

# Practical Problems

## Revised Grading Scheme

"Bonding the World with Chemistry"

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## General Instructions.

### General Information

In  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl, indicators are in the acidic form (HIn) only.

In  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  NaOH, indicators are in the basic form (In<sup>-</sup>) only.

*There will be no mark for the answer in the dotted line box.*

#### NOTE:

Students are suggested to check the spectrophotometer before use by measuring the absorbance values of the instrument check solution at two different wavelengths, i.e., 430 and 620 nm.

Spectrophotometer No. \_\_\_\_\_ is used throughout the experiment.

*Record the absorbance values of the instrument check solution*

|                       | A (at 430 nm) | A (at 620 nm) |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Measured value</b> | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Guided value</b>   | 0.220 – 0.260 | 0.450 – 0.510 |

*In case that the measured values are within the guided values, students can proceed with further experiments. If not, students can ask for assistance.*

### Part a

#### Absorbance measurement of an acid-base indicator (methyl orange) in strong acid and strong base

1. Pipette  $1.50 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $2.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  **methyl orange indicator** solution into a  $25.00\text{-cm}^3$  volumetric flask, add  $2.5 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl into the flask and make up to the volume using distilled water. Record the absorbance at 470 and 520 nm.
2. Pipette  $2.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $2.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  **methyl orange indicator** solution into a  $25.00\text{-cm}^3$  volumetric flask, add  $2.5 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  NaOH into the flask and make up to the volume using distilled water. Record the absorbance at 470 and 520 nm.
3. Calculate the molar absorptivities at 470 and 520 nm of acidic and basic forms of **methyl orange**.

**a1)** Record the absorbance values of methyl orange in acid and basic solutions

*(You do not need to fill the entire table.)*

| methyl orange in acidic form                     | A (at 470 nm)         | A (at 520 nm)         |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Replicate 1                                      |                       |                       |
| Replicate 2                                      |                       |                       |
| Replicate 3                                      |                       |                       |
| Accepted value<br>(3 digits after decimal point) | 0.318<br>(SD = 0.009) | 0.538<br>(SD = 0.011) |

| methyl orange in basic form                      | A (at 470 nm)         | A (at 520 nm)         |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Replicate 1                                      |                       |                       |
| Replicate 2                                      |                       |                       |
| Replicate 3                                      |                       |                       |
| Accepted value<br>(3 digits after decimal point) | 0.425<br>(SD = 0.009) | 0.141<br>(SD = 0.004) |

**a2)** Calculate the molar absorptivities of the acidic form and basic form of methyl orange (unit,  $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ )

*Blank area for calculation*

The molar absorptivities of methyl orange are as follows: (unit,  $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ )

| methyl orange | acidic form (HIn)             |                               | basic form (In <sup>-</sup> )  |                                |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|               | $\epsilon^{470}_{\text{HIn}}$ | $\epsilon^{520}_{\text{HIn}}$ | $\epsilon^{470}_{\text{In}^-}$ | $\epsilon^{520}_{\text{In}^-}$ |
|               | _____                         | _____                         | _____                          | _____                          |

### Part b

#### Absorbance measurement of an acid-base indicator (bromothymol blue) in buffer solution

Bromothymol blue is an acid-base indicator which shows yellow color when it is present as an acidic form (HIn) and it shows blue color when it is present as a basic form (In<sup>-</sup>). The absorption maximum of the bromothymol blue in the acidic form is at 430 nm and that in the basic form is at 620 nm. The molar absorptivities of bromothymol blue in the acidic form are  $16,600 \text{ dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  at 430 nm and  $0 \text{ dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  at 620 nm. The molar absorptivities of bromothymol blue in the basic form are  $3,460 \text{ dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  at 430 nm and  $38,000 \text{ dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  at 620 nm.

1. Pipette  $1.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  **bromothymol blue indicator** solution into a  $25.00\text{-cm}^3$  volumetric flask, and make up to the volume using solution A. (Note: solution A is a buffer solution pH = 7.00)
2. Record the absorbance at 430 and 620 nm.
3. Calculate the concentrations of the acidic form and basic form of **bromothymol blue indicator** solution in the volumetric flask.
4. Calculate the acid dissociation constant of **bromothymol blue**.

**b1)** Record the absorbance values of bromothymol blue in buffer solution

*(You do not need to fill the entire table.)*

| bromothymol blue in buffer solution              | A (at 430 nm)                | A (at 620 nm)                |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Replicate 1                                      |                              |                              |
| Replicate 2                                      |                              |                              |
| Replicate 3                                      |                              |                              |
| Accepted value<br>(3 digits after decimal point) | <b>0.489</b><br>(SD = 0.006) | <b>0.734</b><br>(SD = 0.014) |

**b2)** Calculate the concentrations of the acidic form and basic form of bromothymol blue indicator in the resulting solution

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The concentrations of the acidic form and basic form of bromothymol blue in the resulting solution are as follows:

| [HIn], mol dm <sup>-3</sup>   | [In <sup>-</sup> ], mol dm <sup>-3</sup> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| _____ (3 significant figures) | _____ (3 significant figures)            |

**b3)** Calculate the acid dissociation constant of bromothymol blue from this experiment.

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The acid dissociation constant of bromothymol blue from this experiment is as follows:

The acid dissociation constant = \_\_\_\_\_ (3 significant figures)

**Part c****Determination of solution pH by using acid-base indicator (methyl red)**

Methyl red is an acid-base indicator which shows reddish-pink color when it is present as an acidic form (HIn) and it shows yellow color when it is present as a basic form (In<sup>-</sup>). The molar absorptivities of methyl red in the acidic form are 9,810 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at 470 nm and 21,500 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at 520 nm. The molar absorptivities of methyl red in the basic form are 12,500 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at 470 nm and 1,330 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at 520 nm. The pK<sub>a</sub> of methyl red is 4.95.

Note: There is no need to accurately measure the volumes used in this part, as it does not affect the accuracy of the results obtained.

1. Fill a test tube to one quarter with solution of unknown pH X. Add three drops of **methyl red** into the solution and mix thoroughly. Record the color.
2. Fill a test tube to one quarter with solution of unknown pH Y. Add three drops of **methyl red** into the solution and mix thoroughly. Record the color.
3. Fill a test tube to one quarter with solution of unknown pH Z. Add three drops of **methyl red** into the solution and mix thoroughly. Record the color.

*Record the color change of indicator in sample solutions (no mark)*

| indicator  | Color observed |             |             |
|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|            | in sample X    | in sample Y | in sample Z |
| Methyl red |                |             |             |

**c1)** Select one solution from the three sample solutions, of which the pH can be determined spectrophotometrically by using methyl red as an indicator.

- Sample X       Sample Y       Sample Z

4. Use a measuring cylinder to transfer 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of the selected unknown solution into a beaker. Add three drops of **methyl red** indicator into the solution and mix thoroughly. Record the absorbance at 470 and 520 nm.
5. Calculate the concentration ratio of basic form and acidic form of **methyl red** in the solution.
6. Calculate the pH of the selected unknown solution.

**Record the absorbance values of the resulting solution**

| selected unknown solution | A (at 470 nm) | A (at 520 nm) |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           |               |               |

**c2) Calculate the concentration ratio of the basic form and acidic form of methyl red indicator in an unknown solution and the pH value of the unknown solution**

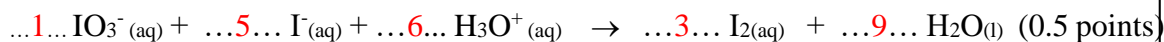
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The concentration ratio of the basic form and acidic form of methyl red indicator in an unknown solution and the pH value of the unknown solution are as follows:

| sample | $[\text{In}^-] / [\text{HIn}]$       | pH                                   |
|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|        | _____ (2 digits after decimal point) | _____ (2 digits after decimal point) |

| Task 1B | a  |    |    | b  |    |    | c  |    |    | Total |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
|         | a1 | a2 | a3 | b1 | b2 | b3 | c1 | c2 | c3 |       |
| Total   | 1  | 5  | 1  | 6  | 1  | 2  | 6  | 1  | 3  | 26    |
| Score   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |

a1) Balance relevant chemical equations.



a2) Record volume of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution.

(You do not need to fill in the entire table)

|   | Titration no. |   |   |
|---|---------------|---|---|
|   | 1             | 2 | 3 |
| Initial reading of the burette of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$ |               |   |   |
| Final reading of the burette of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$   |               |   |   |
| Consumed volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$                |               |   |   |

Accepted volume,  $\text{cm}^3$ ;  $V_1 = 12.08 \pm 0.20$  (5 points)

a3) Calculate the concentration of the  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution.

$$\frac{(C_{\text{IO}_3^-} \times V_{\text{IO}_3^-}) \times 6}{V_{\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}}} = C_{\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}}$$

$$V_{\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}}$$

$$\frac{(0.0100 \times 10.00) \times 6}{12.08} = 0.0497$$

$$12.08$$

Concentration of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ :  $\dots 0.0497 \dots$  (answer in 4 digits after decimal point)  
(1 point)

(If the student cannot find the concentration of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ , use the concentration of  $0.0700 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  for further calculations.)



**Part b****Determination of K<sub>sp</sub> of Ca(IO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>**

1. You are provided with the filtrate of the filtered saturated solution of Ca(IO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. (Solution B)
2. Pipette 5.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of the filtrate into an Erlenmeyer flask. Add 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of 10% (w/v) KI and 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HCl into a flask.
3. Titrate with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution until the solution has turned pale yellow. Add 2 cm<sup>3</sup> 0.1% (w/v) starch solution. The solution should turn dark blue. Titrate carefully to the colorless endpoint. Record the volume of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution.

**b1)** Record volume of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution.

*(You do not need to fill in the entire table)*

|   | Titration no. |   |   |
|---|---------------|---|---|
|   | 1             | 2 | 3 |
| Initial reading of the burette of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> solution, cm <sup>3</sup> |               |   |   |
| Final reading of the burette of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> solution, cm <sup>3</sup>   |               |   |   |
| Consumed volume of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> solution, cm <sup>3</sup>                |               |   |   |

Accepted volume, cm<sup>3</sup>; V<sub>2</sub> = 13.20 ± 0.20 (6 points)

**b2)** Calculate the concentration of the IO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> solution.

$$\frac{(C_{\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}} \times V_{\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}}) \times 1}{V_{\text{IO}_3^-} \times 6} = C_{\text{IO}_3^-}$$

$$\frac{(0.0497 \times 13.20) \times 1}{5.00 \times 6} = 0.0219$$

Concentration of IO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, mol dm<sup>-3</sup>: ...0.0219.....(answer in 4 digits after decimal point)

(1 point)

**b3) Calculate value of  $K_{sp}$  for  $\text{Ca}(\text{IO}_3)_2$ .**

$$C_{\text{Ca}^{2+}} = \frac{C_{\text{IO}_3^-}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{0.0219}{2} = 0.0110$$

Concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ : .....0.0110.....

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{IO}_3^-]^2$$

$$K_{sp} = (0.0110) \times (0.0219)^2$$

$$= 5.28 \times 10^{-6}$$

$K_{sp}$  for  $\text{Ca}(\text{IO}_3)_2 = \dots\dots 5.28 \times 10^{-6} \dots\dots$  (answer in 3 significant figures) (2 points)

(If the student cannot find  $K_{sp}$ , use the value of  $7 \times 10^{-7}$  for further calculations.)

### Part c

#### Determination of concentration of unknown dilute $\text{KIO}_3$ solution

- You are provided with the filtrate of the filtered saturated solution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{IO}_3)_2$  dissolved in the unknown dilute  $\text{KIO}_3$  (provided as solution C).
- Pipette  $5.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of the filtrate solution into an erlenmeyer flask. Add  $10 \text{ cm}^3$  of 10% (w/v) KI and  $10 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCl into a flask.
- Titrate with  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution until the solution has turned pale yellow. Add  $2 \text{ cm}^3$  0.1% (w/v) starch solution. The solution should turn dark blue. Titrate carefully to the colorless endpoint. Record the volume of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution.

**c1) Record volume of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution**

(You do not need to fill in the entire table)

|   | Titration no. |   |   |
|---|---------------|---|---|
|   | 1             | 2 | 3 |
| Initial reading of the burette of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$ |               |   |   |
| Final reading of the burette of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$   |               |   |   |
| Consumed volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, $\text{cm}^3$                |               |   |   |

Accepted volume,  $\text{cm}^3$ ;  $V_3 = 14.43 \pm 0.20$  (6 points)

c2) Calculate the concentration of the  $\text{IO}_3^-$  in solution C.

$$\frac{(C_{\text{S2O3}^{2-}} \times V_{\text{S2O3}^{2-}}) \times 1}{V_{\text{IO}_3^-} \times 6} = C_{\text{IO}_3^-}$$

$$\frac{(0.0497 \times 14.43) \times 1}{5.00 \times 6} = 0.0239$$

Concentration of  $\text{IO}_3^-$ , mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ : ...0.0239.....(answer in 4 digits after decimal point)  
(1 point)

c3) Calculate the concentration of the unknown dilute  $\text{KIO}_3$  sample.

$$K_{\text{sp}} = \frac{5.28 \times 10^{-6}}{[\text{IO}_3^-]^2} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}]$$

$$[\text{IO}_3^-]^2 = (0.0239)^2$$

$$= 0.00924$$

Concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ : .....0.00924 .....

$$[\text{KIO}_3]_{\text{sample}} = [\text{IO}_3^-]_{\text{in soln.C}} - [\text{IO}_3^-]_{\text{solubilized Ca(IO}_3)_2}$$

$$= 0.0239 - (2 \times [\text{Ca}^{2+}])$$

$$= 0.0239 - (2 \times 0.00924)$$

Concentration of  $\text{IO}_3^-$ , mol  $\text{dm}^{-3}$ : ...0.0542.. (answer in 4 digits after decimal point)

(3 point)

| Task 2 | a  |    |    | b  | Total |
|--------|----|----|----|----|-------|
|        | a1 | a2 | a3 | b1 |       |
| Total  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 18 | 24    |
| Score  |    |    |    |    |       |

**Accounted for 14% of Total Score**

**a1)** Use the information provided in the label above along with your experimental data for your calculation. Write down all the results in this Table.

Mass of 3-pentanone in the vial provided (must weigh with caps) = \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of the supervisor is required for grading

Mass of pentan-3-one = \_\_\_\_\_ **1 point**

Mass of *p*-chlorobenzaldehyde (copy from the label): \_\_\_\_\_

Mass of the empty vial for product: \_\_\_\_\_

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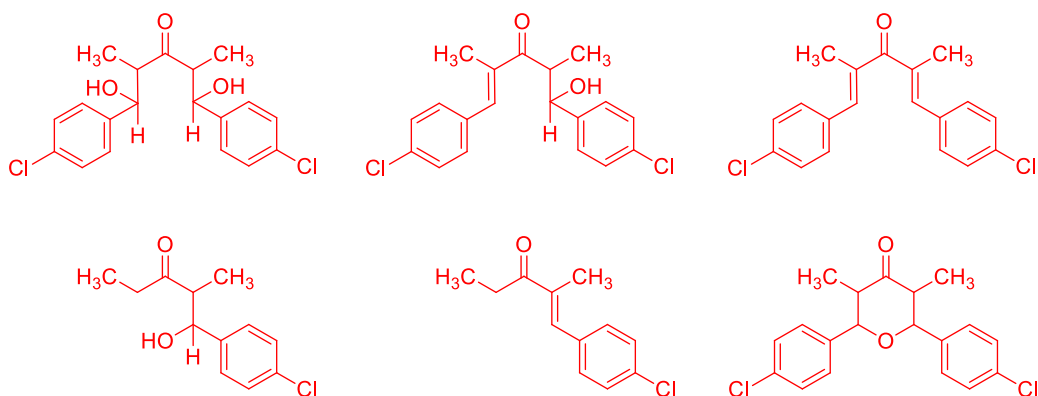
Mass of the vial with the recrystallized product: \_\_\_\_\_

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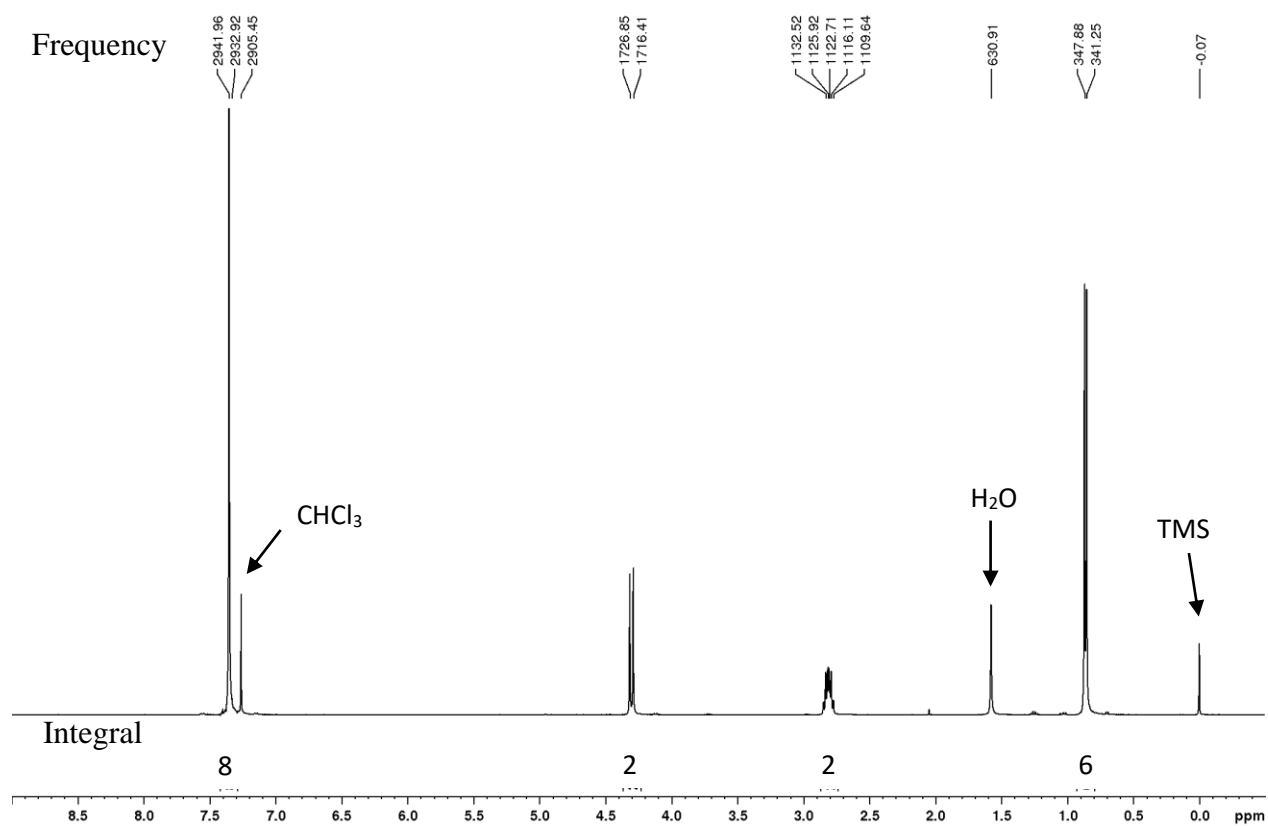
Mass of the recrystallized product: \_\_\_\_\_ **1 point**

a2) Write 4 plausible aromatic compounds that may occur from this reaction. Stereoisomers are excluded.

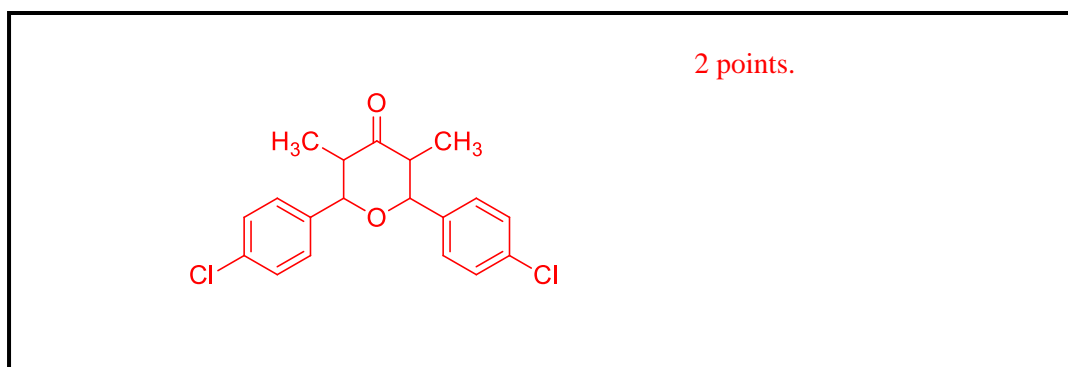
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|  |  |



a3) Given the 400MHz  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of the product below, write the structure of the product.



Integrals are for all protons presented in the molecule.



**Part b**

**b1)** Your submitted product will be characterized and graded for its %yield and purity. Provide information of the product you submitted.

Status:       Solid       Liquid

Signature of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed when submitted)

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed when submitted)