Practice Question Set For A-Level
Subject : Chemistry
Paper-2 Topic: Organic analysis

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 23 Marks **Time : 23 Minutes**

Q1.

The oxidation of propan-1-ol can form propanal and propanoic acid.
The boiling points of these compounds are shown in the table.

Compound	Boiling point / °C
propan-1-ol	97
propanal	49
propanoic acid	141

In a preparation of propanal, propan-1-ol is added dropwise to the oxidising agent and the aldehyde is separated from the reaction mixture by distillation.

(a) Explain, with reference to intermolecular forces, why distillation allows propanal to be separated from the other organic compounds in this reaction mixture.

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(b) Give **two** ways of maximising the yield of propanal obtained by distillation of the reaction mixture.

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(c) Describe how you would carry out a simple test-tube reaction to confirm that the sample of propanal obtained by distillation does **not** contain any propanoic acid.

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(d) A student carried out an experiment to determine the enthalpy of combustion of ethanol. Combustion of 457 mg of ethanol increased the temperature of 150 g of water from 25.1 °C to 40.2 °C

Calculate a value, in kJ mol^{-1}, for the enthalpy of combustion of ethanol in this experiment. Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

(The specific heat capacity of water is 4.18 J K^{-1} g^{-1})

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Enthalpy of combustion _____ kJ mol^{-1}

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(e) A mixture of isomeric alkenes is produced when pentan-2-ol is dehydrated in the presence of hot concentrated sulfuric acid. Pent-1-ene is one of the isomers produced.

Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction producing pent-1-ene.

Name of mechanism _____

Mechanism

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(f) A pair of stereoisomers is also formed in the reaction in **part (e)**.

Name the less polar stereoisomer formed.
Explain how this type of stereoisomerism arises.

Name _____

Explanation _____

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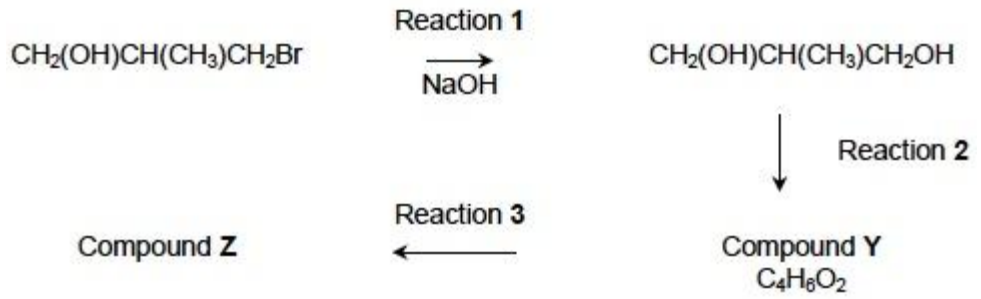
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Q2.

Halogenoalkanes are useful compounds in synthesis. A reaction pathway is shown.



(a) Give the IUPAC name for $CH_2(OH)CH(CH_3)CH_2Br$

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(b) Reaction **1** occurs via a nucleophilic substitution mechanism.

Explain why the halogenoalkane is attacked by the nucleophile in this reaction.

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(c) The infrared spectrum of Compound **Y** shows a significant absorption in the range 1680–1750 cm^{-1}

Draw the displayed formula of Compound **Y**.

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(d) Compound **Z** has the empirical formula C_3H_4NO

Give the structure of Compound **Z**.

Suggest the reagent for Reaction **3**.

Structure

Reagent for Reaction **3** _____

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