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Alcohols - 1

- Ethanol can be manufactured by the direct hydration of ethene and by the fermentation of sugars.
 - (a) State what is meant by the term hydration.

(1)

(b)Give one advantage and one disadvantage of manufacturing ethanol by fermentation rather than by hydration.

(3)

- 2. Which compound is produced when 1-phenylethanol reacts with acidified potassium dichromate(VI)?
 - A. C₆H₅CH₂CH₂OH
 - B. C₆H₅CH₂CHO
 - C. C₆H₅COCH₃
 - **D.** $C_6H_5CH(OH)CH_3$

(1)

- **3.** When 3-bromo-2,3-dimethylpentane, (CH₃)₂CHCBr(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, reacts with aqueous potassium hydroxide, an alcohol is formed.
 - (a) Name the type of reaction taking place and give the role of the reagent.

(1)

(b)Outline a mechanism for the reaction, showing clearly the structure of the alcohol formed.

(3)

- 4. Which statement is correct about the production and use of ethanol as a biofuel?
 - **A.** Biofuel ethanol is produced by the fermentation of glucose in the presence of yeast and air.
 - **B.** Biofuel ethanol is purified by fractional distillation.
 - C. No carbon dioxide is released when biofuel ethanol is burned.
 - **D.** Biofuel ethanol burns with a cleaner flame than ethanol made by hydration of ethene.

(1)

5. Ethanol can be oxidised to an aldehyde and to a carboxylic acid.

(2)

(b)Give a suitable reagent and reaction conditions for the oxidation of ethanol to form the carboxylic acid as the major product.

(3)

6. Which statement is not correct about the industrial production of ethanol from ethene at 300 °C?

$$C_2H_4(g) + H_2O(g) \rightleftharpoons C_2H_5OH(g)$$

$$\Delta H = -46 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

- A. The reaction is catalysed by an acid.
- **B.** The reaction has 100% atom economy.
- C. An increase in temperature decreases the equilibrium yield of ethanol.
- D. An increase in pressure increases the value of Kc

(1)

7. State the class of alcohols to which the diol butane-1,4-diol belongs.

Identify a suitable reagent or combination of reagents for the conversion of butane-1,4-diol into butanedioic acid (HOOCCH₂CH₂COOH).

Write an equation for this oxidation reaction using [O] to represent the oxidising agent.



- **8.** Which one of the following reactions will produce an organic compound that has optical isomers?
 - A. dehydration of butan-2-ol by heating with concentrated sulphuric acid
 - B. reduction of pentan-3-one by warming with NaBH₄
 - C. addition of Br₂ to 3-bromopropene
 - **D.** reduction of 2,3-dimethylpent-2-ene with H₂ in the presence of a nickel catalyst

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

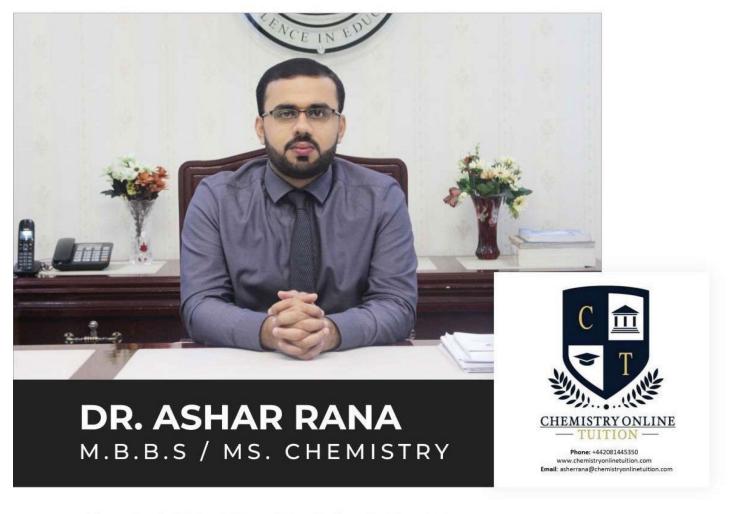
Give a suitable reagent for the test and describe what you would observe with propanone and with propanal.

(4)

- **10.** Which one of the following alcohols forms a mixture of alkenes when dehydrated?
 - A. propan-1-ol
 - B. propan-2-ol
 - C. pentan-1-ol
 - D. pentan-2-ol

(1)





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