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REGULAR PROGRAMME

CHEM 305: ORGANIC SPECTROSCOPY

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Explain the following terms as used in the study of organic spectroscopy. Use appropriate examples. **(5 Marks)**
- Chromophores
 - IR stretches and bends
 - Chemical shift
 - Molecular ion
- b) i) Explain the working principle of a UVvis spectrophotometer **(3 marks)**
- ii) Given that, the correlations of conjugated diene according to Woodward-Feiser rules are as follows:
- Base value for homoannular diene = 253 nm
 - Base value for heteroannular diene = 214 nm
 - Alkyl substituent or Ring residue attached to the parent diene = 5 nm
 - Double bond extending conjugation = 30 nm
 - Exocyclic double bonds = 5 nm
 - Polar groups: $-OAc = 0$ nm
 $-OAlkyl = 6$ nm
 $-Cl, -Br = 5$ nm
- Calculate the absorption maximum for 1-methylcyclohexa-1,3-diene **(2 marks)**

c) i) A sample of an organic compound with a mass of 1.224 g was completely burned in oxygen and found to produce 2.340 g of Carbon (IV) Oxide and 1.433 g of water only. The molecular mass of the compound was 46.0 a.m.u.

i) Calculate the empirical and molecular formula of the organic compound. **(3 marks)**

ii) Propose possible functional isomers of the compound.

(2 marks)

ii) Consider the mass spectrum of benzoic acid (**Figure 1**) and identify the ions responsible for the major peaks. **(2 marks)**

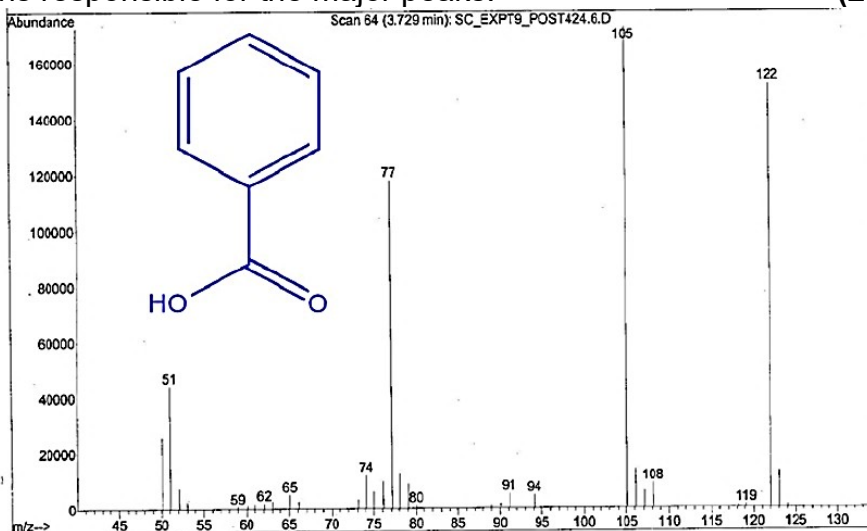


Figure 1

d) The IR spectra in **Figure 2 and 3** are of ethanol and ethanoic acid. Draw the full structural formula for both compounds, and then determine giving reasons, which spectrum is due to which compound. **(4 marks)**

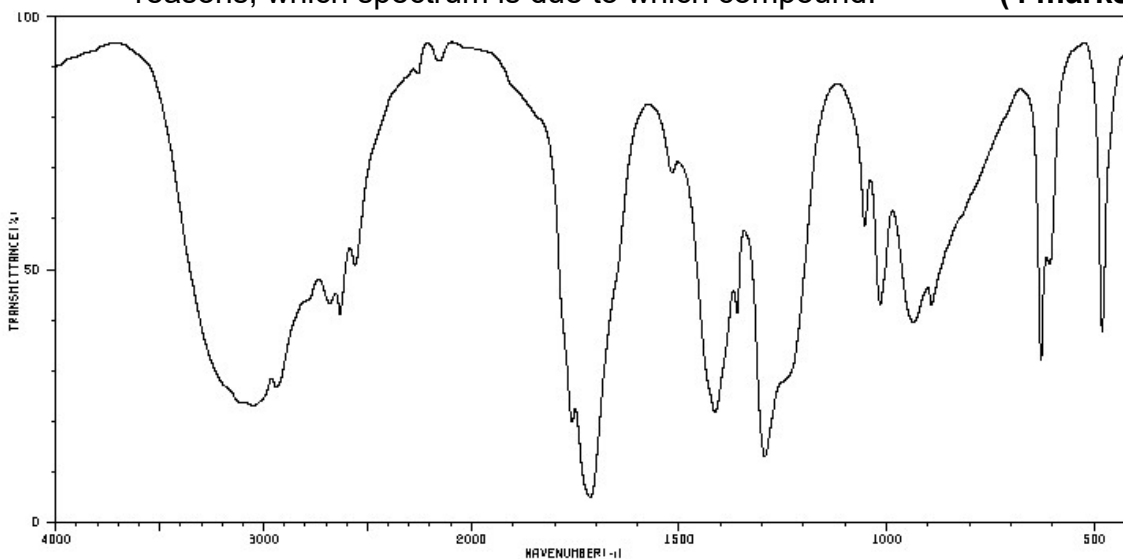


Figure 2

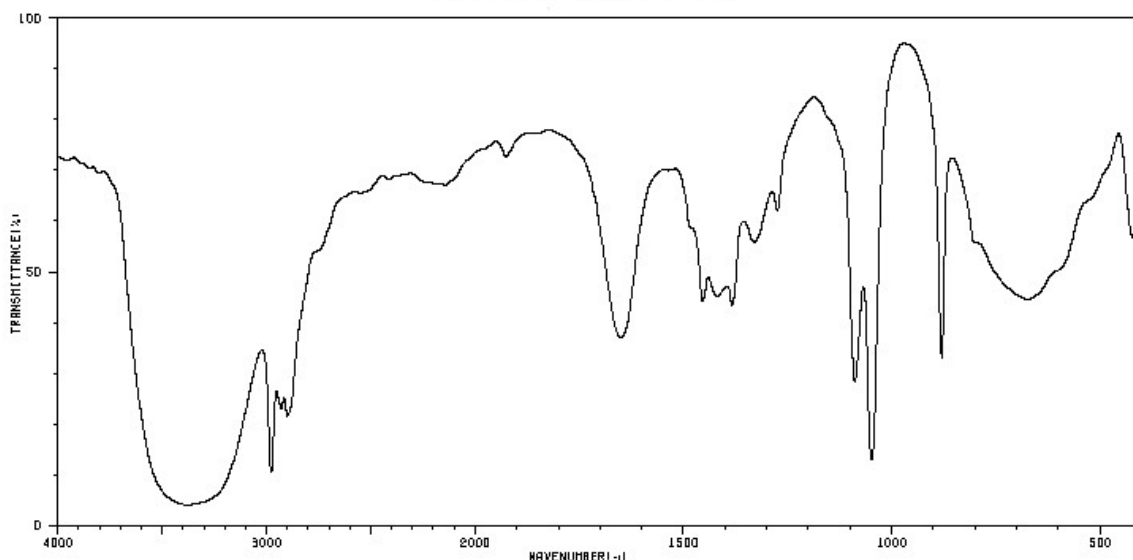


Figure 3

- e) Predict the multiplicities of the signals in the proton NMR spectra of the following compounds. **(5 Marks)**
- i) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{Cl})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$
 - ii) $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
- f) The following is data from IR (**Figure 4a**) and ^1H NMR spectra (300 MHz) (**Figure 4b**) of a compound A. The molecular formula of compound A is $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ and it contains one unsaturation. **(4 marks)**

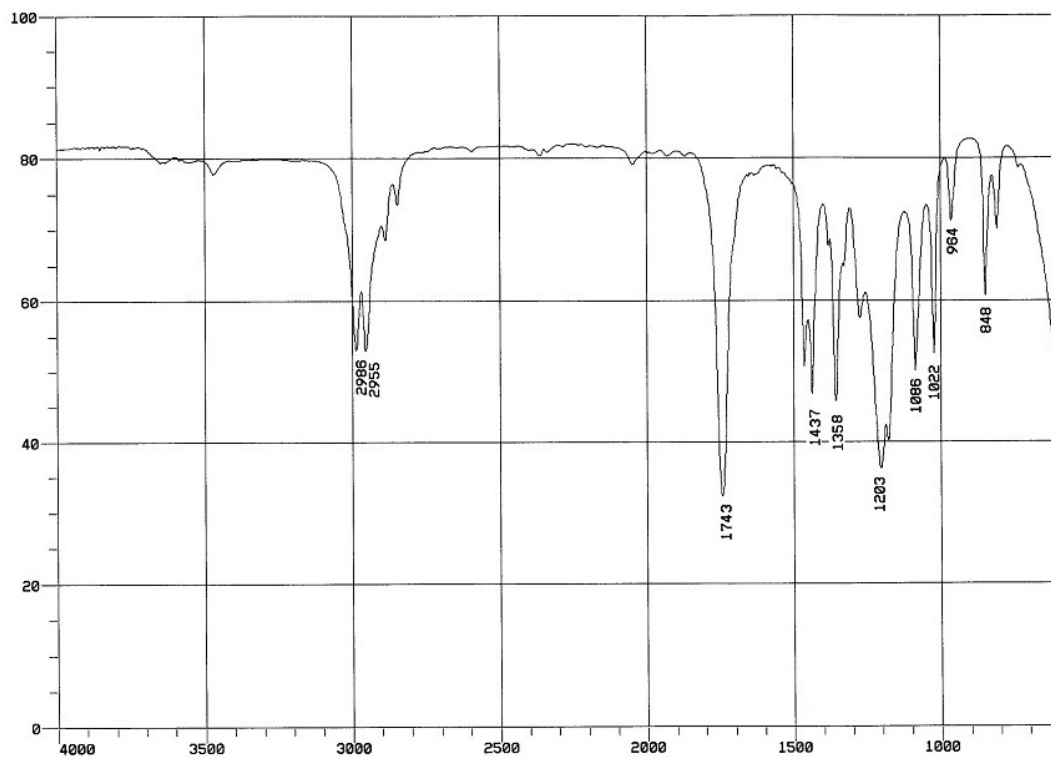


Figure 4a

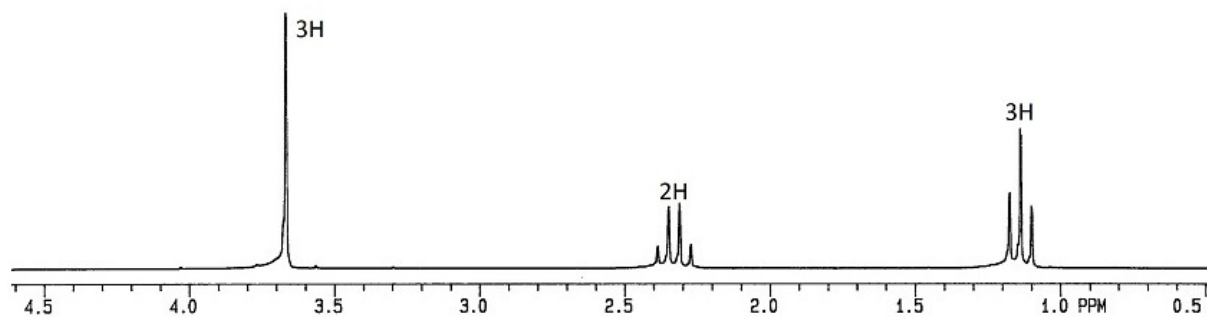


Figure 4b

- Q2. a) The spectra provided below (**Figure 5 a – d**) were obtained when a molecule was analyzed. Use the spectra to provide a structure that is consistent with the data. (Give your reasoning). **(10 marks)**

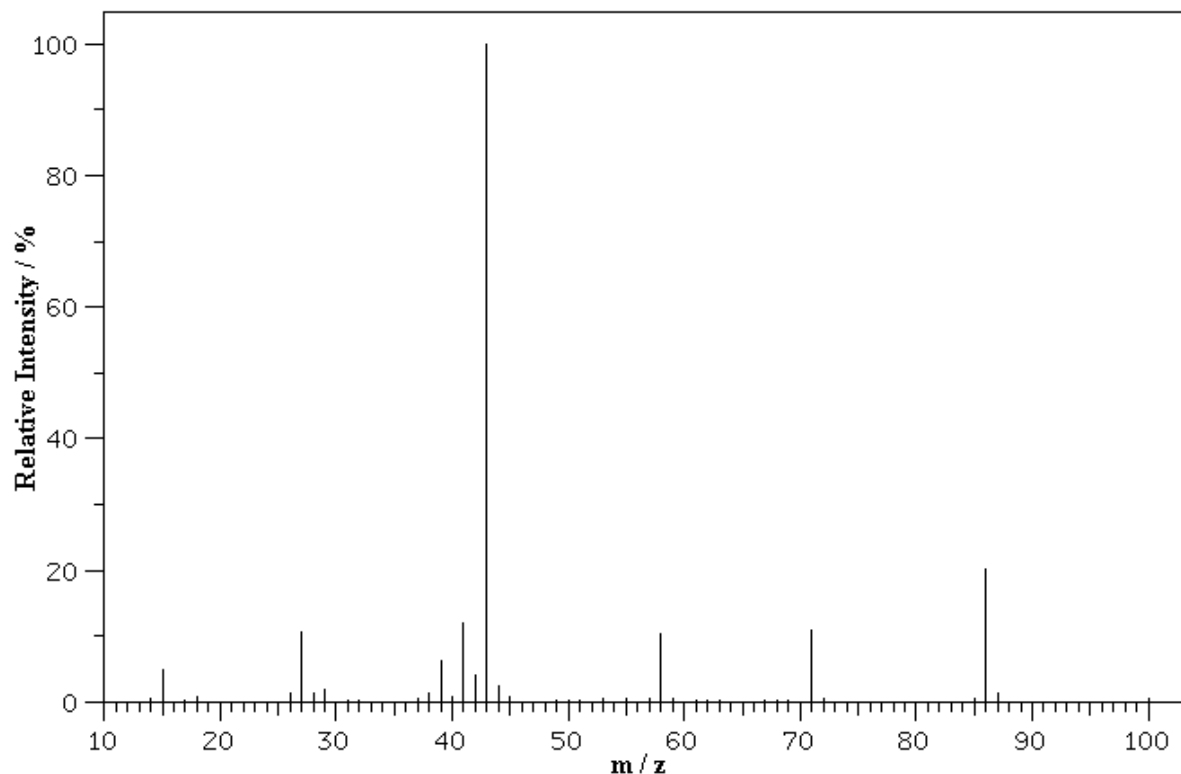


Figure 5a

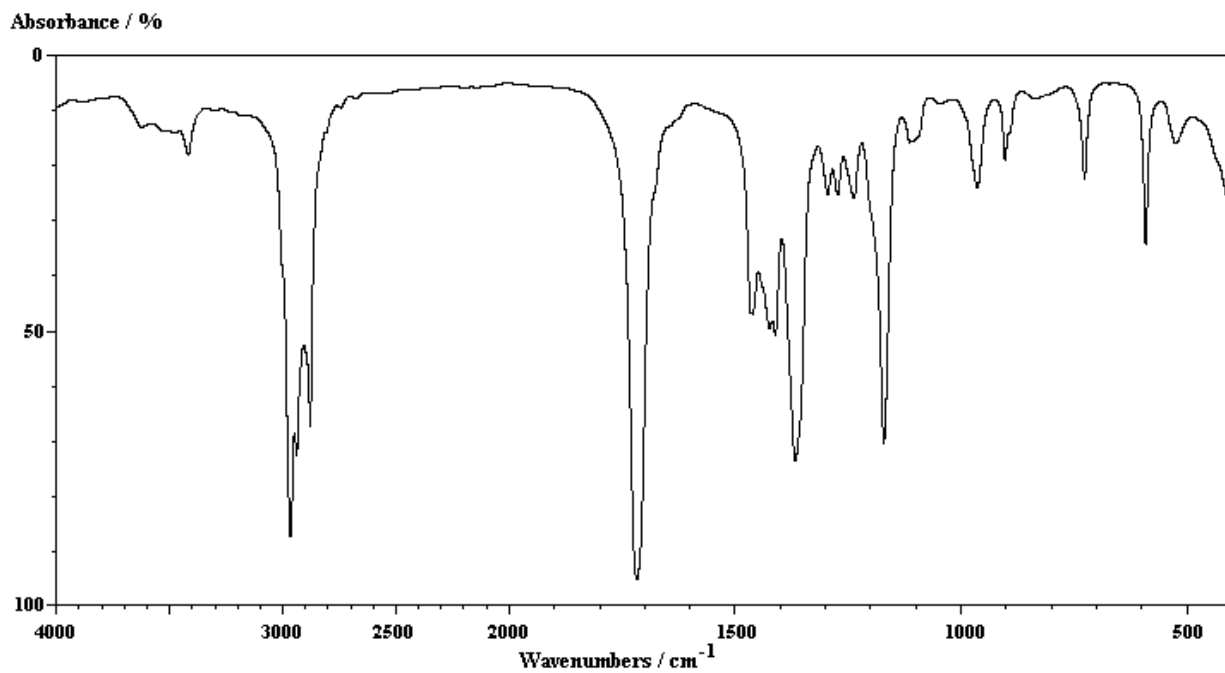


Figure 5b

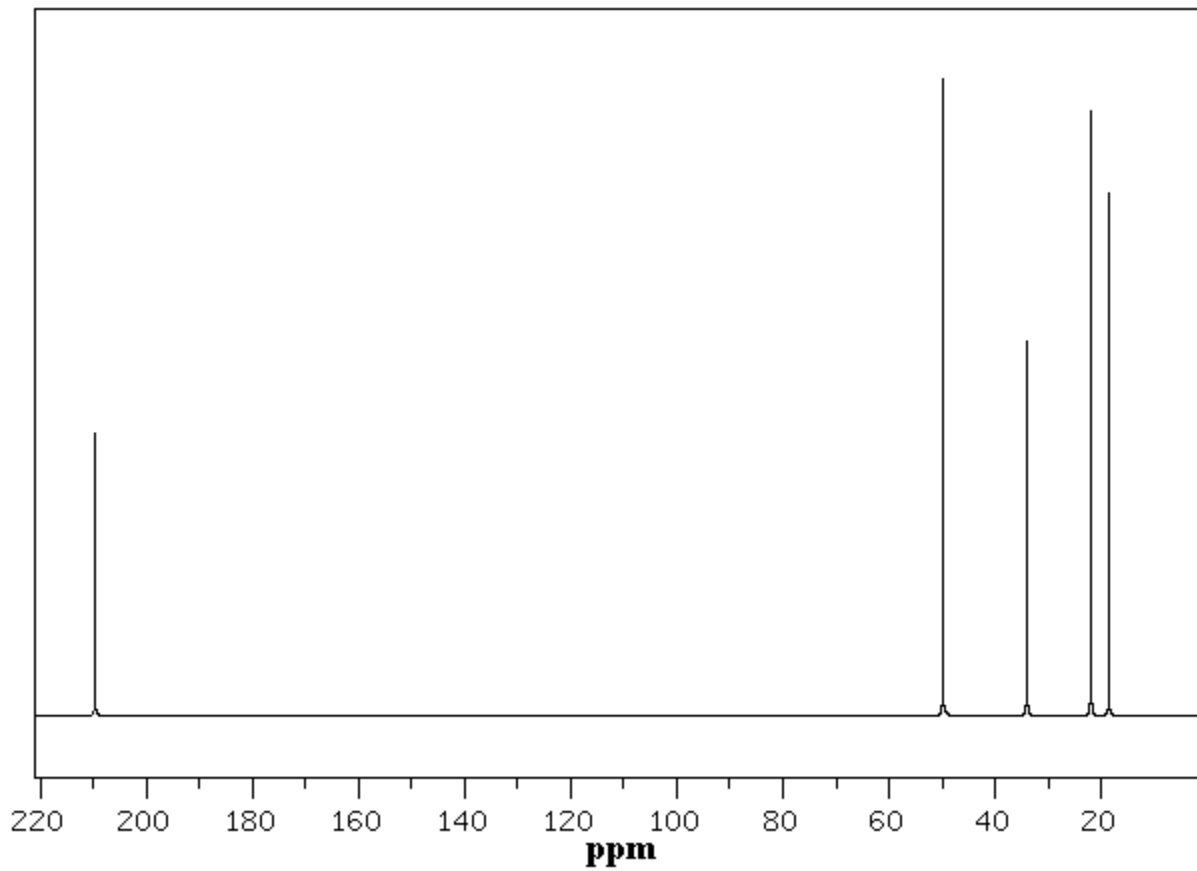


Figure 5c

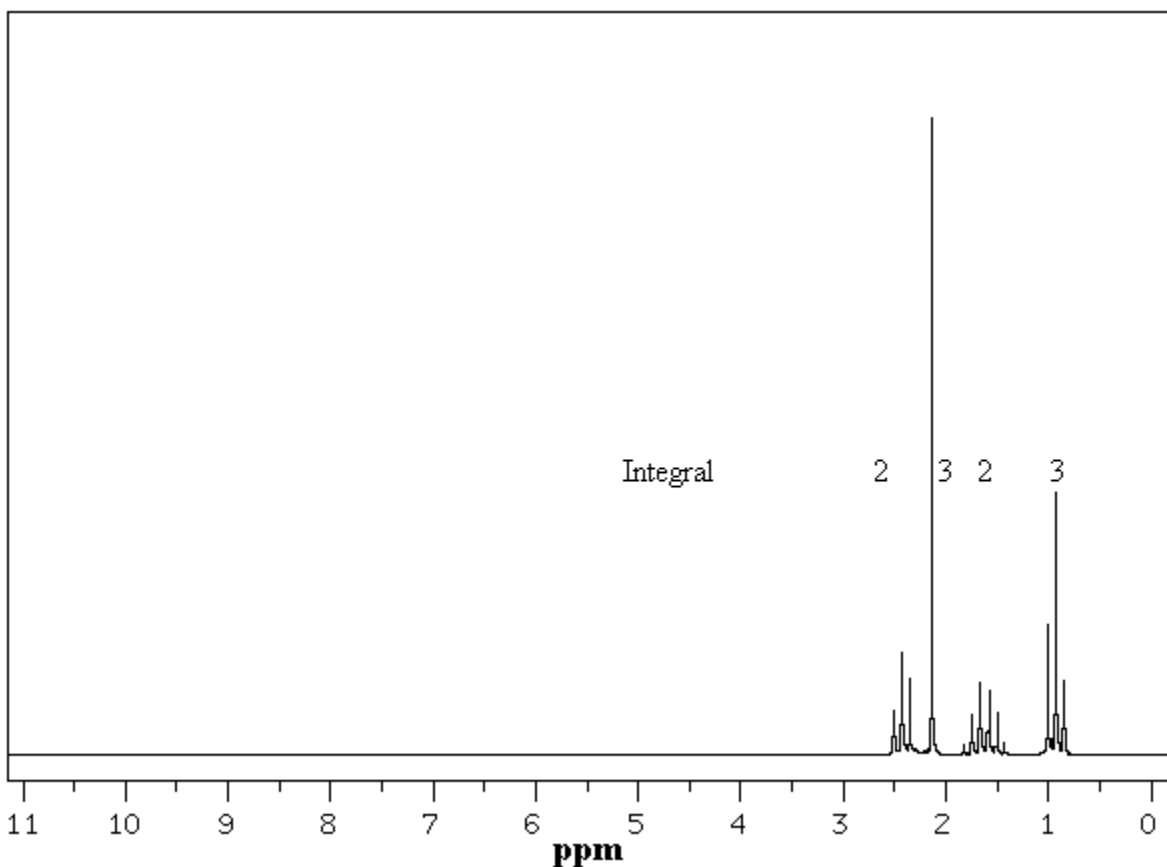


Figure 5d

b) Give structure(s) consistent with each of the following sets of NMR data:

- i) M.F. $C_9H_{11}Br$
 1H NMR: δ 2.15 (2H quintet), δ 2.75 (2H, singlet), 3.38 (2H, triplet) and δ 7.22 (5H, singlet) (Hint 5H singlet represent protons on benzene ring)
 ^{13}C NMR: 128.0, 138.8, 34.2, 36.2, 32.5 **(5 marks)**
- ii) M.F. C_6H_{10}
 1H NMR: δ 7.2 (4H, singlet), δ 2.91 (4H, triplet), and δ 2.04 1H quintet
 ^{13}C NMR: 128.0, 125.9, 138.8, 34.2, 36.2, 25.2 **(5 marks)**

- Q3. a). The most intense peak in the mass spectrum of 2,2-dimethylbutene occur at m/z 29 and 86. Account for the peaks and show the carbocations associated with the peaks **(4 Marks)**
- b). i) Two isomeric compounds J and K with the same molecular formula $C_6H_{12}O_2$ have the following NMR peaks.
 J: 1H NMR : δ 1.44 (9H, singlet) and 1.95 (3H, singlet)

^{13}C NMR: δ 19.5, 212.8, 49.8 and 22.7
K: ^1H NMR : δ 1.01 (6H, singlet), 2.15(1H multiplet), 2.52 (1H, multiplet) and 11.0 1H singlet)
 ^{13}C NMR: δ 12.2, 19.5, 27.8, 49.8 and 179.5

Compounds J and K have IR peaks at $1715 - 1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Compound K has a very strong and broad band covering a wide range between 2800 and 3500 cm^{-1}

- I. Draw all the possible functional isomers for the compound with molecular formula $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ **(4 marks)**
- II. Suggest the structures of J and K. Show your reasoning. **(6 marks)**

marks)

- c) Explain the working principle of (i) IR (ii). UV-Vis spectroscopy.

(6 marks)

marks)

- Q4. a) Listed below are some spectra and molecular formulae of some organic molecules. Propose with reasons, a structure that is consistent with each set of data.

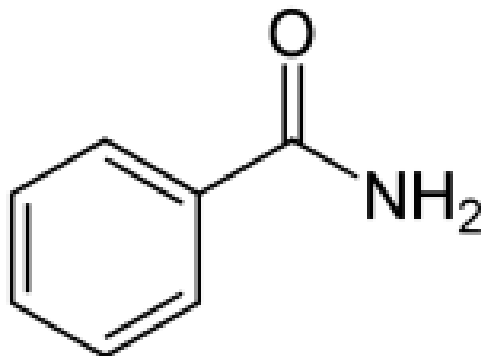
i) MF: $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$; IR: 1720 cm^{-1} , ^1H NMR δ 1.05 (3H, t), 2.13 (3H,s) and 2.49 (3H, t) ^{13}C NMR: δ 24.5, 207.1, 36.1 and 7.3 **(5 marks)**

ii) MF: $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}$; IR: $3550 - 3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$, ^1H NMR δ 2.43 (1H, s), 4.58 (2H,s) and 7.28 (5H,m) ^{13}C NMR: δ 128.7, 140.8, and 68.5

(5 marks)

marks)

- b) Predict the main IR absorption peaks one would expect in the spectrum of benzamide. **(5 marks)**



Benzamide

- c) Predict the ^{13}C and ^1H NMR peaks that one would expect in the spectrum of benzamide. Show your reasoning. **(5 marks)**

- Q4. a) The spectra provided below (Figure 6 a- d) were obtained when a molecule C_7H_8O was analyzed. Use the spectra to identify the molecule (Give your reasoning). Hint: the compound is aromatic. **(10 marks)**

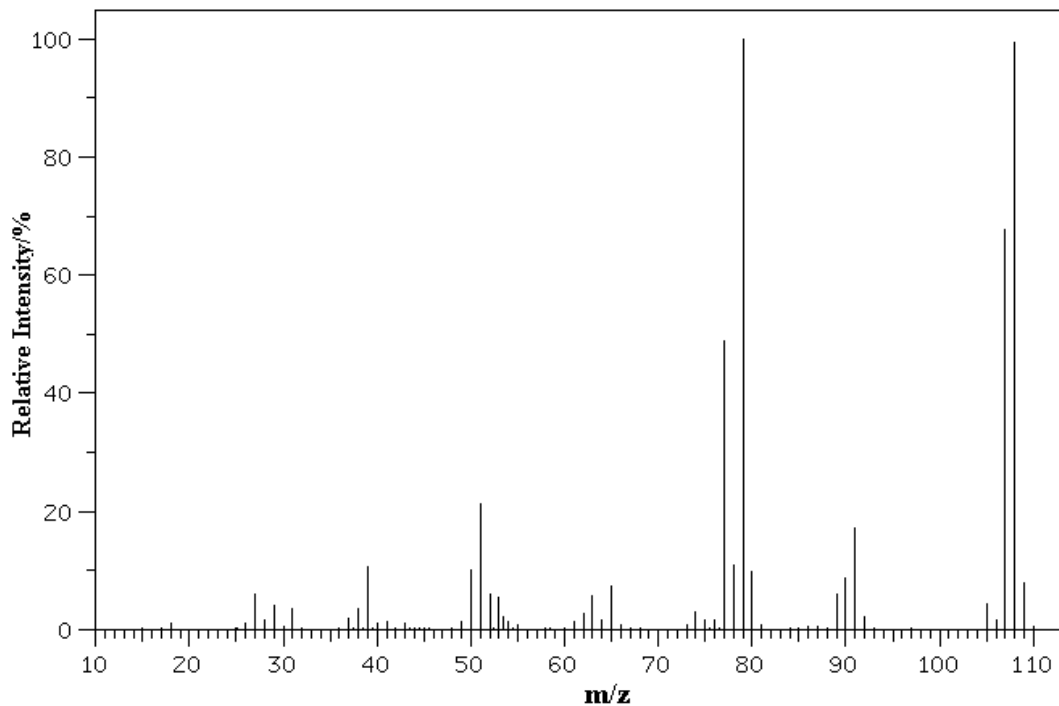


Figure 6a

Absorbance / %

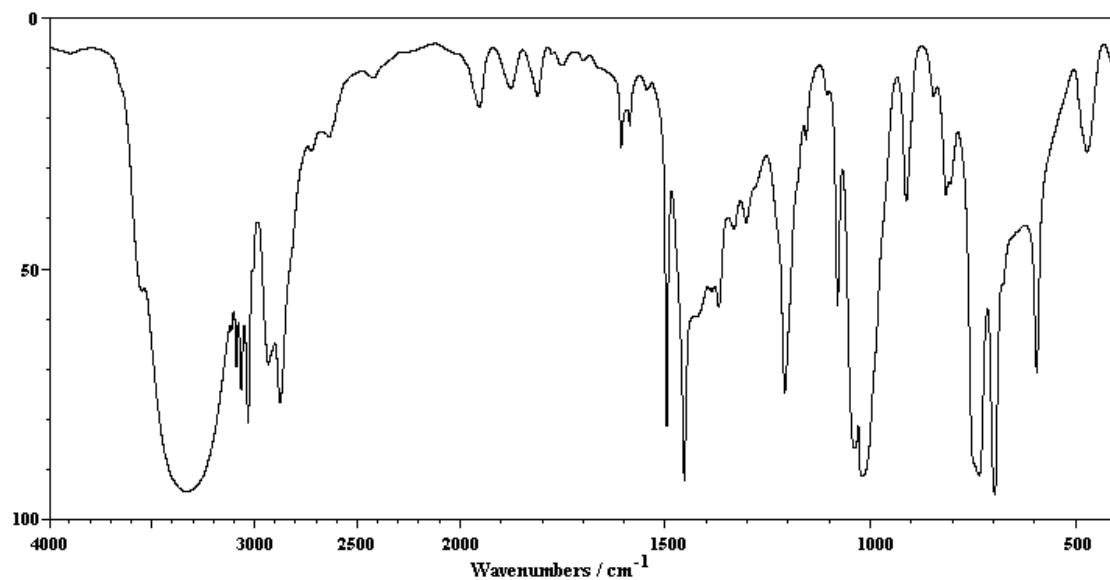


Figure 6b

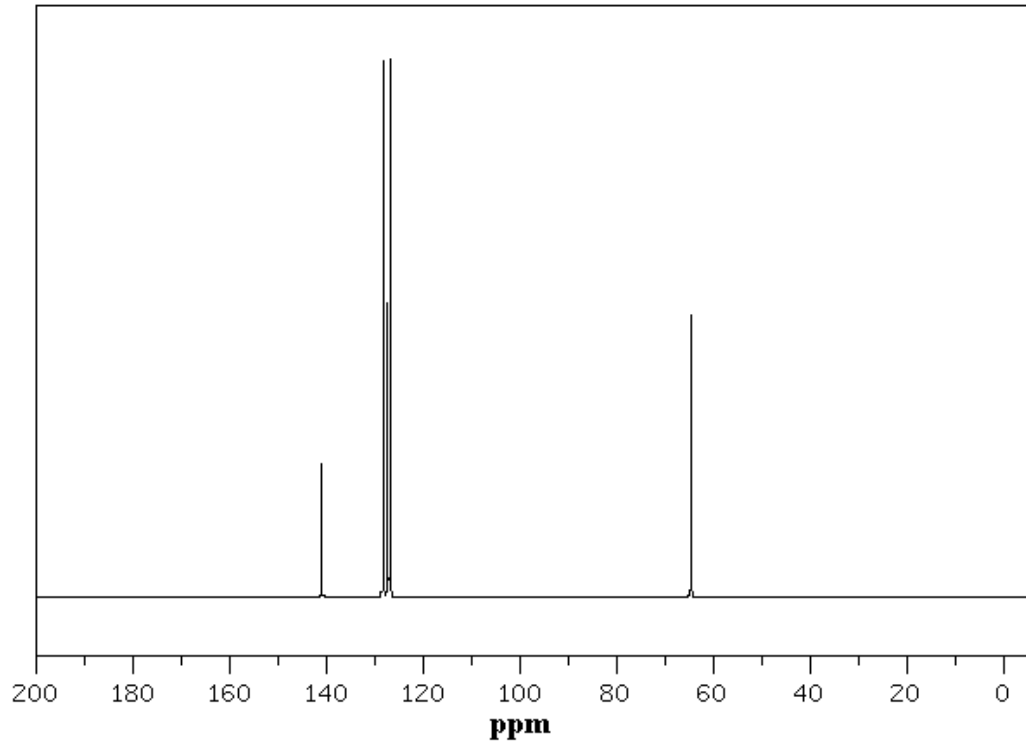


Figure 6c

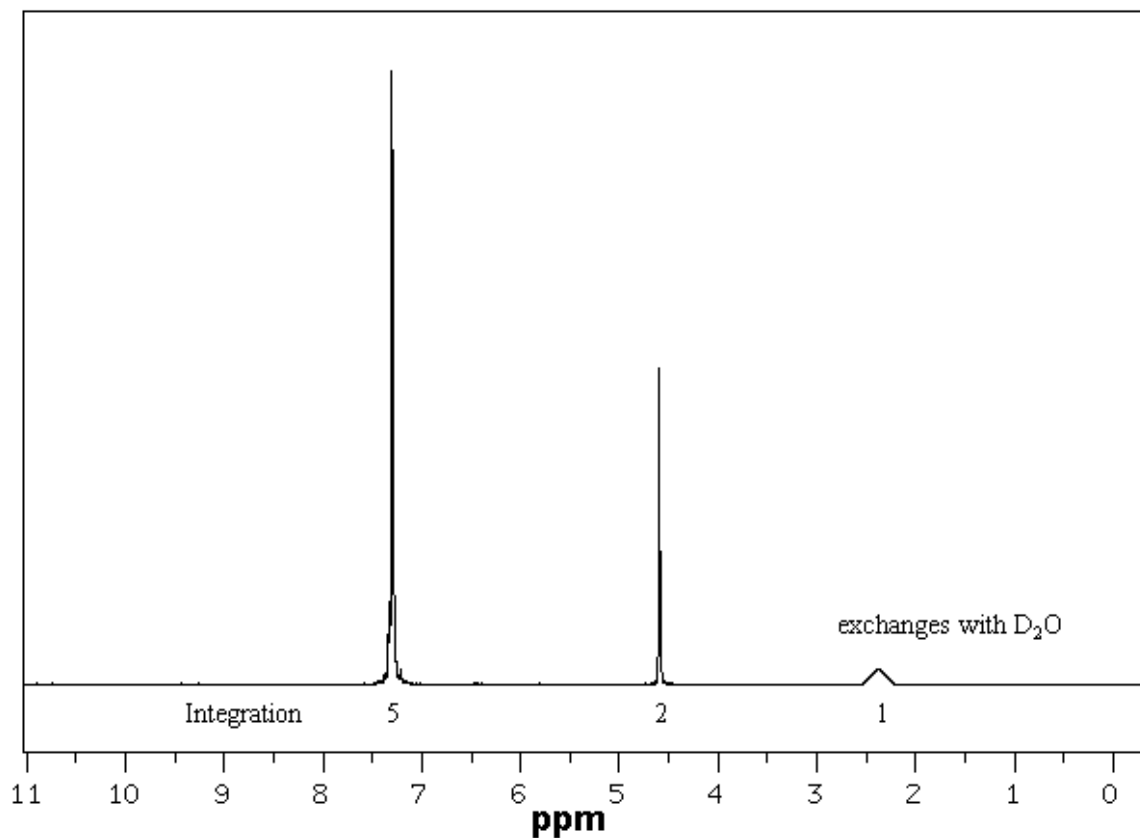


Figure 6d

- b) i) Draw block diagrams of a Mass Spectrophotometer (MS). **(3 marks)**
- ii) Explain the function of each part of the MS and explain how it is used to obtain spectra **(6 marks)**

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