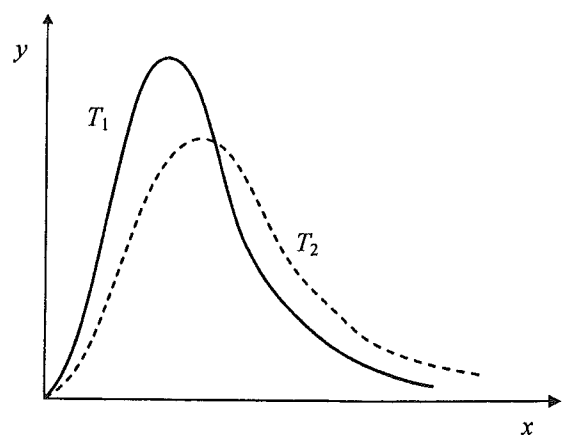


Section A Industrial Chemistry

Answer ALL parts of the question.

1. (a) For gaseous reactions, an increase in temperature leads to an increase in reaction rate.

(i) The graph below shows the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution curves of molecular kinetic energies of a gas at two temperatures T_1 and T_2 .



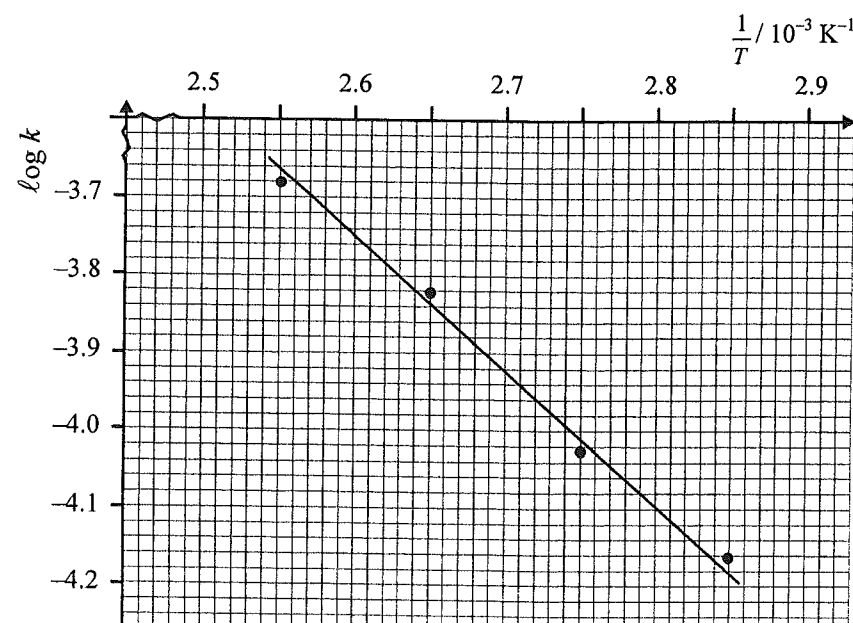
(1) What do the axes, x and y , in the above graph respectively represent?

(2) With reference to the above graph, suggest why an increase in temperature can lead to an increase in the reaction rate of a gaseous reaction.

(5 marks)

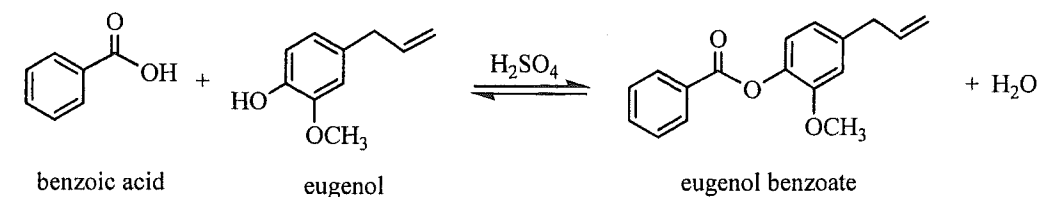
(ii) In a chemical kinetics experiment, the rate constants (k) of a reaction at various temperatures (T) were determined. The graph below shows the plot of $\log k$ against $\frac{1}{T}$. Calculate the activation energy of this reaction.

(Gas constant, $R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$)



(3 marks)

1. (b) Eugenol benzoate is a commonly used food flavouring agent. Eugenol benzoate can be synthesised from the reaction of eugenol with benzoic acid in the presence of sulphuric acid as a homogeneous catalyst.



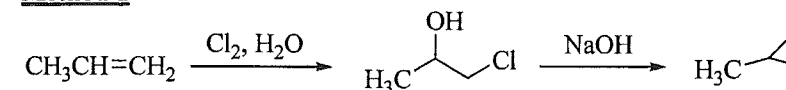
(i) Suggest why a catalyst can speed up a reaction. (1 mark)

(ii) For the above reaction, would the use of concentrated sulphuric acid or that of dilute sulphuric acid give a better yield of eugenol benzoate? Explain your answer. (1 mark)

(iii) Eugenol benzoate can also be synthesised from the reaction of eugenol with benzoic acid in the presence of a solid acid as a heterogeneous catalyst. With reference to the synthesis of eugenol benzoate, state ONE advantage of using a homogeneous catalyst and ONE advantage of using a heterogeneous catalyst. (2 marks)

(c) Propylene oxide ($\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$) is a chemical commonly used in the plastics industry. Two methods for producing propylene oxide are shown below:

Method 1



Method 2



(i) The Cl_2 and NaOH used in Method 1 are products of the chloroalkali industry. Briefly describe how these two chemicals are produced. (3 marks)

(ii) The atom economy of Method 1 is 29.7%. Calculate the atom economy of Method 2. (1 mark)

(iii) Discuss, from TWO different perspectives, whether Method 1 or Method 2 is greener. (2 marks)

(iv) Comment on the following statement, and explain your answer:

'A reaction with a high atom economy should also have a high yield.'

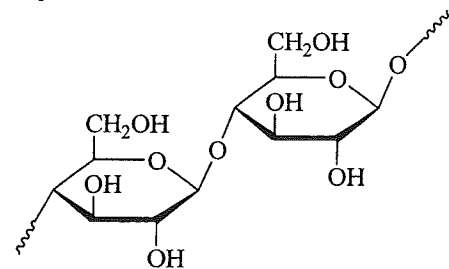
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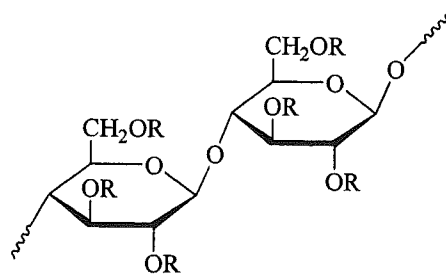
Answer ALL parts of the question.

2. (a) A part of the structure of cellulose is shown below:



- (i) Cellulose is a condensation polymer of glucose.
- (1) What is the meaning of the term 'condensation polymer'?
 - (2) Draw the structure of a molecule of glucose.
- (2 marks)
- (ii) The relative molecular mass of cellulose generally ranges from 2.5×10^5 to 1.0×10^6 . Suggest why the relative molecular mass of cellulose falls into a wide range.
- (1 mark)
- (iii) Explain why there is a significant difference in the solubility of glucose and cellulose in water.
- (3 marks)

- (b) (i) Methyl cellulose is a polymer synthesised from cellulose. It is commonly used as the active ingredient of wallpaper glue. A part of the structure of methyl cellulose is shown below:

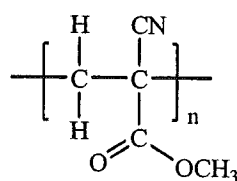


(In the structure, R can be H or CH₃.)

Methyl cellulose glue, when dried, is a white solid. State and explain the behaviour of the white solid when it is gradually heated up to a very high temperature.

(3 marks)

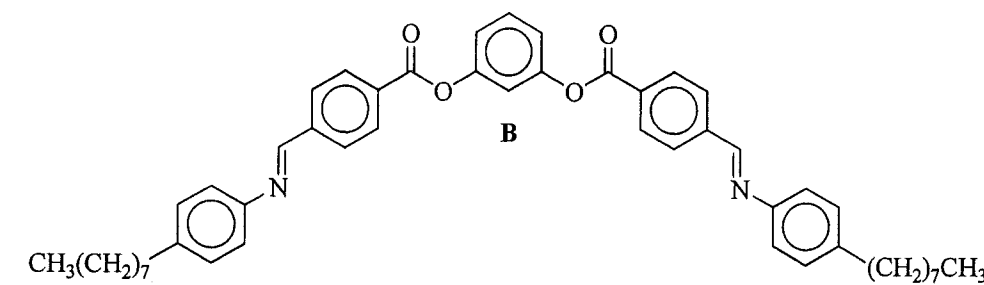
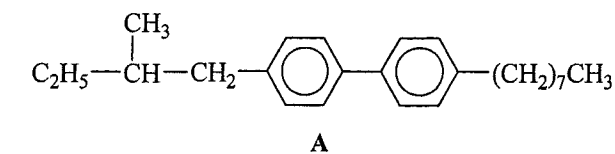
- (ii) Poly(methyl 2-cyanoacrylate) is commonly used as the active ingredient of superglue. The structure of poly(methyl 2-cyanoacrylate) is shown below:



2. (b) (ii) (1) Draw the structure of the monomer of poly(methyl 2-cyanoacrylate).
- (2) Propanone (CH₃COCH₃) is a commonly used solvent for removing hardened superglue. Explain why propanone can dissolve poly(methyl 2-cyanoacrylate).
- (3 marks)
- (iii) Which of methyl cellulose or poly(methyl 2-cyanoacrylate) degrades more readily in the environment? Explain your answer.
- (2 marks)

- (c) Liquid crystals are widely used in making visual displays. Liquid crystals can have various phases in their structures.

- (i) Compare the nematic phase and the smectic phase of liquid crystals.
- (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain which of the following compounds, A or B, would form cholesteric phase liquid crystals.



- (iii) Suggest why liquid crystals would lose the liquid crystal properties at very low temperatures.
- (1 mark)
- (iv) Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) can emit light when an electric current passes through. OLED can also be used in making visual displays. Explain why the power efficiency of liquid crystal displays is considered to be lower than that of OLED displays.
- (2 marks)

END OF SECTION B

