Very Short Answer Questions (PYQ) Q.1. Write the IUPAC name of the following compound: [CBSE (AI) 2017]  $H_3C - C = C - CH_2 - OH$ Ans. 2-Bromo-3-methylbut-2-en-1-ol Q.2. Write the IUPAC name of the following compound: [CBSE (AI) 2017] CH=CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH Ans. 3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol Q.3. Write the IUPAC name of the following compound : [CBSE (AI) 2011] HO—CH<sub>2</sub>—CH—CH<sub>2</sub>—OH | CH<sub>3</sub> Ans. 2-methylporpane- 1, 3-diol.

Q.4. Draw the structure of 2, 6-dimethylphenol.

[CBSE (AI) 2011]

Ans.

 $\downarrow^{CH_3}$ H<sub>3</sub>C

Q.5. Write the IUPAC name of the following compound:

$$CH_3 \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_3 OH$$

[CBSE Chennai 2015]

Ans. 1-methoxypropan-2-ol.

Q.6. How would you convert ethanol to ethene?

[CBSE (AI) 2011]

Ans.

 $\operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{OH} \xrightarrow[45]{\operatorname{cons}\, H_2\mathrm{SO}_4} \operatorname{CH}_2 = \operatorname{CH}_2 + H_2O$ 

### Q.7. How is toluene obtained from phenol?

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[CBSE Delhi 2013C]
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#### Ans.



Q.8. Of the two hydroxy organic compounds ROH and R' OH, the first one is basic and the other is acidic in behaviour. How is R different from R'?

Ans. R is an alkyl group whereas is an aryl group.

**Q.9.** Arrange the following compounds in the increasing order of their acid strengths:

4-nitrophenol, phenol, 2,4,6-trinitrophenol

[CBSE (F) 2013]

**Ans.** Phenol < 4-nitrophenol < 2,4,6-trinitrophenol

**Q.10.** Name the reagents used in the following reactions:

# Friedel–Crafts alkylation of anisole

[CBSE (F) 2014]

**Ans.** Anhydrous aluminium chloride (anhyd. AlCl<sub>3</sub>)

# Very Short Answer Questions (OIQ)

## Q.1. What is absolute alcohol?

Ans. 100% ethyl alcohol is called absolute alcohol.

## Q.2. What is denatured alcohol?

[NCERT Exemplar]

**Ans.** Alcohol is made unfit for drinking by mixing some copper sulphate and pyridine in it. This is called denatured alcohol.

# Q.3. Name the alkyl halide and sodium alkoxide used to synthesise tert-butyl ethyl ether.

Ans. Ethyl bromide and sodium tert-butoxide.

## Q.4. Suggest a reagent for conversion of ethanol to ethanoic acid.

[NCERT Exemplar]

## Ans.

- i. CrO<sub>3</sub> H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
- ii. KMnO4/OH<sup>-</sup>,
- iii. H₃O⁺
- iv. Acidified KMnO<sub>4</sub> or K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

## Q.5. Phenol is an acid but does not react with sodium bicarbonate solution. Why?

[HOTS]

**Ans.** Phenol is a weaker acid than carbonic acid  $(H_2CO_3)$  and hence does not liberate  $CO_2$  from sodium bicarbonate.

Q.6. Explain why sodium metal can be used for drying diethyl ether but not ethyl alcohol.

[HOTS]

**Ans.** Due to presence of an active hydrogen atom, ethyl alcohol reacts with sodium metal.

 $2 \operatorname{CH}_3 - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{OH} + 2\operatorname{Na} \rightarrow 2 \operatorname{CH}_3 - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{ONa} + H_2$ 

Diethyl ether, on the other hand, does not have replaceable hydrogen atom therefore does not react with sodium metal hence can be dried by metallic sodium.

## Q.7. What is the order of dehydration of primary, secondary and tertiary alcohols?

**Ans.** Tertiary alcohols > Secondary alcohols > Primary alcohols.

## **Q.8. Suggest a reagent for the following conversion:**



[NCERT Exemplar]

Ans. CrO<sub>3</sub>, Pyridine and HCI (Pyridinium chlorochromate)

## Q.9. Give the equation of reaction for the preparation of phenol from cumene.

[CBSE Sample Paper 2017]

Ans.



## Q.10. *o*-Nitrophenol has lower boiling point than *p*-nitrophenol. Explain.

**Ans.** Due to intramolecular H-bonding *o*-nitrophenol exists as a discrete molecule whereas due to intermolecular H-bonding *p*-nitrophenol exists as associated molecules. As a result of this p-nitrophenol has higher boiling point than *o*-nitrophenol.

### Q.11. Name the alcohol that is used to make the following ester:



Short Answer Questions-I (PYQ)

**Q.1. Illustrate the following name reactions giving a chemical reaction equation for each:** 

[CBSE (F) 2010]

## Q. Kolbe's reaction of phenol

## Ans. Kolbe's reaction of phenol:



# Q. Friedel-Crafts' acetylation of anisole

## Ans. Friedel-Crafts' acetylation of anisole:



## Q.2. How will you convert:

[CBSE Delhi 2013]

## Q. Propene to Propan-1-ol?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH} = \mathrm{CH}_2 & + \, \mathrm{HBr} & \stackrel{\mathrm{Perastile}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{Br} & \stackrel{\mathrm{KOH} \ (sq)}{\longrightarrow} & \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{OH} \\ & & \mathrm{Propan-1-ol} \end{array}$$

## Q. Ethanal to Propan-2-o1?

Ans.



## Q.3. How would you carry out the following conversions?

[CBSE (AI) 2008]

## Q. Ethyl magnesium chloride to propan-1-ol

Ans.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{MgCl} & \xrightarrow{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{HCHO}} & \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \ \mathrm{CHOMgCl} & \xrightarrow{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{H}_{\mathcal{P}}} & \mathrm{CH}_3 \ \mathrm{CH}_2 \$ 

## Q. Benzyl chloride to benzyl alcohol

Ans.

 $egin{array}{rll} C_6H_5\operatorname{CH}_2-\operatorname{Cl} &+& \operatorname{KOH}(\operatorname{aq}) &\to& C_6H_5\operatorname{CH}_2-\operatorname{OH} &+& \operatorname{KCl} & \operatorname{Benzyl\ alcohol} &+& \operatorname{KCl} & \operatorname{KCl} &$ 

## Q.4. How would you obtain

Q. picric acid (2, 4, 6-trinitrophenol) from phenol?

Ans.



## Q. 2-Methylpropene from 2-Methylpropanol?

[CBSE Delhi 2011]

Ans.



Q.5. Write the structures of the products when Butan-2-ol reacts with the following:

[CBSE (AI) 2017]



Ans.

i. CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>2</sub> 
$$\stackrel{O}{\stackrel{\parallel}{C}}$$
 CH<sub>3</sub>  
ii. CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>2</sub> CH CH<sub>3</sub>  
 $\stackrel{\mid}{\underset{Cl}{\cap}}$ 

## Q.6. Write the mechanism of the following reaction:

$$2 \operatorname{CH}_3 \operatorname{CH}_2 \operatorname{OH} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cosc.} H_3 \otimes 0_4} \operatorname{CH}_3 \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_2 \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_2 \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3$$

## [CBSE Delhi 2016] [HOTS]

**Ans.** The formation of ether is a nucleophilic bimolecular reaction (SN<sub>2</sub>) involving the attack of alcohol molecule on protonated alcohol as shown below:

(i)

$$CH_3 - CH_2 - \dot{O}H + H^+ \longrightarrow CH_3 - CH_2 - \dot{O}H + H^+$$

(ii)

$$CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3 \longrightarrow CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3 + H^{+}$$

Q.7. Write the mechanism of the following reaction:

 $\operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{OH} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{IIIIr}} \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{Br} + H_2O$ 

[CBSE Delhi 2014, (AI) 2014] [HOTS]

#### Ans. SN<sub>2</sub> Mechanism

(i).

 $\begin{array}{c} H-Br \longleftrightarrow H^{+} + \mathbf{\dot{B}}r \\ CH_{3}-CH_{2} \mathbf{\dot{O}}H + H^{+} \longleftrightarrow CH_{3}-CH_{2} \mathbf{\dot{O}}H_{2} \\ Ethyl oxonium ion \\ (Texternate d 10 stacks)\end{array}$ 





Q.8. Answer the following question :

Arrange the following compounds in the increasing order of their acid strength:

Q. p-cresol, p-nitrophenol, phenol

**Ans.** *p*-cresol < phenol < *p*-Nitrophenol

Q. Write the mechanism (using curved arrow notation) of the following reaction:

 $\mathrm{CH}_2 = \mathrm{CH}_2 \quad \overset{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathrm{H}}\mathcal{P}^+}{\longrightarrow} \quad \mathrm{CH}_3 \mathrm{\longrightarrow} \mathrm{CH}_2^+ \quad + \quad H_2O$ 

[CBSE (AI) 2017]

Ans.

(iii)



#### Q.9. Answer the following questions.

#### Q. Among HI, HBr, HCI, HI is most reactive towards alcohols. Why?

**Ans.** HI has the lowest bond dissociation energy due to longer bond length that is why it is most reactive.

Q. Of the two alcohols; (a)  $CH_2$ —CH— $CH_2OH$  and (b)  $CH_2$ —CH— $CH_2$ — $CH_2OH$ , which one will react more easily with conc. HCl in the presence of ZnCl<sub>2</sub>?

[CBSE (F) 2012]

### **Ans.** $CH_2 = CH - CH_2OH$

#### Q.10. Give reasons for the following:

# Q. Alcohols are more soluble in water than the hydrocarbons of comparable molecular masses.

[CBSE (AI) 2012]

Ans. This is due to the ability of alcohols to form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

### Q. Ortho-nitrophenol is more acidic than ortho-methoxyphenol.

**Ans.** It is because nitro group is electron withdrawing which increases the acidic character whereas  $-CH_3$  group is electron releasing which decreases acidic character.

## Short Answer Questions-I (OIQ)

# Q.1. Alcohols react both as nucleophiles as well as electrophiles. Write one reaction of each type and describe its mechanism.

**Ans. Alcohols as nucleophiles:** The bond between O—H is broken when alcohols react as nucleophiles.

 $R - \overset{H}{O} - H + \overset{+}{\searrow} \overset{H}{C} - \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} R - \overset{H}{O} - \overset{I}{C} - \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} R - O - \overset{I}{C} - H + H^{+}$ 

**Alcohols as electrophiles:** The bond C—O is broken when alcohols react as electrophiles. Protonated alcohols react in this manner.



# Q.2. The carbon–oxygen bond in phenol is slightly stronger than that in methanol. Why?

Ans. This is due to the fact that

- i. in phenol, conjugation of unshared electron pair over oxygen with aromatic ring results in partial double bond character in carbon–oxygen bond.
- **ii.** in phenol, oxygen is attached to a sp<sub>2</sub> hybridised carbon atom while in methanol, it is attached to a sp<sub>3</sub>hybridised carbon atom. The bond formed between oxygen and sp<sub>2</sub> hybridised carbon is more stable than that formed between oxygen and sp<sub>3</sub> hybridised carbon.

# Q.3. Give a chemical test to distinguish between the following pairs of compounds.



### Ans.

i. Phenol gives violet colouration with FeCl3 solution while cyclohexanol does not.

ii. Isopropyl alcohol when warmed with NaOI (I<sub>2</sub>/NaOH) gives yellow precipitate of iodoform, in contrast benzyl alcohol does not respond to iodoform test.

### Q.4. Identify the product of the following reaction:

$$\operatorname{CH}_{3} \longrightarrow \overset{\operatorname{CH}_{3}}{\underset{\operatorname{CH}_{3}}{\overset{\operatorname{CH}_{3}}{\longrightarrow}}} \operatorname{CH}_{2} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Br} \xrightarrow{\overset{\operatorname{RoH}}{\rightarrow}}_{\overset{\scriptscriptstyle{\wedge}}{\rightarrow}}$$

# [HOTS]

**Ans.** Neopentyl bromide ionises to form first a 1° carbocation which rearranges to form the more stable 3° carbocation. This is attacked by weak nucleophile ethanol followed by loss of proton to yield ethyl tert-pentyl ether.



#### Q.5. Answer the following questions:

#### Q. Dipole moment of phenol is smaller that of methanol. Why?

**Ans.** In phenol, C—O bond is less polar due to electron-withdrawing effect of benzene ring whereas in methanol, C—O bond is more polar due to electron-releasing effect of —CH<sub>3</sub> group.

# Q. In Kolbe's reaction, instead of phenol, phenoxide ion is treated with carbon dioxide. Why?

### [NCERT Exemplar]

**Ans.** Phenoxide ion is more reactive than phenol towards electrophilic aromatic substitution and hence undergoes electrophilic substitution with carbon dioxide which is a weak electrophile.

#### Q.6. Give Reasons:

### Q. Relative ease of dehydration of alcohols is $3^{\circ} > 2^{\circ} > 1^{\circ}$ .

**Ans.** The dehydration of alcohols occurs through the formation of carbocation intermediate. As the stability of carbocations decreases in the order,  $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$ , therefore, the dehydration of alcohols follows the order,  $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$ .

### Q. o-nitrophenol is more acidic than o-methoxyphenol.

**Ans.** –R and –I effect of —NO<sub>2</sub> group decreases the electron density in O—H bond and make loss of proton easy in o-nitrophenol whereas +R effect of —OCH<sub>3</sub> group increases the electron density in O—H bond and makes release of proton difficult in o-methoxyphenol. That is, why o-nitrophenol is stronger acid than *o*-methoxyphenol.

## Q.7. Give reasons for the following:

# Q. *p*-nitrophenol is more acidic than *o*-nitrophenol.

Ans.

H-bonding in *o*-nitrophenol

Intramolecular H-bonding in *o*-nitrophenol makes loss of proton difficult. Therefore, *p*-nitrophenol is more acidic than o-nitrophenol.

## Q. Boiling point of ethanol is higher in comparison to methoxymethane.

**Ans.** Ethanol undergoes intermolecular hydrogen bonding due to presence of a hydrogen attached to electronegative oxygen atom and hence exists as associated molecules. On the other hand, methoxymethane does not form hydrogen bonds.

# Q.8. Which is a stronger acid—phenol or cresol? Explain.

**Ans.** All the cresols are weaker acids than phenols. Methyl group has +I effect (positive inductive effect) as well as hyperconjugation effect but the hyperconjugation effect predominates over the +I effect. Since both these effects increase the electron density in the O—H bond and hence all the cresols are weaker acids than phenols.

As hyperconjugation effect can operate only through *ortho* and *para* positions and not through meta positions, therefore, meta-cresol is stronger acid than *ortho* and *para*-cresols. However, due to stronger +I effect at *ortho* position than at *para* position (+I effect decreases with distance), *ortho*-cresol is a weaker acid than *para*-cresol. Thus, the order of acidic strength in increasing order is:

ortho-cresol < para-cresol < meta-cresol < phenol

# Q.9. Arrange: water, ethanol and phenol in increasing order of acidity and give reason for your answer.

### [NCERT Exemplar]

**Ans.** Increasing order of acidity is ethanol < water < phenol. The phenoxide ion obtained after the removal of a proton is stabilised by resonance whereas the ethoxide ion obtained after the removal of a proton is destabilised by +I effect of  $-C_2H_5$  group. Therefore, phenol is stronger acid than ethanol. On the other hand, ethanol is weaker acid than water because electron releasing  $-C_2H_5$  group in ethanol increases the electron density on oxygen and hence the polarity of O-H bond in ethanol decreases which results in the decreasing acidic strength. Hence, acidic strength increases in the order given above.

#### Q.10. Account for the following:

- i. Phenol does not react with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> whereas carboxylic acids react.
- ii. Phenol is more easily nitrated than benzene.

## [HOTS]

#### Ans.

i.  $RCOOH + NaHCO_3 \longrightarrow RCOONa + H_2CO_3$ Weaker acid than RCOOH ONa OH NaHCO<sub>3</sub>  $H_2CO_3$ Stronger acid Sodium Phenol than Phenol Phenoxide ion Such acid-base reaction takes place only if the acid formed is weaker than the reacting acid. In other words, phenol is not a strong enough acid to react with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>.

ii. Nitration involves attack of electrophile nitronium ion  $(NO_2)$  on benzene ring. Due to +R effect of -OH group electron density on benzene increases. Therefore, phenol is more easily nitrated as compared to benzene.

Short Answer Questions-II (PYQ)

Q.1. Write the main product(s) in each of the following reactions:

[CBSE Delhi 2016]

Q.

$$\mathrm{CH}_{3} - \bigcup_{\mathrm{CH}_{3}}^{\mathrm{CH}_{3}} O - \mathrm{CH}_{3} + \mathrm{HI} \rightarrow$$

Ans.

Q.

$$CH_3 - CH = CH_3 \xrightarrow[(1)]{(1)}{3H_2O_2/0R}$$

Ans.

$$\mathrm{CH}_3 - \mathrm{CH} = CH_3 \xrightarrow{(i) \ B_2 H_9} \mathrm{CH}_3 - \mathrm{CH}_3 - \mathrm{CH}_2 - \mathrm{CH}_2 - \mathrm{OH}$$

Q.

 $C_{6}H_{5} \longrightarrow \operatorname{OH} \quad \xrightarrow{\scriptscriptstyle (\mathfrak{l}) \text{ ag. NaOH}}_{\scriptscriptstyle (\mathfrak{l}) \text{ CO}_{2}, H^{+}}$ 



## Q.2. What happens when

# Q. (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C—OH is treated with Cu at 573 K,

Ans.



## Q. Anisole is treated with CH<sub>3</sub>Cl/anhydrous AlCl<sub>3</sub>,

Ans.



### Q. Phenol is treated with Zn dust?

Write chemical equations in support of your answer.

[CBSE (F) 2017]





## Q.3. How would you obtain the following?

### Q. Benzoquinone from phenol

Ans.



## Q. 2-Methylpropan-2-ol from methylmagnesium bromide

Ans.



## Q. Propan-2-ol from propene

[CBSE (AI) 2011, (F) 2011]

Ans.

$$CH_{3} - CH = CH_{2} + H_{2}O \xrightarrow[addition]{H^{+}} CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3}$$
Propene
$$CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3}$$

$$H^{+} \rightarrow CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3}$$

## Q.4. How do you convert the following:

Q. Phenol to anisole



#### Q. Propan-2-ol to 2-methylpropan-2-ol

Ans.



#### Q. Aniline to phenol

[CBSE Delhi 2015]

Ans.



### **Q.5. Explain the mechanism of the following reactions:**

# Q. Addition of Grignard's reagent to the carbonyl group of a compound forming an adduct followed by hydrolysis.

Ans. Step I: Nucleophilic addition of Grignard reagent to carbonyl group.



Step II: Hydrolysis



Q. Acid catalysed dehydration of an alcohol forming an alkene.

Ans.

 $\mathrm{CH}_3-\mathrm{CH}_2-\mathrm{OH} \ \stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathrm{II}^+}}{
ightarrow} \ \mathrm{CH}_2==\mathrm{CH}_2 \ + \ H_2O$ 

#### Mechanism:

Step I: Formation of protonated alcohol



**Step II:** Formation of carbocation: It is the slowest step and hence, the rate determining step.



Step III: Formation of ethylene by elimination of a proton



To drive the equilibrium to the right, ethylene is removed as it is formed.

Q. Acid catalysed hydration of an alkene forming an alcohol.

[CBSE Delhi 2009; (AI) 2012] [HOTS]



Mechanism:

Step I: Protonation of alkene to form carbocation by electrophilic attack of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>.



Step II: Nucleophilic attack of water on carbocation.



Step III: Deprotonation to form an alcohol



# Q.6. Give reasons for the following:

# Q. Phenol is more acidic than methanol.

**Ans.** In phenol, the phenoxide ion obtained after the removal of a proton is stabilised by resonance whereas there is no resonance in the alkoxide ion of methanol.

Moreover, due to +I effect of CH<sub>3</sub> group the electron density in O—H bond increases which makes release of H+ difficult.

# Q. The C—O—H bond angle in alcohols is slightly less than the tetrahedral angle (109°28´).

Ans. It is due to the repulsion between the lone pair of electrons on oxygen atoms,

Q.  $(CH_3)_3C$ —O—CH<sub>3</sub> on reaction with HI gives  $(CH_3)_3C$ —I and CH<sub>3</sub>—OH as the main products and not  $(CH_3)_3C$ —OH and CH<sub>3</sub>—I.

#### [CBSE Allahabad 2015] [HOTS]

#### Ans.

The reaction between  $(CH_3)_3COCH_3$  and HI follows  $SN_1$  mechanism. For an  $SN_1$  reaction, the formation of product is controlled by stability of the carbocation formed in the slowest step. Since tert.butyl carbonium ion  $(CH_3)_3C$  formed after the cleavage of C–O bond in the slowest step is more stable than methyl carbonium ion  $(CH_3)_3C$  therefore  $(CH_3)_3C$ –I) and  $CH_3OH$  are the main products.

#### Short Answer Questions-II (OIQ)

# Q.1. Give the major products that are formed by heating each of the following ethers with HI.

i.  $CH_3$   $CH_3 - CH_2 - CH - CH_2 - O - CH_2 - CH_3$ ii.  $CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - O - C - CH_2 - CH_3$   $CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - O - C - CH_2 - CH_3$   $CH_3$ iii.  $CH_3$ 

[HOTS]

#### Ans.

i. 
$$CH_3$$
— $CH_2$ — $CH_2$ — $CH_2$  OH +  $CH_3$   $CH_2$   $I$   
 $CH_3$ 

ii. 
$$CH_3 CH_2 CH_2 OH + CH_3 CH_2 - \begin{matrix} CH_3 \\ C \\ CH_3 \end{matrix}$$

iii.



Q.2. Carry out the following conversions:

### Q. Phenol to benzoquinone

Ans.



#### Q. Propanone to 2-Methylpropan-2-ol.

Ans.



### Q. Propene to propan-2-ol.

Ans.

$$CH_{3}-CH = CH_{2} + H_{2}O \xrightarrow{H^{+}} CH_{3}-CH_{3}-CH_{3}$$

$$H^{+} \rightarrow CH_{3}-CH_{3}-CH_{3}-CH_{3}$$

$$H^{+} \rightarrow CH_{3}-CH_{3}-CH_{3}-CH_{3}$$

$$H^{+} \rightarrow CH_{3}-CH_$$

### Q.3. How will you bring the following conversions?

- i. Phenol to benzyl alcohol
- ii. Phenol to m-bromophenol
- iii. Phenol to aspirin.

[HOTS]



# Q.4. The following is not an appropriate reaction for the preparation of tert.-butyl ethyl ether:

 $C_2H_5$ ONa + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C-Cl  $\rightarrow$  (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

- i. What would be the major product of the given reaction?
- ii. Write a suitable reaction for the preparation of tert.-butyl ethyl ether, specifying the names of reagents used.

Justify your answer in both cases.

## [CBSE Sample Paper 2016] [HOTS]

Ans. (i) The major product of the given reaction is 2-methylprop-1-ene. It is because sodium ethoxide  $(CH_3 - CH_2 \overline{ONa})$  is a strong nucleophile as well as a strong base. Thus, elimination reaction predominates over substitution reaction.

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}-C-CH_{3} + Na-OCH_{2}-CH_{3} \\ C1 \\ \text{ sodium ethoxide} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}-C-C-CH_{2} + NaCl + CH_{3}CH_{2}OH \\ \text{ Isobutylene} \\ (2-methyl prop-1-ene) \end{array}$$

(ii). To prepare tertiary butylethyl ether, the alkyl halide should be primary, *i.e.*, ethyl chloride and the nucleophile should be tertiary, *i.e.*, tertiary butoxide ion. It is because the reaction occurs by  $S_N2$  mechanism and primary alkyl halides are most reactive in  $S_N2$  reactions.



### Q.5. Answer the following questions:

#### Q. Why are ethers insoluble in water?

**Ans.** Ethers are insoluble in water because due to the bigger size of the alkyl groups, the oxygen atom in ethers fails to form intermolecular H-bonds with water.

### **Q.** Complete the reaction equation:



Ans.

H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sup>+</sup> ►

OH

4-Methylhept-3-ene

4-Methylheptan-4-ol

# Q. How will you know whether a given OH group is alcoholic or phenolic in nature?

**Ans.** Phenolic OH group gives blue or violet colouration with neutral FeCl<sub>3</sub>, while alcoholic OH group does not.

## **Q.6. Account for the following:**

Q. Rectified spirit cannot be converted into absolute alcohol by simple distillation.

**Ans.** Rectified spirit containing 95% ethyl alcohol and 5% water forms an azeotropic mixture which distils at a constant temperature of 351.13 K.

## Q. Diethyl ether does not react with sodium.

**Ans.** Since diethyl ether does not contain an active hydrogen attached to oxygen like alcohols and phenols, it does not react with sodium.

# Q. Phenols do not undergo substitution of the —OH group like alcohols.

**Ans.** The C—O bond in phenols has some double bond character due to resonance and hence cannot be easily cleaved by nucleophile. In contrast, the C—O bond in alcohols is a pure single bond and hence can be easily cleaved by nucleophile.

# Q.7.

i. Arrange the following sets of compounds in order of their increasing boiling points:

(a) Pentan-1-ol, butan-1-ol, butan-2-ol, ethanol, propan-1-ol, methanol(b) Pentan-1-ol, n-butane, pentanal, ethoxyethane.

ii. Arrange the following compounds in increasing order of acidity and give a suitable explanation.

Phenol, o-nitrophenol, o-cresol

# [NCERT Exemplar]

### Ans.

- i. (a) Methanol < ethanol < propan-1-ol < butan-2-ol < butane-1-ol < pentan-1-ol.</li>
  (b) *n*-Butane < ethoxyethane < pentanal < pentan-1-ol.</li>
- ii. Increasing order of acidity:
   o-cresol < phenol < o-nitrophenol</li>
   In substituted phenols, the presence of electron-withdrawing groups enhance the acidic strength of phenol whereas, electron-releasing groups decrease the acidic strength of phenol.

## **Q.8.** Arrange the following compounds in decreasing order of acidity.

i. H<sub>2</sub>O, ROH, HC**E**CH

ii.

Ans.

i. 
$$H_2O > ROH > HC \equiv CH$$
  
ii.  $O_2N \longrightarrow OH > C_6H_5OH > CH_3O \longrightarrow OH$   
iii.  $C_6H_5OH > H_2O > CH_3OH$ 

Q.9. An organic compound 'A' having molecular formula  $C_3H_6$  on treatment with aqueous  $H_2SO_4$  gives 'B' which on treatment with HCI/ZnCl<sub>2</sub> gives 'C'. The compound C on treatment with ethanolic KOH gives back the compound 'A'. Identify the compounds A, B, C.

[HOTS]

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Ans.

$$A = CH_{3} - CH = CH_{2} \qquad B = CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3} \qquad C = CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3} \qquad C = CH_{3} - CH - CH_{3} \qquad HCl/ZnCl_{2} \rightarrow OH \qquad HCl/$$

Q.10. A compound 'A' is optically active. On mild oxidation, it gives a compound 'B' but on vigorous oxidation gives another compound 'C'. C along with D is also

formed from B by reaction with iodine and alkali. Deduce the structures of A, B, C, D.

[HOTS]

Ans.



Q.11. A compound 'A' having molecular formula  $C_4H_{10}O$  is found to be soluble in concentrated sulphuric acid. It does not react with sodium metal or potassium permanganate. On heating with excess of HI, it gives a single alkyl halide. Deduce the structure of compound A and explain all the reactions.

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- i. As compound A does not react with sodium metal or potassium permanganate, it cannot be an alcohol.
- ii. As compound A dissolves in conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, it may be an ether.
- iii. As compound A on heating with excess of HI gives a single alkyl halide, therefore, compound A must be a symmetrical ether.
- iv. The only symmetrical ether having molecular formula C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O is diethyl ether. Thus compound 'A' is diethylether, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>.



Long Answer Questions (PYQ)

Q.1. Answer the following question :

### Q. What happens when

- a. phenol reacts with bromine water?
- b. ethanol reacts with CH<sub>3</sub>COCI/pyridine?
- c. anisole reacts with HI?

## Write the chemical equations involved in the above reactions.

Ans.



- Q. Distinguish between:
  - a. Ethanol and phenol
  - b. Propan-2-ol and 2-methylpropan-2-ol

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a. Phenol gives violet colouration with FeCl3 solution but ethanol does not.

b. Propan-2-ol when warmed with I<sub>2</sub> in NaOH gives yellow precipitate of iodoform while 2methylpropan-2-ol does not respond to this test.

#### Q.2. Answer the following question :

#### Q. Write equations of the following reactions:

- a. Bromine in CS<sub>2</sub> with phenol
- b. Treating phenol with chloroform in the presence of aq. NaOH
- c. Anisole reacts with HI

#### Ans.



#### Q. Distinguish between

- a. Ethanol and Diethyl ether
- b. Propanol and t-butyl alcohol

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#### Ans.

a. Ethanol when warmed with I<sub>2</sub> in NaOH gives yellow precipitate of iodoform while diethyl ether does not.

 $\mathrm{CH}_3-\mathrm{CH}_2-\mathrm{OH} + 4I_2 + 6\mathrm{NaOH} \stackrel{\wedge}{\rightarrow} \mathrm{CHI}_3 + \mathrm{HCOONa} + 5\mathrm{NaI} + 5H_2O$  $_{\mathrm{Iodoform}}$  (yellow ppt.)

b. tert-butyl alcohol on treatment with the Lucas reagent immediately gives turbidity while propanol does not produce turbidity at room temperature.



- Q.3. Answer the following question :
- **Q.** Write the formula of reagents used in the following reactions:
  - a. Bromination of phenol to 2, 4, 6-tribromophenol
  - b. Hydroboration of propene and then oxidation to propanol.

Ans.

- **a.** Br<sub>2</sub>(*aq*)
- **b.**  $B_2H_6$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $H_2O_2$  and  $OH^-$

Q. Arrange the following compound groups in the increasing order of their property indicated:

- a. p-nitrophenol, ethanol, phenol (acidic character)
- b. Propanol, propane, propanal (boiling point)

#### Ans.

- **a.** Ethanol < Phenol < *p*-nitrophenol
- **b.** Propane < Propanal < Propanol

Long Answer Questions (OIQ)

#### Q.1. Answer the following question :

#### Q. Write mechanism of the reaction of HI with methoxymethane.

**Ans.** The cleavage of methoxymethane with HI follows  $S_N2$  mechanism.

Step I:



Step II:



If excess of HI is used, methyl alcohol formed in step II further reacts with another molecule of HI to form CH<sub>3</sub>I.

Step III:



Q. Identify A and B in the following reactions:





Q. Give the structure and the IUPAC name of the major product obtained in the following reaction



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Ans.



(Major product)

#### Q.2. How are the following conversions carried out?

- a. Propanol to propan-2-ol
- b. Propanol to 1-propoxypropane

Ans.

a. CH<sub>3</sub>— CH<sub>2</sub>— CH<sub>2</sub>— OH 
$$\xrightarrow{H_2 \otimes O_1 (\operatorname{cons.})}$$
 CH<sub>3</sub>— CH = CH<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{H_2 O/H^+}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}}$  CH<sub>2</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$  CH<sub>3</sub>—  $\stackrel{|}{\underset{\operatorname{Propan-2-ol}}{\overset{}{\longrightarrow}}$ 

Q. Explain the following behaviours:

- a. —OH group attached to a carbon of benzene ring activates it towards electrophilic substitution.
- b. Reactivity of all the three classes of alcohols with conc. HCl and ZnCl<sub>2</sub> is different.
- c. Anisole reacts with HI to give phenol and methyl iodide and not iodobenzene and methyl alcohol.

**Ans. (a).** Due to +R effect of the OH group, the electron density in the benzene ring increases thereby facilitating the attack by an electrophile. Further, the electron density is relatively higher at the *o*- and *p*-positions, therefore, electrophilic substitution occurs mainly at *o*- and *p*-positions.



**(b)** The reaction of alcohols with conc. HCl and  $ZnCl_2$  takes place through intermediate formation of carbonium ions. Greater the stability of carbonium ion greater is the reactivity of alcohol. Due to +ve I effect of alkyl groups the stability of carbonium ion follows the order 1° < 2° < 3°. As a result of this reactivity of alcohols towards conc. HCl and  $ZnCl_2$  follows the same order *i.e.*, 1° < 2° < 3°.

c. Protonation of anisole gives oxonium ion  $\begin{pmatrix} C_6H_5 - \overset{\bullet \bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{O}} \overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{I}}} CH_3 \\ \overset{|}{\overset{H}{\overset{H}{\overset{\bullet}{I}}} \end{pmatrix}$ . The bond

between  $O-CH_3$  is weaker than the bond between  $O-C_6H_5$  because the carbon of phenyl group is sp<sub>2</sub> hybridised and there is partial double bond character. Therefore, the attack by I– ion breaks  $O-CH_3$  bond to give methyl iodide and phenol.

## Q.3. Answer the following question :

Q.

- a. How will you convert phenol to benzoic acid?
- b. An organic compound A having molecular formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O gives a characteristic colour with aqueous FeCl<sub>3</sub>solution. A on treatment with CO<sub>2</sub> and NaOH at 400 K under pressure gives B which on acidification gives a compound C. The compound C reacts with acetyl chloride to give D which is a popular pain killer. Deduce the structure of A, B, C and D.

Ans.



#### Q.

- a. The acid strength of alcohols decreases in the order  $R-CH_2OH > R R CH-OH > R R C-OH$
- b. Phenol is more easily nitrated than benzene.

#### Ans.

a. The acidic character of alcohols is due to the polar nature of O—H bond. As alkyl groups have +I effect, therefore, electron density on oxygen increases from 1° to 3° alcohols. In other words, the O—H bond in 3° alcohols is most polar whereas it is least polar in 1° alcohols. Thus, the acid strength of alcohols follows the order

$$R - CH_2OH > R > CH - OH > R R > C - OH$$

b. Nitration involves attack of electrophile nitronium  $(NO_2)$  ion on benzene ring. Due to +R effect of O–H group electron density increases at ortho and para position in phenol. Therefore, phenol is more easily nitrated than benzene.

Q.4. An aromatic compound 'A' on treatment with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/KOH gives two compounds 'B' and 'C'. Both B and C give the same product 'D' when distilled with zinc dust. Oxidation of D gives E having molecular formula  $C_7H_6O_2$ . The sodium salt of E on heating with sodalime gives F which may also be obtained by distilling A with zinc dust. Identify A to F.

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