

Propanone reacts with iodine in the presence of an acid catalyst.



The rate equation for this reaction is: rate =  $k [CH_3COCH_3] [H^+]$ 

**a** How can you tell that the  $H^+$  ions act as a catalyst in this reaction?

H<sup>+</sup> is in rate equation but the stoichiometric equation

**b** The table shows how the rate constant varies with temperature. Complete the table and use the data to find the activation energy for the reaction.

| Т (К) | k (mol <sup>-1</sup> dm <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | 1/T (K <sup>-1</sup> ) | ln k   |
|-------|--|------------------------|--------|
| 273   | 1.32 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>                                | 0.003663               | -13.54 |
| 283   | 4.62 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>                                | 0.003534               | -12.29 |
| 294   | 2.37 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>                                | 0.003401               | -10.65 |



gradient =  $\frac{-E_a}{R}$  = -11042 E<sub>a</sub> = 8.31 x 11042 = 91800 J mol<sup>-1</sup> = 91.8 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>