Organics chemistry

Alkenes

(1	State the	formulae	for the	following	alkenes:
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a An alkene with 2 carbon atoms.

b An alkene with 12 hydrogen atoms.

(2) Alkenes can be used as fuels and undergo complete combustion in plenty of air.

a Balance the symbol equations to show the complete combustion of the alkenes below. (2 marks, ★★★)

$$\mathsf{i} \quad \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \mathsf{C_3H_6} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \mathsf{O_2} \to \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \mathsf{CO_2} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \mathsf{H_2O}$$

$$\mbox{ii} \ \ \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \mbox{C}_5\mbox{H}_{10} + \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \mbox{O}_2 \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \mbox{CO}_2 + \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \mbox{H}_2\mbox{O}_2$$

b Name the alkene in the reactions above. (2 marks, $\star\star$)

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Cracking and alkenes

(3 marks, ★★)

Choose the correct word from the box below to complete the sentences about cracking.

alcohol solid alkene bigger vapour smaller

Cracking is the process used to break down alkanes into _____, more useful molecules.

During catalytic cracking, an alkane is heated until it turns into a _____ and is passed over a hot catalyst.

The products of cracking are always an alkane and at least one _____.

Choose an alkane and practise writing equations to show the products of cracking. Just make sure that:

- At least one of the products is an alkene
- The numbers of carbon and hydrogen are the same on each side.

Here are some examples:

$$C_{12}H_{26} \rightarrow C_{10}H_{22} + C_{2}H_{4}$$

$$C_{12}H_{26} \rightarrow C_{9}H_{20} + C_{3}H_{6}$$

$${\rm C_{12}H_{26} \to C_6H_{14} + C_2H_4 + C_4H_8}$$