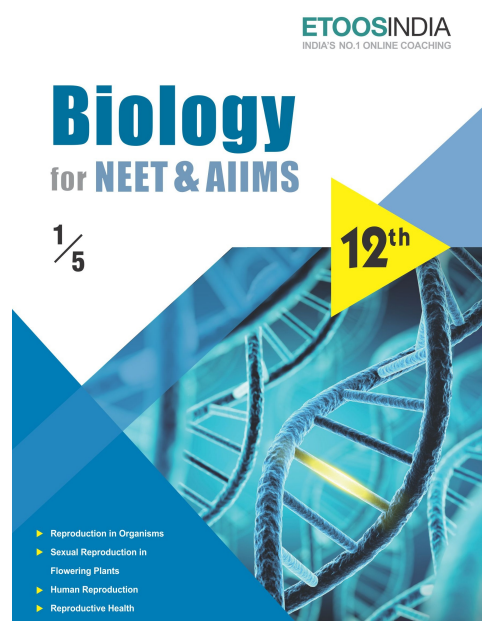
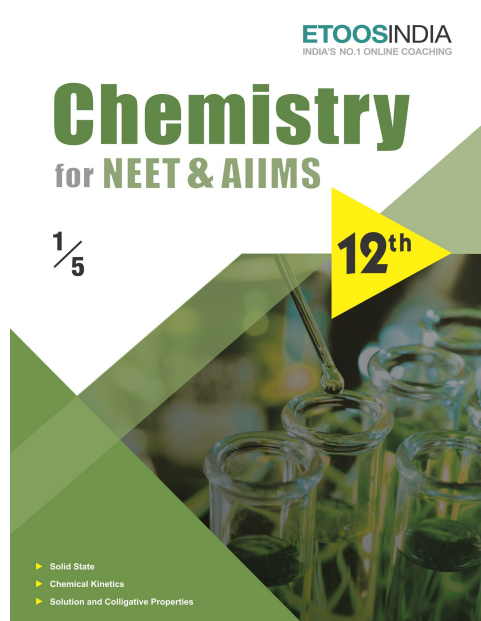
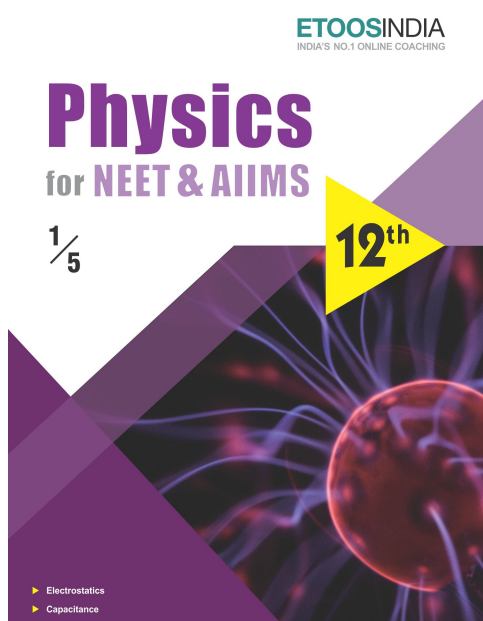
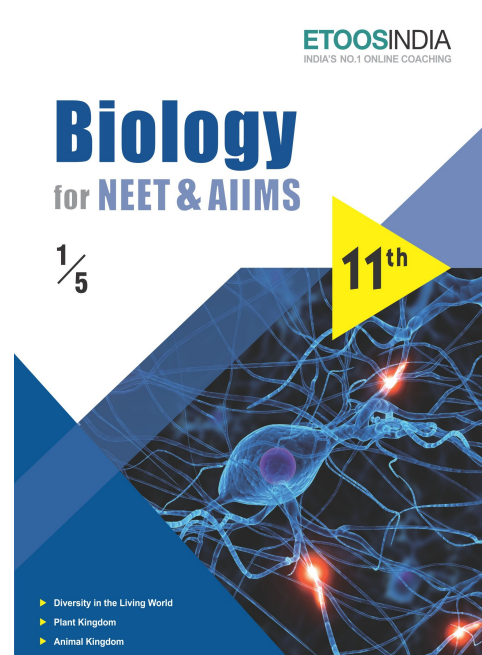
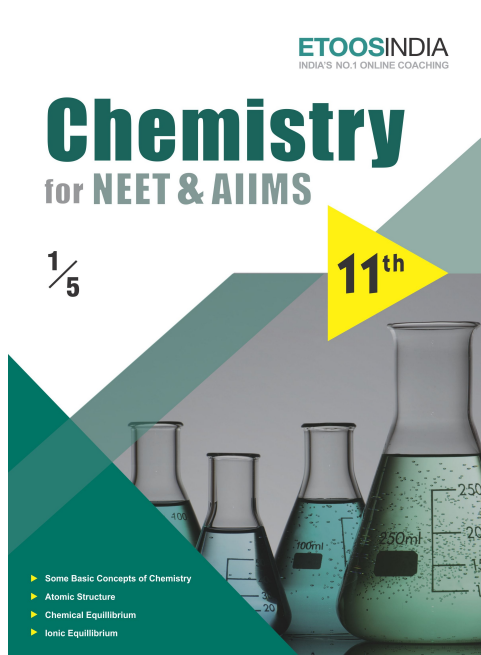
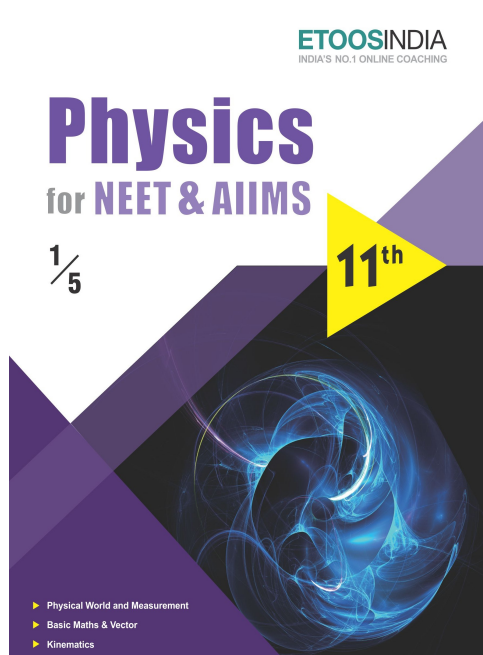


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# REACTION MECHANISM

*You mix a bunch of ingredients and once in a great while Chemistry happens.*

**"Bill Watterson"**

## INTRODUCTION

**R**eaction mechanism is the step by step sequence of elementary reaction by which overall chemical change occurs. A chemical mechanism is the theoretical conjecture that tries to describe in detail what takes place at each stage of an overall chemical reaction. The detailed steps of a reaction are not observable in most cases. The conjectured mechanism is chosen because it is thermodynamically feasible and has experimental support in isolated intermediates or other quantitative and qualitative characteristics of the reaction. A complete mechanism must also explain the reason for the reactants and catalyst used, the stereochemistry observed in reactants and products, all products formed and the amount of each.

**Types of Reactions**

In organic chemistry the following types of reaction are more important,

- (I) Substitution reaction
- (II) Elimination reaction
- (III) Addition reaction
- (IV) Rearrangement reaction
- (V) Isomerisation reactions

**(I) Substitution Reaction:**

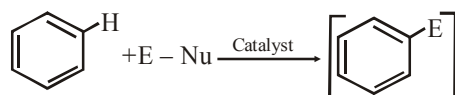
Reactions in which one atom or a group of substrate is replaced by other atom or group are called as substitution reactions.

(A) Electrophilic substitution reactions

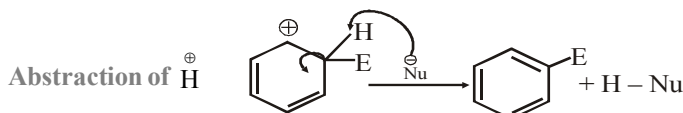
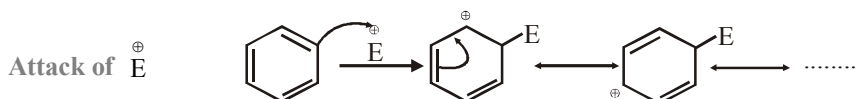
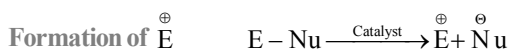
(B) Nucleophilic substitution reactions

(C) Free radical substitution reactions

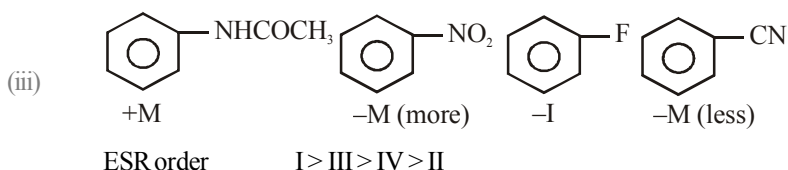
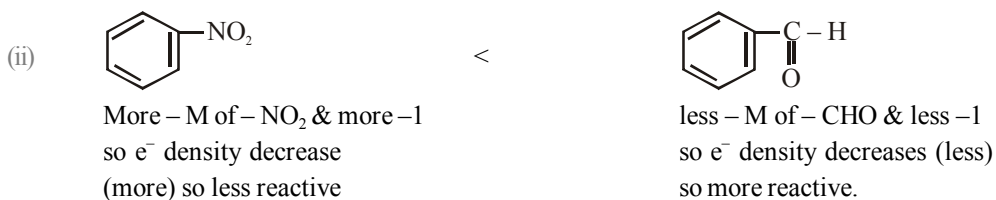
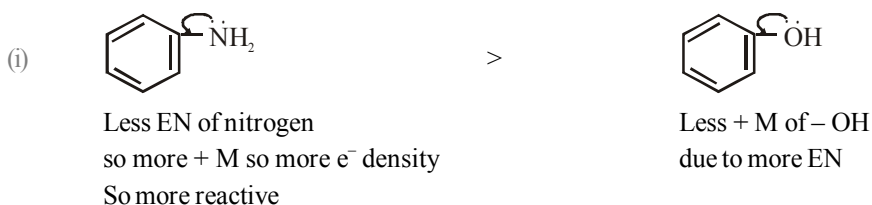
(A) **Electrophilic substitution reactions [ESR]** : Characteristic reaction of arenes is ESR



**Mechanism :**



**Ex. Give reactivity order for electrophilic substitution reaction.**



**1. Rate determining step**

The slowest step of the mechanism known as rate determining step of the reaction. Order of reaction or rate law of reaction is calculated with the help of mechanism of the reaction and generally using rate determine step (R.D.S).

An organic reaction can be represented as



**Homolytic bond dissociation**



**Hetrolytic bond dissociation**



**2. Types of Reagents**

A reagent generates three type of attacking species. Which are nucleophile, electrophile and radical.

(a) Electrophiles (b) Nucleophiles (c) Radicals

(a) **Electrophiles** : Electrophiles are electron deficient species.

Ex.  $H^\oplus, Cl^\oplus, Br^\oplus, NO_2^\oplus, CH_3^\oplus$  (positively charged species),  $PCl_5, SO_2, SO_3, BH_3$  (species with vacant orbital at central atom, carbenes) etc.

(b) **Nucleophiles** : It is the electron rich species having atleast one unshared pair of electron. It can be neutral or negatively charged it is always a lewis base.

Ex.  $CN^-, OH^-, Br^-, I^-, NH_3, H_2O$  etc.

(c) **Radicals** : It is electron deficient species with seven electrons around an atom.

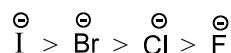
Ex.  $\dot{C}H_3, C_2H_5^\bullet, C_2H_5O^\bullet, CH_3COO^\bullet, X^\bullet$  etc.

**3. Nucleophilicity**

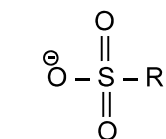
The tendency to give  $e^-$  pair to an electron deficient carbon atom is defined as nucleophilicity.

**Leaving group Ability/Nucleofugality**

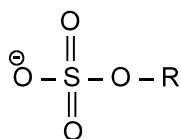
(a) Order of leaving ability of halide ion



(b) Other good leaving groups are



Alkanesulphonate ion



Alkyl sulphate ion

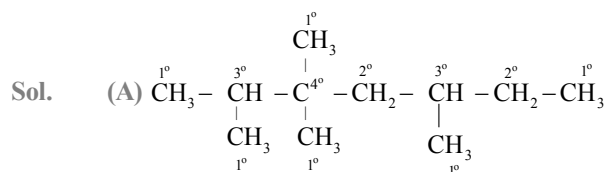
SOLVED EXAMPLE

- Ex.1** In the case homologous series of alkanes, which one of the following statements is incorrect  
 (A) The members of the series are isomers of each other  
 (B) The members of the series have similar chemical properties  
 (C) The members of the series have the general formula  $C_nH_{2n+2}$ , where n is an integer  
 (D) The difference between any two successive members of the series corresponds to 14 unit of relative atomic mass

**Sol.** (A) The difference between any two successive members of the homologous series  $-CH_2-$  i.e., the molecular weight of every two adjacent members differ by 14. ( $CH_2 = 12 + 2 = 14$ )

- Ex.2** How many primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary carbons are present in the following hydrocarbon  
 $CH_3 - CH(CH_3) - C(CH_3)_2 - CH_2 - CH(CH_3) - CH_2 - CH_3$

	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Quaternary
(A)	6	2	2	1
(B)	2	6	3	0
(C)	2	4	3	2
(D)	2	2	4	3



$1^\circ \Rightarrow$  Primary 6,  $2^\circ \Rightarrow$  Secondary 2

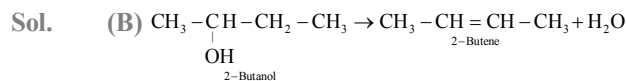
$3^\circ \Rightarrow$  Tertiary 2,  $4^\circ \Rightarrow$  Quaternary 1

- Ex.3** The octane number of a sample of petrol is 40. It means that its knocking property is equal to the mixture of  
 (A) 40% n-heptane + 60% iso-octane  
 (B) 40% petrol + 60% iso-octane  
 (C) 60% n-heptane + 40% iso-octane  
 (D) 60% petrol + 40% iso-octane

**Sol.** (C) Octane number of fuel is the percentage of iso-octane in mixture.

- Ex.4** Formation of 2-butene as major product by dehydration of 2-butanol is according to

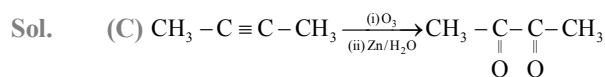
- (A) Markownikoff rule  
 (B) Saytzeff rule  
 (C) Peroxide effect  
 (D) Anti-Markownikoff rule



According to this rule H atom goes from that  $\beta$ - carbon which is less hydrogenated.

- Ex.5**  $CH_3C \equiv CCH_3 \xrightarrow[(ii)H_2O/Zn]{(i)X} CH_3 - \underset{\substack{| \\ O}}{C} - \underset{\substack{| \\ O}}{C} - CH_3$  X in the above reaction is

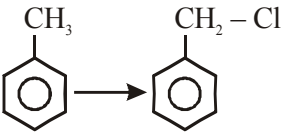
- (A)  $HNO_3$  (B)  $O_2$  (C)  $O_3$  (D)  $KMnO_4$



**Exercise # 1**

**SINGLE OBJECTIVE**

**NEET LEVEL**

- To which of the following four types does this reaction belong  $B^- + R - A \rightarrow B - R + A^-$   
 (A) Unimolecular electrophilic substitution  
 (B) Bimolecular electrophilic substitution  
 (C) Unimolecular nucleophilic substitution  
 (D) Bimolecular nucleophilic substitution
- An alkyl halide may be converted into an alcohol by  
 (A) Elimination  
 (B) Addition  
 (C) Substitution  
 (D) Dehydrohalogenation
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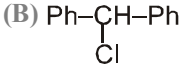
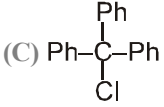

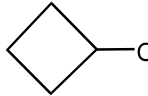

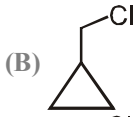
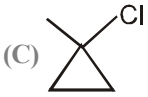
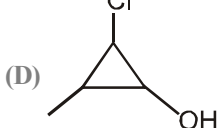
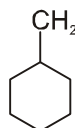
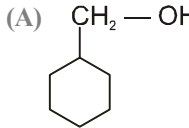
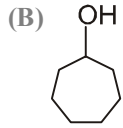
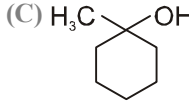
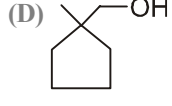
The above reaction proceeds through  
 (A) Nucleophilic substitution  
 (B) Electrophilic substitution  
 (C) Free radical substitution  
 (D) More than one of the above processes
- Geometry of reaction intermediate in  $SN^1$  reaction is  
 (A) Tetrahedral  
 (B) Planar  
 (C) Triangular bipyramidal  
 (D) None of these
- $$H_3C - \underset{\text{CH}_3}{\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{C}}} - Br + KOH(Aq.) \rightarrow H_3C - \underset{\text{CH}_3}{\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{C}}} - OH + KBr$$

above reaction is  
 (A)  $SN^1$  (B)  $SN^2$   
 (C)  $E_1$  (D) Both (A) and (B)
- In electrophilic substitution reaction nitrobenzene is  
 (A) Meta-directing  
 (B) Ortho-directing  
 (C) Para-directing  
 (D) Not reactive and does not undergo any substitution  
 (E) Non-selective
- The most common type of reaction in aromatic compounds is  
 (A) Elimination reaction  
 (B) Addition reaction  
 (C) Electrophilic substitution reaction  
 (D) Rearrangement reaction
- The function of  $AlCl_3$  in Friedel-Craft's reaction is  
 (A) To absorb HCl  
 (B) To absorb water  
 (C) To produce nucleophile  
 (D) To produce electrophile
- Which of the following can't be used in Friedel Craft's reactions  
 (A)  $FeCl_3$  (B)  $FeBr_2$   
 (C)  $AlCl_3$  (D)  $NaCl$
- The nitration of a compound is due to the  
 (A)  $NO_2$  (B)  $NO_3$   
 (C)  $NO$  (D)  $NO_2^+$
- Dehydrohalogenation of an alkyl halide is a/an  
 (A) Nucleophilic substitution reaction  
 (B) Elimination reaction  
 (C) Both nucleophilic substitution and elimination reaction  
 (D) Rearrangement
- Addition of HCl to vinyl chloride gives 1, 1-dichloroethane because of  
 (A) Mesomeric effect of Cl  
 (B) Inductive effect of Cl  
 (C) Restricted rotation around double bond  
 (D) None of these
- Formation of ethylene from acetylene is an example of  
 (A) Elimination reaction  
 (B) Substitution reaction  
 (C) Addition reaction  
 (D) Condensation reaction
- Conversion of  $CH_4$  to  $CH_3Cl$  is an example of which of the following reaction  
 (A) Electrophilic substitution  
 (B) Free radical addition  
 (C) Nucleophilic substitution  
 (D) Free radical substitution

Exercise # 2

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AIIMS LEVEL

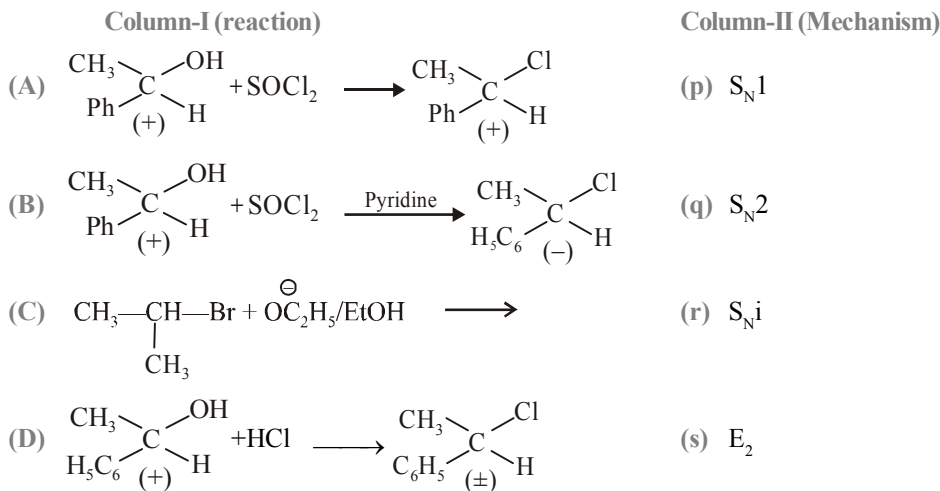
1. Which of the following alkyl halide is most reactive towards  $H_2O$  ?
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 
2.  $CH_3-CH_2-\underset{\text{OH}}{\text{CH}}-CH_3 \xrightarrow{HCl/ZnCl_2} [X]$
- Identify X and the mechanism of the reaction.
- (A)  $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-Cl$  &  $S_N1$
- (B)  $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-Cl$  &  $S_N2$
- (C)  $CH_3-\underset{\text{Cl}}{\text{CH}}-CH_2-CH_3$  &  $S_N1$
- (D)  $CH_3-\underset{\text{Cl}}{\text{CH}}-CH_2-CH_3$  &  $S_N2$
3.  $CH_3(CH_2)_2CH_2OH \xrightarrow{HBr} X$ ,  
1-butanol
- Identify X and the mechanism of the reaction
- (A)  $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-Br$  &  $S_N1$
- (B)  $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-Br$  &  $S_N2$
- (C)  $CH_3-\underset{\text{Br}}{\text{CH}}-CH_2-CH_3$  &  $S_N1$
- (D)  $CH_3-\underset{\text{Br}}{\text{CH}}-CH_2-CH_3$  &  $S_N2$
4.   $\xrightarrow{PCl_5} (X)$ , X is :
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 
5. What is the final product of reaction.
- $$CH_3-C \equiv CH \xrightarrow{Na} \xrightarrow{CH_3-CH_2-I} \text{Product}$$
- (A)  $CH_2=CH-CH_2-CH_3$
- (B)  $CH_3-CH_2-C \equiv C-CH_2-CH_3$
- (C)  $CH \equiv C-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$
- (D)  $CH_3-C \equiv C-CH_2-CH_3$
6.   $\xrightarrow[AgNO_3]{H_2O}$  'Y' Product :
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 
7.  $S_N2$  mechanism proceeds through intervention of :
- (A) Carbonium ion      (B) Transition state
- (C) Free radical      (D) Carbanion
8. When the concentration of alkyl halide is tripled and the concentration of  $OH^-$  ion is reduced to half, the rate of  $S_N2$  reaction increases by :
- (A) 3 times      (B) 2 times
- (C) 1.5 times      (D) 6 times
9. The reaction
- $$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-X + Nu^\ominus \longrightarrow R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-Nu + X^\ominus$$
- is slowest when X is :
- $$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-X + Nu^\ominus \longrightarrow R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-Nu + X^\ominus$$
- (A) Cl      (B)  $NH_2$
- (C)  $OC_2H_5$       (D)  $OCOCH_3$

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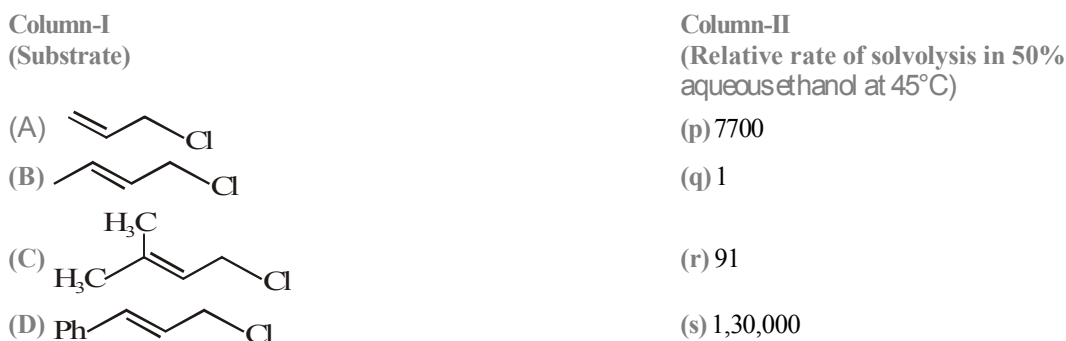
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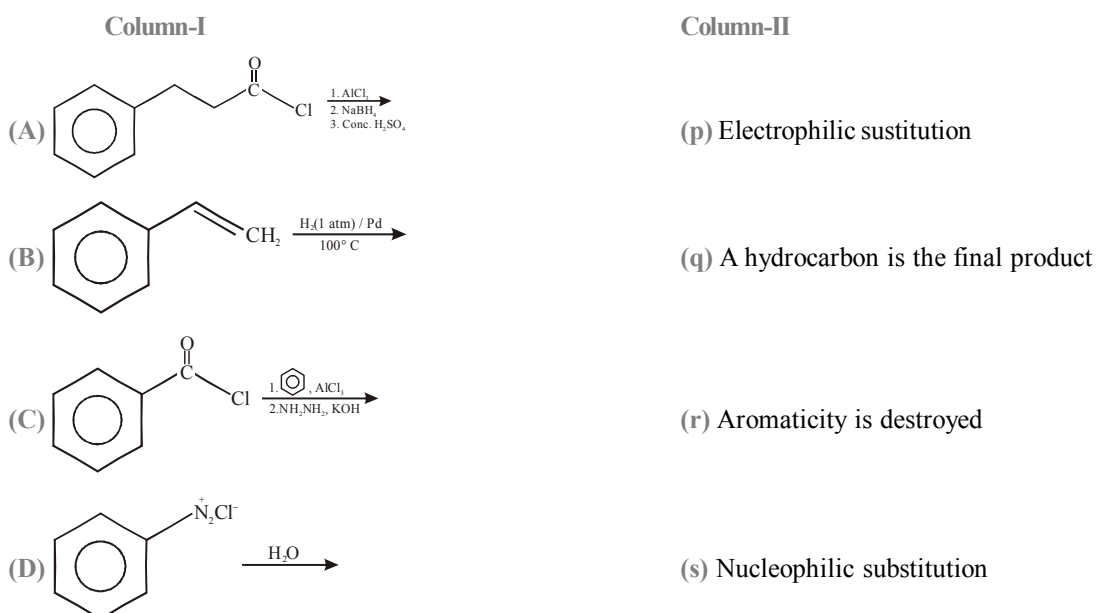
1. Match the column I with column II.



2. Match the column I with column II.



3. Match the entries listed in Column I with appropriate entries listed in Column II.

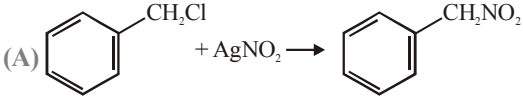
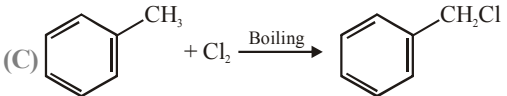
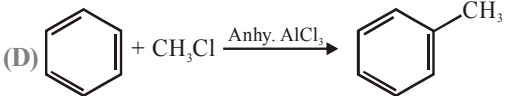
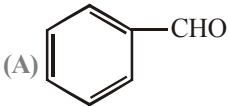
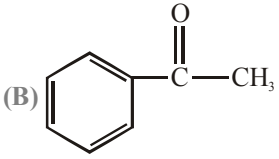
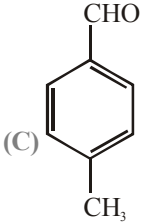
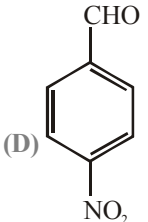
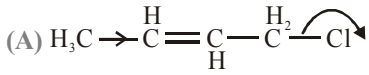
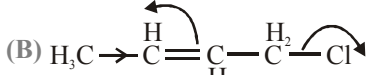
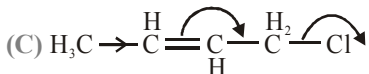
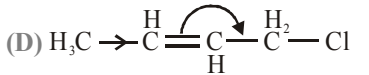


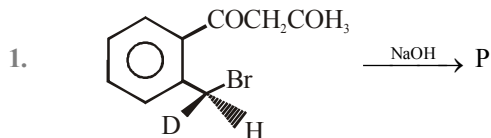


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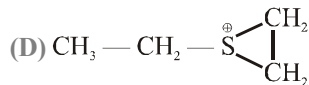
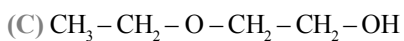
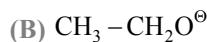
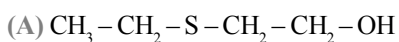
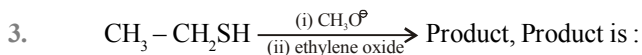
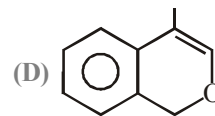
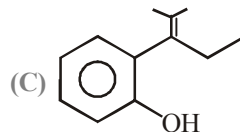
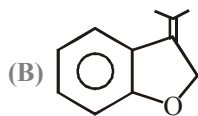
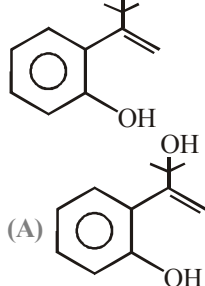
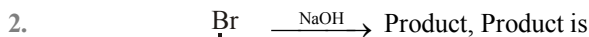
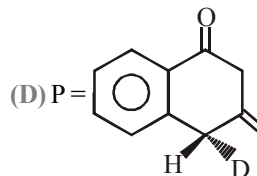
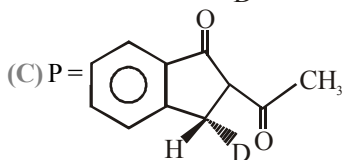
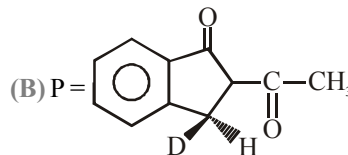
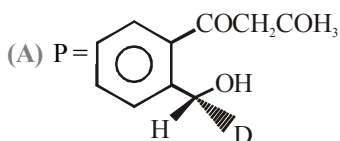
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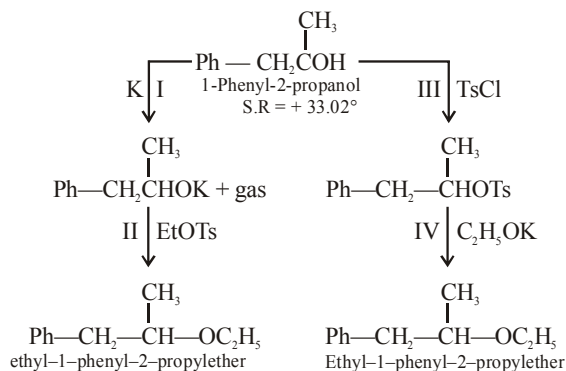
1. Which one of the following is a free radical substitution reaction? [CBSE AIPMT 2003]
- (A) 
- (B)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{HCN} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CN}$
- (C) 
- (D) 
2. Which of the following reactions is an example of nucleophilic substitution reaction? [CBSE AIPMT 2009]
- (A)  $\text{RX} + \text{KOH} \rightarrow \text{ROH} + \text{KX}$
- (B)  $2 \text{RX} + 2 \text{Na} \rightarrow \text{R-R} + 2 \text{NaX}$
- (C)  $\text{RX} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{RH} + \text{HX}$
- (D)  $\text{RX} + \text{Mg} \rightarrow \text{RMgX}$
3. Which one is most reactive towards nucleophilic addition reaction? [CBSE AIPMT 2014]
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 
4. Which of the following organic compounds has same hybridisation as its combustion ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) product? [CBSE AIPMT 2014]
- (A) Ethane (B) Ethyne  
(C) Ethene (D) Ethanol
5. Which of the following is the most correct electron displacement for a nucleophilic reaction to take place? [CBSE AIPMT 2015]
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 
6. In an  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  reaction on chiral centres there is [CBSE AIPMT 2015]
- (A) 100% racemisation  
(B) inversion more than retention leading to partial racemisation  
(C) 100% retention  
(D) 100% inversion
7. The correct statement regarding a carbonyl compound with a hydrogen atom on its alpha-carbon, is [NEET 2016, Phase I]
- (A) a carbonyl compound with a hydrogen atom on its alpha-carbon rapidly equilibrates with its corresponding enol and this process is known as aldehyde-ketone equilibration  
(B) a carbonyl compound with a hydrogen atom on its alpha-carbon rapidly equilibrates with its corresponding enol and this process is known as carbonylation  
(C) a carbonyl compound with a hydrogen atom on its alpha-carbon rapidly equilibrates with its corresponding enol and this process is known as keto-enol tautomerism  
(D) a carbonyl compound with a hydrogen atom on its alpha-carbon never equilibrates with its corresponding enol



Which of the following statement is correct



4. Read the following road map carefully



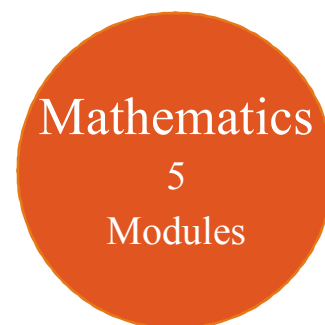
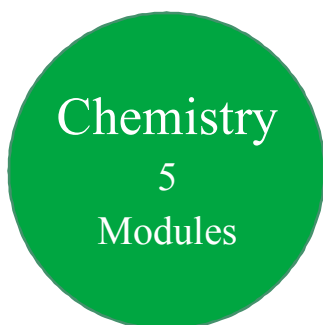
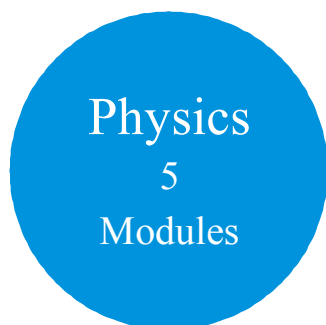
(A) Both the ethers obtained by the two routes have opposite but equal optical rotation.

(B) One of the ether is obtained as a racemic mixture.

(C) Step II & III both are  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  reaction and both have inversion

(D) Step II has inversion but step III has retention.

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PHYSICS	CHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY
<p><b>Module-1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical World &amp; Measurements</li> <li>2. Basic Maths &amp; Vector</li> <li>3. Kinematics</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Law of Motion &amp; Friction</li> <li>2. Work, Energy &amp; Power</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion of system of particles &amp; Rigid Body</li> <li>2. Gravitation</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mechanical Properties of Matter</li> <li>2. Thermal Properties of Matter</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-5</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oscillations</li> <li>2. Waves</li> </ol>	<p><b>Module-1(PC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some Basic Concepts of Chemistry</li> <li>2. Atomic Structure</li> <li>3. Chemical Equilibrium</li> <li>4. Ionic Equilibrium</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-2(PC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermodynamics &amp; Thermochemistry</li> <li>2. Redox Reaction</li> <li>3. States Of Matter (Gaseous &amp; Liquid)</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-3(IC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Periodic Table</li> <li>2. Chemical Bonding</li> <li>3. Hydrogen &amp; Its Compounds</li> <li>4. S-Block</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-4(OC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nomenclature of Organic Compounds</li> <li>2. Isomerism</li> <li>3. General Organic Chemistry</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-5(OC)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reaction Mechanism</li> <li>2. Hydrocarbon</li> <li>3. Aromatic Hydrocarbon</li> <li>4. Environmental Chemistry &amp; Analysis Of Organic Compounds</li> </ol>	<p><b>Module-1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diversity in the Living World</li> <li>2. Plant Kingdom</li> <li>3. Animal Kingdom</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Morphology in Flowering Plants</li> <li>2. Anatomy of Flowering Plants</li> <li>3. Structural Organization in Animals</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cell: The Unit of Life</li> <li>2. Biomolecules</li> <li>3. Cell Cycle &amp; Cell Division</li> <li>4. Transport in Plants</li> <li>5. Mineral Nutrition</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photosynthesis in Higher Plants</li> <li>2. Respiration in Plants</li> <li>3. Plant Growth and Development</li> <li>4. Digestion &amp; Absorption</li> <li>5. Breathing &amp; Exchange of Gases</li> </ol> <p><b>Module-5</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Body Fluids &amp; Its Circulation</li> <li>2. Excretory Products &amp; Their Elimination</li> <li>3. Locomotion &amp; Its Movement</li> <li>4. Neural Control &amp; Coordination</li> <li>5. Chemical Coordination and Integration</li> </ol>

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