Lesson 1-digestion- part 1 - hydrolysis reactions

Digestion involves the breakdown of food molecules so that they can be absorbed into the blood stream and processed at various organs around the body. Digestion and absorption involves hydrolysis and condensation reactions.

In all cases of condensation reactions, a hydrogen atom protruding form a molecule is linked to an OH protruding from another molecule, producing a  $H_2O$  molecule. The reaction can be summarised by the equation below.

## $A-H+B-OH \rightarrow A-B+H_2O$

In the formation of:

- proteins the H comes from the amino group  $(NH_2)$  while the OH comes from the carboxyl group of the acid.

- triglycerides the **H** comes from the hydroxyl group (O**H**) of the alcohol (glycerol) while the OH comes from the carboxyl group of the acid.

- carbohydrates the H comes from the hydroxyl group of one monosaccharide while the OH comes from the other monosaccharide.

Condensation	Proteins	Fats	Carbohydrates
Subunits	Amino acids	Glycerol and fatty	monosaccharides
		acids	
Type of functional group linking the subunits	О Н      -С-N		R <sup>O</sup> R'
	Amide group	Ester group	Ether group
Two functional	A carboxyl and an	A carboxyl and a	Two hydroxyl groups
groups that form the link between subunits	amino group ONNN - CO-HNN	hydroxyl group OHO - CO-HO-H	н_ о_

Hydrolysis reactions are the opposite to condensation reactions. Large molecule are split into smaller units by the breaking of bond through the addition of a **H** to one section and **an OH** to the other. Essentially by the bond is broken by the addition of water, hence the name *hydrolysis*. The reaction is represented by the equation below.

	Proteins	Fats	Carbohydrates	
	Amino acids	Glycerol and fatty acids	monosaccharides	
Hydrolysis	O H — C — N — . H O H — N — - C — OH .	$R^{C} OR^{\prime}$ $R^{H} OR^{\prime}$ $R^{H} OR^{\prime}$ $R^{H} OR^{\prime}$	R R' H-OR' R-OH	

- 1) Consider the molecule of maltose shown on the right. It has the molecular formula  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ 
  - a) What is the molecular formula of the product of hydrolysis of maltose?
  - b) Write a balanced chemical equation, no states required, for the hydrolysis of maltose, using chemical formulae.
  - c) Write a balanced chemical equation, no states required, for the combustion of maltose, in excess oxygen.
  - d) Draw the structural formula of the molecule that formed maltose.
  - e) How many chiral centres are present in this molecule. Label each one.
- 2) A repeating section of a polymer is shown on the right.a) What type of reaction formed this polymer?

b) The polymer is subjected to hydrolysis. Name the products formed?

- c) Name the functional groups present
- 3) A repeating section of a polymer is shown on the right.a) What type of reaction formed this polymer
  - b) The polymer is subjected to hydrolysis.
    - I. Name the products formed?
    - ii. Are these products 2-amino acids? Explain.
  - c) Name the functional groups present in the polymer.

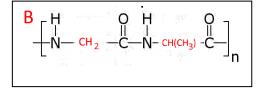
d) Another polymer is formed from the repeating unit shown on the right.

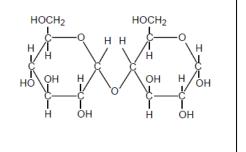
i. Give the systematic names of the products of hydrolysis?

ii. Explain why many forms of polymer B are possible but only one form of polymer A is possible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -C & -(CH_2)_5 & -C & -O & (CH_2)_3 & -O \end{bmatrix}_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & O & O & H & H \\ - \begin{bmatrix} II & I & I \\ - C & (CH_2)_3 & C & N - (CH_2)_3 & N \end{bmatrix}_n$$





4) Consider the molecules given below in their semi-structural formulae.
i. H<sub>2</sub>NCH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)COOH, ii. H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>COOH, iii. H<sub>2</sub>NCH(CH<sub>2</sub>SH)COOH, iv. H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)COOH
a) Draw their structural formulae.

b) Which of the following are likely to be an amino acid obtained by the hydrolysis of protein in food? Explain.

5) Pasta is considered a low GI food, but if overcooked becomes a high GI food. Explain why.

- i. What type of foods are considered low GI Explain why
- ii. What types of food are considered high GI.

6)The monosaccharide glucose is obtained from the hydrolysis of starch and undergoes combustion in excess oxygen. A 0.360 gram sample of glucose (molar mass 180.2 amu) is placed in a bomb calorimeter and completely burnt in excess oxygen. The calorimeter was filled with 200.0 mL of water at 25.0 °C. Calculate the molar heat of combustion of glucose if the final temperature of the water increased to 31.7 °C.

7) Most fats and oils are formed of triglycerides which contain the ester functional group formed by a condensation reaction between 1 molecule of glycerol and 3 molecules of fatty acids. After hydrolysis of a triglyceride a 16 carbon long, monounsaturated fat was recovered. How many hydrogen atoms are there in a molecule of the fatty acid?

8) Consider the hydrolysis of the compound shown on the right.a) To what class of compounds does it belong to?

b) Give the systematic names to the products formed after hydrolyisis.

c) Write a balanced chemical equation for the hydrolysis of this compound. States are not necessary.

9) The three major food groups are fats, carbohydrates and proteins. A compound was analysed and found to contain carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen. To which food group does it belong? Explain.

