

Aldehydes, Ketones & Carboxylic Acids

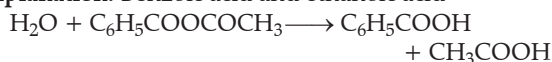
Level - 1

CORE SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQs)

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1. Option (B) is correct

Explanation: Benzoic acid and ethanoic acid

It is a hydrolysis reaction involving breaking of ester bond by addition of water molecule.

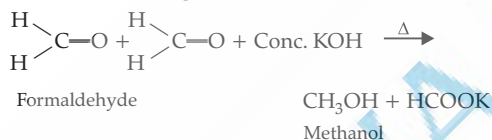
2. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Aldehyde and ketones give nucleophilic addition reactions. Other carbonyl compounds do not give nucleophilic addition reactions. The carbonyl group (C=O) in acetone is attacked by the nucleophilic nitrogen of hydroxylamine, forming a C=N-OH bond of oxime.

3. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: It is an example of cannizzaro reaction.

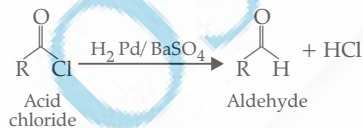
Cannizzaro reaction is a disproportionation reaction of an aldehyde which lacks alpha hydrogens, in the presence of a strong base.



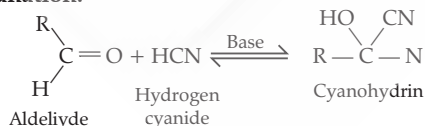
4. Option (C) is correct



5. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Rosenmund's reaction

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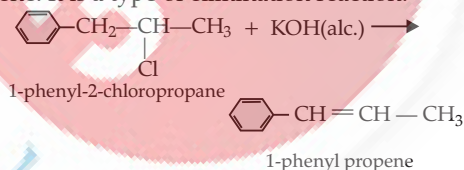
7. Option (D) is correct

Explanation: Benzaldehyde does not contain α -Hydrogen atom. Hence, it does not undergo aldol condensation.

8. Option (B) is correct

Explanation: Crossed aldol condensation is a reaction where two different carbonyl compounds (aldehydes or ketones) react in the presence of a base to form a β -hydroxy aldehyde or ketone, also known as an aldol product. It is referred to as "crossed" because the reactants are not identical, unlike a regular aldol condensation.

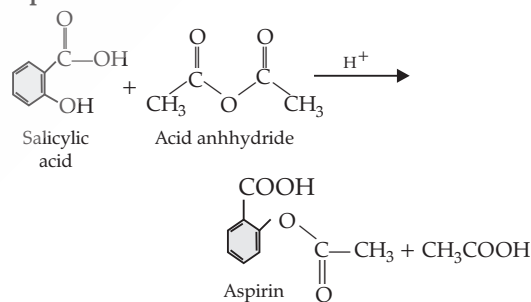
9. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Alcoholic KOH causes dehydrohalogenation and leads to formation of alkene. It is a type of elimination reaction.

10. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Presence of alkyl group decreases the reactivity of carbonyl atom making it less electron deficient due to inductive effect thus making the compound less reactive towards the nucleophilic addition reactions.

11. Option (B) is correct

Explanation:

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13. Option (D) is correct

Explanation: Electron withdrawing group such as NO_2 , CN increases the acidity whereas electron donating group decreases acidity of a compound. pK_a value

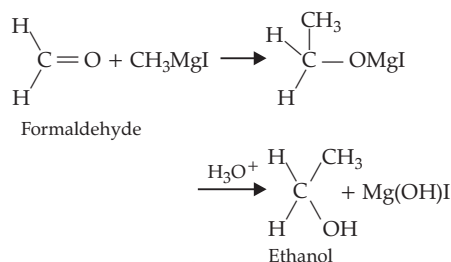
decreases with increasing. A lower pKa indicates a stronger acid. The strength of an acid is determined by the stability of its conjugate base. Electron withdrawing groups like the nitro group ($-\text{NO}_2$), $\text{CN}-$ in withdraw electron density from the carboxylate group ($-\text{COO}^-$), making it stable and easy to lose a proton. On the other hand, electron donating groups like alkyl gp decreases the acidity of a compound.

14. Option (D) is correct

Explanation: Pentan-2-one give positive iodoform test because only methyl ketone group give a positive iodoform test.

15. Option (C) is correct

Explanation:



ASSERTION-REASON QUESTIONS

(1 Mark)

1. Option (D) is correct

Explanation: Cl being electron withdrawing group stabilises the $\text{ClCH}_2\text{COO}^-$ anion and therefore chloroacetic acid has lower pKa value than acetic acid.

2. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: The carboxylic group in aromatic carboxylic acid is an electron withdrawing group that deactivates the benzene ring.

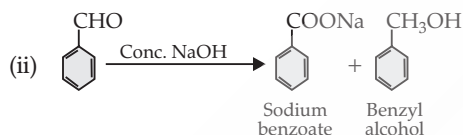
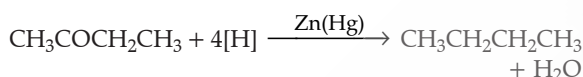
3. Option (B) is correct

Explanation: Acetic acid is halogenated in presence of red P and Cl_2 but formic acid is not because formic acid does not have an α -hydrogen atom. Presence of methyl group which is an electron donating group increases the electron density on the carboxylate ion in acetic acid, making it weaker acid in comparison to formic acid.

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

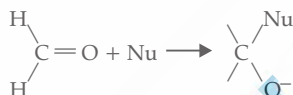
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1. (i) Clemmenson reduction

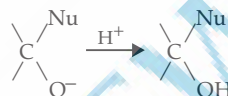


2. The mechanism occur in two steps

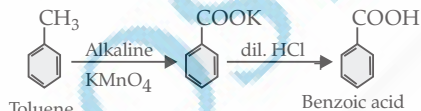
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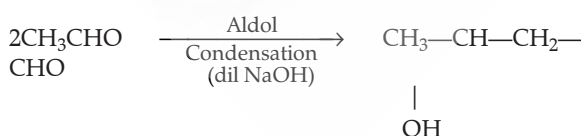
Step II:



3. (i) Toluene to benzoic acid



(ii) Ethanol to 3-Hydroxybutanal

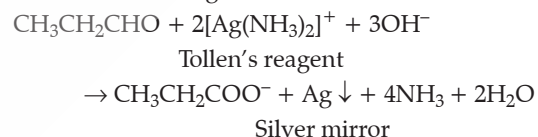


4. (i) It is because the methyl group in CH_3CHO has a smaller +I effect than the two methyl groups in CH_3COCH_3 . Hence, acetaldehyde has less steric hindrance and therefore it is more reactive acetone for nucleophilic reaction with CN^- .

(ii) Intermolecular hydrogen bonding between hydrogen of $-\text{OH}$ group of one molecule with Oxygen of $\text{C}=\text{O}$ in other molecule of carboxylic acids increases the boiling point of carboxylic acids. However, as aldehydes and ketones lack such bonding, their b.p are comparatively lower.

5. (i) Tollen's test

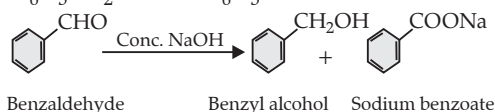
Propanal is an aldehyde. Thus it reduces Tollen's reagent. But propanone being a Ketone does not reduce Tollen's reagent

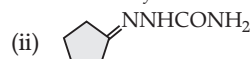


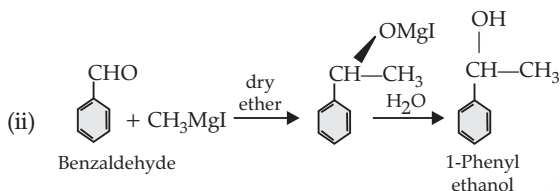
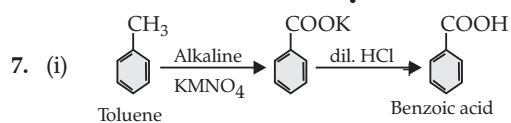
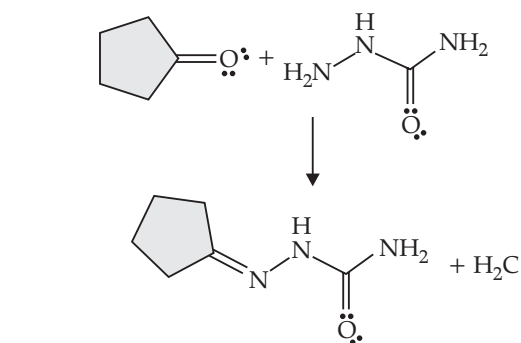
(ii) Sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) test:

Benzoic acid on reaction with NaHCO_3 give sodium salt of benzoic acid and release carbon dioxide gas whereas benzaldehyde does not respond to this test.

6. (i) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COONa}$

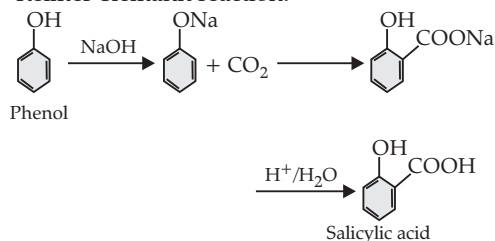


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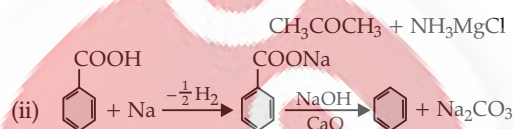
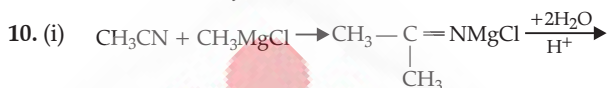
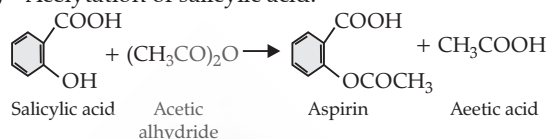


8. (i) It is because of resonance. The lone pairs on oxygen atom in the COOH group of carboxylic acids are involved in resonance which reduces the positive charge on the carboxyl carbon. This makes the carbon atom less and less electrophilic.
- (ii) It is because propanone is sterically hindered by alkyl group on both sides of carboxyl carbon. So the reactivity of carbonyl carbon decreases by +I effect of alkyl group for nucleophilic addition of HCN .

9. (i) Reimer Tiemann reaction.

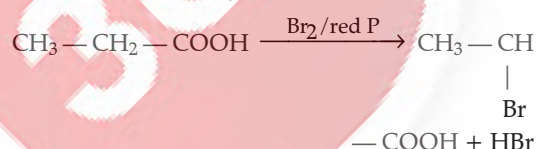


- (ii) Acetylation of salicylic acid.



11. (i) It is because the chlorine atom in chloroacetic acid is electronegative and withdraws electron which stabilises the conjugate base.

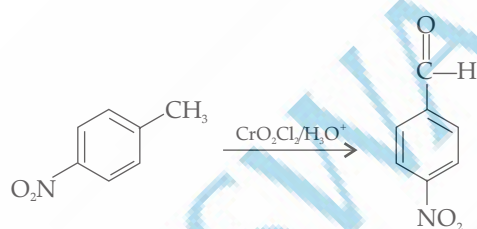
- (ii) Hell volhard Zelinsky reaction



SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

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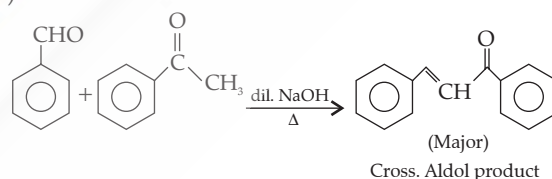
1. (i) ETARD reaction



- (ii) Benzoic acid undergoes extensive intermolecular hydrogen bonding, leading to the formation of dimer in the presence of a protic solvent.
- (iii) Benzoic acid does not undergo reaction with CH_3Cl i.e. Friedel Craft reaction because the carboxyl group is deactivating and the catalyst aluminium chloride (Lewis acid) gets bonded to the carboxyl group.

2. (i) Compound 'X' = Benzaldehyde, Compound Y = Acetophenone

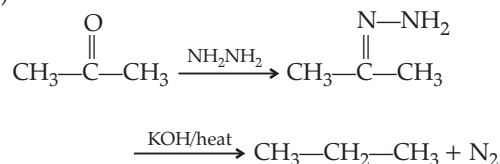
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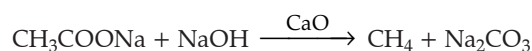
- (iii) Chemical test to distinguish between X and Y is the Tollen's test.

Benzaldehyde undergoes Silver mirror test with Tollen's reagent and forms silver mirror. However, acetophenone does not react with Tollen's reagent.

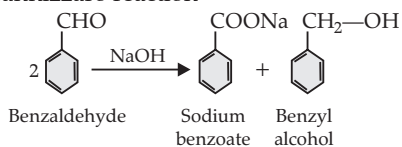
3. (i) Wolff-Kishner reduction



- (ii) Decarboxylation reaction

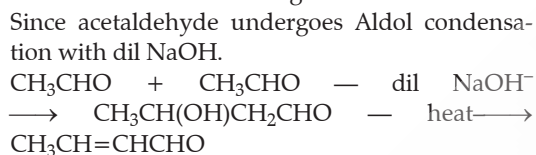


(iii) Cannizzaro reaction



4. Working backwards on the statements, given

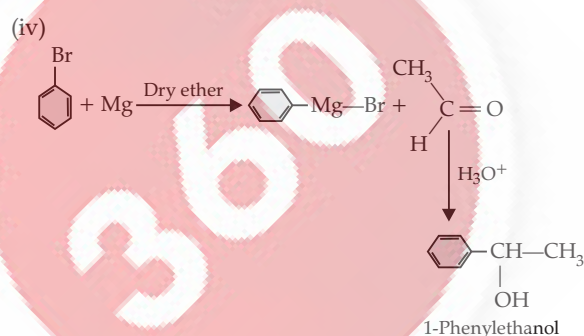
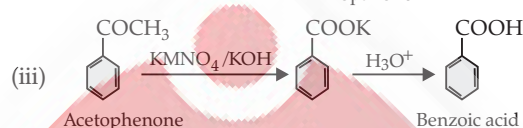
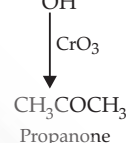
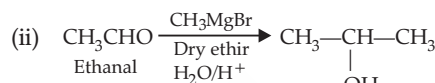
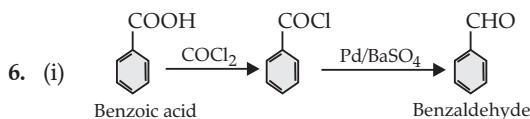
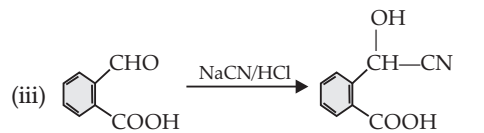
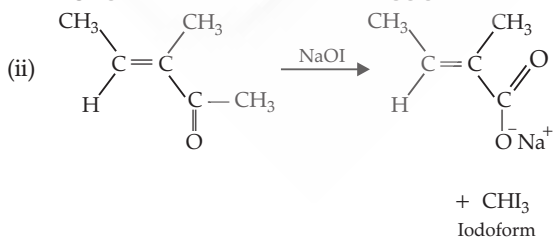
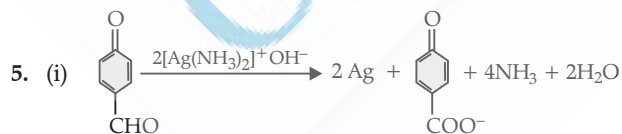
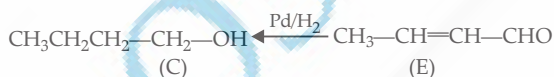
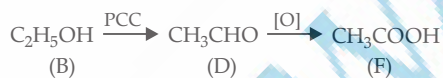
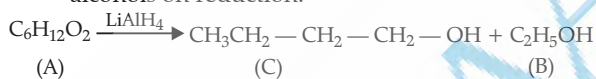
- Compound F – monobasic acid (mol weight = 60)
So its molecular formula is RCOOH.
- Weight of ‘R’ group = 60 – 45 = 15
This implies compound F is ethanoic acid
 CH_3COOH (mol weight = 60)
- Compound D- on oxidation gives F which implies
D must be an aldehyde with formula- CH_3CHO
(ethanal)
- Compound B- on oxidation with PCC gives D
which implies B must be an alcohol with formula
 $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ (Ethanol)
- Compound E- obtained by heating D (CH_3CHO)
with dil NaOH and heating.

D-H₂OE- α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compound

- Compound E on reduction gives C

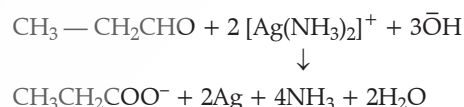
$$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCHO} \xrightarrow{\text{E}} \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$$

E
C
- Compound B ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$) and compound C ($\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$) are obtained from reduction of A ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$) by LiAlH_4
- Compound A must be an ester which yields 2 alcohols on reduction.



7. (i) (1) When sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) is added to benzoic acid, carbon dioxide is produced and the solution shows effervescence. Phenol does not show this test.

- (2) Propanal give positive result with Tollen's reagent while propanone does not give this test.

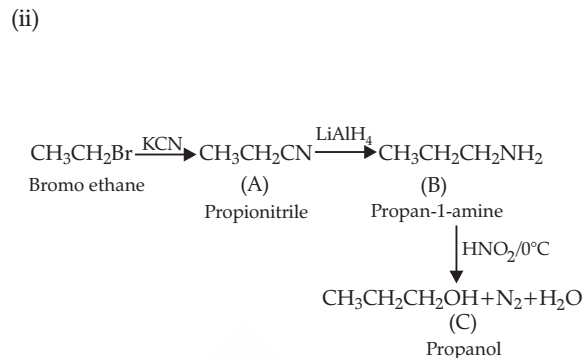
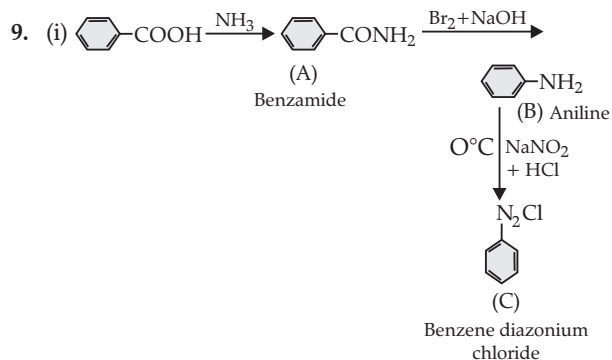


- (ii) Electron withdrawing group F increases acidity through $-I$ -effect and strength of $-I$ -effect decreases with increasing the distance from carboxyl group, so acidity of 3-fluoro butanoic acid is higher as compare to 4-fluoro butanoic acid.

8. (i) In benzoic acid the carboxylic group is meta directing because it is electron withdrawing group with -R effect. There is positive charge on ortho and para position. So electrophilic substitution takes place at meta position.

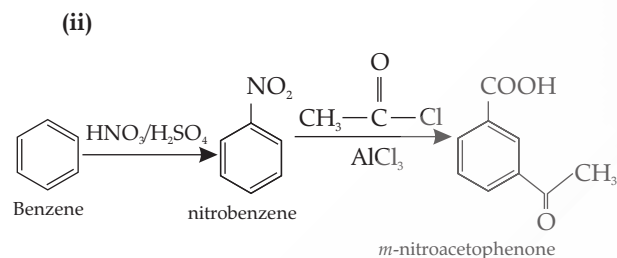
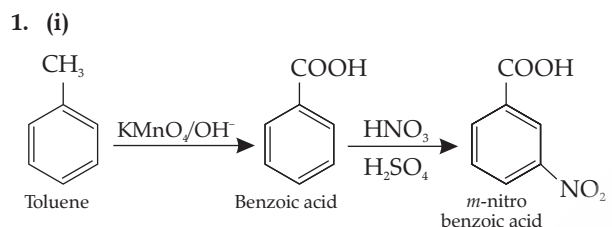
- (ii) Sodium bisulphite is used for the purification because it can react selectively with carbonyl group of aldehyde and ketones.

- (iii) Carboxylic acids do not give characteristic reactions of carbonyl group. It is because the carbonyl group in caroxylic acids is involved in resonance.



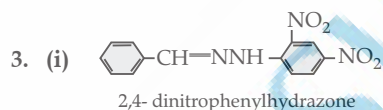
LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

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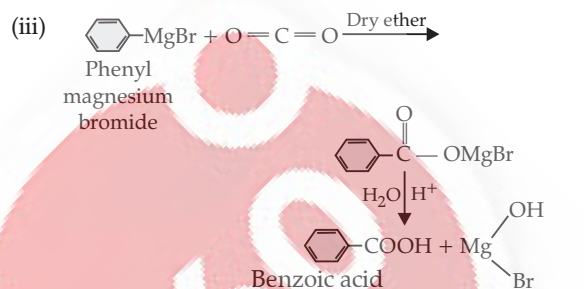


2. Acetic acid will give HVZ reaction.

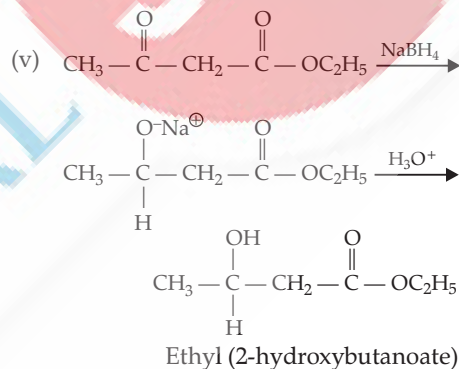
Carboxylic acids having an α -hydrogen are halogenated at the α -position on treatment with chlorine or bromine in the presence of a small amount of red phosphorus to give α -halo carboxylic acids.



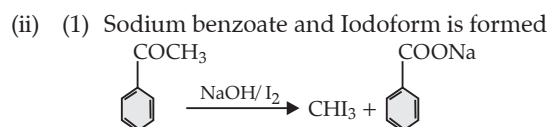
(ii) Electronegative oxygen in the carbonyl group makes the carbon atom electron deficient (electrophilic), facilitating nucleophilic attack. On the other hand, in esters- the alkoxy group, due to its electron-donating effect (inductive effect), reduces the electron deficiency of the carbonyl carbon making it comparatively less susceptible to nucleophilic attack. The steric hindrance due to larger alkyl groups further reduces it.



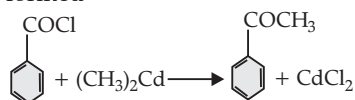
(iv) Ethanal react with NaOI (I_2/NaOH) to form yellow precipitate of iodoform while benzaldehyde does not give this test
 $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + 3\text{I}_2 + 3\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{HCOONa} + \text{CHI}_3 \downarrow + 3\text{NaI} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$



4. (i) (1) Oxidation of aldehyde is easier as compared to ketones because aldehyde have a hydrogen atom attached to the carbon oxygen double bond while ketone do not have an alpha hydrogen. Ketone is more hindered as compare to aldehyde and less electrophilic due to high -I effect of alkyl groups.
 (2) The α -hydrogen atom in aldehydes is acidic because the carbonyl group strongly withdraws electron and conjugate base is resonance stabilised.

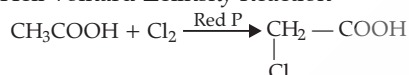


- (2) Acetophenone and cadmium chloride is formed

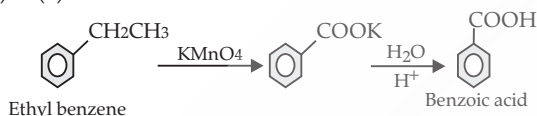


- (iii) Sodium bicarbonate test: Add a small amount of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) to both ethanoic acid and ethanol separately. Ethanoic acid will produce effervescence while ethanol will not respond to this test.

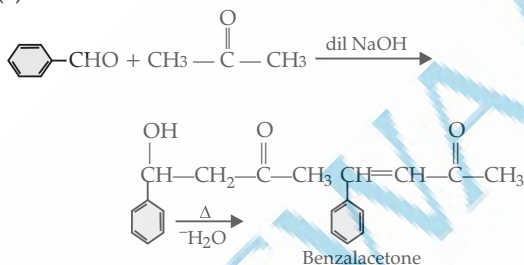
5. (i) (1) In semicarbazide, only one $-\text{NH}_2$ group is involved in the formation of semicarbazone with aldehydes and ketones as the other $-\text{NH}_2$ group directly connected to the carbonyl carbon donates its lone pair to carbon and becomes resonance stabilised, thus making it unavailable for nucleophilic attack and does not participate in semicarbazone formation.
- (2) Acetaldehyde is more reactive than acetone towards the addition of HCN because it has lower steric hindrance around its carbonyl carbon.
- (ii) (1) $\text{O}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH} > \text{HCOOH} > \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$
 (2) Diisobutylaluminum hydride ($\text{DIBAL}-\text{H}$)
- (iii) Hell-volhard-Zelinsky Reaction



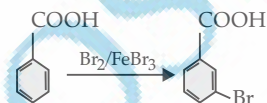
6. (i) (1) Benzoic acid is formed



- (2) Benzalacetone is formed



- (3) (i) m-Bromobenzoic acid is formed



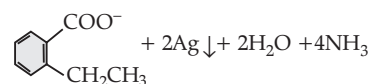
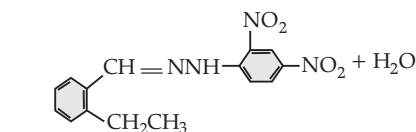
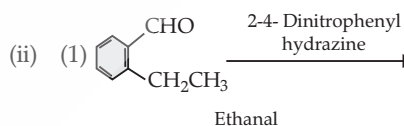
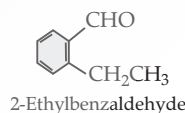
- (ii) (1) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCH}_3$ also known as acetophenone give a positive iodoform test and a yellow precipitate of iodoform while $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ does not respond to this test.

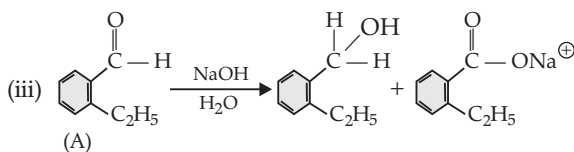
- (2) Pentanal give silver mirror on reaction with Tollen's reagent while pentan-3-one will not respond to this test. $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{CHO} + 2[\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+ + 3\text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{COO}^- + 2\text{Ag} \downarrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{NH}_3$ (Silver mirror)

7. (i) (1) This is because of the strong electron withdrawing nature of the carbonyl groups and resonance stabilisation of the conjugate base.
- (2) Oxidation of aldehyde is easier than Ketones because aldehyde have a hydrogen atom attached to the carbon oxygen double bond while ketone do not.
- (ii) (1) propanal $>$ acetone $>$ benzaldehyde
 (2) propane $<$ dimethylether $<$ propanal $<$ ethanol
- (iii) Tollen's test.

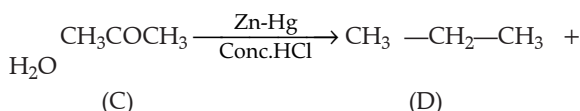
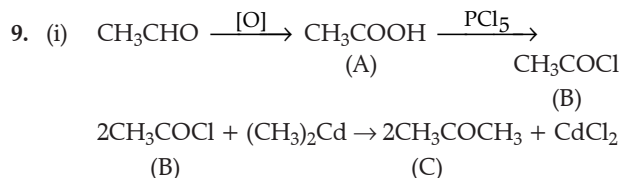
Benzaldehyde react with Tollen's reagent to produce a shiny silver mirror on the inner wall of the test tube. Benzoic acid does not reduce the silver ions and instead forms a white precipitate of silver benzoate.

8. (i) • Compound A forms 2,4-DNP derivative-which indicates presence of carbonyl group ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$) (The 2, 4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine (2, 4-DNP) test is used to detect the presence of carbonyl groups in aldehydes and ketones).
- Compound A with the molecular formula $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ reduces Tollen's solution- which means it is an aldehyde ($-\text{CHO}$).
- Compound A undergoes Cannizzaro reaction- which means it is an aldehyde without alpha hydrogen.
- Compound A on vigorous oxidation, gives 1, 2-benzene dicarboxylic acid or Phthalic acid- which indicates the presence of a benzene ring with two adjacent carbon atoms oxidized to carboxyl groups ($-\text{COOH}$)
- As compound A has a molecular formula as $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ - it has to be a derivative of Benzaldehyde- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$
 So the remaining group has to be C_2H_5 - so the substituent is ethyl group CH_2CH_3
- Compound A is 2-ethyl benzaldehyde





Cannizzaro reaction

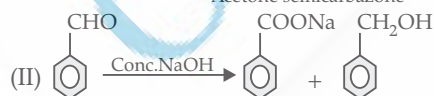
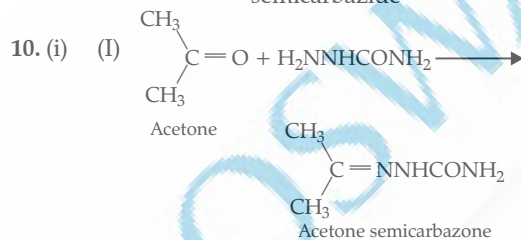
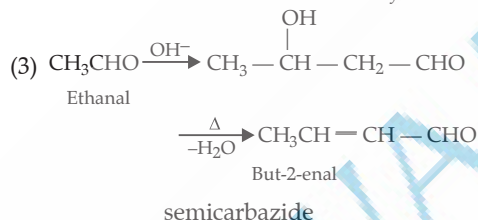
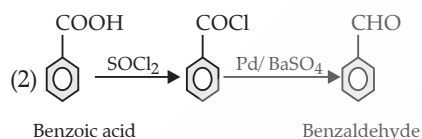
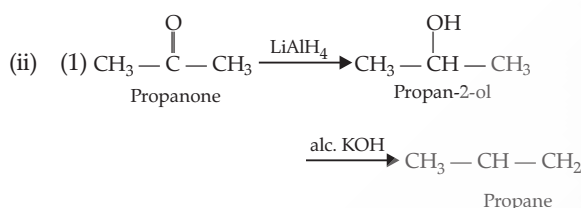


A = CH_3COOH (Ethanoic acid)

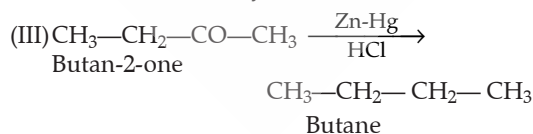
B = CH_3COCl (Acetyl chloride)

C = CH_3COCH_3 (Acetone)

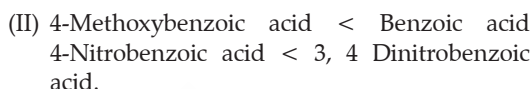
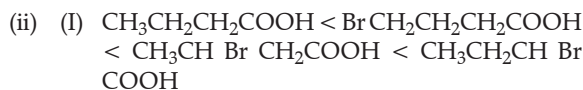
D = $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (Propane)



Two molecules of benzaldehyde undergo Cannizzaro reaction and form sodium benzoate and benzyl alcohol.



The reaction of butan-2-one with Zn-Hg and conc. HCl is known as Clemmensen reduction. In the reaction the carbonyl group in butan-2-one is reduced to a methylene group forming butane.

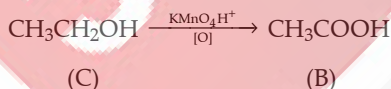
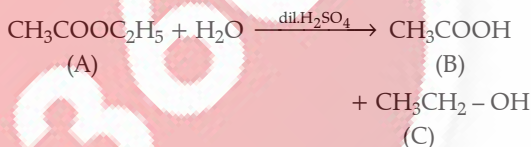


11. (i) **Sodium bicarbonate test:** Add small amount of sodium bicarbonate to both ethanol and ethanoic acid. Ethanoic acid reacts with sodium bicarbonate to produce carbon dioxide which will be observed as effervescence. Ethanol will not react with sodium bicarbonate and no effervescence is observed.

(ii) The α -hydrogen atoms of aldehyde and ketones are acidic because of the carbonyl group's strong electron withdrawing nature and the resonance stabilisation of the conjugate base.

(iii) (1) A = $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ ($\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$)

Reaction involved are



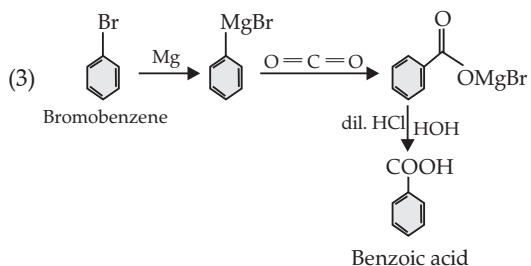
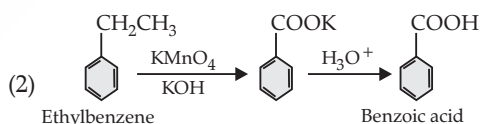
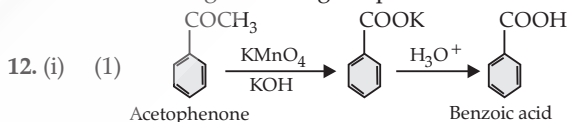
Sodium salt of B

A = $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$

B = CH_3COOH

C = $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2-\text{OH}$

(2) B has higher boiling point than C. This is because of high tendency. So Carboxylic acids have higher boiling temperatures than alcohol.



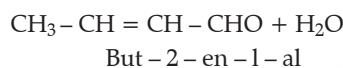
- (ii) (1) $\text{F}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH} < \text{CN}-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} < \text{O}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH}$.

As fluorine is the most electronegative group it withdraws electrons from the carboxylic group. CN- also an electron withdrawing group but lesser than Nitro group which exerts both inductive effect as well as resonance with carboxylate ion making nitro group substituted carboxylic acid most acidic.

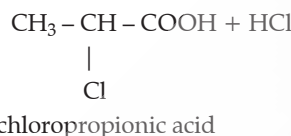
- (2) Butanone < propanone < propanal < Ethanal

Reactivity of aldehydes and ketones in nucleophilic addition reactions is determined by steric hindrance and electronic effects. Aldehydes are more reactive as compared to ketones which have two alkyl groups.

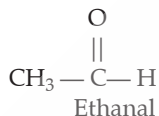
13. (i) (1) $2\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{NaOH} \xrightarrow{\text{Aldol Condensation}}$
Ethanal



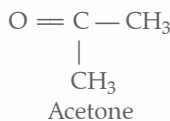
- (2) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH} + \text{Cl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{red P}}$
Propanoic acid



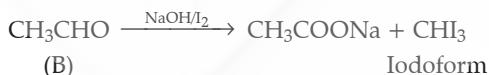
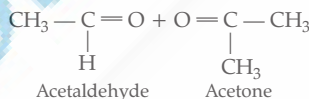
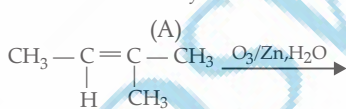
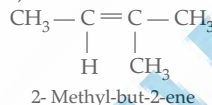
- (ii) Structure of B

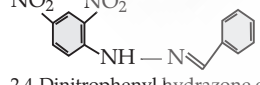


Structure of C



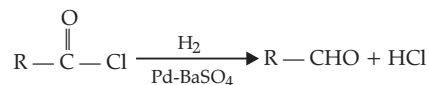
Therefore, Structure of A



14. (i) 
2,4-Dinitrophenyl hydrazone of benzaldehyde

- (ii) $\text{F}_3\text{C}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{COOH}$ due to -I effect of F

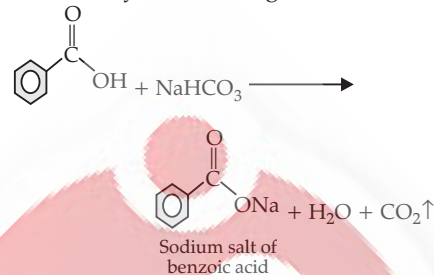
- (iii) Rosenmund reaction



- (iv) The α -hydrogen atoms of aldehyde and ketones are acidic because of the carbonyl group's strong electron withdrawing nature and the resonance stabilisation of the conjugate base.

- (v) Sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) test:

Benzoic acid reacts with NaHCO_3 to give sodium salt of benzoic acid and effervescence of CO_2 gas. Benzaldehyde does not give this test.

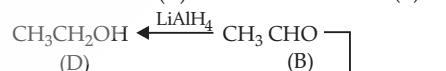
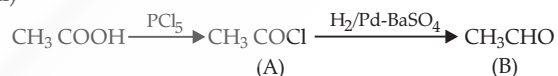


15. (i) (1) Tollen's reagent test: Add ammoniacal solution of silver nitrate in both solutions. $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$ (butanal) gives silver mirror, whereas $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (butan-2-one) does not give this test.

- (2) Sodium bicarbonate test: Add a small amount of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) to both ethanoic acid and ethanal separately. Ethanoic acid will produce effervescence while ethanal will not respond to this test.

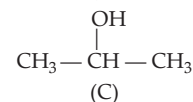
- (ii) The structure of acetone oxime is $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NOH}$

- (iii)



- (i) CH_3MgBr
(ii) H_3O^+

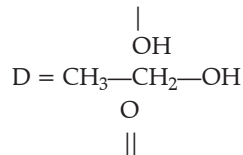
Ethanal



A = CH_3COCl

B = CH_3CHO

C = $\text{CH}_3-\underset{\text{OH}}{\text{CH}}-\text{CH}_3$

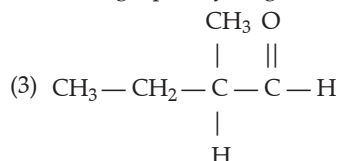


16. (i) (1) $\text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$

A ketone with methyl group attached to carbonyl carbon gives Iodoform test.

(2) $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCHO}$

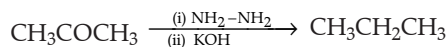
Cannizaro reaction is given by aldehydes lacking alpha hydrogen.



Tollen's reagent is reduced by an aldehyde.

C-2 is the chiral centre of the molecule as it has 4 different groups attached.

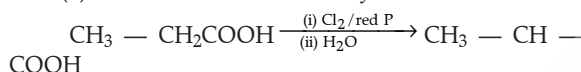
(ii) (1) Wolff Kishner reduction



Propanone

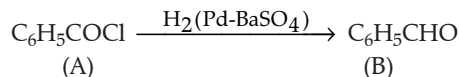
Propane

(2) Hell - Vohlhard - Zelinsky reaction



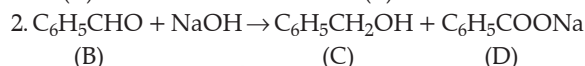
17. • Compound B does not give Fehling's test- which means it is either a ketone or an aldehyde lacking alpha hydrogen.
- Compound A undergoes Rosenmund's reduction- which means A is an acyl chloride which yields an aldehyde on this reduction. This implies B is an aldehyde.
 - Compound B reacts with NaOH to give C and D- which means it is an aldehyde which lacks alpha hydrogen so it yields a mixture of alcohol and carboxylic acid (Cannizaro reaction), otherwise the reaction would result in aldol formation (condensation).

- As compound B has a molecular formula as $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}$ - it has to be Benzaldehyde- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$.
- Hence, compound A is $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCl}$ - Benzoyl chloride.
- Compound C- Sodium benzoate
- Compound D- Benzyl alcohol



(A)

(B)



(B)

(C)

(D)

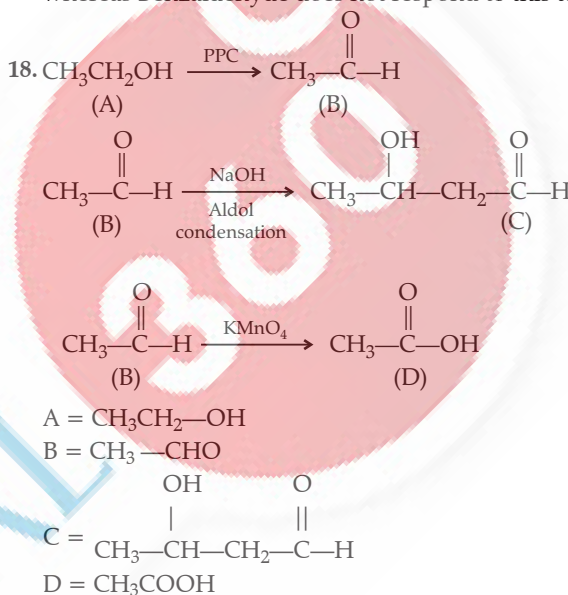
A = $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCl}$

B = $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$

C = $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

D = $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COONa}$

Iodoform test: Propanone give positive iodoform test forming a yellow precipitate of iodoform (CHI_3) whereas Benzaldehyde does not respond to this test.



Level - 2

ADVANCED COMPETENCY FOCUSED QUESTIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQs)

(1 Mark)

1. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Formalin is a 40% aqueous solution of formaldehyde, a simple aldehyde. It cross-links amino groups in proteins, effectively denaturing them and deactivating enzymes, which prevents microbial decay and preserves tissue structure. This is why it is widely used for preserving biological specimens.

2. Option (C) is correct

Explanation: Acetone is widely used as a nail polish remover because it is a powerful solvent that can dissolve the resins and polymers in nail polish, it evaporates quickly, leaving no sticky residue, and it does not react chemically with nails or oxidise the polish — it simply dissolves it effectively.

3. Option (C) is correct

Explanation: Ethanoic acid (acetic acid) is the main component of vinegar (typically 4–8% by volume). Its suitability comes from its sharp sour taste, which enhances flavour, its mild antimicrobial properties, which help in preserving food by inhibiting the growth of some bacteria and fungi, and it is not a strong oxidising agent, doesn't have antiseptic use like phenol, and does not polymerise in air.

4. Option (C) is correct

Explanation: 2,4-DNP test (2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine test) is a general test used to detect the presence of carbonyl groups in aldehydes and ketones. It forms a yellow/orange precipitate when it reacts with a ketone or an aldehyde. Tollen's test and Fehling's test are specific for aldehydes, not ketones. Iodoform test identifies methyl ketones (like acetone) specifically, not all ketones.

5. Option (C) is correct

Explanation: Benzoic acid is commonly used as a food preservative because it inhibits the growth of bacteria, yeast, and fungi, it is most effective in

acidic environments, where it lowers the pH, making conditions unsuitable for microbial growth, and it is found naturally in cranberries, prunes, and other acidic fruits.

ASSERTION-REASON QUESTIONS

(1 Mark)

1. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Assertion is true. Acetone is widely used in cosmetics, especially in nail polish removers, because it can quickly dissolve many organic compounds found in nail polishes.

Reason is also true. The presence of the polar carbonyl group ($C=O$) makes acetone miscible with both polar and some non-polar substances. This enables it to dissolve a wide variety of organic compounds like resins, oils, and esters in nail polish.

2. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Assertion is true. Vinegar is a dilute solution (usually ~ 4–8%) of ethanoic acid in water. It is widely used in food preparation for its preservative and flavouring properties.

Reason is also true. Acetic acid inhibits the growth of many microorganisms, making it useful as a food preservative. Its sour taste also contributes to the flavour profile of vinegar.

3. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Assertion is true. Formalin is a 37–40% aqueous solution of formaldehyde and is widely used to preserve biological specimens by preventing microbial decay and decomposition.

Reason is also true. Formaldehyde cross-links the amino groups in proteins, causing them to denature. This halts enzymatic activity and microbial decomposition, thereby preserving tissue structure.

4. Option (A) is correct

Explanation: Assertion is true. Tollen's reagent is a mild oxidising agent that reacts with aldehydes, not ketones, to produce a silver mirror. So ketones typically do not respond to this test.

Reason is also true. Aldehydes are readily oxidised to carboxylic acids, whereas ketones require strong oxidising agents for further oxidation, which is not provided by Tollen's reagent.

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

(2 Marks)

1. Acetone has a polar carbonyl group ($C=O$) which allows it to dissolve a wide range of polar and non-polar substances. Its small molecular size and low boiling point also enable it to evaporate quickly, making it ideal for cleaning and processing materials like plastics, synthetic fibres, and paints in industries.
2. Ethanoic acid (acetic acid) is a weak acid that lowers the pH of food, creating an acidic environment that is unfavourable for the growth of bacteria and fungi. Its antimicrobial property helps prevent spoilage and extends the shelf life of preserved food products like pickles and sauces.
3. Formaldehyde preserves tissues by cross-linking proteins through chemical reactions with their amino groups. This process denatures enzymes and prevents microbial growth, thereby halting tissue decay and

maintaining the structure of the specimen during embalming or dissection.

4. Benzoic acid is effective as a preservative in beverages because it inhibits the growth of bacteria, yeasts, and fungi by lowering the internal pH of microbial cells, which disrupts their metabolism. Its antimicrobial action is most effective in acidic environments, like soft drinks and fruit juices, making it highly suitable for such applications.
5. Certain ketones like muscone are used in perfumes because they have a pleasant, long-lasting fragrance and are more chemically stable than aldehydes. Aldehydes tend to oxidise easily and may produce unpleasant odours over time, whereas ketones retain their scent longer, making them ideal for perfumery and cosmetic applications.

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

(3 Marks)

1. (i) Ethanoic acid (acetic acid) lowers the pH of food, creating an acidic environment that inhibits the growth of bacteria, yeast, and moulds. This antimicrobial property helps in preserving food for a longer time.
(ii) Due to its acidic nature, ethanoic acid can dissolve mineral deposits, grease, and grime, especially limescale (calcium carbonate). It also acts as a natural disinfectant, helping to kill some harmful microbes on surfaces.
2. (i) Acetone has a low molecular weight and a simple ketone structure with no hydrogen bonding between its own molecules. This results in weak

intermolecular forces, making it highly volatile (i.e., it evaporates quickly at room temperature).

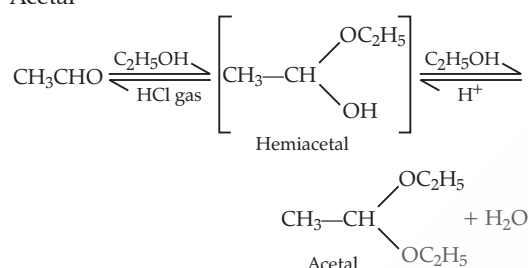
- (ii) Acetone contains a polar carbonyl group ($C=O$) which allows it to dissolve both polar and many non-polar substances. This makes it an excellent organic solvent, particularly useful in dissolving resins, plastics, and paints in industrial and cosmetic applications.
3. (i) Formaldehyde reacts with the amino groups of proteins, forming cross-links between protein molecules. This denatures the proteins, halting enzymatic and microbial activity, thereby preserving the tissue structure and preventing decomposition.

- (ii) Pure formaldehyde is a gas at room temperature, making it difficult and hazardous to handle. It is stored as formalin (a 37–40% aqueous solution) because it is safer, easier to store and use, and remains stable for longer periods in this form.
4. (i) Benzoic acid inhibits the growth of bacteria, yeast, and fungi by interfering with their enzymatic activity and metabolic pathways, especially in the cell membrane. This helps prevent microbial spoilage and extends the shelf life of acidic foods and beverages.
- (ii) Benzoic acid is more effective in acidic environments because in low pH, it remains mostly in its undissociated (protonated) form, which can easily penetrate microbial cell membranes and disrupt internal functions, making it a potent preservative under such conditions.
5. (i) Large cyclic ketones like muscone and civetone have low volatility and high molecular stability, which allows them to evaporate slowly, releasing fragrance over a longer period. This makes them ideal for creating long-lasting scents in perfumes.
- (ii) Ketones are generally less reactive and more stable than aldehydes. They are less prone to oxidation, ensuring the perfume retains its original fragrance over time. Unlike aldehydes, which can sometimes develop unpleasant odours due to degradation, ketones maintain a consistent and pleasant scent.

CASE BASED QUESTIONS

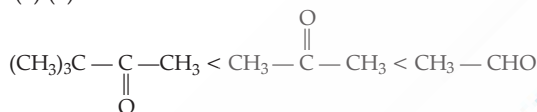
(4 Mark)

1. (i) Acetal



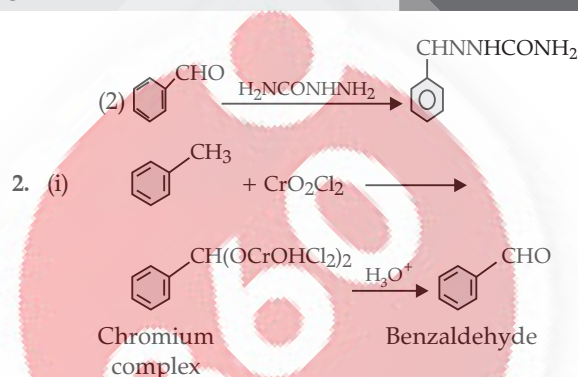
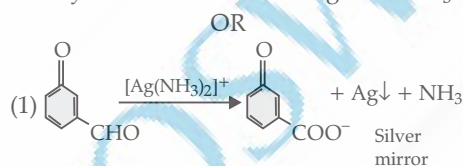
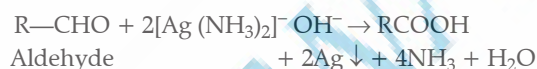
- (ii) It is because the carboxylate ion is more stabilised than the phenoxide ion by resonance.

- (iii) (a) (1)



Steric hindrance and the electron donating effect due to presence of alkyl groups in ketones make them less reactive with Grignard reagent compared to aldehydes.

- (2) Propanal give positive result with Tollen's reagent while propanone does not give this test.

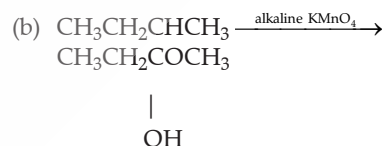


This is called ETARD reaction.

- (ii) This is because polarity of the carbonyl group is reduced in benzaldehyde due to resonance. Hence, it is less reactive towards nucleophilic addition reaction.

- (iii) (a) Tollen's reagent acts as a mild oxidising agent and oxidises the aldehydes to corresponding carboxylic acids and itself gets reduced forming silver mirror. Thus, it show positive tests for aromatic aldehydes.

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LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

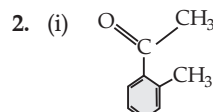
(5 Marks)

1. (i) In benzaldehyde the carbocation is less electrophilic than in formaldehyde due to resonance with the ring electrons.

The initial nucleophilic addition of hydroxide anion is therefore faster on formaldehyde than on benzaldehyde.

The aldehyde that undergoes nucleophilic attack by OH⁻ is converted to the sodium salt of the acid and the other aldehyde to the alcohol.

- (ii) Yes
It does not have an alpha hydrogen atom.



- (ii) Since it forms a 2, 4, -DNP derivative, it contains a carbonyl group and must be an aldehyde or a ketone.

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- (iii) Since it does not reduce Tollen's reagent it cannot be an aldehyde and is therefore a ketone.
- (iv) Since it gives the iodoform reaction, it must have a methyl group linked to the carbonyl carbon atom and is, therefore, a methyl ketone.

Since it gives 1, 2-benzenedicarboxylic acid on oxidation it is a 1,2 substituted benzene derivative. Using the molecular formula together with the points above, we arrive at the structure of the compound.



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