Which of the following molecules is least resonance stabilised? (2017 Main)









Aromatic compounds are stable due to resonance while non-aromatics are not. According to Huckel's rule (or 4n + 2 rule), "For a planar, cyclic compound to be aromatic, its π cloud must contain $(4n + 2)\pi$ electrons, where, n is any whole number." Thus,





and



(6πe⁻ system)

 $(4\pi e^- + 2e^- \text{ system})$

(6πe⁻ system)

are aromatic and stabilised by resonance. They follow Huckel's rule.



is non-aromatic, hence, least stabilised by resonance.