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Optical Isomerism - 4

1. The structures of the amino acids alanine and glycine are shown below.



(a) Give the systematic name for alanine.

(1)

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(b)Alanine exists as a pair of stereoisomers. Explain the meaning of the term stereoisomers.

(c)State how you could distinguish between the stereoisomers.

(2)



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(1)

(b)Identify a reagent which could be used in a test-tube reaction to distinguish between E and F.

In each case, state what you would observe.

(3)

3. Why is optical isomerism a problem for the drug industry?

(2)

4. Butanone reacts with reagent S to form compound T which exists as a racemic mixture.

Dehydration of T forms U, C_5H_7N , which can represent a pair of geometrical isomers.

(a)State the meaning of the term racemic mixture and suggest why such a mixture is formed in this reaction.

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(b)Identify reagent S, and draw a structural formula for each of T and U.

(3)

- **5.** But-1-ene and other products can be made by the dehydration of butan-2-ol.
 - (a)Outline a mechanism for the dehydration of butan-2-ol into but-l-ene.

(3)

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(b)Explain why but-1-ene does not show geometrical isomerism.



(c)An alternative dehydration of butan-2-ol produces geometrical isomers.

Draw the structure of one of these geometrical isomers and give its full name.

(2)

6. What are polarimeters used for?

(2)

- 7. Which one of the following can exhibit both geometrical and optical isomerism?
 - A. $(CH_3)_2C=CHCH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$
 - B. CH₃CH₂CH=CHCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃
 - **C.** $(CH_3)_2C=C(CH2CH_3)_2$
 - **D.** $CH_3CH_2CH(CH_3)CH(CH_3)C=CH_2$

(1)

8. Give the name and graphical formula of the amide C_2H_5ON .

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(2)

9. Consider the following three reactions of cyclohexanone, $C_6H_{10}O$.



(a) Give a suitable reagent for Reaction 1.

(1)

(b)Name the type of reaction and outline a mechanism for Reaction 2.

(c)Name the organic product of Reaction 3.

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(4)

(d)Calculate the maximum mass of this organic product that could be formed if 2.40 g of cyclohexanone were allowed to react in Reaction 3.

- (4)
- **10.** Which one of the following reaction mixtures would give a product capable of exhibiting optical isomerism?
 - A. CH₃CH=CH₂ + HBr
 - **B.** CH₃CH₂CH₂Br + NaOH
 - **C.** $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH + H_2SO_4$
 - **D.** CH₃CH₂CHO + HCN

(1)

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