

JEE Advanced Previous Year Questions on Alcohol and Ether

Question 1. Total number of hydroxyl groups present in a molecule of the major product P is.



Solution: (6)

The total number of hydroxyl groups present in a molecule of the major product P is 6



In step (i), the Lindlar catalyst converts the given alkyne into a cis alkene. Further in step (ii), syn dihydroxylation takes place with the help of dilute $KMnO_4$.



Question 2. The number of the hydroxyl group(s) in Q is _____



Solution: (4)



... The total number of hydroxyl groups in Q is four.

In the first step, the acid-catalyzed dehydration of alcohol takes place to obtain an alkene. In this reaction, secondary carbocation rearranges to tertiary carbocation to form a more stable alkene. The next step is the dihydroxylation of two double bonds which introduces 4 -OH groups in the molecule.

Question 3. The correct combination of names for isomeric alcohols with molecular formula $C_4H_{10}O$ is/are.

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



Solution: (A, C and D)

Isomeric alcohols of C₄H₁₀O are:



Question 4. For the identification of β -naphthol using dye test, it is necessary to use:

- A. Dichloromethane solution of β-naphthol
- B. Acidic solution of β-naphthol
- C. Neutral solution of β-naphthol
- D. Alkaline solution of β-naphthol

Solution: (D)

In alkaline solution -OH convert to $-O^-$ which reacts with azo compound i.e, Ph $-N \equiv N^+$ to form an azo dye.

D is the correct option.





Question 5. An organic compound ($C_8H_{10}O_2$) rotates plane-polarized light. It produces pink colour with a neutral FeCl₃ solution. What is the total number of all the possible isomers for this compound?

Solution: (6)

DBE (Double bond equivalent) of $C_8H_{10}O_2$ is

= Number of carbon atoms - (Number of monovalent atoms) / 2 + 1

= 8 - 10 / 2 + 1 = 4

It gives pink colour with a neutral $FeCl_3$ solution. It means the phenolic group should be present in the compound.

Note: C* represent chiral carbon. So it will have (d and l) optically active isomers.



Total optically active isomer = 6



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 $C_8H_{10}O_2 \rightarrow Gives FeCl_3$ test means Phenol derivative

Rotate plane polarized light means optically active



Question 6. The number of resonance structures for 'N' is ____.



Solution: (9)

Naphthalen-2-ol acts as an acid and reacts with NaOH to form salt sodium naphthalen-2-olate which is compound N. The number of resonance structures for N is 9.





Question 7. The reactivity of compound Z with different halogens under appropriate conditions is given below:



The observed pattern of electrophilic substitution can be explained by:

- A. The steric effect on 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

Solution: (A, B and C)



This problem includes the concept of the effect of steric and electronic effects on the reactivity of organic compounds.

The steric effect of halogens is as follows

$$CI_2 < Br_2 < I_2$$

The electronic effect of the phenolic group directs the approaching electrophile towards ortho and para positions.

The tertiary butyl group has a large size so it causes a steric effect around the aromatic nucleus.

Hence orientation in electrophilic substitution reaction is decided by ning AP

- (A) The steric effect of halogen
- (B) The steric effect of the tertiary butyl group
- (C) The electromeric effect of phenolic group



Question 8. Total number of isomers, considering both structural and stereoisomers, of cyclic ethers with the molecular formula C_4H_8O is _____.

Solution: (10)





One of the four-membered cyclic structures exists as pair of enantiomers, contributing 2 to the total.

Two of the three-membered cyclic structures exist as pairs of enantiomers, contributing 4 to the total.

Also one of the three-membered structures exhibits geometrical isomerism adding 1 to the total structure.

Question 9. Match the chemical conversions in List-I with appropriate reagents given in List-II.



- PQRS
- A 2 3 1 4
- B 3 2 1 4
- C 2 3 4 1
- D 3 2 4 1



Solution: (A)



Question 10. The major product(s) of the following reaction is(are):



A. **P**



- B. Q
- C. R
- D. S

Solution: (B)

If we look at phenol, we can say that the hydroxide group is the ortho and para directing group. Thus, bromination occurs at ortho and para positions to form 2,4,6-tribromophenol.

On the other hand, SO_3 is a good leaving group. The sulphonic acid group is also replaced with bromine. Thus, the product is Q.

Generally, phenols are very reactive towards bromine water, that even substituents like $-SO_3H$, etc. that are present in o- and p-positions, are replaced by halogens.



