# CHE-551

## Reaction Mechanisms, Pericyclic Reactions, Photochemistry and Stereochemistry

M. Sc. Chemistry (MSCCH-12/13/16/17)

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## Time : 3 Hours

## Max. Marks: 80

Note: This paper is of eighty (80) 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 nineteen (19) marks each. Learners are required to answer *two* (02) questions only.
- 1. Discuss the mechanism of any *three* of the following :
  - (a) Wagner-Meerwein Rearrangement
  - (b) Hoffmann Rearrangement
  - (c) Pinacole-Pinacolone Rearrangement
  - (d) Claisen Rearrangement
  - (e) Schmidt Rearrangement
  - (f) Cope-Rearrangement

- 2. Explain the following :
  - (a) Generation, Reactions and Stability of Carbocations or Free radical
  - (b) Effects of conformation on the reactivity of organic compounds
  - (c) Mechanism of Paterno-Buchi reaction
- 3. Explain Elimination Reactions. Give their classification. Discuss the machanism of  $E_2$  and  $E_1$ cb reaction with suitable example ?
- 4. Explain Photochemistry of Alkenes and dienes in detail.

### Section-B

## (Short Answer Type Questions)

- **Note :** Section 'B' contains eight (08) short answer type questions of eight (8) marks each. Learners are required to answer *four* (04) questions only.
- 1. Explain the following :
  - (a) Sigmatropic reactions
  - (b) Conformation of biocyclic systems
- 2. Discuss the Woodward and Hoffmann's explanation for conservation of molecular orbital symmetry.
- 3. Discuss the mechanism of  $E_1$  reaction. Explain orientation of double bond in  $\beta$  elimination reaction.
- 4. Explain fluorescence and phosphorescence with suitable examples.
- 5. Explain the following :
  - (a) Curtins rearrangement
  - (b) Diels-Alder reaction

- 6. Explain the following :
  - (a) Stability of carbanions
  - (b) Stability of free radicals
- 7. What are pericyclic reactions ? Explain their classification with suitable examples.
- 8. Explain the following :
  - (a) Photochemistry of azo compounds
  - (b) [3, 3] sigmatropic rearrangement

### 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. Which of the following conformations of n-butane is most stable ?
  - (a) Anti
  - (b) Gauche
  - (c) Eclipsed
  - (d) Fully Eclipsed
- 2. Which of the following carbenes are Electrophilic in character ?
  - (a) **Ü**H<sub>2</sub>
  - (b)  $\ddot{C}Br_2$
  - (c)  $\ddot{C}Cl_2$
  - (d) (**ĊH–OCH**<sub>3</sub>)

- 3. Reaction intermediate in  $E_1$  reaction is :
  - (a) Free redical
  - (b) Carbene
  - (c) Carbanion
  - (d) Carbocation
- 4.  $E_2$  reaction is :
  - (a) One step reaction
  - (b) Four step reaction
  - (c) Two step reaction
  - (d) None of these
- 5. Which of the following is most stable carbanion ?
  - (a)  $(CH_3)_3 \overline{C}$
  - (b)  $(CH_3)_2 \overline{C}H$
  - (c)  $(CH_3)\overline{C}H_2$
  - (d) None of these
- 6. Trans decalin is more stable than cis decalin.

(True/False)

7. Cope rearrangement is a [3, 3] type rearrangement.

(True/False)

- 8. Which of the following is pericyclic reaction ?
  - (a) Electrocyclic
  - (b) Cycloaddition
  - (c) Sigmatropic reaction
  - (d) All of these

- 9. Diels-Alder reaction is :
  - (a) [2 + 2] cycloaddian reaction
  - (b) [4 + 2] cycloadition reaction
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of the above
- 10. Phosphorescence is a slower process than fluorescence. (True/False)