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Chapter 17

Carbonyl compounds

17.1Aldehydes and ketones

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Which compound gives both:

- Carribildo an orange precipitate with 2,4-DNPH reagent
- and a yellow precipitate with alkaline I₂(aq)?
- Α ethanol
- methanal В
- C propanal
- propanone

1022. 9701 m21 qp 12 Q: 24

ketone when refluxed with an acidified solution of Which compound produces potassium dichromate(VI)?

- Α pentan-1-ol
- 2-methylbutan-1-ol
- 2-methylbutan-2-ol С
- 3-methylbutan-2-ol





In this question you can assume that ¹H and ³H have the same chemical properties.

A sample of ethanal contains only one isotope of hydrogen, ¹H.

It is reduced to compound Z, C_2H_6O , in a nucleophilic addition reaction using NaBH₄. All the hydrogen atoms in the NaBH₄ are the 3H isotope.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} CH_3CHO & \xrightarrow{NaBH_4} & & C_2H_6O \\ & & compound \ Z \end{array}$$

Compound Z is then oxidised back to ethanal and water.

$$C_2H_6O + [O] \rightarrow CH_3CHO + H_2O$$

Which statement about the final mixture of products is correct?

- A Both ethanal and water contain ³H atoms.
- **B** Ethanal is the only product containing ³H atoms.
- C Neither ethanal nor water contain ³H atoms.
- **D** Water is the only product containing ³H atoms.

Which statement is correct for the reaction of carbonyl compounds with HCN?

- A The reaction is catalysed by concentrated H₂SO₄.
- B Pentan-2-one and HCN react to give a chiral product.
- C The reaction is a condensation reaction.
- **D** The reaction is nucleophilic substitution.



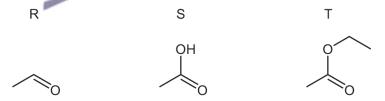


 $1025.\ 9701_s21_qp_12\ Q:\ 28$

Which reaction mechanism for the formation of $C_2H_5CH(OH)(CN)$ is correct?

1026. 9701_s21_qp_13 Q: 26

The skeletal formulae of three compounds are shown.



Which compounds will give a positive test with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent?

A Ronly B Rand Sonly C Sand Tonly D R, Sand T





The diagram shows the structure of a compound formed by the reaction of HCN with a carbonyl compound, X.

What is the mechanism of this reaction and what is the functional group in X?

| | mechanism of reaction | functional group in X |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Α | electrophilic addition | aldehyde |
| В | electrophilic addition | ketone |
| С | nucleophilic addition | aldehyde |
| D | nucleophilic addition | ketone |

$$1028.\ 9701_w21_qp_11\ \ Q:\ 26$$

CH₃CH₂COCH₂CH₃ reacts with hydrogen cyanide to form an organic product called a cyanohydrin.

Which statement is correct?

- A The cyanohydrin product has one chiral centre.
- **B** The cyanohydrin product is formed by electrophilic addition.
- C The cyanohydrin product is formed via an intermediate which contains a C-OH group.
- **D** The formation of the cyanohydrin product requires the use of cyanide ions as a catalyst.

Reduction of compound R with LiAlH₄ gives the compound 4-methylpentane-2,3-diol.

What could be the identity of compound R?





1030. 9701_w21_qp_12 Q: 28

Which compound produces a precipitate with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent **and** also with alkaline aqueous iodine?

- A butan-2-ol
- **B** butanal
- C butanone
- D pentan-3-one

 $1031.\ 9701_w21_qp_13\ Q:\ 26$

CH₃CH₂COCH₂CH₃ reacts with hydrogen cyanide to form an organic product called a cyanohydrin.

Which statement is correct?

- A The cyanohydrin product has one chiral centre.
- **B** The cyanohydrin product is formed by electrophilic addition.
- C The cyanohydrin product is formed via an intermediate which contains a C-OH group.
- **D** The formation of the cyanohydrin product requires the use of cyanide ions as a catalyst.

1032. 9701 s20 qp 11 Q: 20

The skeletal formula of compound X is shown.

Which row is correct?

| | molecular formula of X | observation on addition of X to Fehling's reagent |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Α | C ₇ H ₁₄ O | no change |
| В | C ₇ H ₁₄ O | red precipitate forms |
| С | C ₇ H ₁₆ O | no change |
| D | C ₇ H ₁₆ O | red precipitate forms |





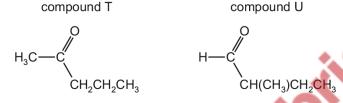
 $1033.\ 9701_s20_qp_12\ Q:\ 22$

Which row correctly shows the type of mechanism of each of the two reactions?

| | C₂H₅Br + KCN | CH₃COCH₃ + HCN |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Α | electrophilic substitution | electrophilic addition |
| В | electrophilic substitution | nucleophilic addition |
| С | nucleophilic substitution | electrophilic addition |
| D | nucleophilic substitution | nucleophilic addition |

1034. 9701 s20 qp 13 Q: 24

Which statement about compound T and compound U is correct?



- A T and U are stereoisomers.
- **B** T can be distinguished from U by the use of alkaline aqueous iodine.
- C T can be reduced by LiAlH₄ but not by NaBH₄.
- **D** U can be formed by the oxidation of 3-methylbutan-1-ol.

$$1035.\ 9701_w20_qp_11\ \ Q:\ 27$$

Which pair of test results would prove that a substance, X, is a ketone?

- A X has no reaction with Tollens' reagent. X reacts with alkaline aqueous iodine.
- **B** X is reduced by lithium aluminium hydride. X is oxidised by acidified dichromate(VI).
- C X reacts with 2,4-DNPH reagent. X has no reaction with Fehling's reagent.
- D X reacts with hydrogen cyanide. X is reduced by lithium aluminium hydride.



D

OH



1036. 9701_w20_qp_11 Q: 28

Carvone is found in spearmint oil.

carvone

Which product is formed when carvone is reacted with NaBH₄?

A B C

1037. 9701 w20 qp 12 Q: 23

Compound X contains two functional groups.

compound X

Which reagent will react with only one of the functional groups?

- A acidified potassium dichromate(VI)
- B 2,4-DNPH reagent
- C hydrogen cyanide
- **D** NaBH₄

1038. 9701 w20 qp 12 Q: 25

Diols in which both hydroxy groups are bonded to the same carbon atom can spontaneously eliminate a molecule of water to produce a carbonyl compound.

Which compound, after complete hydrolysis, gives a silver mirror with Tollens' reagent?

- A 1,1-dibromobutane
- B 1,2-dibromobutane
- C 1,3-dibromobutane
- D 2,2-dibromobutane





1039. 9701 s19 qp 11 Q: 29

Which reagent may be used to distinguish between propanone and ethanol?

- A 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine
- **B** bromine water
- C Fehling's reagent
- D Tollens' reagent

 $1040.\ 9701_s19_qp_12\ Q:\ 27$

Which reagent could be used to distinguish between ethanal and propanal?

- A 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine
- **B** I₂/NaOH(aq)
- \mathbf{C} $K_2Cr_2O_7/H_2SO_4(aq)$
- D Tollens' reagent

 $1041.\ 9701_s19_qp_13\ Q:\ 28$

Structural isomerism only should be considered when answering this question.

A set of isomeric compounds, with molecular formula $C_5H_{10}O$, all react in a 1:1 ratio with an excess of HCN by nucleophilic addition.

How many isomeric compounds are in the set?

A 5

B (

C

D 8

1042. 9701 w19 qp 11 Q: 26

The diagram shows the structure of compound Z.



What is the product of the reaction between compound Z and an excess of NaBH₄?





 $1043.\ 9701_w19_qp_11\ Q:\ 27$

Compound Q shows the following reactions.

- It gives an orange precipitate with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine.
- It gives a red-brown precipitate with Fehling's reagent.
- It gives a pale yellow precipitate with alkaline aqueous iodine.

What could be the identity of Q?

- A ethanal
- B propan-2-ol
- C propanal
- **D** propanone

Compound X has stereoisomers and forms a precipitate when warmed with Fehling's reagent.

What could be the structure of compound X?





The diagram shows the structure of Y.

Two suggestions are made about Y.

- 1 Y can be oxidised by hot, acidified dichromate(VI) ions.
- 2 One mole of Y gives one mole of tri-iodomethane when it reacts with an excess of alkaline aqueous iodine.

Which suggestions are correct?

- A both 1 and 2
- B 1 only
- C 2 only
- D neither 1 nor 2

1046. 9701 m18 qp 12 Q: 26

Compound X produces a carboxylic acid when heated under reflux with acidified potassium dichromate (VI). Compound X does not react with sodium metal.

What could be the identity of compound X?

- A propanal
- **B** propanone
- C propan-1-ol
- D propan-2-ol





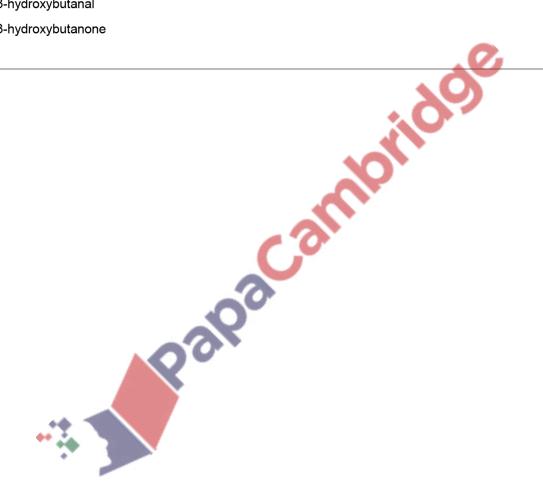
1047. 9701_s18_qp_11 Q: 25

Compound Q

- contains a chiral centre,
- gives a positive result with Fehling's reagent,
- gives a positive result with alkaline aqueous iodine.

What could compound Q be?

- 1-hydroxybutanone
- В 2-hydroxybutanal
- С 3-hydroxybutanal
- 3-hydroxybutanone







 $1048.\ 9701_s18_qp_11\ \ Q:\ 26$

What is the mechanism for the reaction of ethanal, CH₃CHO, with hydrogen cyanide, HCN, in the presence of NaCN?

A
$$CH_3$$
 C CH_3 C

$$c \quad CH_3 - C - H$$
 $CH_3 - C - H$ $CH_3 - C - H$ $CH_3 - C - H$

propagation
$$CH_3$$
— C + • CN — CH_3 — C — CH_3 — CH_3 — C — C — C — C — C — C — C — C — C — C —

termination
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CN





 $1049.\ 9701_s18_qp_12\ Q:\ 27$

Which statement about butanone is correct?

- A Butanone can be dehydrated by concentrated sulfuric acid to give CH₂=CHCH=CH₂.
- B Butanone gives a positive result with Tollens' reagent.
- C Butanone reacts with HCN by an electrophilic addition mechanism.
- **D** Butanone reacts with NaBH₄ to give a chiral product.

$$1050.\ 9701_w18_qp_11\ Q:\ 27$$

Which compound shows optical isomerism and gives a positive test with alkaline aqueous iodine?

- A CH₃COCH(OH)CH₃
- B CH₃COCH₂CH₂OH
- C HOCH₂CH(CH₃)CHO
- D (CH₃)₂C(OH)CHO

$$1051.\ 9701_w18_qp_12\ Q\hbox{:}\ 27$$

Compound X has the empirical formula C₂H₃O.

Compound X reacts with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent to give an orange precipitate and also decolourises warmed acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution.

What could be the identity of X?





Diols in which both hydroxy groups are bonded to the same carbon can spontaneously eliminate a molecule of water to produce a carbonyl compound.

Which compound, after complete hydrolysis, gives a positive reaction with Tollens' reagent?

- A 1,1-dibromobutane
- **B** 1,2-dibromobutane
- C 1,3-dibromobutane
- D 2,2-dibromobutane

CH₃CH₂COCH₂CH₃ reacts with hydrogen cyanide to form an organic product called a cyanohydrin.

Which statement is correct?

- A The cyanohydrin product has one chiral centre.
- **B** The cyanohydrin product is formed by electrophilic addition.
- C The cyanohydrin product is formed via an intermediate which contains a C-OH group.
- D The formation of the cyanohydrin product requires the use of cyanide ions as a catalyst.

Compound X, $CH_3CH(OH)CH(CHO)CH_3$, is heated under reflux with an excess of acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ to form compound Y.

Both X and Y are separately warmed with Fehling's solution and the observations noted.

What are the observations?

- A Both X and Y give a red precipitate.
- B Only X gives a red precipitate
- C Only Y gives a red precipitate.
- D Neither X nor Y gives a red precipitate.





Structural isomerism and stereoisomerism should be considered when answering this question.

Each of the following carbonyl compounds is reacted with NaBH₄. The product of each reaction is heated with Al_2O_3 at 600 °C, generating one product or a mixture of isomers.

Which carbonyl compound will produce the most isomers?

- A butanal
- **B** butanone
- C pentan-3-one
- **D** propanone

Diols in which both hydroxy groups are bonded to the same carbon atom spontaneously eliminate a molecule of water to produce a carbonyl compound.

Which compound is hydrolysed to form a product that gives a positive reaction with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine but **not** with Fehling's reagent?

- A 1,1-dibromopropane
- **B** 1,2-dibromopropane
- C 1,3-dibromopropane
- D 2,2-dibromopropane

Which compound gives a positive test with alkaline aqueous iodine and does not show optical isomerism?

- A CH₃COCH₂CH₂OH
- B CH₃CH₂CH(OH)CHO
- C CH₃COCH(OH)CH₃
- D (CH₃)₂C(OH)CHO

A carbonyl compound **X** will react with HCN in the presence of NaCN to make a compound with M_r 85. Compound **X** does **not** react with Fehling's reagent.

What is X?

- A butanal
- **B** butanone
- C propanal
- **D** propanone





1059. 9701 s17 qp 12 Q: 27

 $H_2NNHC_6H_3(NO_2)_2$ is the structural formula of 2,4-DNPH.

Many, but not all, organic reactions need to be heated before reaction occurs.

Which reaction occurs at a good rate at room temperature (20 °C)?

 $A \quad C_{10}H_{22} \, \to \, C_8H_{18} \, + \, C_2H_4$

B $CH_3CH_2CH_2Br + NH_3 \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2NH_2 + HBr$

C $CH_3CH_2OH + KBr \rightarrow CH_3CH_2Br + KOH$

D $(CH_3)_2CO + H_2NNHC_6H_3(NO_2)_2 \rightarrow (CH_3)_2C=NNHC_6H_3(NO_2)_2 + H_2O$

1060. 9701 s17 qp 13 Q: 22

The formulae of three compounds are shown.

C₃H₇CHO C₂H₅COCH₃

CH₂CHCH₂CH₂OH

Only one of these compounds will decolourise bromine water. Only one of these compounds will produce a silver mirror with Tollens' reagent.

Which row shows the correct results?

| | decolourises bromine water | forms a silver mirror with Tollens' reagent |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Α | C₃H ₇ CHO | C ₂ H ₅ COCH ₃ |
| В | C₂H₅COCH₃ | C₃H ₇ CHO |
| С | CH₂CHCH₂CH₂OH | C ₂ H ₅ COCH ₃ |
| D | CH₂CHCH₂CH₂OH | C₃H ₇ CHO |

Glucose can be used to prepare sorbitol, a compound used as a sugar substitute.

Which reagent may be used for this conversion?

- A acidified potassium dichromate(VI)
- B sodium borohydride
- C sodium hydroxide
- **D** Tollens' reagent





1062. 9701 w17 qp 12 Q: 24

2,3-dimethylpent-2-ene, $(CH_3)_2C=C(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$, is treated with cold, dilute $KMnO_4$. The product of this reaction is treated with an excess of concentrated H₂SO₄ at 180 °C, giving a mixture of isomeric hydrocarbons with molecular formula C₇H₁₂.

What is the name of one of the isomeric hydrocarbons?

- 2,3-dimethylpenta-1,2-diene
- cis-2,3-dimethylpenta-1,3-diene
- 2,3-dimethylpenta-1,4-diene
- D 3,4-dimethylpenta-1,3-diene

1063. 9701 w17 qp 12 Q: 29

Compound G

- has a chiral centre,
- Palpa Carriloridos gives a positive result with alkaline aqueous iodine,
- does not give a silver mirror with Tollens' reagent.

What could compound G be?

- 1-hydroxybutan-2-one
- 2-hydroxybutanal
- 3-hydroxybutanal
- 3-hydroxybutan-2-one





1064. 9701 m16 qp 12 Q: 20

People who take statin drugs to control their blood cholesterol may also take 'coenzyme Q₁₀'.

The diagram shows a simplified structure of one form of this coenzyme.

coenzyme Q₁₀

| A an aldehyde n + 2 B an aldehyde n + 4 C a ketone n + 2 D a ketone n + 4 | Which | the coenzyme is | coenzyme tructure correctly? number of π bonds in one molecule | |
|---|-------|-----------------|---|----|
| C a ketone n+2 | Α | an aldehyde | n + 2 | 40 |
| | В | an aldehyde | n + 4 | |
| D a ketone n + 4 | С | a ketone | n + 2 | 10 |
| Call | D | a ketone | n + 4 | |
| 1065. 9701_s16_qp_11_Q: 24 | | | | |



Alcohol Y gives product Z after mild oxidation. Z gives a positive result with Tollens' reagent and with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent.

What could be the identity of alcoho

- butan-1-ol
- В butan-2-ol
- butan 2,3-diol C
- 2-methylbutan-2-ol

Which reagent cannot be used to distinguish between ethanal and propanone?

- acidified sodium dichromate(VI) solution
- alkaline aqueous iodine
- cold acidified potassium manganate(VII) solution
- Fehling's reagent





1067. 9701 s16 qp 12 Q: 26

Which organic compound would **not** give **either** a yellow precipitate when treated with alkaline aqueous iodine **or** an orange precipitate when treated with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent?

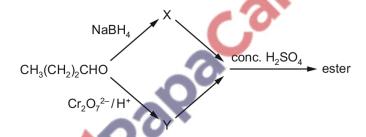
- **A** propanal
- B propan-1-ol
- C propan-2-ol
- **D** propanone

In which reaction is the organic compound oxidised?

- A CH₃CH₂CH₂CHO + Tollens' reagent
- B CH₃CH₂CH₂CHO + LiA*l*H₄
- C CH₃CH₂CH₂OH + concentrated H₃PO₄
- D CH₃CO₂C₂H₅ + dilute H₂SO₄

$$1069.9701_s16_qp_13~Q: 22$$

An ester with an aroma of pineapples can be synthesised in the laboratory from butanal using this reaction scheme.



What is the structural formula of the ester?

- A CH₃(CH₂)₂CO₂(CH₂)₂CH₃
- B CH₃(CH₂)₂CO₂(CH₂)₃CH₃
- \mathbf{C} CH₃(CH₂)₃CO₂(CH₂)₂CH₃
- D CH₃(CH₂)₃CO₂(CH₂)₃CH₃





 $1070.\ 9701_s16_qp_13\ Q:\ 24$

Vitamin A contains retinol.

retinol

Under appropriate conditions, acidified KMnO₄(aq) can be used to break apart C=C bonds.

After these bonds have been broken, further oxidation of the fragments may occur.

Under which conditions is the acidified $KMnO_4(aq)$ used and what do the final oxidation products include?

| | conditions | final oxidation products |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Α | cold, dilute | aldehydes and carboxylic acids |
| В | cold, dilute | ketones and carboxylic acids |
| С | hot, concentrated | aldehydes and carboxylic acids |
| D | hot, concentrated | ketones and carboxylic acids |

1071. 9701 w16 qp 11 Q: 26

Propanone reacts with an aqueous mixture of HCN and NaCN by a nucleophilic addition mechanism.

The first stage of the mechanism involves attack by cyanide ions.

Which diagram correctly represents this?





 $1072.\ 9701_w16_qp_11\ Q:\ 27$

P, Q and R are carbonyl compounds.

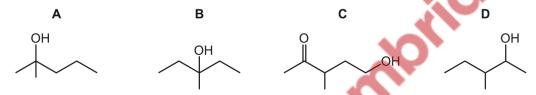
Fehling's solution can be used to help identify these compounds.

Which compounds form a red-brown precipitate on warming with Fehling's solution?

A P, Q and R B P and Q only C P only D Q only

 $1073.\ 9701_w16_qp_12\ Q:\ 25$

Which compound can be oxidised by acidified potassium manganate(VII) to give 3-methylpentan-2-one?



1074. 9701_w16_qp_12 Q: 28

Which row correctly describes the reactivity of aldehydes and ketones?

| | | 7/3 |
|---|--------------------|--|
| | with NaBH₄ | with H ⁺ /Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻ (aq) |
| Α | both react | both react |
| В | both react | only aldehydes react |
| С | only ketones react | both react |
| D | only ketones react | only aldehydes react |

1075. 9701_s15_qp_11 Q: 20

Which reagent will give a different observation with compounds P and Q?

HOCH₂CH(OH)CHO HOCH₂COCH₂OH P Q

- \mathbf{A} Br₂(aq)
- B hot acidified KMnO₄
- C silver nitrate in ammonia solution
- **D** warm acidified K₂Cr₂O₇





 $1076.\ 9701_s15_qp_12\ Q\hbox{:}\ 27$

The diagram shows the structure of compound X.

What is the product of the reaction between compound X and an excess of NaBH₄?

1077. 9701_s15_qp_13 Q: 24

The naturally-occurring molecule civetone is found in a gland of the African civet cat and has been used in perfumery.

Which reagent will not react with civetone?

- A 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent
- B Fehling's reagent
- C hydrogen bromide
- D sodium tetrahydridoborate(III), NaBH₄





1078. 9701_w15_qp_11 Q: 26

Which compound ${\bf cannot}$ be oxidised by acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution but ${\bf does}$ react with sodium metal?

- A (CH₃)₃COH
- B CH₃COCH₂CH₃
- C CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂OH
- D CH₃CH₂CH(OH)CH₃

$$1079.\ 9701_w15_qp_11\ Q:\ 27$$

Butan-2-ol can be made by reducing X with H₂/Ni.

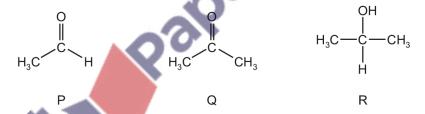
Butan-2-ol can be dehydrated to form Y and Z which are structural isomers of each other.

Which row is correct?

| | X is | cis-trans isomerism is shown by |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Α | an aldehyde | both Y and Z |
| В | an aldehyde | only one of Y and Z |
| С | a ketone | both Y and Z |
| D | a ketone | only one of Y and Z |

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w15 $_$ qp $_$ 11 Q: 28

Tollens' reagent can be used to help identify compounds P, Q and R.



Which compound(s) form a silver precipitate on warming with Tollens' reagent?

A Pand Q B Ponly C Qonly D Ronly



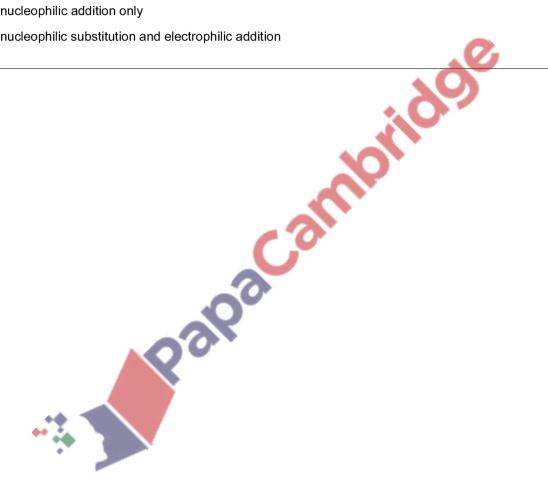


 $1081.\ 9701_w15_qp_12\ Q:\ 23$

Compound Q can be made from propanone.

Which types of reaction will Q undergo?

- nucleophilic addition and electrophilic addition
- В nucleophilic addition and nucleophilic substitution
- С nucleophilic addition only
- D nucleophilic substitution and electrophilic addition







1082. 9701_w15_qp_12 Q: 27

What is the mechanism for the reaction of ethanal, CH₃CHO, with hydrogen cyanide, HCN, in the presence of a base?

A
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CH_3

$$c \quad CH_3 - C - H$$
 $CH_3 - C - H$
 $CH_3 - C - H$

propagation
$$CH_3C$$
 + •CN \longrightarrow CH_3C — H

 CH_3C — H + H—CN \longrightarrow CH_3C — H + •CN

 CN — OH

 CN — OH

termination
$$CH_3C-H + H \cdot \longrightarrow CH_3C-H$$





 $1083.\ 9701_w15_qp_12\ Q:\ 28$

Menthol and menthone are both found in peppermint oil.

Which statement about these compounds is correct?

- Both compounds can undergo mild oxidation.
- В Both compounds will give an orange precipitate with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent.
- С Menthol can be formed from menthone by reaction with NaBH₄.
- Menthone gives a positive test when warmed with Tollens' reagent.

