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#### 17 Spectroscopy Answers to practice questions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
number	C : H : O = 55.8/12.0 : 7.0/1.0 : 37.2/16.0	B1	<b>ALLOW</b> mass of $C = 0.558 \times 86$
1	$= 4.65 : 7.0 : 2.325 = C_2H_3O$		or 48 AND mass of H = 0.07 x 86
	Molecular formula = $C_2H_3O \times 86/43 = C_4H_6O_2$	B1	or 6 AND mass of O = 0.372 x 86 = 32
	Peak X: $C_3H_5^+$	B1	+ charge required for each
	Peak Y: COOH⁺	B1	ALLOW one mark if both formulae are correct but with no
	Peak at 1630–1820 cm <sup><math>-1</math></sup> indicates presence of C=O AND peak at 2500–3300 cm <sup><math>-1</math></sup> indicates the	B1	charge/incorrect charge
	presence of –OH group linked carboxylic acid/COOH		ALLOW any possible fragments that contain C, H and/or O that
	Structure of <b>G</b>	B2	have the correct mass. E.g. Peak X indicates $C_2OH^+$ , Peak Y
	$ \begin{array}{c c} H & CH_3 & O \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} $		Unfeasible fragments are not
			atoms) $C_3 \Gamma_9$ (100 many $\Gamma$
	(1 mark available for another carboxylic acid of		LOOK ON THE SPECTRUM for labelled absorbance which can
	$C_4H_6O_2$ : H <sub>2</sub> C=CHCH <sub>2</sub> COOH or CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHCOOH)		be given credit Candidates must link absorbance to bond in order to gain the mark
			<b>ALLOW</b> 1700 cm <sup>-1</sup>
			For 2500–3300 cm <sup>-1</sup> , <b>ALLOW</b> 2900 cm <sup>-1</sup> or any stated wavenumber with range 2500– 3300 cm <sup>-1</sup> ALLOW wavenumber range up to 2400–3500 cm <sup>-1</sup>
			<b>ALLOW</b> structural, skeletal or displayed formula.
			<b>DO NOT ALLOW ECF</b> from incorrect molecular formula
2	C : H : O = $66.7/12.0$ : $11.1/1.0$ : $22.2/16.0$ = $5.56$ : $11.1$ : $1.39$ = C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	B1	PLEASE LOOK AT THE SPECTRA AND ABOVE THE SPECTRA FOR POSSIBLE
	Molecular formula = $C_4H_8O \times 72/72 = C_4H_8O_2$	B1	ANSWERS
	Peak at 1630–1820 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates presence of C=O	B1	ALLOW two marks for 72 x 66.7/100 = 48/12 = 4 (C) 72 x 11.1/100 = 8 = 8 (H) 72 x 22.2/100 = 16 = 1 (O)
		B1 x 3	
			ALLOW C=O or carbonyl since has absorbance within the range 1640 to 1750 cm <sup>-1</sup>
			ALLOW ketone OR aldehyde linked to correct absorbance



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3	C : H : O = 0.600/12.0 : 0.133/1.0 : 0.267/16.0 = 0.0500 : 1.33 : 0.0167	B1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long
	Empirical formula = $C_3 H_8 O$		
	Peak at 3200–3600 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates the presence of –OH group in alcohol	B1	ALLOW a carboxylic acid reacts with an alcohol to give an
	<b>X</b> : $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH \text{ OR } CH_3CH(OH)CH_3$	B1	ester. <b>IGNORE</b> ethanoic acid (as this is stated in the question)
	Links $CH_2OH^+$ evidence to conclusion that <b>X</b> is $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$	B1	ALLOW correct structural OR displayed OR skeletal formula OR mixture of the above (as long as unambiguous)
			If no structure of <b>X</b> is provided one mark can be awarded for a correct structure of $CH_3COOCH_2CH_2CH_3$ <b>OR</b> $CH_3COOCH(CH_3)_2$ <b>DO NOT ALLOW</b> $CH_3O^+$
			QWC must link the evidence to

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number			the structure of propan-1-ol
			In equation ALLOW correct
			structural <b>OR</b> displayed
			OR skeletal formula OR mixture
			of the above
4		D1	ALLOW/ two marks for correct
4	$C \cdot H \cdot O = 70.59/12.0 \cdot 13.72/1.0 \cdot 15.09/10.0$ = 5.8825 · 13.72 · 0.9806	Ы	ALLOW two marks for correct
	- 5.0025 . 13.72 . 0.3000		working out
	Empirical formula = $C_6H_{14}O$	B1	in on any out
			ALLOW structural or displayed
	From mass spectrum, $M_r = 102$	B1	formulae
			IGNORE incorrect names
	Molecular formula = $C_6H_{14}O \times 102/102 =$	B1	
	$C_6H_{14}O$		ALLOW one minor slip in drawing structures e.g. one
	Peak at 3350 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates the presence of $-$	B1	missing hydrogen but <b>ALLOW</b>
	OH group in alcohol	2.	ecf for bigger slips such as
			showing just sticks and no
			hydrogen atoms
		B1 x 3	ALLOW bond to H in OH
			ALLOW and mark for three
	ОН		isomers of C-H-OH whether
	ОН		branched or unbranched as a
			catch mark if no other mark
	он		has been awarded for the
			structures
			If more than three isomers of
	, v v v		C.H. OH drawn
	1 mark for each structure		<ul> <li>1 branched and 3</li> </ul>
			unbranched award <b>two</b>
			marks
			<ul> <li>any other combination</li> </ul>
			award <b>one</b> mark
			ALLOW one mark for hexan-1-ol,
			structures not drawn
5	Peak at 1630–1820 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates presence of	B1	mass spec of E– Remember to
	C=O		check the spectrum Quality of
			Written Communication – mass
	Absence of peak at 2500–3300 cm indicates	81	spec gives IN° or molecular ion of
	m/z at 60 = molecular ion peak M <sup>+</sup>		ion of 60 <b>OR</b> highest $m/z$
			(ALLOW m/e) value is 60
	m/z at 45 = C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sup>+</sup> OR loss of CH <sub>3</sub>	B1	
			m/z = 45 indicates loss of CH <sub>3</sub>
	Links $CH_2OH^+$ evidence to conclusion that <b>X</b> is	B1	<b>OR</b> $m/z = 45$ indicates presence
	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH		
	E: propanone CH-COCH	B1	
			IR of F – Remember to check

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	<b>E</b> : propan-2-ol, $CH_3CH(OH)CH_3$	B1	the spectrum
	CH <sub>3</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> + [O] → CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	B1	IR shows no broad absorption between 2500 to $3300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ so no O—H bond OR no broad absorption between 2500 to 3300 cm <sup>-1</sup> so not a carboxylic acid
			IR shows absorption at 1700 cm <sup>-1</sup> due to a C=O bond <b>OR</b> absorption at 1700 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates a ketone <b>OR</b> aldehyde present
			Identification and equation F is CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub> OR propanone
			<b>E</b> is CH3CHOHCH3 <b>OR</b> propan- 2-ol
			$\begin{array}{l} CH_3CHOHCH_3 + [O] \longrightarrow \\ CH_3COCH_3 + H_2O \end{array}$
			If <b>F</b> has been incorrectly identified as propanal, mark identification and equation as ECF, so max = 2 <b>ALLOW E</b> is $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$
			ALLOW: $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH + [O] \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CHO + H_2O$
6 (a)	Peak at 2850–3100 cm <sup>-1</sup> indicates presence of C–H	B1	Answer must have a reference to infrared spectrum i.e. use of cm <sup>-1</sup> or data from the infrared
	Absence of other characteristic peaks	ы	'Has no other peaks so no functional groups present' is <b>not</b> sufficient <b>BUT</b> There are no peaks due to functional groups is sufficient
			ALLOW peaks instead of absorption ALLOW no absorption due to C=O and O–H / no absorption due to carbonyl and hydroxyl
6 (b)	m/z at 58 = molecular ion peak, M <sup>+</sup> and evidence of $M(C_4H_{10})$ linked to 58	B1	ALLOW peak at <i>m/z</i> 58 marked on the mass spectrum / M peak is 58 / peak at 58 linked to the molecular mass DO NOT ALLOW highest peak but ALLOW 58 is the highest peak

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6 (c)	<i>m/z</i> 15: CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	B1	Essentially marks are allocated as positive ions
	m/z 29: C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	B1	Formula of two fragments correct (ignore charge)
	m/z 43: C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> <sup>+</sup> / CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> / (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sup>+</sup>	B1	<b>BUT</b> formulae of all three fragments correct (ignore charge)
6 (d)	<b>A</b> : $CH_3CH_2CH_3$ linked to peak at <i>m</i> /z 29	B1	ALLOW name, displayed or skeletal structure ALLOW butane because there is a C2H5 fragment ALLOW butane because it gives all three fragments listed in (c)