



Answer all the questions below then check your answers

1. Complete the sentences below:

- a. A giant molecule made up of many repeating units is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Polyamides are formed by the reaction of a diamine and a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The reaction between amino acids to form peptides is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction.
- d. Nylon is an example of a synthetic polymer called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. What is the name of the bond formed between the monomers in a polyamide?

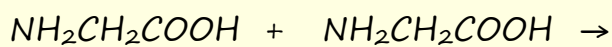
2. Which of the following is NOT a polyamide?

- (a) Nylon
- (b) Protein
- (c) Polyester
- (d) Kevlar

3. Multiple Choice: Which of the following is an example of a diamine?
- a) Ethanoic acid
  - b) Hexamethylenediamine
  - c) Ethylene glycol
  - d) Glycerol
4. True/False: Nylon is a type of polyester.
5. What functional groups are present on the monomers involved in the formation of polyamides?
6. Fill in the gaps below to complete the sentence:

During the formation of a polyamide, the amine group reacts with the \_\_\_\_\_ group present on the dicarboxylic acid, releasing a molecule of \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Complete the balanced chemical equation below which shows the formation of a dipeptide formed from two molecules of the amino acid glycine.



6. Explain why water is released during the formation of a polyamide from a diamine and a dicarboxylic acid.
7. Draw the condensed structural formula of the dipeptide formed when the amino acids glycine ( $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$ ) and alanine ( $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOH}$ ) react.
8. Explain how a condensation reaction forms a dipeptide.

9. Nylon-6,6 is formed from the reaction between 1,6-diaminohexane and hexanedioic acid. Draw the repeating unit of nylon-6,6.
10. Explain the process of condensation polymerisation, using the formation of nylon-6,6 as an example.

## Answers

1. Complete the sentences below:

a. A giant molecule made up of many repeating units is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: polymer

b. Polyamides are formed by the reaction of a diamine and a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: dicarboxylic acid.

c. The reaction between amino acids to form peptides is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction.

Answer: condensation

d. Nylon is an example of a synthetic polymer called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: polyamide

e. What is the name of the bond formed between the monomers in a polyamide?

Answer: Amide bond (or peptide bond)

2. Which of the following is NOT a polyamide?

(a) Nylon

(b) Protein

(c) Polyester

(d) Kevlar

Answer: (c) Polyester

3. Multiple Choice: Which of the following is an example of a diamine?

- a) Ethanoic acid
- b) Hexamethylenediamine
- c) Ethylene glycol
- d) Glycerol

Answer: b) Hexamethylenediamine

4. True/False: Nylon is a type of polyester.

Answer: False, nylon is a polyamide not a polyester.

5. What functional groups are present on the monomers involved in the formation of polyamides?

Answer: Amine groups ( $\text{-NH}_2$ ) from diamines and carboxyl groups ( $\text{-COOH}$ ) from dicarboxylic acids.

6. Fill in the gaps below to complete the sentence:

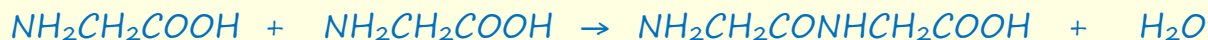
During the formation of a polyamide, the amine group reacts with the \_\_\_\_\_ group present on the dicarboxylic acid, releasing a molecule of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: carboxyl, water

5. Complete the balanced chemical equation below which shows the formation of a dipeptide formed from two molecules of the amino acid glycine.



Answer:



6. Explain why water is released during the formation of a polyamide from a diamine and a dicarboxylic acid.

Answer: Water is released during the formation of a polyamide because the amine group ( $-\text{NH}_2$ ) of the diamine reacts with the carboxyl group ( $-\text{COOH}$ ) of the dicarboxylic acid, forming an amide bond ( $-\text{CONH}-$ ) and releasing a molecule of water as a by product.

7. Draw the condensed structural formula of the dipeptide formed when the amino acids glycine ( $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOH}$ ) and alanine ( $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOH}$ ) react.

Answer:  $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CONHCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{COOH}$

8. Explain how a condensation reaction forms a dipeptide.

Answer:

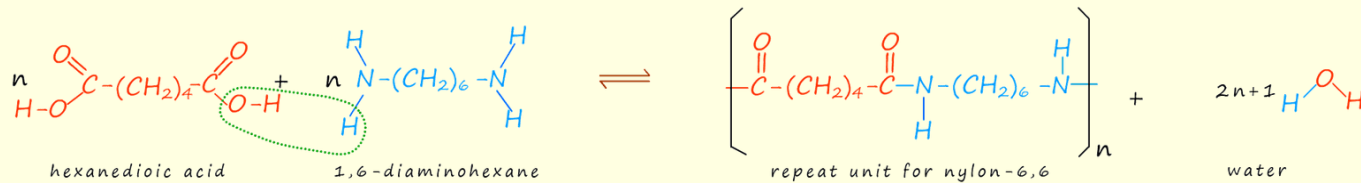
(1) The amine group of one amino acid reacts with the carboxylic acid carboxyl group present on another amino acid.

(2) A molecule of water is eliminated.

(3) An amide bond forms between the two amino acids, creating a dipeptide.

9. Nylon-6,6 is formed from the reaction between 1,6-diaminohexane and hexanedioic acid. Draw the repeating unit of nylon-6,6.

Answer: Reaction and repeat unit are shown below:



10. Explain the process of condensation polymerisation, using the formation of nylon-6,6 as an example.

Answer:

- (1) The diamine (1,6-diaminohexane) and the dicarboxylic acid (hexanedioic acid) react.
- (2) An amide bond forms between the monomers, releasing a water molecule.
- (3) This process repeats, with the growing polymer chain reacting with more monomers at both ends.
- (4) The reaction continues until a long-chain polyamide (nylon-6,6) is formed.