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# **CHE-551**

# Reaction Mechanisms, Pericyclic Reactions, Photochemistry and Stereochemistry

M. Sc. CHEMISTRY(MSCCH-12/13/16) Second Year, Examination, 2017

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

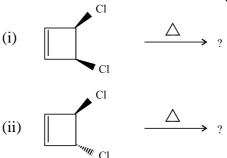
Note: This paper is of sixty (60) marks containing three (03) sections A, B and C. Attempt the questions contained in these sections according to the detailed instructions given therein.

#### Section-A

### (Long Answer Type Questions)

**Note:** Section 'A' contains four (04) long answer type questions of fifteen (15) marks each. Learners are required to answer *two* (02) questions only.

1. (a) Write the product of the following thermal reactions. Show the stereochemistry: 5



- (b) What are Chelotropic reaction and how is it related to Diel-Adler's additions.
- (c) How is Claisen rearrangement related to Cope rearrangement? Give some examples of Claisen rearrangement.
- 2. Complete the following photochemical reactions:

 $1\frac{1}{2}$  each

(f) 
$$CH_3$$
  $C = C$   $+ CH_3$   $\uparrow \uparrow \rightarrow$ 

(g) 
$$\stackrel{\text{NO}_2}{\longleftarrow}$$
  $\stackrel{\text{KCN}, h \nu}{\longrightarrow}$ 

(h) 
$$\xrightarrow{\Delta}$$
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(i) 
$$H_3C$$
  $H$   $CH_3$   $H$ 

$$(j) \qquad + CH_2 = CH - C_6H_5 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$$

- 3. (a) State Curtin-Hammett principle and explain with suitable examples. 5
  - (b) Define cycloaddition reactions. What are (m+n) cycloadditions?
  - (c) Discuss the boat conformation of cyclohexane.

    Why is the boat conformation of cyclohexane less stable then the chair conformation?

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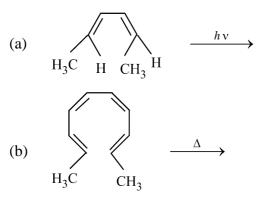
- 4. (a) Discuss the stability of carbocation. Fomulate the mechanism of an addition reaction of a carbocation.
  - (b) Discuss the stereospecificity of  $E_2$  reactions with a suitable examples. 5
  - (c) Discuss the photochemical reactions of diazo compounds.

#### Section-B

### (Short Answer Type Questions)

- **Note**: Section 'B' contains eight (08) short answer type questions of five (05) marks each. Learners are required to answer *four* (04) questions only.
- 1. Discuss the photochemical reaction of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -Unsaturated carbonyl compounds.
- 2. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) Quantum field
  - (b) Flash Photolysis
- 3. Discuss the photochemistry of the following:
  - (a) Diazo compounds
  - (b) Azides
- 4. What is Paterno-Buchi reaction ? Discuss its mechanism along with the stereochemical consequences.
- 5. Write the product of the following electrocyclic reaction and write whether the reaction proceeds in a

conrotatory or disrotatory fashion. Also give the stereo- chemistry of the products :



- 6. What are nitrenes? How are they generated? Discuss their structure, stability and character.
- 7. Discuss the mechanism of the following:
  - (a) Lossen rearrangement
  - (b) Di- $\pi$  methane rearrangement
- 7. Discuss briefly the conformations of the following:
  - (a) Methyl cyclohexane
  - (b) Disubstituted cyclopentanes

### Section-C

## (Objective Type Questions)

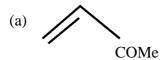
**Note:** Section 'C' contains ten (10) objective type questions of one (01) mark each. All the questions of this section are compulsory.

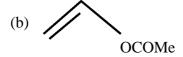
- 1. A molecule with an even number of  $\pi$ -bonds will undergo what type of electrocyclic reaction :
  - (a) Conrotatory, thermal
  - (b) Conrotatory, photochemical
  - (c) Disrotatory, thermal
  - (d) Disrotatory, photochemical

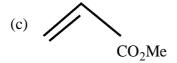
2. Which of the following reacts by the  $E_1$  mechanism in ethanol most readily ?

(a) 
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_2 - Br$$

- (b)  $(CH_3)_2CHCH_2Br$
- (c)  $(CH_3)_3C-Br$
- (d)  $CH_3 CH_2 CHBr CH_3$
- 3. Which of the following dienophiles is the most reactive in normal Diels-Alder's reaction?









4. Which of the following carbocations is most stable in gaseous state?

(a) 
$$CH_3 - CH_3 - CH_3$$
  
 $CH_3$ 

(b) 
$$CH_2 = CH - \overset{\oplus}{C}H_2$$

(c) 
$$C_6H_5 - \overset{\oplus}{C}H_2$$

(d) 
$$CH_3 - CH = CH - \overset{\oplus}{C}H_2$$

- 5. The order of stability of the different conformation of cyclohexane is:
  - (a) Chair form > boat form > twist boat form
  - (b) Chair form > twist boat form > boat form
  - (c) Twist boat form > boat form > chair form
  - (d) Boat form > chair form > twist boat form
- 6. The Hofmann rearrangement has an intermediate that is electronically similar to that in the :
  - (a) Pinnacol rearrangement
  - (b) Claisen rearrangement
  - (c) Cope rearrangement
  - (d) Bekmann rearrangement
- 7. The conversion of acetophenone to acetanilide is best accomplished by using:
  - (a) Beckmann rearrangement

- (b) Curtius rearrangement
- (c) Lossen rearrangement
- (d) Hofmann rearrangement
- 8. Benzoyl peroxide when heated to about 80°C gives a:
  - (a) Free radical
  - (b) Carbonium ion
  - (c) Carbenium ion
  - (d) Carbanion
- 9. Which of the following carbenes are not electrophilic in character?
  - (a)  $\ddot{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$
  - (b)  $\ddot{C}Br_2$
  - (c)  $\ddot{C}Cl_2$
  - (d)  $\ddot{C}H OCH_3$
- 10. The reaction intermediate of E, Cb reaction is :
  - (a) Carbocation
  - (b) Carbanion
  - (c) Six membered cyclic TS
  - (d) Benzyne

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