



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF**

**BSC (CHEMISTRY), BSC (INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY) & B. ED
(SCIENCE)**

COURSE CODE: SCH 131

**COURSE TITLE: BONDING AND REACTION MECHANISMS IN
ORGANIC MOLECULES**

DATE: 11th April 2023, Tuesday TIME: 12.00 to 2.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

➤ Answer ALL questions

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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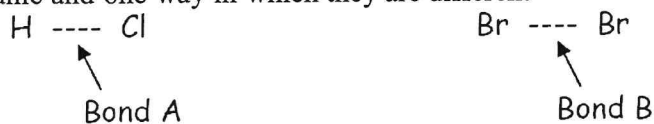
QUESTION ONE (17 Marks)

a) Explain the following terms using relevant examples

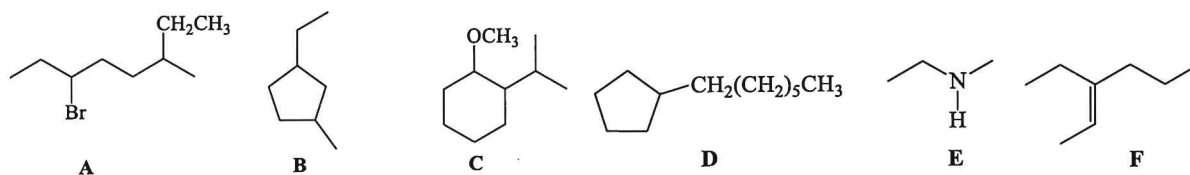
3 Marks

- i) Catenation
- ii) Octet rule
- iii) Hybridization

b) Consider the bonding in the molecules given below. State one way in which bond A and bond B (shown) are the same and one way in which they are different

2 Marks

c) Consider compounds A through H listed below



- i) Classify the above compounds depending on their functional groups. **5 Marks**
- ii) Determine which, between compounds **D** and **F**, has a higher boiling point. Give reason for your answer. **2 Marks**

d) Classify the reagents below as strong/weak nucleophile and as strong/weak base. **5 Marks**

- i) NaH
- ii) t-BuO-
- iii) OH-
- iv) HS-
- v) MeOH

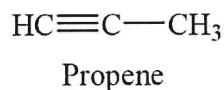
QUESTION TWO (18 Marks)

a) Draw the Lewis structures for each of the following chemical compounds

3 Marks

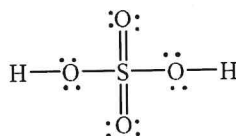
- i) CH₃CH₃
- ii) (CH₃)₃COH
- iii) CH₃CN

b) The following questions refer to the compound propyne, shown below

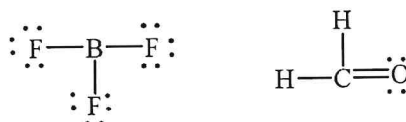


- i) On the structure above, identify the hybridization state of all carbon atoms **2 Marks**
- ii) Draw a picture that clearly shows the interacting orbitals of all of the C–C single bonds in propyne **2 Marks**
- iii) Draw a picture that clearly shows the interacting orbitals of all of the multiple bonds in propyne **2 Marks**

- c) Determine the formal charges of all the atoms in the sulfuric acid structure shown below **2 Marks**



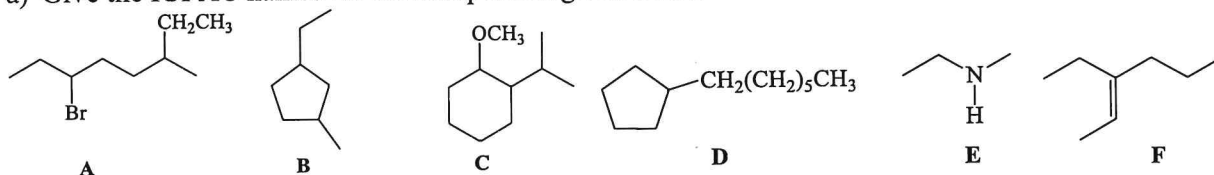
- d) Consider the following Lewis structures. Would you expect these molecules to have the same shape or a different shape? Explain **3 Marks**



- e) Explain the following observations **4 Marks**
- Propan-1-ol is soluble in water but 1-chloropropane is insoluble
 - Butan-1-ol and ethoxyethane have the same relative molecular mass but very different boiling points, 117 °C and 35 °C, respectively

QUESTION THREE (18 Marks)

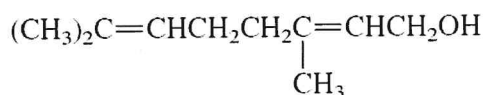
- a) Give the IUPAC names for the compounds given below **6 Marks**



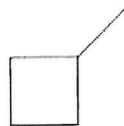
- b) Draw the structure of each of the following compounds: **3 Marks**

- 5-Bromo-4-chlorohept-1-ene
- N*-Ethylethanamine
- 1-Bromo-5-methylhex-3-yne

- c) Draw and label the *E* and *Z* isomers for each of the following compounds. **3 Marks**
- d) Geraniol is a naturally occurring substance present in the fragrant oil of many plants. It has a pleasing, roselike odor. Geraniol is the *E* isomer of



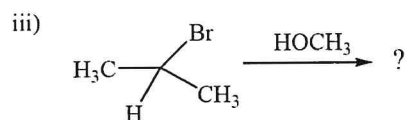
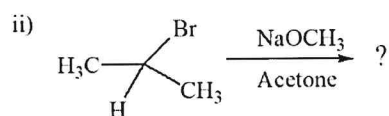
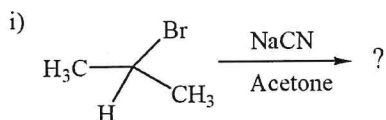
- Write a structural formula for geraniol, showing its stereochemistry. **1 Mark**
 - Nerol is a naturally occurring substance that is a stereoisomer of geraniol. Write its structure. **1 Mark**
- e) Give at least five isomers of methylcyclobutane and then give the IUPAC names for each of them **5 Marks**



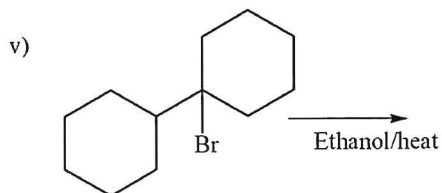
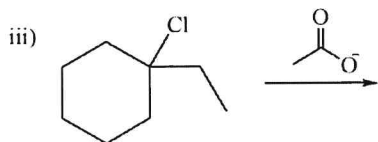
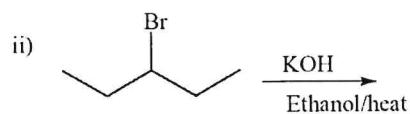
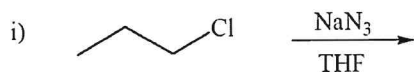
methylcyclobutane
Molecular Formula: C_5H_{10}

QUESTION FOUR (17 Marks)

a) For the following, please determine what type of reaction is occurring and predict the products **6 Marks**



b) Identify the dominant reaction mechanism (S_N1 , S_N2 , E1, or E2) and predict the major product for the following reactions. **6 Marks**



c) Using appropriate curly arrows show the reaction mechanism leading to product given in question 4, b), ii) above. **5 Marks**