH ₃	H ₃ COC(CH ₃) ₃





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$$9701_s21_qp_13$$
 Q: 23

Halogenoalkanes react with nucleophiles such as OH-.

Which pair of halogenoalkanes both react via an S_N1 mechanism?

A halogenoalkane has the molecular formula C₅H₁₁Br. The halogenoalkane does **not** form an alkene when treated with ethanolic sodium hydroxide. acami

What could be the halogenoalkane?

- 1-bromo-2-methylbutane
- В 2-bromo-2-methylbutane
- 3-bromopentane C
- 1-bromo-2,2-dimethylpropane

884.
$$9701 m20 qp 12 Q: 21$$

Which row identifies a suitable starting material and reagent that can be used to produce butanenitrile?

	starting material	reagent
Α	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ Br	HCN
В	CH₃CH₂CH₂Br	NaCN
С	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Br	HCN
D	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Br	NaCN





885.
$$9701_s20_qp_11$$
 Q: 23

2-bromo-2-methylpentane is a tertiary halogenoalkane.

Which organic products are formed when 2-bromo-2-methylpentane reacts with a hot concentrated ethanolic solution of sodium hydroxide?

- 2-methylpent-1-ene only
- 2-methylpent-1-ene and 2-methylpent-2-ene
- 2-methylpent-2-ene only
- 2-methylpent-2-ene and 4-methylpent-2-ene

annonidos 1,2-dibromopropane can be made from 1-bromopropane in two steps.

Which row is correct?

	step 1	step 2
Α	addition substitution	
В	elimination addition	
С	hydrolysis	elimination
D	substitution	hydrolysis

lodoethane, CH₃CH₂I, reacts with aqueous silver nitrate at 50 °C. A precipitate forms during this reaction.

Which row of the table is correct about this reaction?

	type of organic reaction	colour of precipitate
Α	electrophilic substitution	cream
В	electrophilic substitution	yellow
С	nucleophilic substitution	cream
D	nucleophilic substitution	yellow



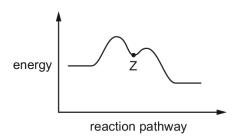


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1-chloro-1-methylcyclohexane is hydrolysed by heating with NaOH(aq).

$$CH_3 + OH^- \rightarrow OH^- + Cl^-$$

The reaction pathway is shown.



One carbon atom in 1-chloro-1-methylcyclohexane is bonded to three other carbon atoms

What is the charge on this carbon atom at point Z?

Structural isomerism and stereoisomerism should be considered when answering this question.

2-bromopentane is heated with an excess of ethanolic sodium hydroxide.

How many different hydrocarbons are produced?

Bromopropane reacts with water as shown.

$$CH_3CH_2CH_2Br + H_2O \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2OH + HBr$$

Which statement is correct?

- A This is an elimination reaction.
- B This is a hydrolysis reaction.
- C This is a redox reaction.
- **D** This reaction tends to proceed via the S_N1 mechanism.





$$891.\ 9701_s19_qp_11\ \ Q:\ 23$$

Which reaction is most likely to involve the formation of a positively charged intermediate?

- A 1-bromopentane and warm dilute NaOH(aq)
- **B** 1-bromo-2,2-dimethylpropane and warm dilute NaOH(aq)
- C 1-bromo-3-methylbutane and warm dilute NaOH(aq)
- D 2-bromo-2-methylbutane and warm dilute NaOH(aq)

The structure of coniine is shown.

Coniine can be synthesised by reacting ammonia with a dibromo compound, X

$$NH_3 + C_8H_{16}Br_2 \rightarrow coniine + 2HBr$$
 X

What is the name of compound X?

- A 1,1-dibromo-2-propylcyclopentane
- B 1,2-dibromo-2-propylcyclopentane
- C 1,4-dibromooctane
- D 1,5-dibromooctane

Which product can be made from bromoethane by an elimination reaction?

- A ethanol
- B ethene
- C ethylamine
- D propanenitrile





894. 9701 s19 qp 13 Q: 20

The Finkelstein reaction occurs when NaI in propanone reacts with a chloroalkane or bromoalkane. The halogen is directly replaced by I. The reaction only works for primary halogenoalkanes.

Which halogenoalkane produces compound X?

- A (CH₃)₂CHCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂Br
- B (CH₃)₂CHCH(CH₃)CH₂Br
- C (CH₃)₂CHCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)Cl
- D (CH₃)₂CHCH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂Cl

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$$9701_s19_qp_13$$
 Q: 24

Water is added to a sample of 2,3-dibromohexane.

Some of the 2,3-dibromohexane undergoes complete hydrolysis and some of it undergoes partial hydrolysis.

What is not present in the mixture of products?

- A CH₃CH(OH)CHBrCH₂CH₂CH₃
- B CH₃CH(OH)CH(OH)CH₂CH₂CH₃
- C CH₃CH₂CH(OH)CH(OH)CH₂CH₃
- D CH₃CH₂CH₂CH(OH)CHBrCH₃

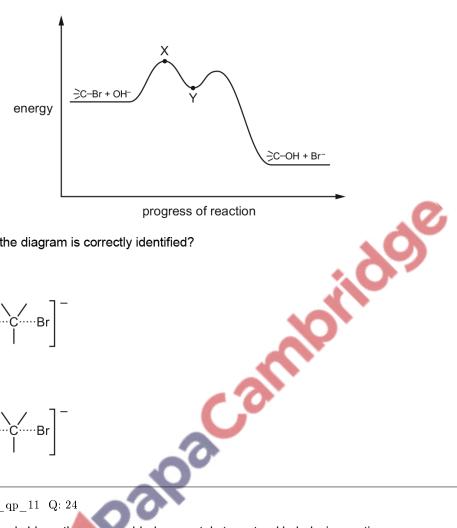
Which statement about the mechanism of an S_N1 reaction of a halogenoalkane is correct?

- A A nucleophile is substituted by an electrophile.
- B One intermediate is formed from two reacting molecules.
- C The intermediate is stabilised by adjacent alkyl groups.
- **D** The intermediate is uncharged.





A tertiary bromoalkane, indicated here by >C-Br, reacts with aqueous NaOH. The mechanism has the reaction pathway shown.



Which point in the diagram is correctly identified?

A X is
$$\ge$$
C+

Bromoethane and chloroethane are added separately to water. Hydrolysis reactions occur.

Which compound hydrolyses more rapidly and what is the mechanism?

	compound that hydrolyses more rapidly	mechanism
Α	bromoethane	electrophilic substitution
В	bromoethane	nucleophilic substitution
С	chloroethane	electrophilic substitution
D	chloroethane	nucleophilic substitution





899. 9701_w19_qp_12 Q: 23

1-chloro-2-methylbutane reacts with sodium cyanide in ethanol in a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

What is the most likely intermediate or transition state in this reaction?

NC----CI CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃

H_{MM}H +C +C CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃

900. 9701 $_{\rm m18}$ qp $_{\rm 12}$ Q: 28

Ethanedioic acid has the formula HO₂CCO₂H.

What is the formula of aluminium ethanedioate?

A AlC₂O₄

B $Al(C_2O_4)_3$

C AlaCaO

D $Al_2(C_2O_4)_3$

901. 9701_s18_qp_11 Q: 22

Sodium methoxide, $Na^{\dagger}CH_3O^{-}$, reacts with 2-chloro-2-methylpropane in a nucleophilic substitution reaction. The nucleophile is the CH_3O^{-} ion.

Which row is correct?

	intermediate or transition state product	
Α	(CH₃)₃C⁺	(CH ₃) ₃ COCH ₃
В	(CH₃)₃C ⁺	(CH ₃) ₃ CCH ₂ OH
С	[HOCH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₃ C <i>l</i>] ⁻	HOCH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₃
D	[H ₃ COC(CH ₃) ₃ C <i>l</i>] ⁻	H₃COC(CH₃)₃





Primary halogenoalkanes undergo hydrolysis reactions.

Which reaction would occur most rapidly if they are all warmed to the same temperature?

- A C₂H₅Br with H₂O
- **B** C_2H_5Br with NaOH(aq)
- **C** C_2H_5Cl with H_2O
- **D** C_2H_5Cl with NaOH(aq)

Structural isomerism and stereoisomerism should be considered when answering this question.

A colourless liquid, $C_5H_{11}Cl$, exists as a mixture of two optical isomers.

When heated with sodium hydroxide in ethanol, a mixture of only two alkenes is formed.

What could the colourless liquid be?

- A (CH₃CH₂)₂CHC¹
- B CH₃CH₂CH₂CHC*l*CH₃
- C (CH₃)₂CHCHC*l*CH₃
- D CH₃CH₂CCl(CH₃)₂

When warm water is added to halogenoalkane X, an S_N1 reaction occurs.

AgNO₃(aq) is then added; a yellow precipitate is formed.

What could be X?

- A 1-chlorobutane
- B 1-iodobutane
- C 2-chloro-2-methylpropane
- D 2-iodo-2-methylpropane





The presence of a halogen in an organic compound may be detected by warming the organic compound with aqueous silver nitrate.

Which compound would be the quickest to produce a precipitate?

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$$9701_s18_qp_13$$
 Q: 24

Halogenoalkanes react with NaOH(aq) either by an S_N1 mechanism or by an S_N2 mechanism. The mechanism followed by the reaction depends on the structure of the halogenoalkane.

This question is about the reaction of 3-bromo-3-ethylpentane, (C₂H₅)₃CBr.

Which statement is correct?

- A The mechanism is S_N1 , due to the stabilisation of an intermediate anion by three alkyl groups.
- **B** The mechanism is S_N1 , due to the stabilisation of an intermediate cation by three alkyl groups.
- C The mechanism is S_N2, due to the stabilisation of an intermediate anion by three alkyl groups.
- ${f D}$ The mechanism is $S_N 2$, due to the stabilisation of an intermediate cation by three alkyl groups.



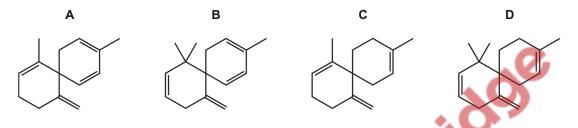




907. 9701_w18_qp_11 Q: 25

Compound J, $C_{15}H_{23}Br_2Cl$, is reacted with an excess of a hot concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide in ethanol. One of the products is **X**.

What could be the skeletal formula of X?



908. $9701_{w18}_{qp}_{12}$ Q: 23

Compound P reacts separately with KOH(aq) and HBr.

 $CH_2CHCH_2CH_2Cl$ compound P

What are the mechanisms of these two reactions?

	KOH (aq)	HBr
Α	nucleophilic addition	electrophilic addition
В	nucleophilic addition	free radical substitution
С	nucleophilic substitution	electrophilic addition
D	nucleophilic substitution	free radical substitution

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$$9701_{w}18_{q}p_{1}2$$
 Q: 25

A halogenoalkane has the molecular formula $C_5H_{11}Br$. The halogenoalkane does **not** form an alkene when treated with ethanolic sodium hydroxide.

What could be the halogenoalkane?

- A 1-bromo-2-methylbutane
- B 2-bromo-2-methylbutane
- C 3-bromopentane
- D bromodimethylpropane





910. 9701 $_$ m17 $_$ qp $_$ 12 Q: 22

Which radical is most likely to form by the homolytic fission of one covalent bond in bromochloromethane, CH_2BrC1 ?

A •CH₂C*l*

B •CH₂Br

C •CHBrC*l*

D •CH₂BrC1

X and **Y** are the reagents required to convert 1-bromopropane into butanoic acid.

What are the correct identities of X and Y?

	X	Y
Α	NH₃	HCℓ(aq)
В	KCN in C₂H₅OH	NaOH(aq)
С	KCN in C₂H₅OH	HCℓ(aq)
D	HCN	NaOH(aq)

Aqueous sodium hydroxide reacts with 1-bromopropane to give propan-1-ol.

What should be included in a diagram of the first step in the mechanism?

- **A** a curly arrow from a lone pair on the OH^- ion to the $C^{\delta+}$ atom of 1-bromopropane
- B a curly arrow from the C⁵⁺ atom of 1-bromopropane to the OH⁻ ion
- **C** a curly arrow from the C-Br bond to the C atom
- D the homolytic fission of the C-Br bond





913. 9701_s17_qp_12 Q: 26

2-bromo-2-methylpropane undergoes nucleophilic substitution when heated under reflux with an aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide.

Which row is correct?

	mechanism for this reaction	reason
A	S _N 1	the hydroxide ion is helped in its approach to the central carbon atom by the methyl groups
В	S _N 1	the intermediate carbocation is stabilised by the inductive effect of the methyl groups
С	S _N 2	the hydroxide ion is hindered in its approach to the central carbon atom by the methyl groups
D	S _N 2	the intermediate carbocation is destabilised by the inductive effect of the methyl groups

914. 9701_s17_qp_12 Q: 29

Which compound is chiral and reacts with Na₂CO₃ to give CO₂?

Equal volumes of aqueous silver nitrate were added to separate small volumes of bromoethane and iodoethane in two test-tubes. The test-tubes were shaken.

Which row about the observations made for bromoethane is correct?

	colour of precipitate	rate of reaction
Α	cream	faster than for iodoethane
В	cream	slower than for iodoethane
С	yellow	faster than for iodoethane
D	yellow	slower than for iodoethane





916. 9701_m16_qp_12 Q: 24

Hydrogen bromide can be added to T to give compound U. Compound U can be hydrolysed to compound $\mathsf{V}.$

Four students, W, X, Y and Z, made the following statements.

- W All the atoms in a molecule of compound T lie in the same plane.
- X Compound V contains only one chiral centre.
- Y Step 1 is an electrophilic addition reaction.
- Z Step 2 is a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

Which two students are correct?

A W and Y

B W and Z

C X and Y

D Y and Z

917. $9701_m16_qp_12$ Q: 25

Structural isomerism and stereoisomerism should be considered in answering this question.

Compound J is reacted with KOH dissolved in ethanol. Three isomeric alkenes with molecular formula C_4H_8 are formed.

What is J?

$$\textbf{A} \quad \text{CH}_{3} \textbf{---} \text{CH}_{2} \textbf{---} \text{CH}_{2} \textbf{---} \text{Br}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \\ & & \\ & & \\ \mathbf{C}\mathbf{-}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{r} \\ & & \\ \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3 \end{array}$$





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$$9701_s16_qp_11$$
 Q: 25

A student prepares pentan-1-ol by the alkaline hydrolysis of 1-iodopentane. She gently warms the reaction mixture for 20 minutes.

$$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2I + OH^- \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2OH + I^-$$

When the student uses 1-chloropentane to prepare the same alcohol she has to change the condition of the reaction.

Which change in condition should she use and what is the correct reason for its use?

	change in condition	reason
Α	heat under reflux	C–Cl bond is more polar than the C–I bond
В	heat under reflux	C–C <i>l</i> bond is stronger than the C–I bond
С	room temperature	C-Cl bond is more polar than the C-I bond
D	room temperature	C–C <i>l</i> bond is shorter than the C–I bond

Chlorofluorocarbons damage the ozone layer by undergoing reactions with a free radical mechanism. The first stage of this is initiation.

Which equation is most likely to be the initiation stage when chlorofluoromethane is involved in such a reaction?

$$F \xrightarrow{H} F \xrightarrow{C} H \xrightarrow{H} F \xrightarrow{C} H + F \cdot F \xrightarrow{C} H \xrightarrow{H} F \xrightarrow{H} H + Cl \cdot F \xrightarrow{C} H \xrightarrow{H} H \xrightarrow$$

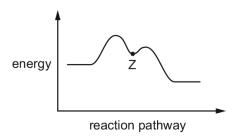




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1-chloro-1-methylcyclohexane is hydrolysed by heating with NaOH(aq).

The reaction pathway is shown.

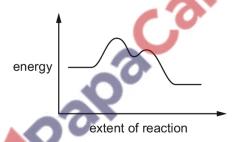


One carbon atom in 1-chloro-1-methylcyclohexane is bonded to three other carbon atoms

What is the charge on this carbon atom at point Z?

A
$$\delta$$
+

A reaction pathway diagram is shown.



The four reactions that follow are all exothermic.

Which reaction would not have such a pathway?

A
$$CH_3I + NaCN \rightarrow CH_3CN + NaI$$

$$c \quad \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \ \mathsf{HBr} \ \rightarrow \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle - \mathsf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{D} \quad \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle - \mathbf{CH_3} \ + \ \mathbf{H_2O} \ \xrightarrow{\mathbf{conc.} \ \mathbf{H_2SO_4}} \ \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \ \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \ \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle + \ \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\rangle$$





Chloroethane can be used to make sodium propanoate.

chloroethane
$$\rightarrow$$
 Q \rightarrow sodium propanoate

The intermediate, Q, is hydrolysed with boiling aqueous sodium hydroxide to give sodium propanoate.

Which reagent would produce the intermediate, Q, from chloroethane?

- A concentrated ammonia solution
- B dilute sulfuric acid
- C hydrogen cyanide in water
- D potassium cyanide in ethanol

The reaction $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2Br + OH^- \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH + Br^-$ proceeds via an S_N2 mechanism.

The reaction $(CH_3)_3CBr + OH^- \rightarrow (CH_3)_3COH + Br^-$ proceeds via an S_N1 mechanism.

Which statement about these two reactions is correct?

- A Both reactions involve homolytic bond fission.
- **B** Both reactions involve hydroxide ions acting as electron pair donors.
- **C** Both reactions involve the formation of a positively-charged intermediate.
- **D** Both reactions occur in a single step.





924. 9701 s15 qp 11 Q: 24

Coniine is the major constituent of the poison 'oil of hemlock'.

Coniine can be synthesised by reacting ammonia with a dibromo compound, X.

$$NH_3 + C_8H_{16}Br_2 \rightarrow coniine + 2HBr$$
X

What is the name of compound X?

- A 1,1-dibromo-2-propylcyclopentane
- B 1,2-dibromo-2-propylcyclopentane
- C 1,4-dibromooctane
- D 1,5-dibromooctane

2-bromopropane reacts with a hot concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide in ethanol.

Which substance is the major product of this reaction?

- A propan-1-ol
- B propan-2-ol
- C 2-hydroxypropene
- **D** propene

The presence of a halogen in an organic compound may be detected by warming the organic compound with aqueous silver nitrate.

Which compound would be the quickest to produce a precipitate?

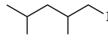




927. 9701 s15 qp 13 Q: 22

The Finkelstein reaction occurs when NaI in propanone reacts with a chloroalkane or bromoalkane. The halogen is directly replaced by I and the reaction only works for primary halogenoalkanes.

Which halogenoalkane would produce compound X?



compound X

- A (CH₃)₂CHCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂Br
- **B** (CH₃)₂CHCH(CH₃)CH₂Br
- C (CH₃)₂CHCH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)Cl
- D (CH₃)₂CHCH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂Cl

928. $9701_{s15}qp_{13}$ Q: 26

Alkane X has molecular formula C₄H₁₀.

X reacts with $Cl_2(g)$ in the presence of sunlight to produce only two different monochloroalkanes, C_4H_9Cl . Both of these monochloroalkanes produce the same alkene Y, and no other organic products, when they are treated with hot ethanolic KOH.

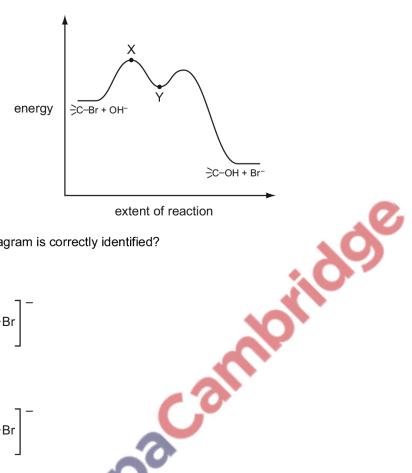
What is produced when Y is treated with hot concentrated acidified KMnO₄?

- A CO₂ and CH₃CH₂CO₂H
- B CO₂ and CH₃COCH₃
- C HCO₂H and CH₃COCH₃
- D CH₃CO₂H only





A tertiary bromoalkane, indicated here by C-Br, reacts with aqueous NaOH. The mechanism has the reaction pathway below.



Which point in the diagram is correctly identified?

A
$$X \text{ is } \supseteq C+$$

Four drops of 1-chlorobutane, 1-bromobutane and 1-iodobutane were put separately into three test-tubes containing 1.0 cm³ of aqueous silver nitrate at 60 °C.

In each case, a hydrolysis reaction occurred. R represents the butane chain C₄H₉ and X the halogen atom.

$$H_2O(I) + R-X(I) + Ag^+(aq) \rightarrow R-OH(aq) + AgX(s) + H^+(aq)$$

The rate of formation of cloudiness in the test-tubes was in the order RC1 < RBr < RI.

Why is this?

- The bond energy of R–X decreases from RC1 to RI.
- The first ionisation energy of the halogen decreases from Cl to I.
- С The solubility of AgX(s) decreases from AgCl to AgI.
- The R–X bond polarity decreases from RC1 to RI.





Which compound undergoes an S_N1 substitution reaction with NaOH(aq)?

- CH₃CH₂CH₂Br
- В (CH₃)₃CCH₂I



CH₂=CHC1

932. 9701_w15_qp_12 Q: 24

The depletion of the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere reduces the Earth's natural protection from harmful ultraviolet radiation.

Which compound would cause the most depletion of the ozone layer?

- A CCl₃F
- B CF₄
- C CO₂

