

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2023  
(Second Semester)

Branch – CHEMISTRY

ORGANIC REACTION MECHANISM AND RETROSYNTHESIS

Time: Three Hours

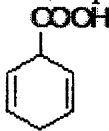

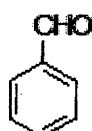
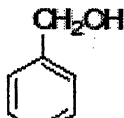
Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

- Which of the mechanism does go Via. Benzyne intermediate?  
(i) Deprotonation (ii) Addition- Elimination  
(iii) Elimination-Addition (iv) None of these
- Predict the product when benzoic acid is treated with Na/NH<sub>3</sub>/EtOH, H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>?  
(i)  (ii)   
(iii)  (iv) 
- A free radical is  
(i) Neutral in characters (ii) Shortly lived  
(iii) Paramagnetic (iv) All of these
- Which of the following reagents is Umpolung reagent?  
(i) 1,2-Dithiane (ii) 1,3-Dithiane  
(iii) LDA (iv) DCC
- The two reactions involved in the Robinson annulations are  
(i) Hydroboration and oxidation  
(ii) Perkin reaction and Michael reaction  
(iii) Michael reaction and Aldol condensation  
(iv) None of these

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- a) Discuss the ambident substrates and ambident nucleophile.  
OR  
b) Write a note on Chichibabin reaction.
- a) Define: i) Hofmann rule ii) Saytzeff's rule.  
OR  
b) Explain the uses of SeO<sub>2</sub> and chromic acid in organic synthesis.
- a) State and explain the Markownikov rule and anti- Markownikov rule.  
OR  
b) Explain the mechanism of Wittig reaction.

Cont...

9. a) What are Gilman reagents? Give its two synthetic applications.  
OR  
b) Give a brief account on Peterson synthesis.

10. a) Illustrate the regioselectivity and chemoselectivity.  
OR  
b) Give a brief account on polarity reversal.

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

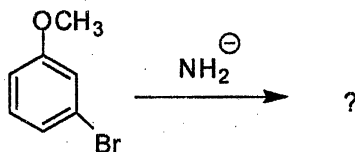
Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

11. a) Discuss the various factors that govern the extent of  $SN_1$  and  $SN_2$  mechanism.  
OR

- b) Propose the mechanism of the given reaction. Identify the intermediate. Briefly explain the orbital picture of the intermediate.



12. a) Outline the mechanism of  $E_{1cB}$ .

OR

- b) Explain the mechanism of i) Chugave reaction ii) Birch reduction.

13. a) Discuss the mechanism of Mannich reaction and Benzoin condensation.

OR

- b) Suggest a suitable mechanism of i) Epoxidation ii) Michael addition.

14. a) Illustrate the synthetic uses of PTC and  $LiAlH_4$  in organic synthesis.

OR

- b) Give any two synthetic uses of the following compounds in organic synthesis.  
i) DDQ ii) LDA iii)  $NaBH_3CN$ .

15. a) Write a brief account on i) Retrosynthesis ii) Robinson annelation.  
OR

- b) Describe the interconversions of  $-NH_2$ ,  $-COOR$  and  $-CONHR$  groups in organic reactions.

Z-Z-Z

END