M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2016

Second Semester

Faculty of Science

Branch: Chemistry

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

(Common to all Branches of Chemistry)

[2012 Admissions]

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

Section A

Answer any ten questions.

Each question carries a weight of 1.

- With suitable discuss the regioselectivity of addition reaction.
- 2. What are the effects of leaving group in SN₂ reaction?
- 3. Write down the product and mechanism of:

- 4. What are nitrenes? Outline any two methods for their formation.
- 5. Sketch the mechanism of the reaction.

6. Give the mechanism of:

- 7. Discuss Baldwin's rules.
- 8. What is mean by auto-oxidation? Discuss.
- 9. Sketch the mechanism of:

- 10. What is benzyne? How is it prepared? What are its main reactions?
- 11. What are Grignard reagents? What are their applications?
- 12. How hydroperoxides are formed? What are their uses?
- 13. "Of the following four related reactions; Hoffmann, Schmidt, Lossen and Curtius, the Lossen rearrangement is the least useful in organic chemistry". Why?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Section B

Answer any five questions.

Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 14. Discuss the Markovnikov's addition mechanism.
- 15. Discuss the mechanism of Mannich reaction.
- 16. What are enolates? How are they differing from enamines? Compare the relativities of enolates and enamines.
- 17. Discuss the mechanism of the reaction:

18. Predict the product(s) and write down the mechanism of

19. Discuss the mechanism and applications of :

20. Use appropriate reagents for the following conversion and discuss its mechanism

21. Discuss the mechanism of Stobbe condensation. What are its synthetic applications?

 $(5 \times 2 = 10)$

Section C

Answer any two questions. Each question carries a weight of 5.

- 22. What are carbanions? Discuss their formation, structure and stability. What are their importances as reaction intermediates?
- 23. Explain the mechanisms of the following reactions;

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- 24. (a) What product would you obtain from a base catalyzed Michael Reaction of 2, 4- pentanedione with each of the following α, β-unsaturated acceptors? (i) Propenenitrile; (ii) Ethyl-2- butenoate
 - (b) Explain the mechanism of the reaction :

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 CH_3
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25. What are the different types of pericyclic reactions? Discuss the importances of pericyclic reactions in organic synthesis.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10)$