

# Chapter

# Alcohols Phenols & Ethers



## Topic-1: Preparation and Properties of Alcohols



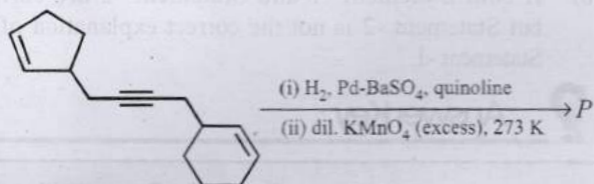
### 1 MCQs with One Correct Answer

- The best method to prepare cyclohexene from cyclohexanol is by using [2005S]
  - Conc. HCl + ZnCl<sub>2</sub>
  - Conc. H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>
  - HBr
  - Conc. HCl
- The product of acid catalyzed hydration of 2-phenylpropene is [2004S]
  - 3-phenyl-2-propanol
  - 1-phenyl-2-propanol
  - 2-phenyl-2-propanol
  - 2-phenyl-1-propanol
- 1-propanol and 2-propanol can be best distinguished by [2001S]
  - oxidation with alkaline KMnO<sub>4</sub> followed by reaction with Fehling solution
  - oxidation with acidic dichromate followed by reaction with Fehling solution
  - oxidation by heating with copper followed by reaction with Fehling solution
  - oxidation with concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> followed by reaction with Fehling solution
- The compound that will react most readily with NaOH to form methanol is [2001S]
  - (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>
  - CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>
  - (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>
  - (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CCl
- Which of the following compounds is oxidised to prepare methyl ethyl ketone? [1987 - 1 Mark]
  - 2-Propanol
  - 1-Butanol
  - 2-Butanol
  - t-Butyl alcohol
- HBr reacts fastest with : [1986 - 1 Mark]
  - 2-methylpropan-2-ol
  - propan-1-ol
  - propan-2-ol
  - 2-methylpropan-1-ol
- An industrial method of preparation of methanol is : [1984 - 1 Mark]
  - catalytic reduction of carbon monoxide in presence of ZnO-Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - by reacting methane with steam at 900°C with a nickel catalyst
  - by reducing formaldehyde with lithium aluminium hydride
  - by reacting formaldehyde with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution
- The compound which reacts fastest with Lucas reagent at room temperature is [1981 - 1 Mark]
  - butan-1-ol
  - butan-2-ol
  - 2-methylpropan-1-ol
  - 2-methylpropan-2-ol
- Which of the following is basic [1980]
  - CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH
  - OH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH
  - H-O-O-H
  - H<sub>3</sub>C-C(=O)-OH
- Ethyl alcohol is heated with conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> the product formed is [1980]
  - H<sub>3</sub>C-C(=O)-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>
  - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>
  - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>
  - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>

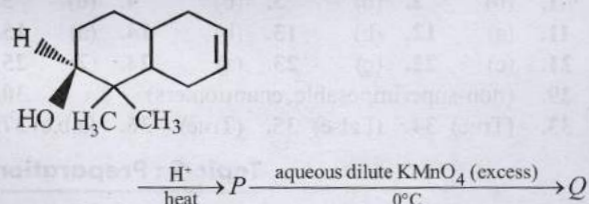


### 2 Integer Value Answer

- Total number of hydroxyl groups present in a molecule of major product *P* is \_\_\_\_ [Adv. 2019]

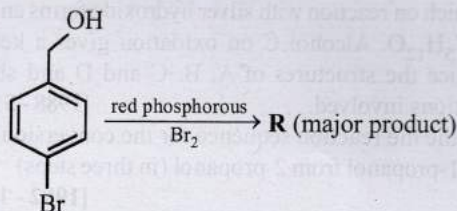


- The number of hydroxyl group(s) in *Q* is \_\_\_\_ [Adv. 2015]



## 3 Numeric / New Stem Based Questions

13. Consider the following reaction. [Adv. 2022]



On estimation of bromine in 1.00 g of **R** using Carius method, the amount of AgBr formed (in g) is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 [Given: Atomic mass of H = 1, C = 12, O = 16, P = 31, Br = 80, Ag = 108]

## 4 Fill in the Blanks

14. Glycerine contains one ..... hydroxy group. [1997 - 1 Mark]
15. Ethanol vapour is passed over heated copper and the product is treated with aqueous NaOH. The final product is ..... [1983 - 1 Mark]

## 5 True / False

16. Sodium ethoxide is prepared by reacting ethanol with aqueous sodium hydroxide. [1986 - 1 Mark]

## 6 MCQs with One or More than One Correct Answer

17. The correct combination of names for isomeric alcohols with molecular formula
- $C_4H_{10}O$
- is/are [Adv. 2014]

- (a) tert-butanol and 2-methylpropan-2-ol  
 (b) tert-butanol and 1, 1-dimethylethan-1-ol  
 (c) *n*-butanol and butan-1-ol  
 (d) isobutyl alcohol and 2-methylpropan-1-ol

18. The reaction of
- $CH_3CH=CH-$
- 
- $-OH$
- with HBr gives [1998 - 2 Marks]

- (a)  $CH_3CHBrCH_2-$   $-OH$   
 (b)  $CH_3CH_2CHBr-$   $-OH$   
 (c)  $CH_3CHBrCH_2-$   $-Br$   
 (d)  $CH_3CH_2CHBr-$   $-Br$

## 9 Assertion and Reason Statement Type Questions

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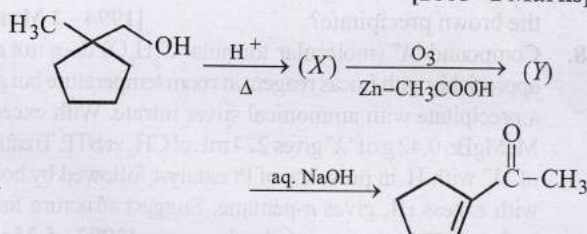
19. Read the following statement and explanation and answer as per the options given below : [1988 - 2 Marks]

**Statement :** Solubility of *n*-alcohols in water decreases with increase in molecular weight.

**Explanation :** The relative proportion of the hydrocarbon part in alcohols increases with increasing molecular weight which permits enhanced hydrogen bonding with water.

## 10 Subjective Problems

20. Identify (X) and (Y) in the following reaction sequence. [2005 - 2 Marks]

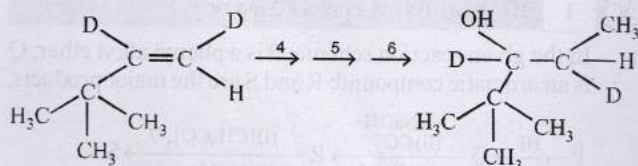


21. A biologically active compound, bombykol (
- $C_{16}H_{30}O$
- ) is obtained from a natural source. The structure of the compound is determined by the following reactions. [2002 - 5 Marks]

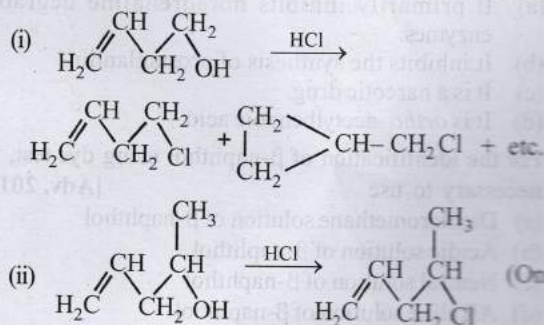
- (a) On hydrogenation, bombykol gives a compound A,  $C_{16}H_{34}O$ , which reacts with acetic anhydride to give an ester;  
 (b) Bombykol also reacts with acetic anhydride to give another ester, which on oxidative ozonolysis ( $O_3/H_2O_2$ ) gives a mixture of butanoic acid, oxalic acid and 10-acetoxydecanoic acid.

Determine the number of double bonds in bombykol. Write the structures of compound A and bombykol. How many geometrical isomers are possible for bombykol?

22. Complete the following reaction with appropriate reagents : [1999 - 3 Marks]



23. Explain briefly the formation of the products giving the structures of the intermediates. [1999 - 3 Marks]



24. Give reasons for the following :  
Acid catalysed dehydration of *t*-butanol is faster than that of *n*-butanol. [1998 - 2 Marks]
25. An optically active alcohol *A* ( $C_6H_{10}O$ ) absorbs two moles of hydrogen per mole of *A* upon catalytic hydrogenation and gives a product *B*. The compound *B* is resistant to oxidation by  $CrO_3$  and does not show any optical activity. Deduce the structures of *A* and *B*. [1996 - 2 Marks]
26. 3,3-Dimethylbutan-2-ol loses a molecule of water in the presence of concentrated sulphuric acid to give tetramethylethylene as a major product. Suggest a suitable mechanism. [1996 - 2 Marks]
27. When *t*-butanol and *n*-butanol are separately treated with a few drops of dilute  $KMnO_4$ , in one case only the purple colour disappears and a brown precipitate is formed. Which of the two alcohols gives the above reaction and what is the brown precipitate? [1994 - 2 Marks]
28. Compound 'X' (molecular formula,  $C_5H_8O$ ) does not react appreciably with Lucas reagent at room temperature but gives a precipitate with ammonical silver nitrate. With excess of  $MeMgBr$ , 0.42 g of 'X' gives 224 mL of  $CH_4$  at STP. Treatment of 'X' with  $H_2$  in presence of Pt catalyst followed by boiling with excess  $HI$ , gives *n*-pentane. Suggest structure for 'X' and write the equation involved. [1992 - 5 Marks]
29. State with balanced equations what happens when :  
Ethylene glycol is obtained by the reaction of ethylene with potassium permanganate. [1991 - 1 Mark]
30. A ketone 'A' which undergoes haloform reaction gives compound B on reduction. B on heating with sulphuric acid gives compound C, which forms monoozonide D, D on hydrolysis in presence of zinc dust gives only acetaldehyde. Identify A, B and C. Write down the reactions involved. [1989 - 4 Marks]
31. A hydrocarbon A (molecular formula  $C_5H_{10}$ ) yields 2-methylbutane on catalytic hydrogenation. A adds  $HBr$  (in accordance with Markownikoff's rule) to form a compound B which on reaction with silver hydroxide forms an alcohol C,  $C_5H_{12}O$ . Alcohol C on oxidation gives a ketone D. Deduce the structures of A, B, C and D and show the reactions involved. [1988 - 5 Marks]
32. Outline the reaction sequence for the conversion of  
(ii) 1-propanol from 2-propanol (in three steps) [1982 - 1 Mark]  
(i) ethyl alcohol to vinyl acetate. (in not more than 6 steps) [1986 - 3 Marks]
33. Give a chemical test/suggest a reagent to distinguish between methanol and ethanol. [1985 - 1 Mark]
34. An alcohol *A*, when heated with conc.  $H_2SO_4$  gives an alkene *B*. When *B* is bubbled through bromine water and the product obtained is dehydrohalogenated with excess of sodamide, a new compound *C* is obtained. The compound *C* gives *D* when treated with warm dilute  $H_2SO_4$  in presence of  $HgSO_4$ . *D* can also be obtained either by oxidizing *A* with  $KMnO_4$  or from acetic acid through its calcium salt. Identify *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*. [1983 - 4 Marks]
35. An organic liquid (*A*), containing C, H and O with boiling point :  $78^\circ C$ , and possessing a rather pleasant odour, on heating with concentrated sulphuric acid gives a gaseous product (*B*) - with the empirical formula,  $CH_2$ . 'B' decolourises bromine water as well as alkaline  $KMnO_4$  solution and takes up one mole of  $H_2$  (per mole of 'B') in the presence of finely divided nickel at high temperature. Identify the substances 'A' and 'B'. [1979]

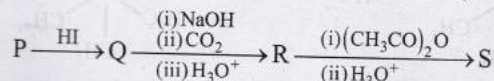


## Topic-2: Preparation and Properties of Phenols



### I MCQs with One Correct Answer

1. In the given reaction scheme, P is a phenyl alkyl ether, Q is an aromatic compound; R and S are the major products.



The correct statement about S is [Adv. 2023]

- (a) It primarily inhibits noradrenaline degrading enzymes.  
(b) It inhibits the synthesis of prostaglandin.  
(c) It is a narcotic drug.  
(d) It is *ortho*-acetylbenzoic acid.
2. For the identification of  $\beta$ -naphthol using dye test, it is necessary to use [Adv. 2014]  
(a) Dichloromethane solution of  $\beta$ -naphthol  
(b) Acidic solution of  $\beta$ -naphthol  
(c) Neutral solution of  $\beta$ -naphthol  
(d) Alkaline solution of  $\beta$ -naphthol

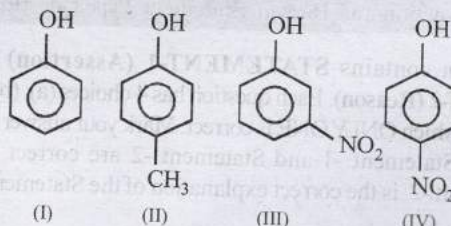
3. The increasing order of boiling points of the below mentioned alcohols is [2006 - 3M, -1]

- (I) 1,2-dihydroxybenzene (II) 1,3-dihydroxybenzene  
(III) 1,4-dihydroxybenzene (IV) Hydroxybenzene  
(a)  $I < II < IV < III$  (b)  $I < II < III < IV$   
(c)  $IV < II < I < III$  (d)  $IV < I < II < III$

4. Which of the following acids has the smallest dissociation constant? [2002S]

- (a)  $CH_3CHFCOOH$  (b)  $FCH_2CH_2COOH$   
(c)  $BrCH_2CH_2COOH$  (d)  $CH_3CHBrCOOH$

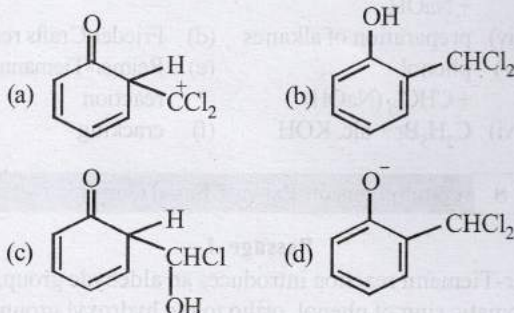
5. In the following compounds, [1996]



The order of acidity is :

- (a) III > IV > I > II (b) I > IV > III > II  
(c) II > I > III > IV (d) IV > III > I > II

6. When phenol is reacted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $\text{NaOH}$  followed by acidification, salicylaldehyde is obtained. Which of the following species are involved in the above mentioned reaction as intermediate? [1995S]

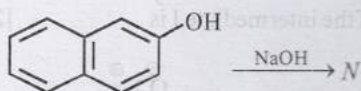


7. Chlorination of toluene in the presence of light and heat followed by treatment with aqueous  $\text{NaOH}$  gives [1990 - 1 Mark]  
(a) *o*-Cresol (b) *p*-Cresol  
(c) 2,4-Dihydroxytoluene (d) Benzoic acid
8. Phenol reacts with bromine in carbon disulphide at low temperature to give [1988 - 1 Mark]  
(a) *m*-bromophenol (b) *o*- and *p*-bromophenol  
(c) *p*-bromophenol (d) 2,4,6-tribromophenol
9. When phenol is treated with excess bromine water, it gives: [1984 - 1 Mark]  
(a) *m*-Bromophenol (b) *o*- and *p*-Bromophenol  
(c) 2,4-Dibromophenol (d) 2,4,6-Tribromophenol



#### 2 Integer Value Answer

10. An organic compound ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ ) rotates plane-polarized light. It produces pink color with neutral  $\text{FeCl}_3$  solution. What is the total number of all the possible isomers for this compound? [Adv. 2020]
11. The number of resonance structures for *N* is [Adv. 2015]



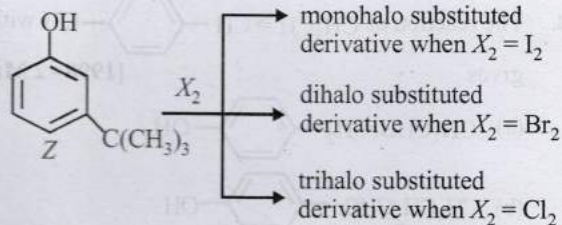
#### 4 Fill in the Blanks

12. Phenol is acidic because of resonance stabilization of its conjugate base, namely ..... [1990 - 1 Mark]
13. Formation of phenol from chlorobenzene is an example of ..... aromatic substitution. [1989 - 1 Mark]
14. The acidity of phenol is due to the ..... of its anion. [1984 - 1 Mark]



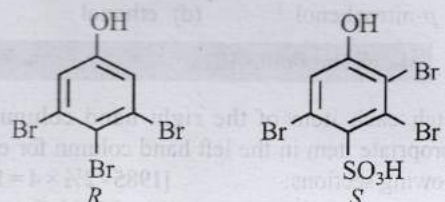
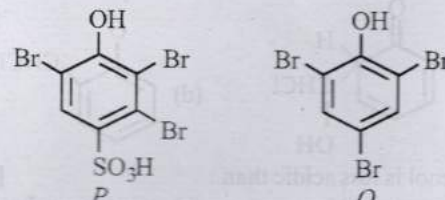
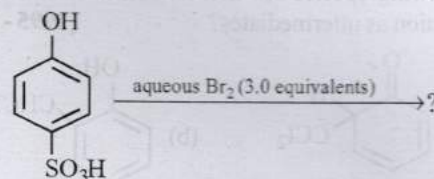
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15. The reactivity of compound *Z* with different halogens under appropriate conditions is given below: [Adv. 2014]

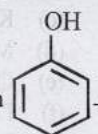


The observed pattern of electrophilic substitution can be explained by

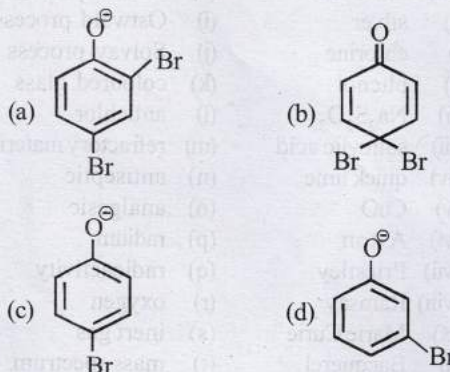
- (a) The steric effect of the halogen  
(b) The steric effect of the *tert*-butyl group  
(c) The electronic effect of the phenolic group  
(d) The electronic effect of the *tert*-butyl group
16. The major product(s) of the following reaction is(are) [Adv. 2013]



- (a) *P* (b) *Q* (c) *R* (d) *S*

17. In the reaction  the intermediate

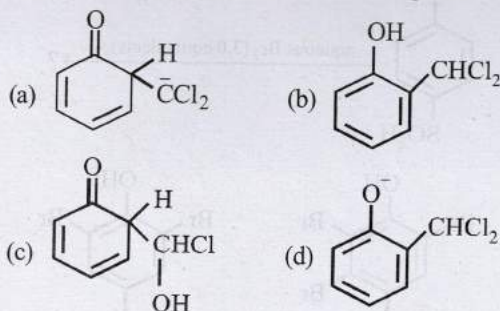
(s) is (are) [2010]



18. The reaction of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OH}$  with  $\text{HBr}$  gives [1998 - 2 Marks]

- (a)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrCH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OH}$   
 (b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHBr}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OH}$   
 (c)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHBrCH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{Br})-\text{OH}$   
 (d)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHBr}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{Br})-\text{OH}$

19. When phenol is reacted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $\text{NaOH}$  followed by acidification, salicylaldehyde is obtained. Which of the following species are involved in the above mentioned reaction as intermediates? [1995 - 2 Marks]



20. Phenol is less acidic than : [1986]  
 (a) acetic acid (b) *p*-methoxyphenol  
 (c) *p*-nitrophenol (d) ethanol



### 7 Match the Following

21. Match each item of the right hand column with an appropriate item in the left hand column for each of the following sections: [1985 -  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$  Marks]

- |           |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| <b>A.</b> | (i) spinel                              | (a) $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$                    |
|           | (ii) feldspar                           | (b) $\text{PbCO}_3$                              |
|           | (iii) cerussite                         | (c) $\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$                   |
|           | (iv) malachite                          | (d) $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$     |
|           | (v) kisserite                           | (e) $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{CuCO}_3$ |
| <b>B.</b> | (vi) liquid air                         | (f) Deacon process                               |
|           | (vii) $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$          | (g) Parke process                                |
|           | (viii) nitric oxide                     | (h) Claude process                               |
|           | (ix) silver                             | (i) Ostwald process                              |
|           | (x) chlorine                            | (j) Solvay process                               |
| <b>C.</b> | (xi) phenol                             | (k) coloured glass                               |
|           | (xii) $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ | (l) antichlor                                    |
|           | (xiii) salicylic acid                   | (m) refractory material                          |
|           | (xiv) quick lime                        | (n) antiseptic                                   |
|           | (xv) $\text{CuO}$                       | (o) analgesic                                    |
| <b>D.</b> | (xvi) Aston                             | (p) radium                                       |
|           | (xvii) Priestley                        | (q) radioactivity                                |
|           | (xviii) Ramsay                          | (r) oxygen                                       |
|           | (xix) Marie Curie                       | (s) inert gas                                    |
|           | (xx) Bacquerel                          | (t) mass spectrum                                |

22. Match the following, choosing one item from column X and one from column Y. [1982 - 3 Marks]

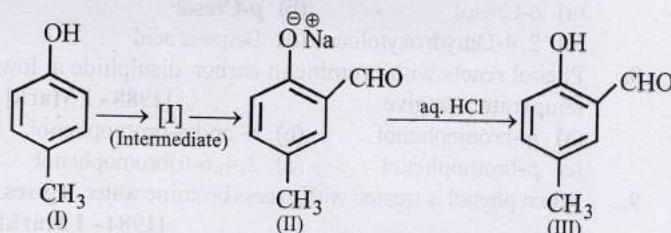
- | X  | Y                           |
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| (i) pyrolysis of alkanes                                 | (a) elimination reaction    |
| (ii) benzene+chloroethane (+anhydrous $\text{AlCl}_3$ )  | (b) saponification          |
| (iii) $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{NaOH}$ | (c) Wurtz reaction          |
| (iv) preparation of alkanes                              | (d) Friedel-Crafts reaction |
| (v) phenol + $\text{CHCl}_3$ ( $\text{NaOH}$ )           | (e) Reimer-Tiemann reaction |
| (vi) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Br} + \text{alc. KOH}$   | (f) cracking                |



### 8 Comprehension Passage Based Questions

#### Passage - I

Riemer-Tiemann reaction introduces an aldehyde group, on to the aromatic ring of phenol, ortho to the hydroxyl group. This reaction involves electrophilic aromatic substitution. This is a general method for the synthesis of substituted salicylaldehyde as depicted below.



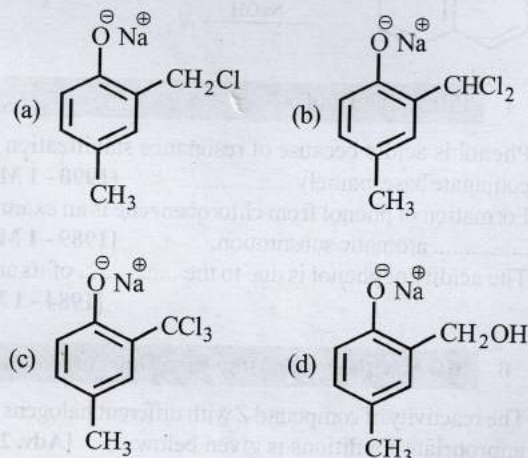
23. Which one of the following reagents is used in the above reaction? [2007]

- (a)  $\text{aq. NaOH} + \text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$   
 (b)  $\text{aq. NaOH} + \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$   
 (c)  $\text{aq. NaOH} + \text{CHCl}_3$   
 (d)  $\text{aq. NaOH} + \text{CCl}_4$

24. The electrophile in the reaction is [2007]

- (a)  $:\text{CHCl}$  (b)  $^+\text{CHCl}_2$   
 (c)  $:\text{CCl}_2$  (d)  $\text{CCl}_3$

25. The structure of the intermediate I is [2007]



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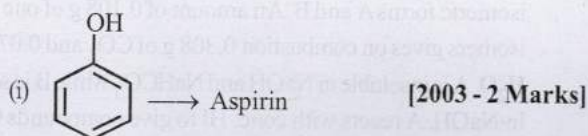
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26. **Statement - 1** : Phenol is more reactive than benzene towards electrophilic substitution reactions.

**Statement - 2** : In the case of phenol, the intermediate carbocation is more resonance stabilized. [2000S]

### 10 Subjective Problems

27. Outline the reaction sequence for the conversion of

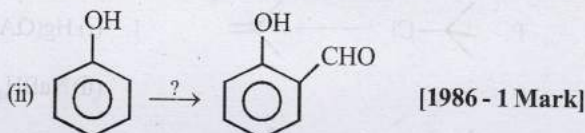
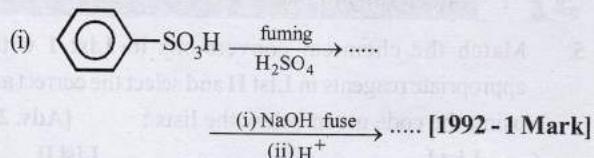


(ii) phenol to acetophenone [1989 - 1½ Marks]

28. A compound *D* ( $C_8H_{10}O$ ) upon treatment with alkaline solution of iodine gives a yellow precipitate. The filtrate on acidification gives a white solid *E* ( $C_7H_6O_2$ ). Write the structures of *D* and *E* and explain the formation of *E*.

[1996 - 2 Marks]

29. Complete the following with appropriate structures :



30. Give reasons for the following :

Phenol is an acid but it does not react with sodium bicarbonate. [1987 - 1 Mark]

31. A compound of molecular formula  $C_7H_8O$  is insoluble in water and dilute sodium bicarbonate but dissolves in dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide. On treatment with bromine water, it readily gives a precipitate of  $C_7H_5OBr_3$ . Write down the structure of the compound. [1985 - 2 Marks]

32. What happens when *p*-xylene is reacted with concentrated sulphuric acid and the resultant product is fused with KOH. [1984 - 2 Marks]

33. State with balanced equations what happens when : acetic anhydride reacts with phenol in presence of a base. [1982 - 1 Mark]



## Topic-3: Preparation and Properties of Ethers

### 1 MCQs with One Correct Answer

1. The reaction products of  $C_6H_5OCH_3 + HI \xrightarrow{\Delta}$  is : [1995S]  
 (a)  $C_6H_5OH + CH_3I$   
 (b)  $C_6H_5I + CH_3OH$   
 (c)  $C_6H_5CH_3 + HOI$   
 (d)  $C_6H_6 + CH_3OH$

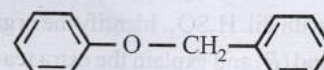
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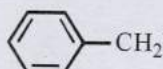
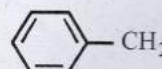
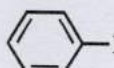
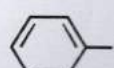
2. Total number of isomers, considering both structural and stereoisomers of cyclic ethers with the molecular formula  $C_4H_8O$  is \_\_\_\_ [Adv. 2019]

### 4 Fill in the Blanks

3. Aliphatic ethers are purified by shaking with a solution of ferrous salt to remove ..... which are formed on prolonged standing in contact with air. [1992 - 1 Mark]

### 6 MCQs with One or More than One Correct Answer

4. The ether  when treated with HI produces [1999 - 3 Marks]

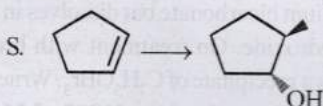
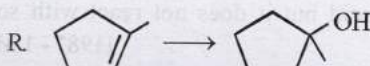
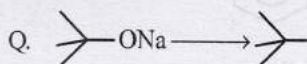
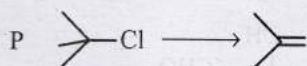
- (a)  (b)   
 (c)  (d) 



## 7 Match the Following

5. Match the chemical conversions in **List I** with the appropriate reagents in **List II** and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists : [Adv. 2013]

## List I



## List II

1. (i) Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>;(ii) NaBH<sub>4</sub>

2. NaOEt

3. Et-Br

4. (i) BH<sub>3</sub>;(ii) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/NaOH

## Codes :

	P	Q	R	S
(a)	2	3	1	4
(b)	3	2	1	4
(c)	2	3	4	1
(d)	3	2	4	1

6. Match the following, choosing one item from column X and the appropriate item from column Y.

[1983 - 2 Marks]

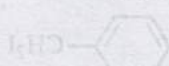
X	Y
(i) Decarboxylation	(a) Addition reaction
(ii) Ozonolysis	(b) Soda lime
(iii) Williamson's synthesis	(c) Structure of alkene
(iv) Dichloroethylene	(d) Ether



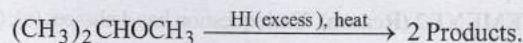
## 10 Subjective Problems

7. An organic compound (*P*) of molecular formula C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O is treated with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to give two compounds (*Q*) and (*R*) both of which respond iodoform test. The rate of reaction of (*P*) with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is 10<sup>10</sup> faster than the reaction of ethylene with dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Identify the organic compounds, (*P*), (*Q*) and (*R*) and explain the extra reactivity of (*P*).

[2004 - 4 Marks]

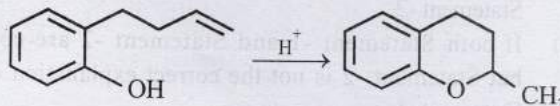


8. Write the structural formula of the main organic product formed when :



[1998 - 2 Marks]

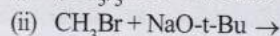
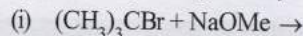
9. Write the intermediate steps for the following reaction.



[1998 - 1 Mark]

10. 2, 2-Dimethyloxirane can be cleaved by acid (H<sup>+</sup>). Write mechanism. [1997 - 2 Marks]

11. Which of the following is the correct method for synthesising methyl-*t*-butyl ether and why?



[1997 - 2 Marks]

12. An organic compound containing C, H and O exists in two isomeric forms A and B. An amount of 0.108 g of one of the isomers gives on combustion 0.308 g of CO<sub>2</sub> and 0.072 g of H<sub>2</sub>O. A is insoluble in NaOH and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> while B is soluble in NaOH. A reacts with conc. HI to give compounds C and D. C can be separated from D by ethanolic AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution and D is soluble in NaOH. B reacts readily with bromine water to give compound E of molecular formula, C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OBr<sub>3</sub>. Identify, A, B, C, D and E with justification and give their structures. [1991 - 6 Marks]

13. Give reasons for the following :

Sodium metal can be used for drying diethyl ether but not ethanol.

[1982 - 1 Mark]

14. A compound (X) containing C, H and O is unreactive towards sodium. It does not add bromine. It also does not react with Schiff's reagent. On refluxing with an excess of hydriodic acid, (X) yields only one organic product (Y). On hydrolysis, (Y) yields a new compound (Z) which can be converted into (Y) by reaction with red phosphorus and iodine. The compound (Z) on oxidation with potassium permanganate gives a carboxylic acid. The equivalent weight of this acid is 60. What are the compounds (X), (Y) and (Z)? Write chemical equations leading to the conversion of (X) to (Y).

[1981 - 3 Marks]



## Answer Key

**Topic-1 : Preparation and Properties of Alcohols**

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (a)  
 10. (c) 11. (6) 12. (4) 13. (1.50) 14. (Secondary) 15. (aldol ( $\beta$ -hydroxybutanal)) 16. (False)  
 17. (a, c, d) 18. (b) 19. (c)

**Topic-2 : Preparation and Properties of Phenols**

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (6)  
 11. (9) 12. (phenoxide ion) 13. (nucleophilic) 14. (resonance stabilization) 15. (a, b, c)  
 16. (b) 17. (a, c) 18. (b) 19. (a, d) 20. (a, c) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (a)

**Topic-3 : Preparation and Properties of Ethers**

1. (a) 2. (10) 3. (peroxides) 4. (a, d) 5. (a) 6. (i)-(b); (ii)-(c); (iii)-(d); (iv)-(a)



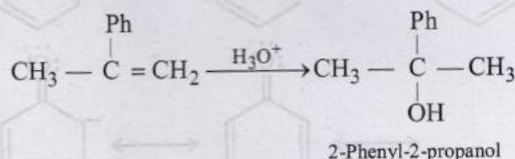


# Hints & Solutions

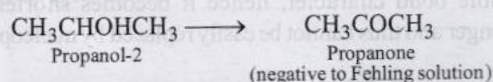
## Topic-1: Preparation and Properties of Alcohols

1. (b) Conc. HCl, HBr and conc. HCl + ZnCl<sub>2</sub> all are nucleophiles, thus convert alcohols to alkyl halides. However, conc. H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> is a good dehydrating agent which converts an alcohol to an alkene.

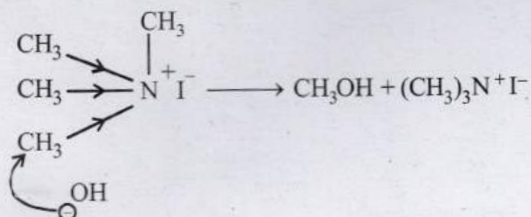
2. (c) Addition of water to 2-phenylpropene follows Markovnikov's rule.



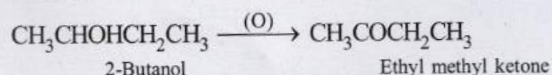
3. (c)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow[\text{heat}]{\text{Cu}} \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$   
Propanol-1 Propanal  
(responds Fehling solution)



4. (a) Compound (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup> is most reactive due to (i) better leaving group, I<sup>-</sup> and (ii) due to the fact that the methyl group, with positive N, is more electron deficient. Hence this group is more reactive towards nucleophile, OH<sup>-</sup>



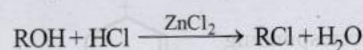
5. (c) Secondary alcohols oxidise to produce ketone.



6. (a) Reactions involving cleavage of carbon-oxygen bond, (C-OH) follows the following order :  
Tertiary > Secondary > Primary

7. (a)  $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2 \xrightarrow[300^\circ\text{C}]{\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 - \text{ZnO}} \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$   
Water gas Methanol

8. (d) Lucas test is based on the difference in the three types of alcohols (having 6 or less carbon) towards Lucas reagent (a mixture of conc. hydrochloric acid and anhydrous zinc chloride) at room temperature.

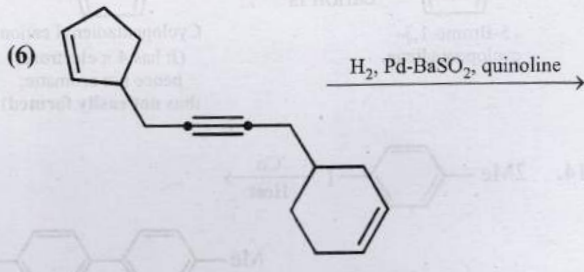


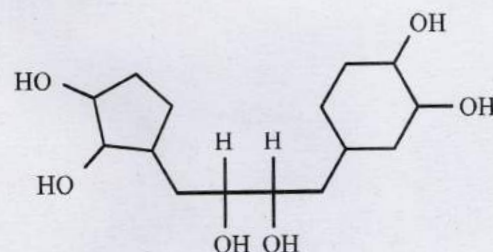
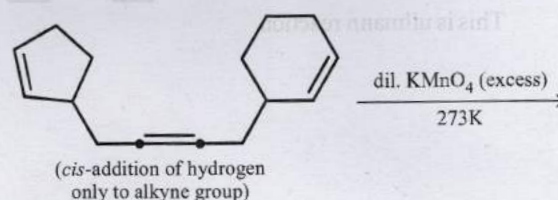
The tertiary alcohols produce turbidity immediately, the secondary alcohols give turbidity within 5 – 10 minutes, and the primary alcohols do not give turbidity at all, at room temperature. Thus, the order of reactivity of alcohol with Lucas reagent is *tert.* > *sec.* > *pri.*

Hence, 2-methylpropan-2-ol (a 3° alcohol) reacts fastest.

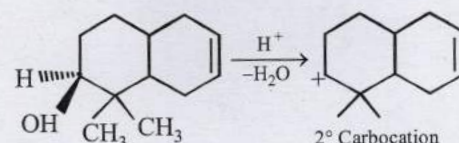
9. (a) Among the given options, ethyl alcohol is most basic.

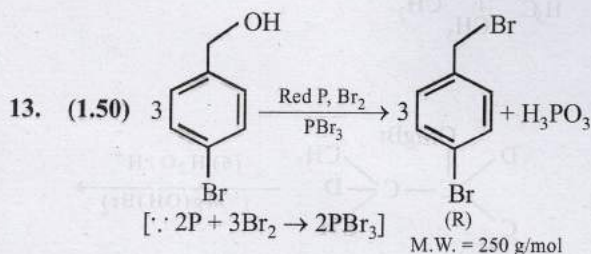
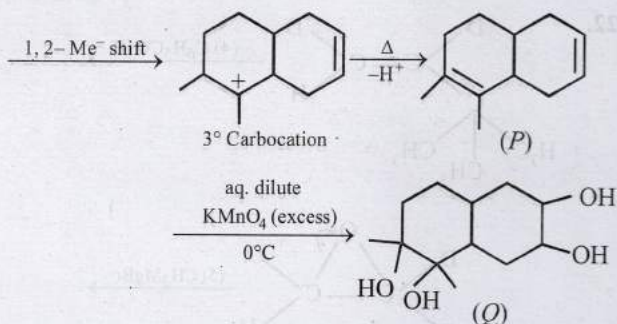
10. (c)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} \xrightarrow[\Delta]{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

11. (b) 



12. (4)





In Carius method, the halogen present in the organic compound completely forms the silver halide.

$$\text{No. of moles of (R)} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{250 \text{ g/mol}} = \frac{1}{250} \text{ mol}$$

$$1 \text{ mol of (R)} \equiv 2 \text{ mol of Br} \equiv 2 \text{ mol of AgBr}$$

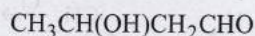
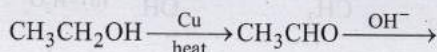
$$\therefore \frac{1}{250} \text{ mol of (R)} \equiv \frac{2}{250} \text{ mol of Br} \equiv \frac{2}{250} \text{ mol of AgBr}$$

$$\text{M.W. of AgBr} = 108 + 80 = 188 \text{ g/mol}$$

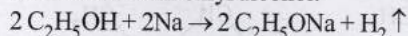
$$\therefore \text{The amount of AgBr formed} = \frac{2 \times 188}{250} = 1.50 \text{ g}$$

14. Secondary.

15. aldol ( $\beta$ -hydroxybutanal);



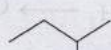
16. False : Ethanol is not acidic enough to react with aq. NaOH. Thus, sod. ethoxide ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{ONa}$ ) is prepared by the reaction of Na metal with ethyl alcohol.



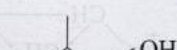
17. (a, c, d) Isomeric alcohols with molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$  are



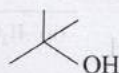
*n*-Butanol  
(Butan-1-ol)



Butan-2-ol

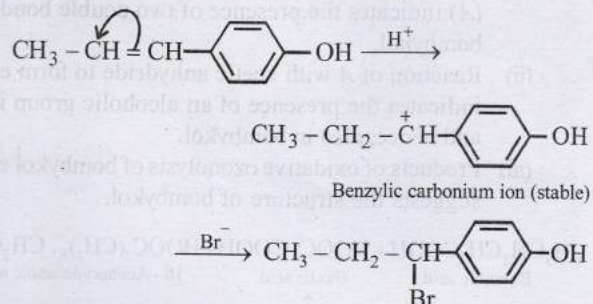


Isobutyl alcohol  
(2-Methylpropan-1-ol)

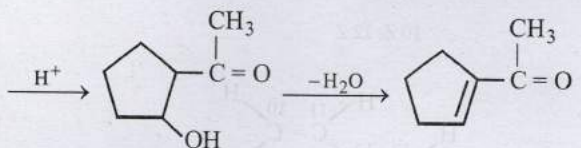
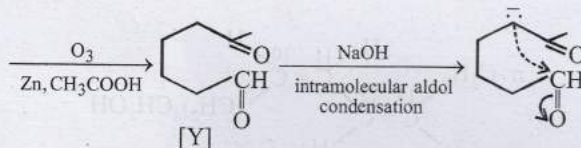
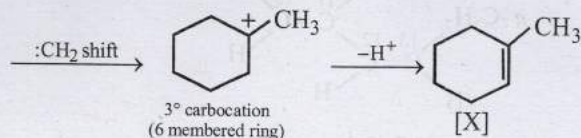
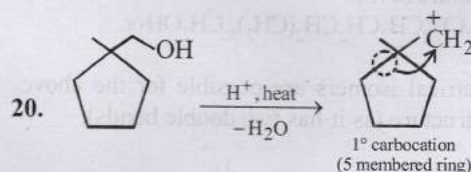


*tert*-Butanol  
(2-Methylpropan-2-ol)

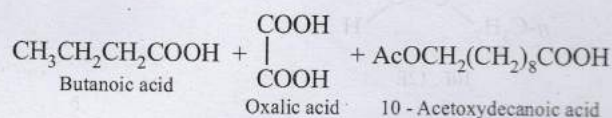
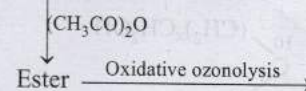
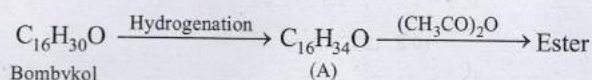
18. (b) The mechanism of this reaction is represented as follows.



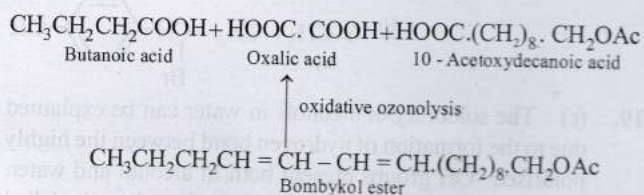
19. (c) The solubility of alcohols in water can be explained due to the formation of hydrogen bond between the highly polarised -OH groups present both in alcohol and water. However, in higher alcohols the hydrocarbon character (alkyl chain) of the molecule increases and thus, alcohols tend to resemble hydrocarbon (which are insoluble in water) and hence, the solubility in water decreases. When the ratio of C to OH is more than 4, alcohols have little solubility in water. So, statement is correct but explanation is not.



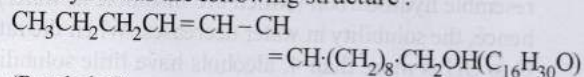
21. Let us summarise the given facts.



- (i) Hydrogenation of bombykol ( $C_{16}H_{30}O$ ) to  $C_{16}H_{34}O$  (*A*) indicates the presence of two double bonds in bombykol.
- (ii) Reaction of *A* with acetic anhydride to form ester indicates the presence of an alcoholic group in *A* and hence, also in bombykol.
- (iii) Products of oxidative ozonolysis of bombykol ester suggests the structure of bombykol.

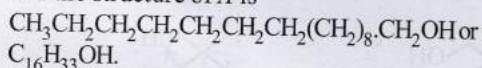


The structure of the bombykol ester suggests that bombykol has the following structure :

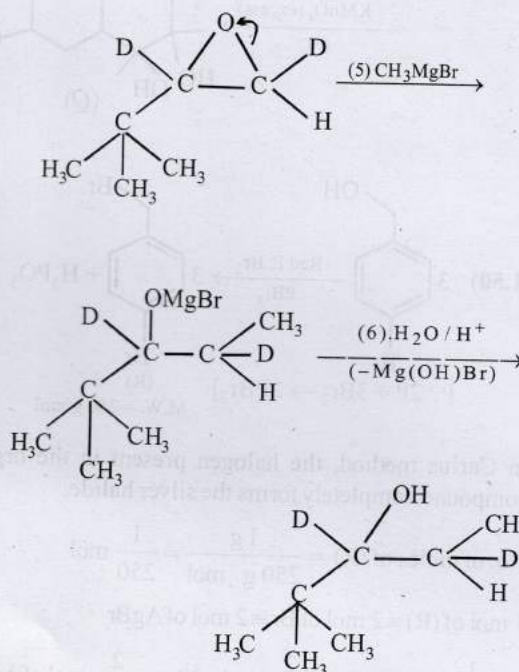
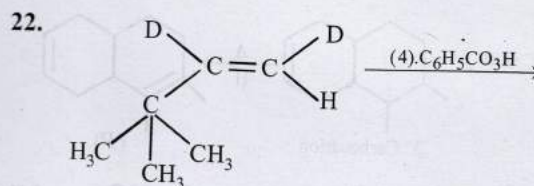
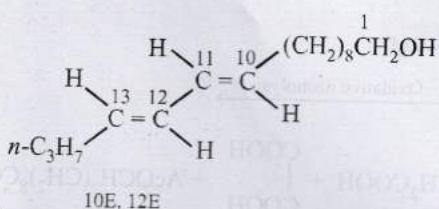
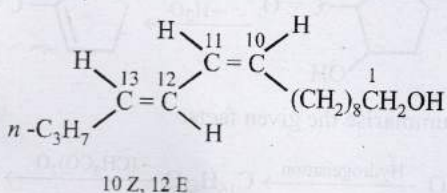
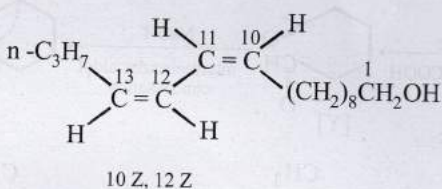
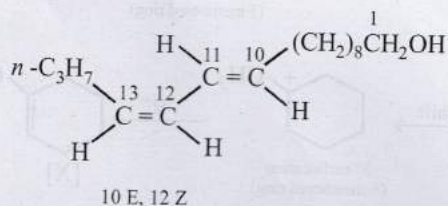


(Bombykol)

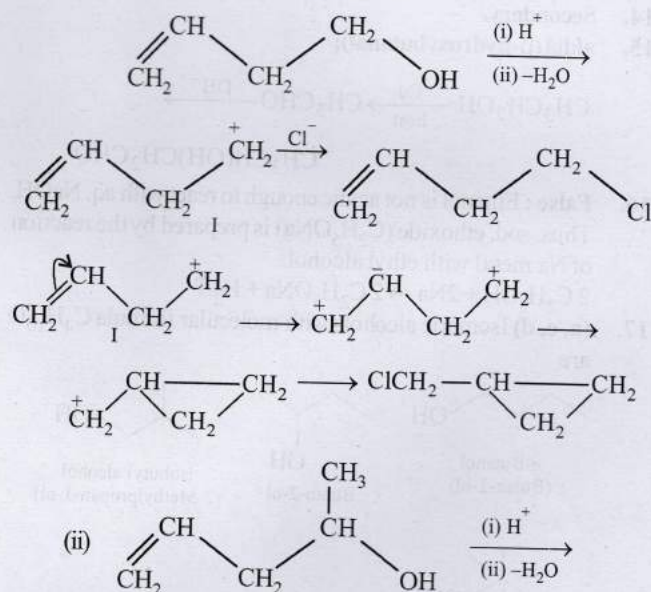
and the structure of *A* is

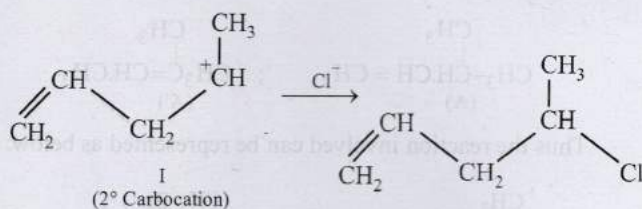


Four geometrical isomers are possible for the above bombykol structure (as it has two double bonds).



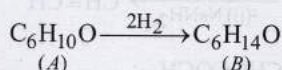
23. (i) Since the large propenyl group is attached to the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group, so the reaction is likely to occur via  $S_N1$  mechanism.



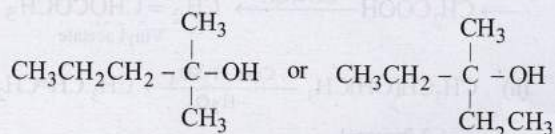


In the intermediate carbocation, I, carbon bearing positive charge has  $\text{CH}_3$  group which decreases the positive charge and hence prevents cyclisation of the compound.

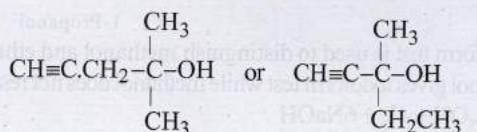
24. Since,  $3^\circ$  carbocation (formed in case of *t*-butanol) is more stable than  $1^\circ$  (formed in *n*-butanol), dehydration in the former proceeds faster than in the latter.
25. (a) Since (B,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ ) is resistant to oxidation, it must be *ter*-alcohol.  
 (b) Since (B) is optically inactive, it must have at least two similar alkyl groups.



Thus, the five carbon atoms can be adjusted into three alkyl groups (of which two are similar) either as  $-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-\text{CH}_3$ , and  $-\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$ , or as  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  and  $-\text{CH}_3$ . Thus the possible structure of alcohol (B) is either



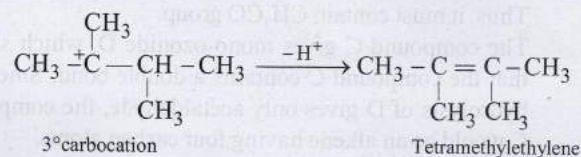
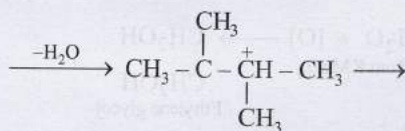
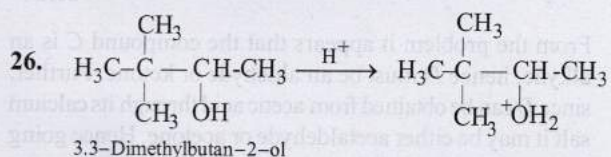
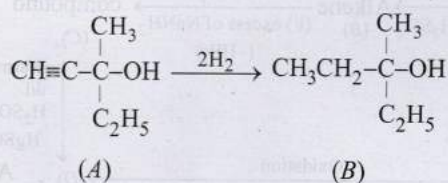
Hence the corresponding compound (A) is either



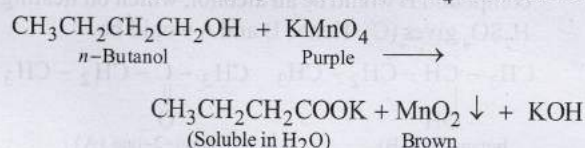
(Option in active)

(Optically active)

However, the compound (A) is optically active, so (A) and hence also (B) should have right side structure.



27. *n*-Butanol gives the following reaction in which the purple colour of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  changes to brown. *ter*-Alcohols are not oxidisable easily, hence purple colour of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  remains same.



The brown precipitate is of  $\text{MnO}_2$ .

28. (i) Since the compound *X* ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}$ ) does not react appreciably with Lucas reagent, it indicates that the compound has a primary alcoholic group ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ).  
 (ii) Reaction of the compound *X* with ammonical silver nitrate to give a precipitate indicates that it has an acetylenic hydrogen atom, i.e.,  $\equiv\text{C}-\text{H}$  grouping is present.  
 (iii) Treatment of *X* with  $\text{H}_2/\text{Pt}$  followed by boiling with excess of  $\text{HI}$  gives *n*-pentane. It indicates that the compound does not have any branch.

On the basis of the above points, compound *X* ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}$ ) may be assigned following structure.



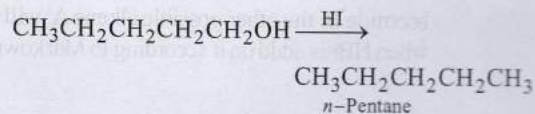
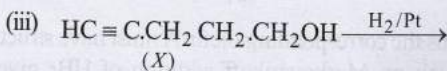
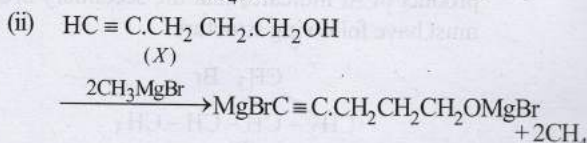
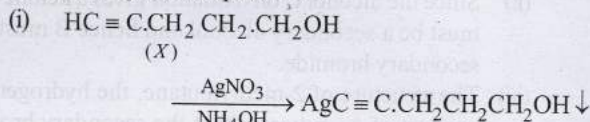
(*X*) 4-Pentyn-1-ol (Mol. wt. 84, Eq. wt. = 42)

The above structure for the compound *X* is in accordance with its equivalent weight obtained from the given data. 224 ml. of  $\text{CH}_4$  at STP is obtained from 0.42 g

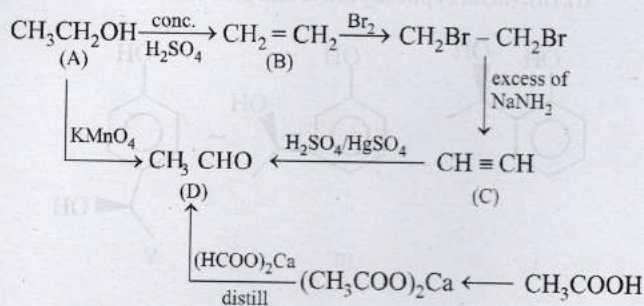
$$22400 \text{ ml. of } \text{CH}_4 \text{ at STP} = \frac{0.42}{224} \times 22400 = 42 \text{ g}$$

∴ Eq. wt. of the compound *X* = 42

Reactions of the compound *X*:





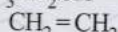


Hence,

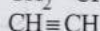
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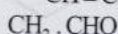
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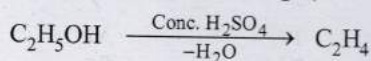
C is acetylene,



D is acetaldehyde,

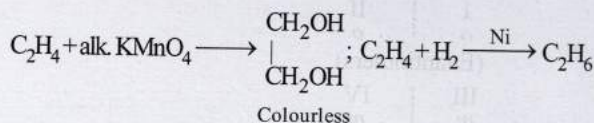


35. 'A' is  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and 'B' is  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$



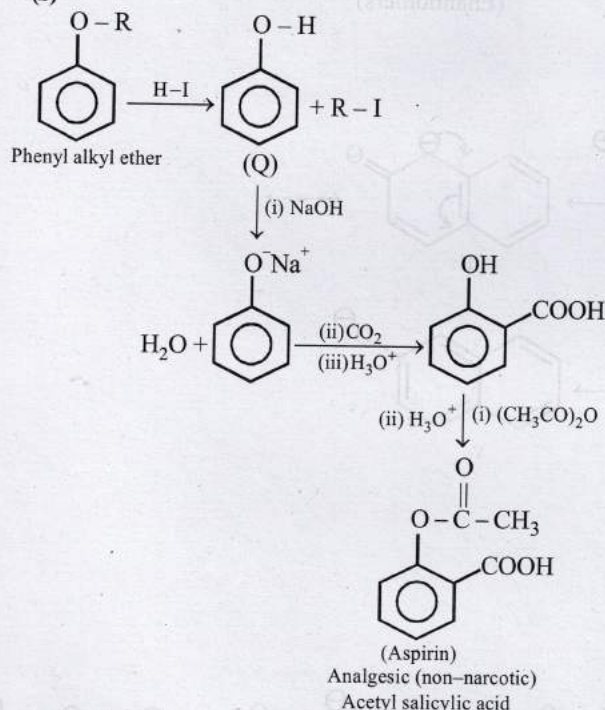
(A)  
(Ethyl alcohol)

(B)  
(Ethene)



## Topic-2: Preparation and Properties of Phenols

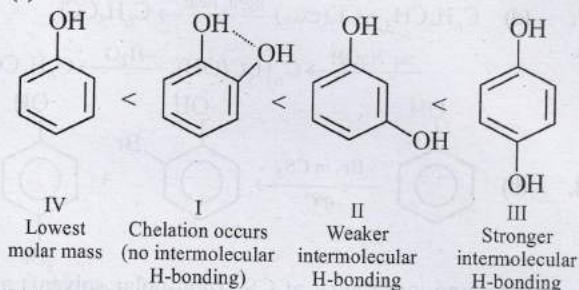
1. (b)



Aspirin inhibits the synthesis of prostaglandin.

2. (d) In dye test, phenolic —OH group of p-naphthol is converted to —O<sup>-</sup> which activates the ring towards electrophilic aromatic substitution.

3. (d)



4. (c)

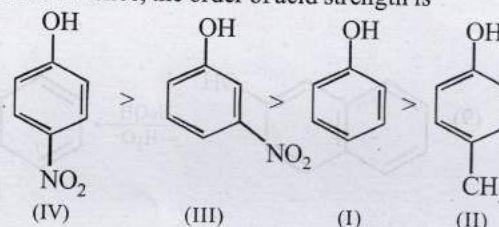
- (i) The acidity increases with the increase in electronegativity of the halogen present.  
(ii) The inductive effect decreases with increase in distance of halogen atom from the carboxylic group and hence, the strength of acid proportionally decreases.

Smallest dissociation constant means weakest acid, which is  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  because here Br (less electronegative than F) is two carbon atoms away from —COOH

5. (d) —NO<sub>2</sub> is an electron-attracting group whereas —CH<sub>3</sub> is an electron-releasing group.

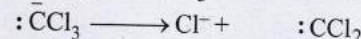
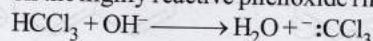
An electron-attracting substituent tends to disperse the negative charge of the phenoxide ion and thus, makes it more stable. This, in turn, **increases the acid strength of phenol**. The substituent in para position is more effective than in the meta position as the former involves a resonating structure bearing negative charge on the carbon attached to the electron-withdrawing substituent.

An electron-releasing substituent tends to intensify the negative charge of the phenoxide ion and thus makes it more unstable. This, in turn, **decreases the acid strength of phenol**. Hence, the order of acid strength is

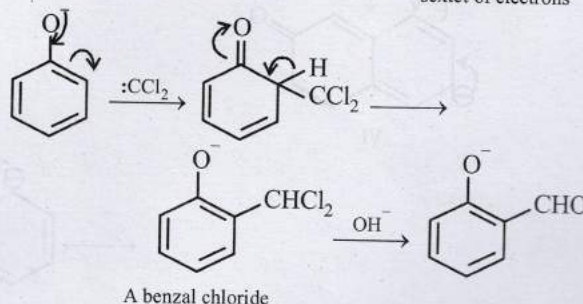


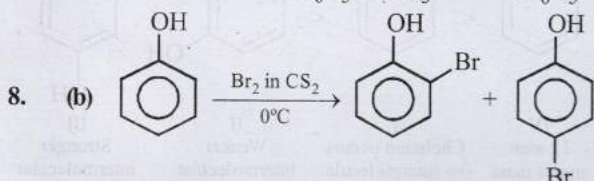
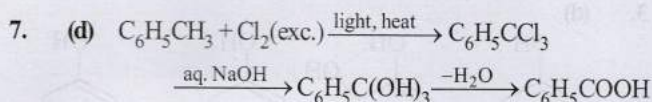
6. (d)

Riemer-Tiemann reaction is an electrophilic substitution on the highly reactive phenoxide ring.

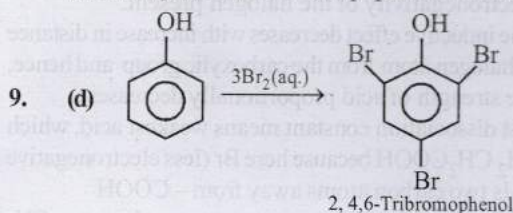


Note the C has only a sextet of electrons



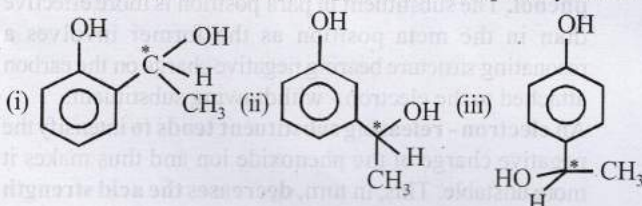


Bromine in presence of  $CS_2$  (non-polar solvent) at low temperature ionises easily. Further in absence of  $CS_2$ , polyhalogenation in *o*- and *p*-positions takes place.

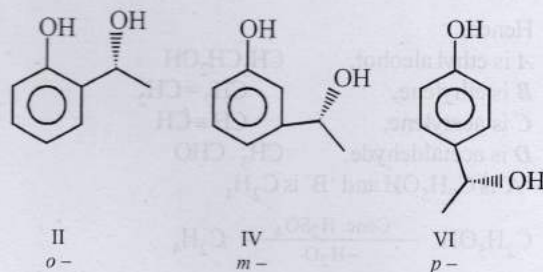
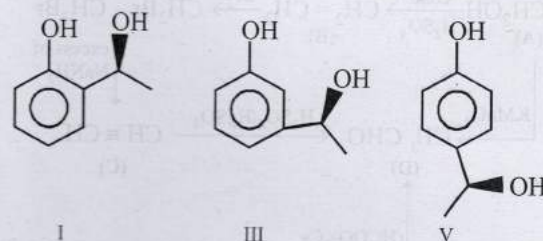


Bromine in water (apolar) solvent ionises easily to give  $Br^+$  ions. Further the  $-OH$  group in phenol, being activating group, facilitates substitution in the *o*- and *p*-positions.

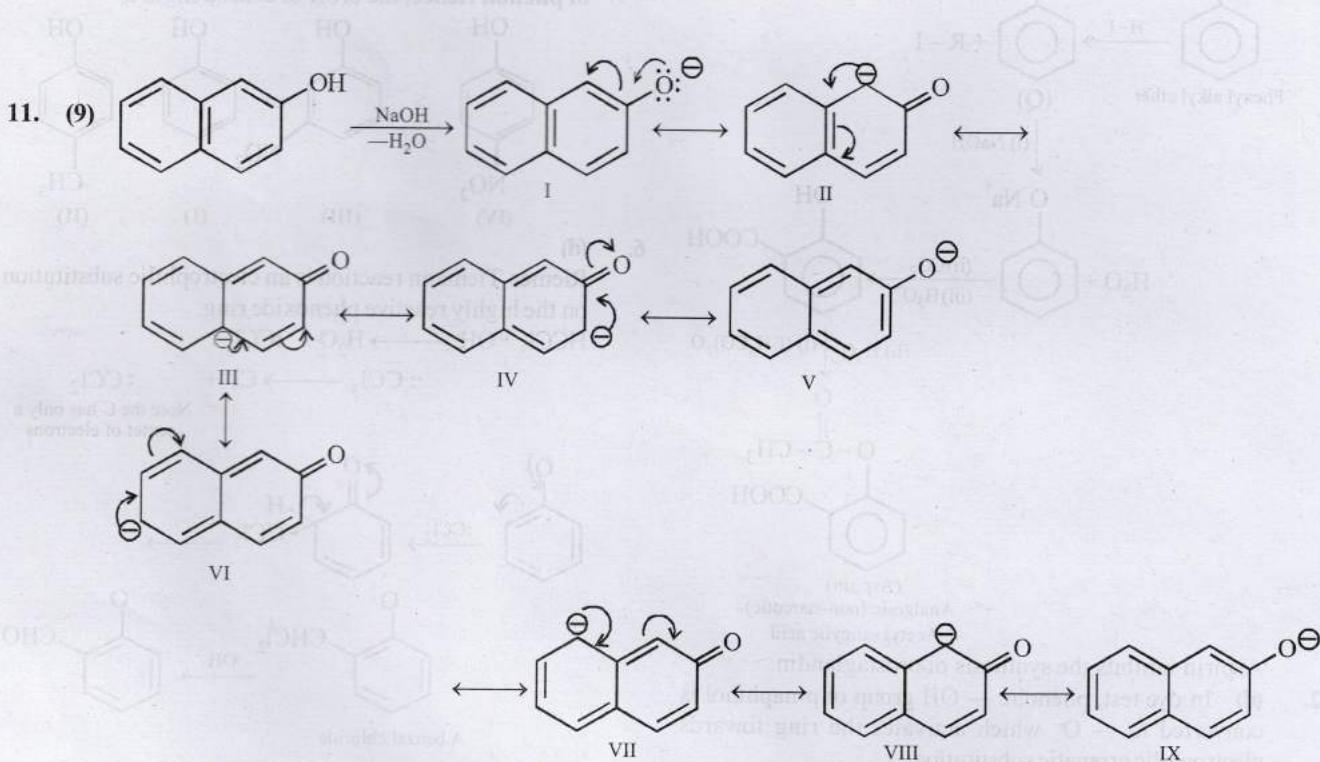
10. (6)  $C_8H_{10}O_2$  gives  $FeCl_3$  test means it has phenolic group. It rotates plane polarized light means it is optically active.



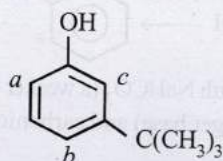
(i), (ii), (iii) are optically active and their enantiomers as well.



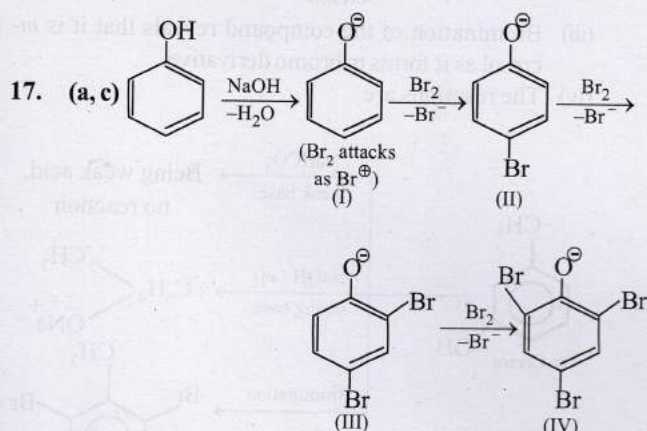
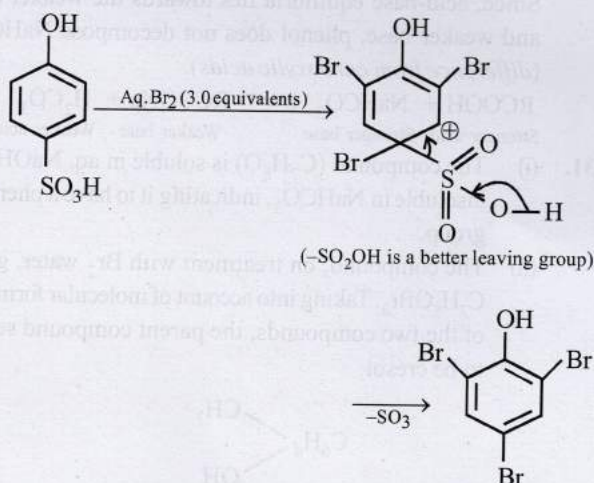
I    :    II  
*o*    :    *o*  
 (Enantiomers)  
 III   :   IV  
*m*    :   *m*  
 (Enantiomers)  
 V    :   VI  
*p*    :   *p*  
 (Enantiomers)



12. phenoxide ion  
 13. nucleophilic  
 14. resonance stabilization  
 15. (a, b, c) —OH group is strongly activating and *o*, *p*-directing due to +M effect. Thus positions *a*, *b* and *c* are the sites for attack by an electrophile. However, sites *b* and *c* are not preferred by bulky electrophile due to steric crowding. Thus, more bulky electrophile (like I<sub>2</sub>) can attack only site *a*, which is least sterically hindered, a bit smaller electrophile (Br<sub>2</sub>) can attack at sites *a* and also *b* (relatively less sterically hindered site) and the smallest electrophile (Cl<sub>2</sub>) can attack all the three sites, viz., *a*, *b* and *c* (most sterically hindered site).

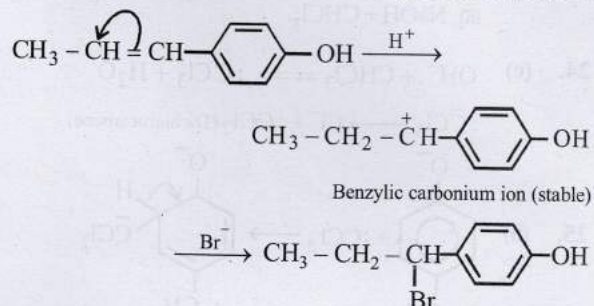


16. (b) Phenolic C—OH group is activating and *o*-*p*-directing group.



Product of reaction of phenol with NaOH/Br<sub>2</sub> is sodium salt of 2,4,6-tribromophenol. Hence, species (I), (II), (III) are formed as intermediate.

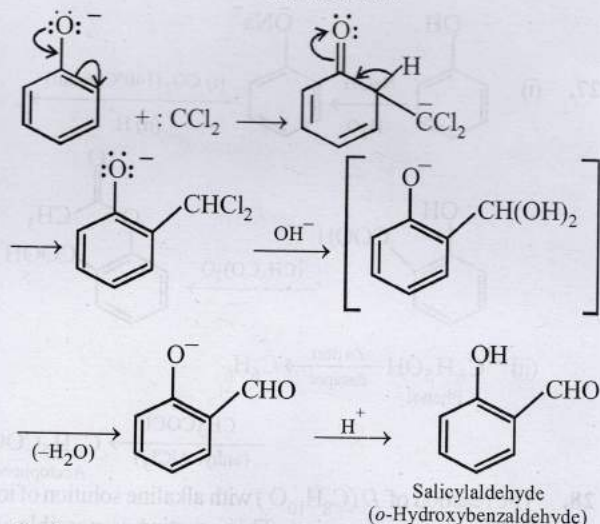
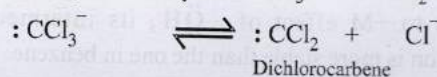
18. (b) The mechanism of this reaction is represented as follows.



19. (a, d)

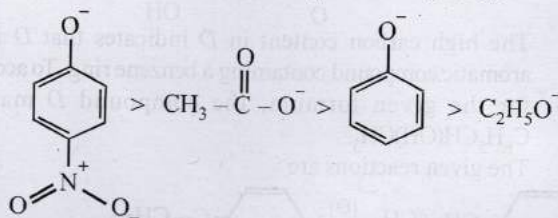
The reaction involves electrophilic substitution on the highly reactive phenoxide ion.

Here, the electrophile is dichlorocarbene which is formed by the action of strong alkali on chloroform.



20. (a, c)

Higher the stability of the corresponding anion, more will be the acidic character of the parent compound.

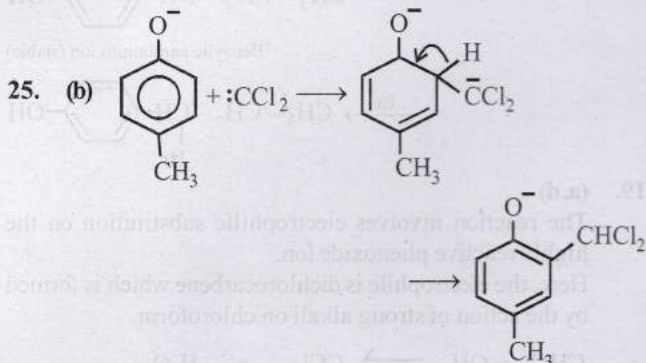
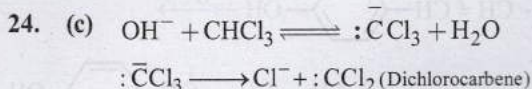


Higher stability of acetate ions than phenoxide ion is due to equivalent resonating structures in the former

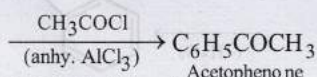
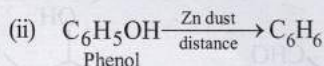
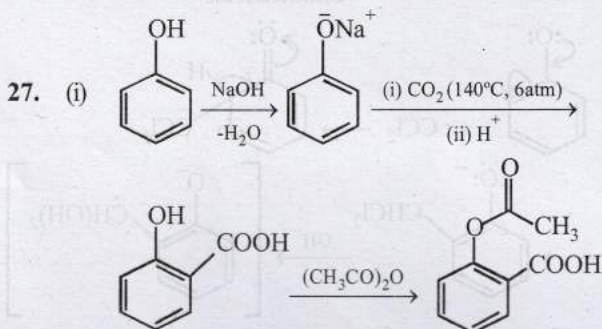
21. A. (i) (a) (ii) (c) (iii) (b) (iv) (e) (v) (d)  
 B. (vi) (h) (vii) (j) (viii) (i) (ix) (g) (x) (f)  
 C. (xi) (n) (xii) (l) (xiii) (o) (xiv) (m) (xv) (k)  
 D. (xvi) (t) (xvii) (r) (xviii) (s) (xix) (p) (xx) (q)
22. (i) (f) (ii) (d) (iii) (b) (iv) (c) (v) (e)  
 (vi) (a)



23. (c) Reagents for Reimer - Tiemann reaction are aq. NaOH + CHCl<sub>3</sub>.



26. (a) Due to +M effect of  $-\ddot{\text{O}}\text{H}$ , its intermediate carbocation is more stable than the one in benzene.

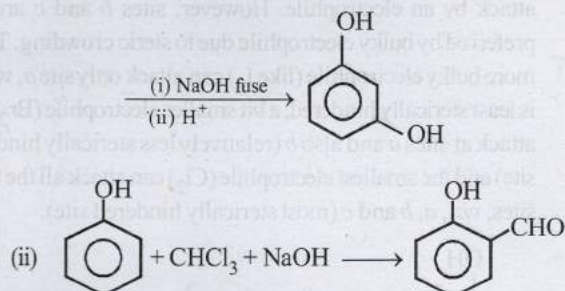
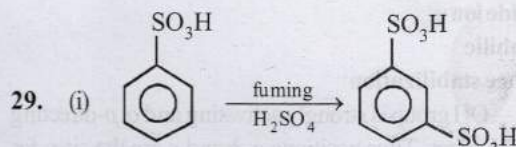
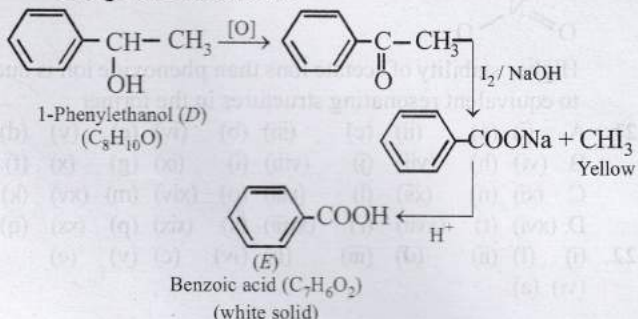


28. The reaction of  $D$  ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ ) with alkaline solution of iodine is an iodoform reaction. This reaction is possible if the

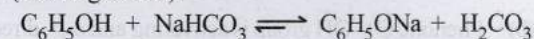
compound  $D$  has  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{CH}_3$  or  $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}_3$  group.

The high carbon content in  $D$  indicates that  $D$  is an aromatic compound containing a benzene ring. To account for the given formula, the compound  $D$  may be  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ .

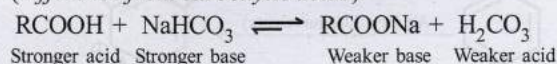
The given reactions are



30. Phenol (a weaker acid) reacts with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (a weaker base) to form phenoxide ion (a stronger base) and carbonic acid (a stronger acid).

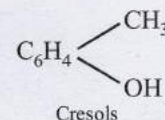


Weaker acid    Weaker base                      Stronger base    Stronger acid  
 Since, acid-base equilibria lies towards the weaker acid and weaker base, phenol does not decompose  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (difference from carboxylic acids).



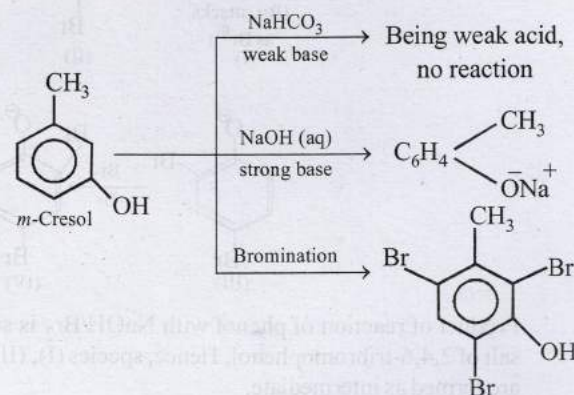
31. (i) The compound ( $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}$ ) is soluble in aq. NaOH but insoluble in  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , indicating it to have a phenolic group.

(ii) The compound, on treatment with  $\text{Br}_2$  water, gives  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{OBr}_3$ . Taking into account of molecular formulae of the two compounds, the parent compound seems to be cresol.

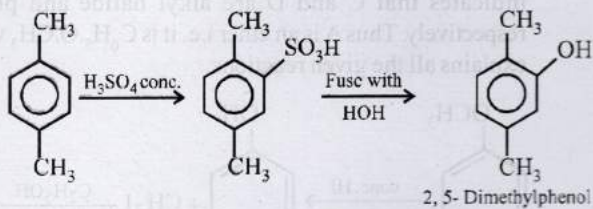


(iii) Bromination of the compound reveals that it is *m*-cresol as it forms tribromo derivative.

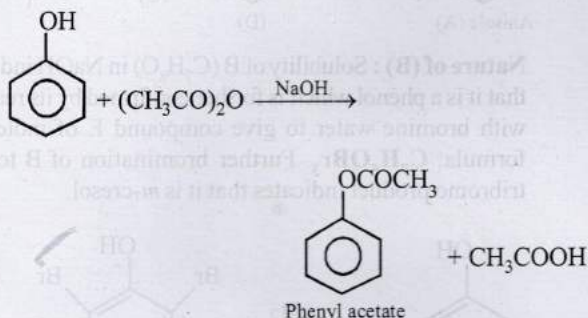
(iv) The reactions are



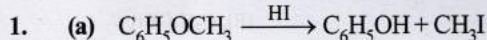
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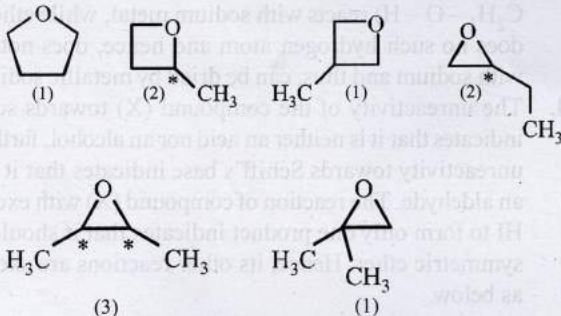
33.



### Topic-3: Preparation and Properties of Ethers



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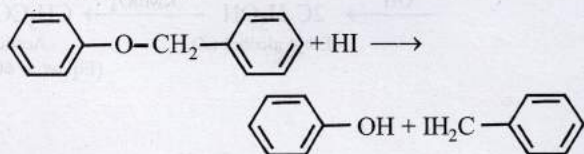


The ether with 2 chiral carbons has a plane of symmetry in *cis*-configuration. Therefore, it will have 3 stereo-isomers. Total isomers = 1 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 = 10.

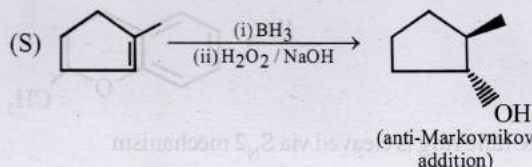
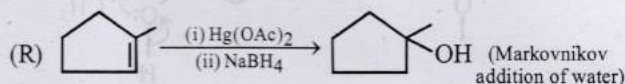
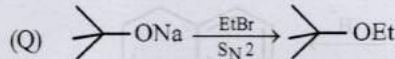
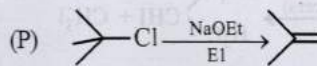
3. **peroxides.** On standing in contact with air, ethers are converted into unstable peroxides ( $R_2O \rightarrow O$ ) which are highly explosive even in low concentrations. Hence, ether is always purified before distillation. Purification (removal of peroxides) can be done by washing ether with a solution of ferrous salt (which reduces peroxides to alcohols) or by distillation with conc.  $H_2SO_4$  (which oxidises peroxides).

4. (a, d)

The given ether is cleaved to give phenol as one of the products because benzyl (a stable carbocations) is formed as an intermediate.

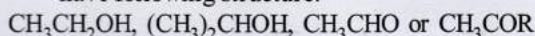


5. (a)

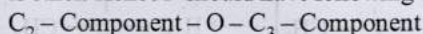


6. (i)-(b); (ii)-(c); (iii)-(d); (iv)-(a)

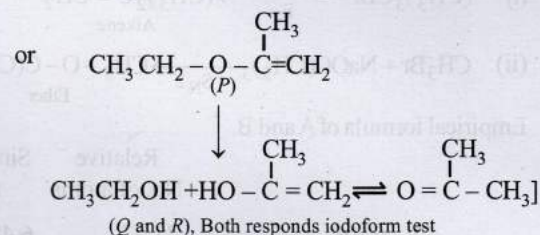
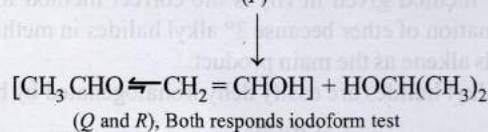
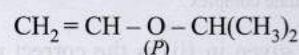
7. (i) Molecular formula of *P*,  $C_5H_{10}O$  indicates 1° of unsaturation. So, it should have double bond.  
(ii) Acidic hydrolysis of *P* to *Q* and *R*, both of which responds iodoform test, indicates that *Q* and *R* should have following structure.



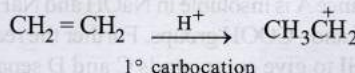
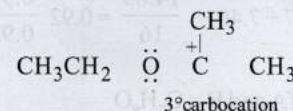
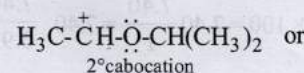
The only possible linkage that can explain such hydrolysis is ether. Hence *P* should have following type of structure.

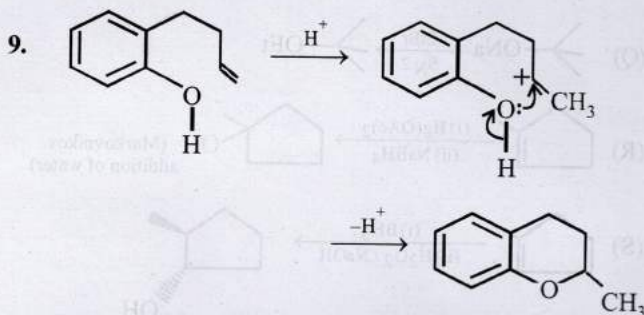
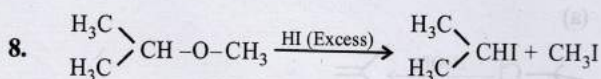


Further either the  $C_2$ - or the  $C_3$ - component should have double bond, thus the possible structure for *P* should be either of the following two structures which explains all the given reactions.

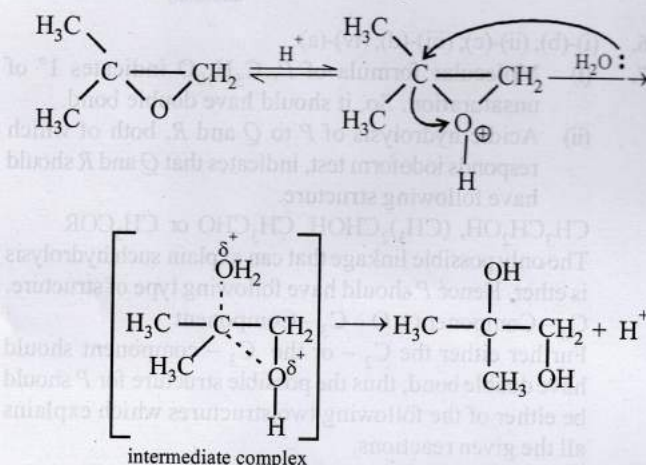


Extra reactivity of *P* toward dil.  $H_2SO_4$  than ethylene is due to formation of highly stable carbocation.



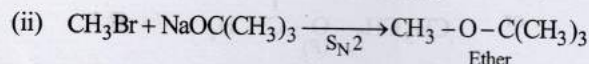
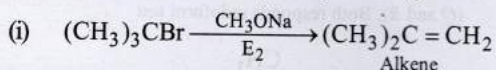


10. The oxirane ring is cleaved via  $S_N2$  mechanism



11. The method given in (ii) is the correct method for the formation of ether because  $3^\circ$  alkyl halides in method (i) leads alkene as the main product.

$3^\circ$  alkyl halides are easily dehydrohalogenated by base.



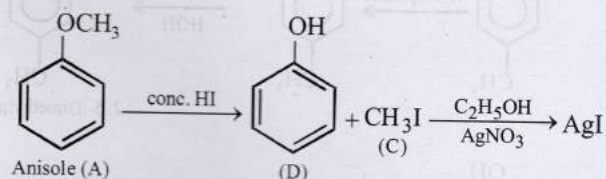
12. Empirical formula of A and B.

	Relative No. of atoms	Simplest ratio
% of C = $\frac{12}{44} \times \frac{0.308}{0.108} \times 100 = 77.77$	$\frac{77.77}{12} = 6.48$	$\frac{6.48}{0.92} = 7$
% of H = $\frac{2}{18} \times \frac{0.072}{0.108} \times 100 = 7.40$	$\frac{7.40}{1} = 7.40$	$\frac{7.40}{0.92} = 8$
$\therefore$ % of O = $100 - (77.77 + 7.40) = 14.83$	$\frac{14.83}{16} = 0.92$	$\frac{0.92}{0.92} = 1$
	14.83	

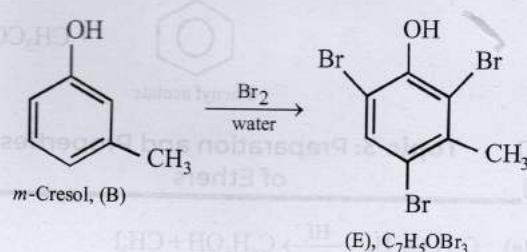
$\therefore$  Empirical formula of A and B =  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}$

**Nature of (A) :** Since A is insoluble in NaOH and  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , it can't have  $-\text{OH}$  and  $-\text{COOH}$  groups. Further the reaction of A with conc. HI to give compounds C and D separable

by means of ammonical  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and solubility of D in NaOH indicates that C and D are alkyl halide and phenol respectively. Thus A is an ether i.e. it is  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OCH}_3$  which explains all the given reactions.

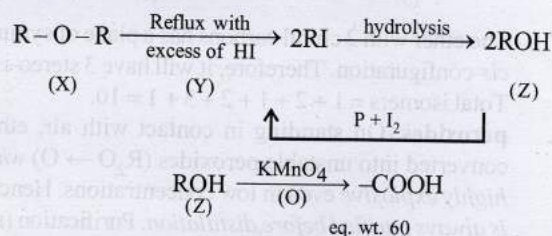


**Nature of (B) :** Solubility of B ( $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}$ ) in NaOH indicates that it is a phenol which is further confirmed by its reaction with bromine water to give compound E of molecular formula,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{OBr}_3$ . Further bromination of B to give tribromo product indicates that it is *m*-cresol.



13. Ethanol (due to the presence of active hydrogen atom,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5-\text{O}-\text{H}$ ) reacts with sodium metal, while ether has does no such hydrogen atom and hence, does not react with sodium and thus, can be dried by metallic sodium.

14. The unreactivity of the compound (X) towards sodium indicates that it is neither an acid nor an alcohol, further its unreactivity towards Schiff's base indicates that it is not an aldehyde. The reaction of compound (X) with excess of HI to form only one product indicates that it should be a symmetric ether. Hence, its other reactions are sketched as below.



Since, the carboxylic acid has equivalent weight of 60, it must be acetic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ). Hence, Z must be ethyl alcohol, (Y) ethyl iodide and (X) diethyl ether.

