

## **Coronavirus – answers**

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1)

- Hydrogen bonding
- London forces / temporary dipole-induced dipole
- Permanent dipole-dipole forces
- Ionic interactions

2) Amino acids with non-polar side groups such as alanine will lead to the formation of London forces.

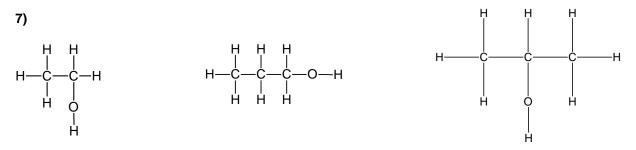
**3)** The higher the reproduction number, the faster and bigger the spread of the disease, as each case will cause more new cases.

4) Sodium hydroxide

5)

- The long alkyl chain is non-polar (sometimes called hydrophobic).
- The carboxylate ion is polar (sometimes called hydrophilic).

**6)** The long non-polar hydrocarbon chain is hydrophobic and forms attractions to the grease. The soap molecules surround a droplet of grease with the hydrophobic ends pointing towards the grease and the hydrophilic ends towards the water. The droplet is then washed away. Something similar happens with a virus, but it is likely the soap molecules also disrupt the outer membrane of the virus.



**8)** The alcohol will not remove the dirt and will only kill the exposed virus on the surface of the dirt. The virus could still be present inside the dirt.