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2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
MAIN EXAM

FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)

COURSE CODE: SCH 333

COURSE TITLE: STREOCHEMISTRY, CONFORMATIONAL STUDIES AND REACTION

DATE: 19th April 2022 (Tuesday)

TIME: 3.00 to 5.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer all questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION 1 (23 Marks)

a) Consider the compounds **A** through **D** listed named below and answer the questions that follow.

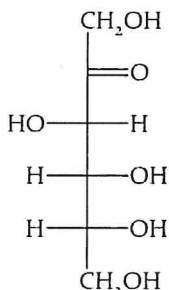
A: -2-Bromo-1-butanol **B:** -4-Chloropentan-2-ol **C:** -1,3-Dichlorocyclohexane
D: -1-Bromo-2-chlorocyclobutane

- Draw structures for stereoisomers of compounds **A** and **B** in perspective **2 Marks**
- Identify the structure with *S* configuration for compounds **A**. **1 Mark**
- Provide unambiguous IUPAC name for all the structures of **B**. **4 Marks**
- Draw all structures for all the stereoisomers represented by **C**. **2 Marks**
- For structures in Q1, a) iii) and Q1, a) iv) above identify meso structures. **2 Marks**
- Draw all the isomers for **D** and identify any two enantiomers and any two diastereomers **4 Marks**

b) What do you understand by the following terms used in stereochemistry **2 Marks**

- Prochiral –
- Optically active compound

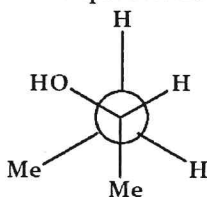
c) An aqueous solution containing 10 g of optically pure *D*-fructose (Structure given below) was diluted to 500 mL with water and placed in a polarimeter tube 20 cm long. The measured rotation was -5.20° .



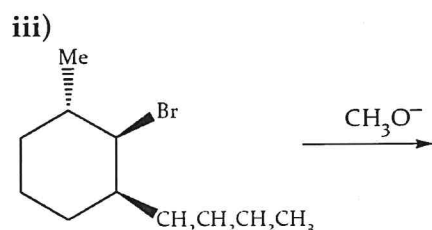
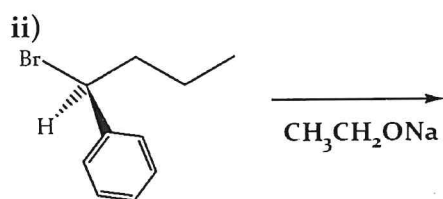
- Calculate the specific rotation of fructose. **2 Marks**
- On a separate experiment the specific rotation of a sample of fructose was found to be 0° . Explain this. **1 Mark**
- How would you explain a third measurement which gave a sample of fructose solution a specific rotation of $+32.5^\circ$. Provide a more detailed explanation. **2 Marks**
- What is the ee for the sample in iii) above? **1 Mark**

QUESTION 2 (18 Marks)

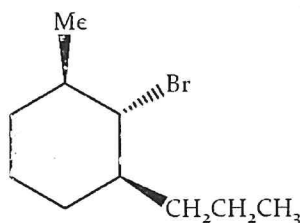
a) A Fijian lady studying in MMUST used Newman projection below to represent a compound she has synthesized in the lab. Study it and answer the questions that follow.



- Determine the unambiguous systematic name of this compound and draw its structure in perspective. **2 Marks**

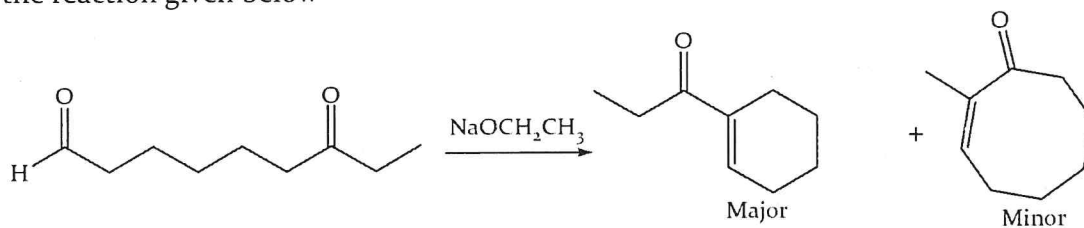


- d) Give all possible products for the reactions given in Q3, c) i) and ii) above following E1 mechanism. **3 Marks**
- e) Provide mechanism for reaction in Q3, b) i) above **3 Marks**
- f) Provide mechanism leading to the major product in Q3, c) iii) above.. **4 Marks**
- g) Compare the rate of reaction for the structure given below and that in Q3, c), iii) **2 Marks**



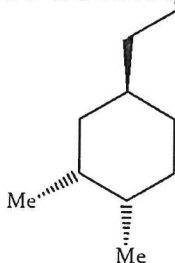
QUESTION 4(8 Marks)

Consider the reaction given below



- i) Provide reaction mechanism leading major compound. **4 Marks**
- ii) Why is the compound in i) preferred? **1 Mark**
- iii) Show the mechanism leading to the minor product **3 Marks**

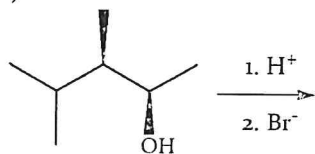
- ii) Draw the other two staggered conformers of this compound about C2-C3 in Newman projection and with reasons determine, out of the three the one with the **HIGHEST** population. **4 Marks**
- iii) Draw the all the eclipsed conformers of this compound about C2-C3 in Newman projection and with reasons determine the one with the **LOWEST** population. **5 Marks**
- iv) Represent the energies of all the conformers given in Q2, a), ii) and iii) in an energy level diagram being sure to show clear differences in energy amongst them. **3 Marks**
- b) Draw (accurately) the two chair conformers of the trisubstituted cyclohexane derivative given below and determine with reasons which of the two has the highest population. **4 Marks**



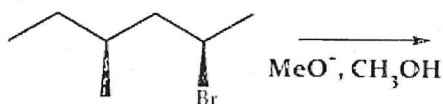
QUESTION 3(21 Marks)

- a) Give products for the following Nucleophilic substitution reactions following S_N2 reaction mechanism. **3 Marks**

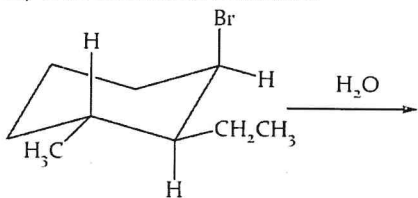
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ii)

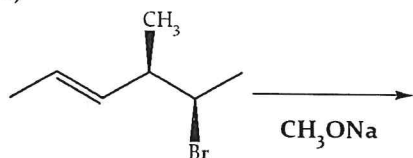


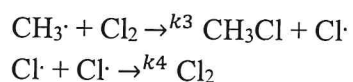
iii) Substitution reaction



- b) Give all possible products for the reactions in 3, a) i) and ii) above following S_N1 reaction mechanism. **3 Marks**
- c) Give **ONLY** the major product for the reactions given below following $E2$ reaction mechanism. **3 Marks**

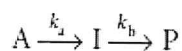
i)





QUESTIONFOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) What is an enzyme? What is the general mechanism describing enzyme catalysis? [5 marks]
 b) Consider the following sequential reaction scheme



Assuming that only reactant A is present at $t=0$, what is the expected time dependence of [P] using steady state approximation [5 marks]

- c) The rate constant for the reaction of hydrogen with iodine is $2.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ at 302°C and $0.950 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ at 508°C .
- Calculate the activation energy and Arrhenius preexponential factor for this reaction [3 marks]
 - What is the value of the rate constant at 400°C ? [2 marks]

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