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**RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER 2019**

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 **ANY FOUR** QUESTIONS
- : EACH QUESTION **CARRIES 25** 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. Identify whether the following statements are true or false.
- (i) The overall polarity of organic molecules is high. [2 Marks]
  - (ii) Humans digest starch but not cellulose because of differences in the type of linkage between the glucose monomers of these substances [2 Marks]
  - (iii) The majority of glucose molecules exist in ring structure. [2 Marks]
  - (iv) A carbon with three or more attached groups will be chiral. [2 Marks]
  - (v) The DNA double helix is held together by hydrogen bonds and London dispersion forces. [2 Marks]
- b. Draw saturated structures for the following compounds and fill in non-bonding valence electrons where they can be found.
- i) Bromo, chloroethane [3 Marks]
  - ii) Carbon monoxide [3 Marks]
  - iii) Methanal [3 Marks]
  - iv) 2,4' dichloro biphenyl [3 Marks]
  - v) 2-chloro-4-ethoxyhexanal [3 Marks]
- Total:** [25 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

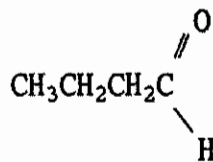
- a. Explain what is meant by the term 'anticoagulant' and give three examples of anticoagulants. [7 Marks]
- b. What is the difference between blood serum and blood plasma? [4 Marks]
- c. Steroids are a class of biomolecules made up of three six-membered carbon rings and one five-membered ring with 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;
- (i) Tertiary carbocations do not undergo  $S_N2$  type of reactions. [5 Marks]
  - (ii) Cyclobutane, a cyclic alkane, and 1-butene, an alkene, have the same molecular formula. [5 Marks]
  - (iii) Terminal alkenes form minor products of reactions involving the dehydration of alcohols. [5 Marks]
  - (iv) Carbon forms 4 covalent bonds yet its ground state electron configuration only has two unpaired electrons. [5 Marks]
  - (v) Non-bonding electron pairs also play a role in the determination of molecular geometry. [5 Marks]
- Total:** [25 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Consider the structure of butanal shown below and answer the following questions



- i) Fill in the non-bonding valence electrons that are missing from the line bond structure. [3 Marks]
  - ii) Determine the hybridization of carbon 1 atom. [3 Marks]
  - iii) Predict the bond angle of substituents bonded to carbon 1 [3 Marks]
- b) Draw the structural formula of 6-ethyl-3-decene. [6 Marks]
- c) Of the 20 amino acids found in our bodies, \_\_\_\_\_ of them must be ingested because our bodies cannot synthesize sufficient quantities of them. [4 Marks]
- d) What is the difference between E1 and E2 reactions? [6 Marks]

**Total:** [25 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Give the molecular formula of a hydrocarbon containing five carbon atoms that is;
- (i) An alkane [2 Marks]
  - (ii) Cycloalkane [2 Marks]
  - (iii) An alkene [2 Marks]
  - (iv) An alkyne. [2 Marks]
- b. Explain why the molecular formulars of the answers given in a. (i) and (ii) are different. [Marks 4]
- c. Draw structural formulars of examples of the following classes of organic compounds
- (i) Carboxylic acid [2 Marks]
  - (ii) Ketone [2 Marks]
  - (iii) Esters [2 Marks]
  - (iv) Secondary Amine [2 Marks]
- d. Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction of 2-pentyne and excess hydrogen. [5 Marks]
- Total:** [25 Marks]

## General data and fundamental constants

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	$c$	$2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Elementary charge	$e$	$1.602\,177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Faraday constant	$F = N_A e$	$9.6485 \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380\,66 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Gas constant	$R = N_A k$	$8.314\,51 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $8.205\,78 \times 10^{-3} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ $6.2364 \times 10 \text{ L Torr K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Planck constant	$h$ $\hbar = h/2\pi$	$6.626\,08 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ $1.054\,57 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Avogadro constant	$N_A$	$6.022\,14 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Atomic mass unit	$u$	$1.660\,54 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Mass		
electron	$m_e$	$9.109\,39 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$
proton	$m_p$	$1.672\,62 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
neutron	$m_n$	$1.674\,93 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg}$
Vacuum permittivity	$\epsilon_0 = 1/c^2 \mu_0$ $4\pi\epsilon_0$	$8.854\,19 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$ $1.112\,65 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Vacuum permeability	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ J s}^2 \text{ C}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ $4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}^2 \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ m}^3$
Magneton		
Bohr	$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e$	$9.274\,02 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
nuclear	$\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p$	$5.050\,79 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
g value	$g_e$	2.002 32
Bohr radius	$a_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar^2 / m_e e^2$	$5.291\,77 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
Fine-structure constant	$\alpha = \mu_0 e^2 c / 2\hbar$	$7.297\,35 \times 10^{-3}$
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = m_e e^4 / 8\hbar^3 c \epsilon_0^2$	$1.097\,37 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$
Standard acceleration of free fall	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Gravitational constant	$G$	$6.672\,59 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ Kg}^{-2}$

## Conversion factors

1 cal	=	4.184 joules (J)	1 erg	=	$1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$
1 eV	=	$1.602\,2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	1 eV/molecule	=	96 485 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>

Prefixes	f	p	n	$\mu$	m	c	d	k	M	G
	femto	pico	nano	micro	milli	centi	deci	kilo	mega	giga
	$10^{-15}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^3$	$10^6$	$10^9$

GROUPS

PERIODS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIIB	VIII	IX	X	IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	VIIIA	
1	1.008 H																	4.003 He	
2	6.941 Li	9.012 Be											10.811 B	12.011 C	14.007 N	15.999 O	18.998 F	20.180 Ne	
3	22.990 Na	24.305 Mg											26.982 Al	28.086 Si	30.974 P	32.06 S	35.453 Cl	39.948 Ar	
4	39.098 K	40.078 Ca	44.956 Sc	47.88 Ti	50.942 V	51.996 Cr	54.938 Mn	55.847 Fe	58.933 Co	58.69 Ni	63.546 Cu	65.39 Zn	69.723 Ga	72.61 Ge	74.922 As	78.96 Se	79.904 Br	83.80 Kr	
5	85.468 Rb	87.62 Sr	88.906 Y	91.224 Zr	92.906 Nb	95.94 Mo	98.907 Tc	101.07 Ru	102.91 Rh	106.42 Pd	107.87 Ag	112.41 Cd	114.82 In	118.71 Sn	121.75 Sb	127.60 Te	126.90 I	131.29 Xe	
6	132.91 Cs	137.33 Ba	138.91 *La	178.49 Hf	180.95 Ta	183.85 W	186.21 Re	190.2 Os	192.22 Ir	195.08 Pt	196.97 Au	200.59 Hg	204.38 Tl	207.2 Pb	208.98 Bi	(209) Po	(210) At	(222) Rn	
7	223 Fr	226.03 Ra	(227) **Ac	(261) Rf	(262) Ha	(263) Unh	(262) Uns	(265) Uno	(266) Une	(267) Uun									

Atomic mass →  
Symbol →  
Atomic No. →

TRANSITION ELEMENTS

140.12 Ce	140.91 Pr	144.24 Nd	(145) Pm	150.36 Sm	151.96 Eu	157.25 Gd	158.93 Tb	162.50 Dy	164.93 Ho	167.26 Er	168.93 Tm	173.04 Yb	174.97 Lu
232.04 Th	231.04 Pa	238.03 U	237.05 Np	(244) Pu	(243) Am	(247) Cm	(247) Bk	(251) Cf	(252) Es	(257) Fm	(258) Md	(259) No	(260) Lr

\*Lanthanide Series

\*\*Actinide Series

( ) indicates the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life.