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Aldehydes and Ketones

1. The reducing agent in the following conversion is NaBH₄

$$H_3C-C-CH_2CH_3 \longrightarrow H_3C-CH-CH_2CH_3$$
O
OH

(a) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction.

(b)By considering the mechanism of this reaction, explain why the product formed is optically inactive.

- 2. Which one of the following does not represent an oxidation?
 - A. propene \rightarrow propane
 - B. propan-I-ol \rightarrow propanal
 - C. propan-I-ol → propanoic acid
 - D. propanal → propanoic acid

(1)

3. The equation for the reaction of ethanal with an alkaline solution of iodine is

$$CH_3CHO + 3I_2 + 4NaOH \rightarrow CHI_3 + HCOONa + 3NaI + 3H_2O$$

In an experiment using this reaction, the yield of triiodomethane (CHI₃) obtained by a student was 83.2%.

Calculate the minimum mass of iodine that this student would have used to form 10.0 g of triiodomethane.

Give your answer to the appropriate precision.



- **4.** CH₂O is the empirical formula of:
 - A. methanol
 - B. methyl methanoate

- C. ethane-1,2-diol
- D. butanal

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- **5.** Consider the reaction of propanal with HCN.
 - (a) Write an equation for the reaction of propanal with HCN and name the product.

(2)

(b) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of propanal with HCN



(5)

- **6.** Which one of the following isomers is not oxidised under mild reaction conditions?
 - A. (CH₃)₂CHCH(OH)COCH₃
 - B. (CH₃)₂C(OH)CH₂COCH₃

C		CH(OH)	CHCH	\cap
U. ((C) 13/2C) N		/CI 12CI I	\cup

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- **7.** Propanal is an isomer of propanone.
 - (a) Draw the structure of propanal.

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(b)A chemical test can be used to distinguish between separate samples of propanone and propanal.

Give a suitable reagent for the test and describe what you would observe with propanone and with propanal.

(4)

- **8.** Which one of the following can act as an oxidising agent but not as a reducing agent?
 - A. CH₃CHO
 - **B.** Fe²⁺
 - **C.** 1
 - D. MnO₄

(1)

9. Using HCN and a suitable carbonyl compound with molecular formula C₃H₆O, outline a mechanism for an addition reaction in which two isomers are produced.

Give the structures of the two isomers formed and state the type of isomerism shown.



- **10.** Which alcohol could not be produced by the reduction of an aldehyde or a ketone?
 - A. 2-methylbutan-1-ol
 - B. 2-methylbutan-2-ol
 - C. 3-methylbutan-1-ol
 - D. 3-methylbutan-2-ol

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