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## M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, JUNE 2018

#### Second Semester

Faculty of Science

Branch: Chemistry

## AN2C06/AP2C06/CH2C06/PH2C06/POH2C06—ORGANIC REACTION MECHANISMS

(2012 Admission onwards)

[Common to all Branches of Chemistry]

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

#### Section A

Answer any ten questions, each question carries weight 1.

- 1. What is Markovnikov's rule? Explain using a suitable example. Compare this rule with Kharasch effect?
- 2. Arrange the following groups in the increasing order of leaving ability in nucleophilic substitution reactions at SP<sup>3</sup> carbon:
  - Tosyl, Nosyl, Brosyl, Sulphonate. Sulphate, Acetate, Bromide, Iodide.
- 3. What are enamines? How they are formed? What is the benefit of enamine alkylation compared to enolate alkylation?
- 4. Vinyl and aryl halides have very low reactivity in nucleophilic substitution reactions. Explain
- 5. What are non-classical carbocations? Give an example. State a chemical reaction which undergoes via a non-classical carbocations as intermediate.
- 6. Arrange the following carbenes in the increasing order of stability:

$$: CH_2 : CCl_2 : C (CH_3)_2 : CBr_2 : CF_2 : C (NCH_3).$$

- 7. Give one example each for the insertion reaction and addition reaction of carbenes.
- 8. Name two common radical initiators (one peroxide and another azo) used in free radical reactions. Explain how these initiates a radical reaction.
- 9. What is Clemmenson reduction? What are the reagents used for the reduction? What is the mechanism of the reaction?

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- 10. Give the mechanism of Stork enamine reaction. State one of its important application in synthesis.
- 11. Give the sequence of reactions in which phenol is converted to caprolactam.
- 12. Complete the following reactions:

(a) 
$$\frac{\text{CHCl}_3 \text{, tBuOK}}{2^0\text{C}}$$
(b) 
$$\frac{\text{H}_3\text{C}}{\text{N}_{\text{N}}}$$
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# 13. How are the following conversions are effected?

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

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#### Section B

Answer any **five** questions by attempting not more than **three** questions from each bunch.

Each question carries weight 2.

#### Bunch 1

- 14. Give the important synthetic applications of Grignard reagents.
- 15. Draw the correlation diagram for (4 + 2) cyclo addition reaction and explain whether the reaction is thermally or photo chemically feasible.
- 16. Discuss briefly the use of Baldwin rules in cyclisation reactions taking appropriate examples.
- 17. Give the mechanism of Cope reaction with special emphasis to stereochemistry.

#### Bunch 2

- 18. What is Noyori annulations reaction? What is its synthetic application?
- 19. Write briefly on Farvorski rearrangement.
- 20. Write a note on Barton deoxygenation reaction.
- 21. Give the mechanism of Curtius rearrangements.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10)$ 

## Section C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries weight 5.

- 22. Give the mechanism of the following reactions:—
  - (a) McMurry couplings.
- (a) Robinson annulations.
- (c) Beckmann rearrangements.
- 23. Give a brief account of the synthetic applications of the following reactions:
  - (a) Diels-Alder reaction.
- (b) Mannich reaction.
- (c) Dieckmann condensation.
- 24. Write briefly on the β-eliminations involving cyclic transition states with special reference to N-oxides, Acetates and Xanthates, using suitable examples.

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## 25. Write notes on:

- (a) Wood ward-Hoffmann rules for concerted reactions.
- (b) Amination of haloarenes.
- (c) Carbenes.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10)$ 

