

**Q1.** This question is about halogenoalkanes.

- (a) Chlorine atoms are formed in the upper atmosphere when ultraviolet radiation causes C–Cl bonds in chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to break.

Write **two** equations to show how chlorine atoms catalyse the decomposition of ozone.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**(2)**

- (b) Chloroethane reacts with potassium hydroxide in the presence of propan-1-ol to form ethene.

State the role of potassium hydroxide and the role of propan-1-ol in the reaction.

Role of potassium hydroxide \_\_\_\_\_

Role of propan-1-ol \_\_\_\_\_

**(2)**

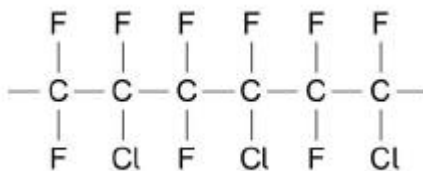
- (c) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction in part **(b)** between chloroethane and potassium hydroxide to produce ethene.

Name of mechanism \_\_\_\_\_

Mechanism

**(4)**

- (d) The structure of polymer **A** is shown.



Draw the structure of the monomer used to form polymer **A**.

(1)

- (e) Chemical analysis shows that a chlorofluoroalkane, **B**, contains by mass 51.6% fluorine, 32.1% chlorine and no hydrogen.

Chlorine exists as two isotopes,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ , in the ratio 3:1  
 Fluorine only exists as one isotope,  $^{19}\text{F}$ .

A mass spectrum of **B** is obtained using electron impact ionisation. The mass spectrum shows three molecular ion peaks at  $m/z = 220$ ,  $222$  and  $224$ .

Determine the formula of each of the three molecular ions of **B**.

Predict and explain the ratio of the relative abundances of each of the three molecular ion peaks at  $m/z = 220$ ,  $222$  and  $224$ .

To gain full marks you must show all your working.

(6)

(Total 15 marks)

**Q2.** Haloalkanes are used as refrigerants, solvents and anaesthetics.

- (a) Trichloromethane ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) is a haloalkane that can be formed by heating a mixture of chloromethane ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ ) and chlorine.

- (i) Write an overall equation for the formation of trichloromethane by the reaction of chloromethane with chlorine.

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(1)

- (ii) Name the mechanism for this formation of trichloromethane.

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(1)

- (iii) Dichloromethane ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) is an intermediate in this formation of trichloromethane.

Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of dichloromethane with chlorine.

Initiation step

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First propagation step

\_\_\_\_\_

Second propagation step

\_\_\_\_\_

A termination step leading to the formation of a compound with formula  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_4$

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(4)

- (b) Chlorotrifluoromethane ( $\text{CClF}_3$ ) is used as a refrigerant, but is being phased out due to concerns about ozone depletion in the upper atmosphere. In the upper atmosphere,  $\text{CClF}_3$  decomposes in the presence of UV light forming a reactive intermediate that catalyses the decomposition of ozone.

- (i) Write an equation to show how  $\text{CClF}_3$  decomposes to form the reactive intermediate.

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- (ii) Write two equations to show how this reactive intermediate is involved in catalysing the decomposition of ozone.

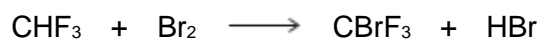
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(2)

**Q3.** There are many uses of halogenated organic compounds despite environmental concerns.

- (a) Bromotrifluoromethane is used in fire extinguishers in aircraft.  
Bromotrifluoromethane is formed when trifluoromethane reacts with bromine.



The reaction is a free-radical substitution reaction similar to the reaction of methane with chlorine.

- (i) Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of  $\text{CHF}_3$  with  $\text{Br}_2$

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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A termination step

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**(4)**

- (ii) State **one** condition necessary for the initiation of this reaction.

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**(1)**

(b) Bromine-containing and chlorine-containing organic compounds may have a role in the decomposition of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

- (i) Draw an appropriate **displayed formula** in the space provided to complete the following equation to show how  $\text{CBrF}_3$  may produce bromine atoms in the upper atmosphere.



(1)

- (ii) In the upper atmosphere, it is more likely for  $\text{CBrF}_3$  to produce bromine atoms than it is for  $\text{CClF}_3$  to produce chlorine atoms.

Suggest **one** reason for this.

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(1)

- (iii) Bromine atoms have a similar role to chlorine atoms in the decomposition of ozone. The overall equation for the decomposition of ozone is



Write **two** equations to show how bromine atoms ( $\text{Br}^\bullet$ ) act as a catalyst in the decomposition of ozone.

Explain how these two decomposition equations show that bromine atoms behave as a catalyst.

Equation 1

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Equation 2

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Explanation

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(3)

(Total 10 marks)

**Q4.** Trifluoromethane ( $\text{CHF}_3$ ) can be used to make the refrigerant chlorotrifluoromethane( $\text{CClF}_3$ ).

- (a) Chlorotrifluoromethane is formed when trifluoromethane reacts with chlorine.



The reaction is a free-radical substitution reaction similar to the reaction of methane with chlorine.

- (i) Write an equation for each of the following steps in the mechanism for the reaction of  $\text{CHF}_3$  with  $\text{Cl}_2$

Initiation step

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First propagation step

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Second propagation step

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Termination step to form hexafluoroethane

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(4)

- (ii) Give **one** essential condition for this reaction.

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(1)

- (b) In some refrigeration systems,  $\text{CHF}_3$  has replaced  $\text{CClF}_3$  because of concerns about ozone depletion.

- (i) Identify the species formed from  $\text{CClF}_3$  that is responsible for the catalytic decomposition of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

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(1)

- (ii) Write an overall equation to represent the decomposition of ozone into oxygen.

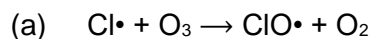
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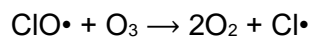
## Mark schemes

### Q1.



Allow dot in free-radical on either O or Cl.

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(propan-1-ol acts as a) solvent.

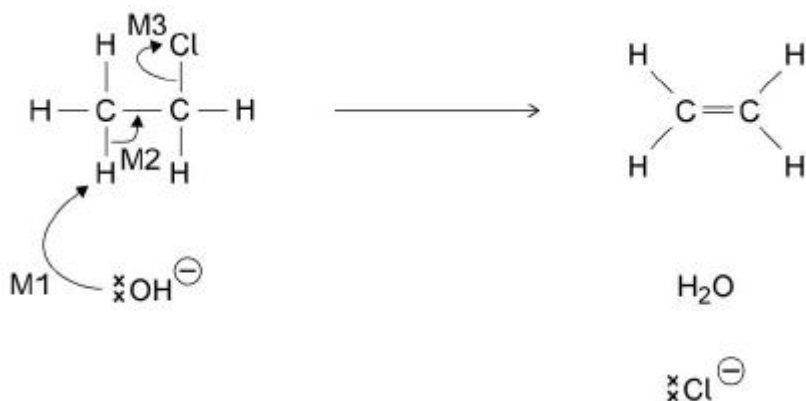
*Allow product of reaction between KOH and propan-1-ol /  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^-$  acts as base.*

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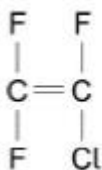


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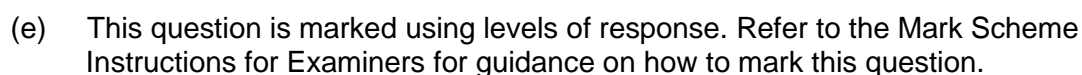
mechanism: 3 arrows (1 mark each).



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#### Level 3

All stages are covered & the explanation of each stage is generally correct and virtually complete. Stages 1 and 2 are supported by correct data. Answer communicates the whole process coherently and shows a logical progression from stage 1 to stage 2 and then stage 3.

Steps in stage 3 are in logical order and working is shown. If there is no working for ratio or statement of ratio then full marks cannot be awarded.

**If the formulae of the three molecular ions are not correct (2d) then the student can't access Level 3 (any incorrect chemistry drops the student to the bottom mark within the level they have achieved).**

5-6 marks

## Level 2

Stage 2 is attempted (**2a-2c** do not need to be explicitly stated) but the calculation may contain inaccuracies **OR** the explanation may be incomplete **OR** first two stages are covered and the explanations are generally correct and virtually complete. Answer is mainly coherent and shows a progression through the first two stages. Some steps in each stage may be incomplete.

**If percentage of carbon is missing or incorrect (1a) then student can't access Level 2.**

3-4 marks

## Level 1

Stage 1 needs to be attempted but may contain inaccuracies.

**OR**

Stage 3 attempted but may contain inaccuracies / molecular formula not determined.

Answer includes some isolated statements, but these are not presented in a logical order or show confused reasoning.

1-2 marks

## Level 0

Insufficient correct chemistry to warrant a mark.

0 marks

### **Indicative Chemistry content**

#### **Stage 1 (determines empirical formula)**

**1a** 16.3% carbon

**1b** Divide by  $A_r$

**1c** Divide by smallest (0.904)

**1d** Convert ratio in simplest integer (x 2)

C	Cl	F
$\frac{16.3}{12.0} = 1.358$	$\frac{32.1}{35.5} = 0.904$	$\frac{51.6}{19.0} = 2.716$
$\frac{1.358}{0.904}$	$\frac{0.904}{0.904}$	$\frac{2.716}{0.904}$
3	2	6

#### **Stage 2 (determines formulae of three molecular ions)**

**2a** For E.F.  $M_r$  (corresponds to the molecule) = 221



**2b** since  $M_r = 221$  lies within molecular ion range 220–224

**2c** Thus empirical formula = molecular formula

**2d** Three correct formulae

**2e** Correct  $M_r$  for each of three molecules

$C_3^{35}Cl_2F_6^+$	$C_3^{35}Cl^{37}ClF_6^+$	$C_3^{37}Cl_2F_6^+$
220	222	224

**Stage 3 (explains the ratio of 3 molecular ion peaks)**

**3a** Working

**2b** Correct (simplified) ratio **9:6:1**

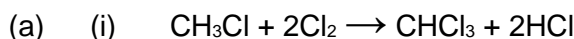
Note: 9:3:1 will be a common incorrect answer (max 5).

Working:

$C_3^{35}Cl_2F_6^+$	$C_3^{35}Cl^{37}ClF_6^+$	$C_3^{37}Cl_2F_6^+$
220	222	224
$^{35}Cl_2 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{16}$	$^{35}Cl^{37}Cl \text{ and } ^{37}Cl^{35}Cl = 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{16}$	$^{37}Cl_2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{16}$

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## Q2.



**IGNORE** state symbols

**ALLOW** multiples

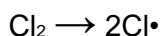
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(ii) (Free-)radical substitution

*This answer only*

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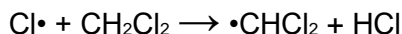
(iii) Initiation:



*Penalise absence of dot once only*

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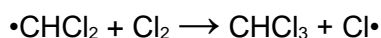
1st Propagation step



*Penalise + and/or – charges every time*

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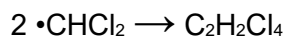
2nd Propagation step



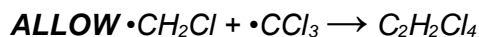
**ALLOW**  $\cdot$  anywhere on  $\cdot CHCl_2$  but, if drawn out as a structure, then

$\cdot$  must be on C

Termination



*Mark independently*



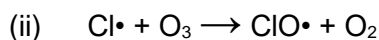
**IGNORE** state symbols throughout

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**ALLOW**  $\cdot$  anywhere on  $\cdot \text{CF}_3$  unless displayed

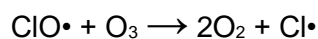
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*Equations can be in either order*

*Penalise absence of  $\cdot$  once only*

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**ALLOW**  $\cdot$  anywhere on  $\cdot \text{ClO}$

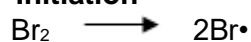
**NOT**  $\cdot \text{O}_3$

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### Q3.

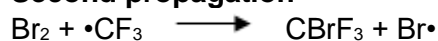
(a) (i) **Initiation**



**First propagation**



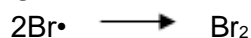
**Second propagation**



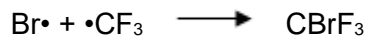
**Termination**



**OR**



**OR**



*Penalise absence of dot once only*

*Credit the dot anywhere on the radical*

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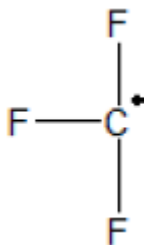
(ii) Ultra-violet / uv / sunlight

**OR**

$T > 100^\circ\text{C}$  OR high temperature

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(b) (i)



*Displayed formula required with the radical dot on carbon*

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- (ii) (The) C–Br (bond) breaks more readily / is weaker than (the) C–Cl (bond) (or converse)

**OR**

The C–Br bond enthalpy / bond strength is less than that for C–Cl (or converse)

*Requires a **comparison** between the two bonds*

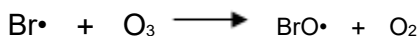
*Give credit for an answer that suggests that the UV frequency / energy may favour C–Br bond breakage rather than C–Cl bond breakage*

*Ignore correct references either to size, polarity or electronegativity*

*Credit correct answers that refer to, for example “the bond between carbon and bromine requires less energy to break than the bond between carbon and chlorine”*

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- (iii) **M1**



**M2**



***M1** and **M2** could be in either order*

*Credit the dot anywhere on the radical*

*Penalise absence of dot once only*

*Penalise the use of multiples once only*

**M3 One of the following**

They / it / the bromine (atom)

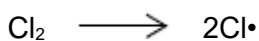
- does not appear in the overall equation
- is regenerated
- is unchanged at the end
- has not been used up
- provides an alternative route / mechanism

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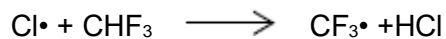
**Q4.**

- (a) (i) **M1 Initiation**



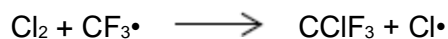
*Penalise absence of dot once only.*

**M2 First propagation**



*Penalise + or – charges every time.*

### **M3 Second propagation**



*Credit  $\text{CF}_3\cdot$  with the radical dot above / below / to either side.*

### **M4 Termination (must make $\text{C}_2\text{F}_6$ )**



*Mark independently.*

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(ii) ultra-violet / uv / sun light

**OR** (very) high temperature

**OR**  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C} \leq T \leq 1000\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

**OR**  $773\text{ K} \leq T \leq 1273\text{ K}$

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(b) (i)  $\text{Cl}\cdot$  **OR** chlorine atom / chlorine (free–) radical / Cl (atom)

*Not ‘chlorine’ alone.*

*Credit ‘Cl’ alone on this occasion.*

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(ii)  $2\text{O}_3 \longrightarrow 3\text{O}_2$

*Or multiples.*

*Ignore state symbols.*

*If the correct answer is on the line OR clearly identified below some working, then ignore any working.*

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