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FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

COURSE CODE:

SC# 261 SC/26/

COURSE TITLE: CHEMISTRY OF FUNCTIONAL GROUPS

DATE:

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL 2022

TIME: 3.00PM - 5.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

• Answer ALL Questions as directed.

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(a) In your own words, illustratively, define the term "Functional Group (FG)" as used in Chemistry. [3]

(b) You are given an important organic molecule with the chemical structure shown below. Study the structure carefully and answer the following questions.

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ CH_3 \\ \hline \\ O \\ Ph \\ O \\ \hline \\ O \\ \hline \\ O \\ \hline \\ O \\ \hline \\ CH_3 \\ \hline \\ O \\ \hline \\ CH_3 \\ \hline \\ O \\ \\ O \\$$

Taxol, isolated from the bark of the Pacific yew

- (i) Identify all the functional groups in the molecule (Each type of FG to be reflected once only) [10]
- (ii) Of the FGs in (i) above, based on structure only, which one is of the highest priority? [2]
- (iii) How many sp^2 hybridized and tertiary carbons are found in the molecule? [2]
- (iv) Name five (5) types of reactions this molecule may undergo? [5]
- (v) Speculate and cite the possible function(s) of the above molecule based purely on the chemical structure given. [3]

QUESTION 2 (14 marks)

(a) Complete the following reactions. [8]

(i)
$$H_2O$$
i-PrOH
(ii) $C_8H_8CH_2Br$
 $C_8H_8CH_2Br$

- (b) Give IUPAC names of the following molecules.
 - (i) H₃C CH₃ CH₃

(iii) OH

- (v) OH
- (vi) COH

QUESTION 3

(17marks)

[6]

(a) Complete the following reaction indicating the chemical structures of product A and B.

[2]

(b) Outline the reaction mechanism of the above reaction.

[15]

QUESTION 4

(14 marks)

(a) What is the IUPAC name of the following carboxylic acid?

[1]

(b) Indicate on the structure above $\alpha,\,\beta,\,\gamma,\,\delta$ and ϵ carbon atoms.

[5]

- (c) Explain why melting points and boiling points of carboxylic acids generally increase with increase in number of carbons / molecular mass. [2]
- (d) List six (6) functions of carboxylic acids and their derivatives

[6]