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**RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER 2017**

TITLE OF PAPER	:	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY FOR NURSES
COURSE CODE	:	GNS 112
DURATION	:	2 HOURS
MARKS	:	100
INSTRUCTIONS	:	READ THE QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
	:	ANSWER <b><u>ANY FOUR</u></b> QUESTIONS
	:	EACH QUESTION <b><u>CARRIES 25</u></b> MARKS.
	:	WRITE NEATLY & CLEARLY
	:	NO PAPER SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO OR OUT OF THE EXAMINATION ROOM.
	:	BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Hydrocarbon A has the formula  $C_9H_{12}$  and absorbs 3 equivalents of hydrogen to yield B,  $C_9H_{18}$ , when hydrogenated over a Pd/C catalyst. Give the structures of both A and B [ 4 Marks]
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability of carbon to form long chains with itself therefore creating millions of organic compounds. [2 Marks]
- c. Organic compounds contain heteroatoms such as H, N, O, S, P and \_\_\_\_\_ . [2 Marks]
- d. Benzene contains only \_\_\_\_\_ hybridised carbons. [2 Marks]
- e. Draw saturated structures for the following compounds and fill in non-bonding valence electrons where they can be found.
- i) Bromo, chloroethane
  - ii) Carbon monoxide
  - iii) Methanal
  - iv) 2,4' dichloro biphenyl
  - v) 2-chloro-4-ethoxyhexanal

[5 ×3 Marks]

[Total: 25 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. Explain what is meant by the term 'anticoagulant' and give three examples of anticoagulants. [6 Marks]
- b. What is the difference between blood serum and blood plasma? [5 Marks]
- c. Steroids are a class of biomolecules made up of three six-membered carbon rings and one five-membered ring with an aliphatic chain attached on the five carbon ring. Give three examples of steroids and give the function of each example. [6 Marks]
- d. Draw all structural isomers of hexene,  $C_6H_{12}$ , that have unbranched carbon chains.

[8 marks]

[Total: 25 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

- a. Account for the following facts;
- Primary carbocations do not undergo  $S_N1$  type of reactions.
  - Terminal alkenes form minor products of reactions involving the dehydration of alcohols.

[2×5 Marks]

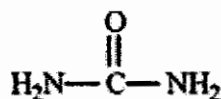
- b. Draw structures of the compounds described below and give the IUPAC name for each structure

- An aromatic compound containing one benzene ring and a single carboxyl group which is *ortho* to a bromo group and *para* to a hydroxyl group.
- A straight chain of eight carbons with two methyl groups on the second carbon, an *isopropyl* group on the fourth carbon and a carbonyl group on the eighth carbon.
- An unsaturated compound,  $C_3H_6$ , undergoes a halogenation reaction to produce dichloride product, A. Draw the molecular structure of Product A.

[15 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Consider the structure of urea shown below and do the following:



- Fill in the non-bonding valence electrons that are missing from the line bond structure [4 Marks]
  - Determine the hybridization of the carbon atom. [2 Marks]
  - Predict the bond angle of  $\text{NH}_2-\text{C}=\text{O}$  in urea. [3 Marks]
- b) There are two molecules with the molecular formula  $C_3H_9N$ . Draw them and describe how they differ. [6 Marks]
- c) What is the difference between  $S_N1$  and  $S_N2$  reactions? Give examples of each type of reaction. [10 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Give the molecular formula of a hydrocarbon containing five carbon atoms that is;
- (i) An alkane
  - (ii) Cycloalkane
  - (iii) An alkene
  - (iv) An alkyne.

**[4 ×2 Marks ]**

- b. Explain why the molecular formulae of the answers given in a. (i) and (ii) are different.

**[Marks 4]**

- c. Using appropriate examples, explain the difference between

- (i) Alkane and an alkyl group
- (ii) A saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbon
- (iii) A branched and a straight chain hydrocarbon
- (iv) Benzene and cyclohexane

**[8 Marks]**

- d. Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction of 2-butene and bromine.

**[5 Marks]**

**[Total: 25 Marks]**

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