

Answers to examination-style questions

Answers	Marks	Examiner's tips
<p>1 CH<sub>3</sub>Br 94 and 96 ∴ <sup>79</sup>Br and <sup>81</sup>Br ∴ CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> has 3 peaks relative abundances: 1 : 2 : 1 m/z values: 172 174 176</p>	<p>1 1 1 1</p>	<p>Remember that some elements have isotopes, which means their mass numbers are different.</p>
<p>2 (a) absorption X: (O–H) (alcohols)</p> <p>absorption Y: C=O</p>	<p>1 1</p>	<p>Penalise acid or missing 'alcohol'.</p> <p>Allow carbonyl.</p>
$\begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{CH}_3 \\   \quad    \\ \text{OH} \quad \text{O} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C} \\   \quad \quad \quad   \\ \text{OH} \quad \quad \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad    \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{O} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C} \\   \quad \quad \quad   \\ \text{OH} \quad \quad \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad    \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{O} \end{array}$	<p>3</p>	<p>Since the OH peak is an alcohol OH peak (which has a slightly higher wavenumber than an acid OH) you cannot have a carboxylic acid for the answer.</p>
<p>3 3 peaks m/z = 126, 128 and 130</p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>You can have both Cl's as 35, both as 37, or one of each type in the compound.</p>
<p>4 (a) Cl has (two) isotopes or <sup>35</sup>Cl and <sup>37</sup>Cl</p> <p>(b) 106 and 108</p>	<p>1 1</p>	
<p>5 (a) compound C: pentan-2-one</p> <p>(b) (i) 1680 to 1750 (cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ii) 3230 to 3550 (cm<sup>-1</sup>)</p>	<p>1 1 1</p>	<p>You may not have met this name yet but you will meet it in the A2 units.</p> <p>You must use the data sheet. You could also have 1000 to 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup> as the answer here although the obvious answers would be the 3230 cm<sup>-1</sup> peak for the O–H bond in an alcohol.</p>
<p>6 (a) C=O</p> <p>(b) Cl has two isotopes</p>	<p>1 1</p>	<p>You could also put 'carbonyl'.</p> <p><sup>35</sup>Cl and <sup>37</sup>Cl without the word isotope would score – but they must be the correct isotopes, i.e. 35 and 37.</p>
<p>7 in the region 1680–1750 cm<sup>-1</sup></p>	<p>1</p>	
<p>8 both spectra will show the same OH alcohol peak at 3230 to 3550 cm<sup>-1</sup> since the two compounds are isomers of each other and have the same functional group fingerprint region will be different since the compounds are not exactly the same</p>	<p>1 1 1 1</p>	

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