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COURSE CODE: SCH 401

COURSE TITLE: HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY

EXAM VENUE: LAB 4

STREAM: (BSc. Science)

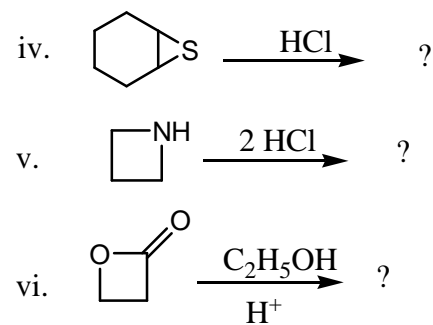
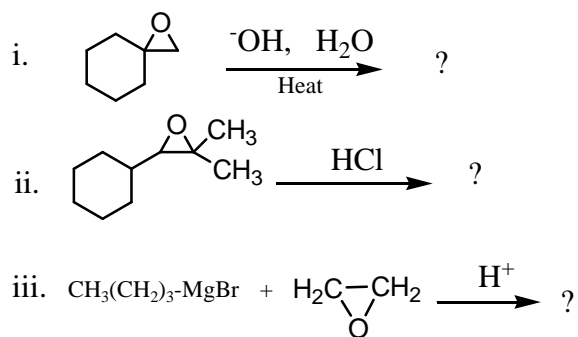
DATE: 13/8/14

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and any other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**



QUESTION 2 [20 marks]

(a) Oxiranes are usually more reactive than open chain ethers. Explain.

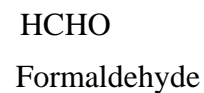
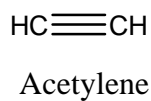
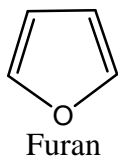
[2 marks]

(b) Using suitable equations, show how tetrahydrofuran may be synthesized from the following:

[5 marks]

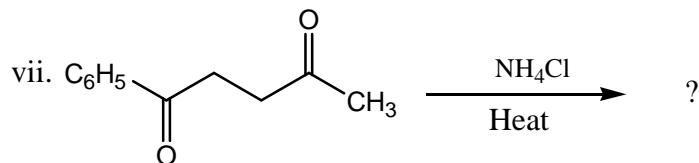
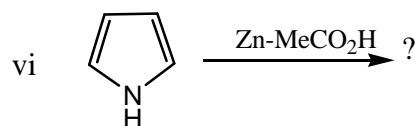
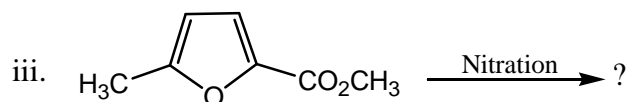
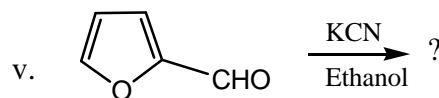
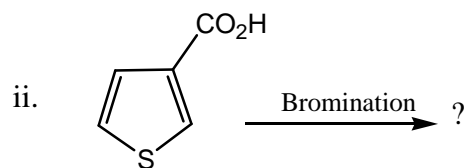
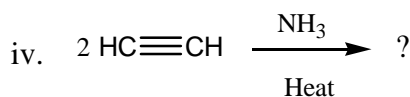
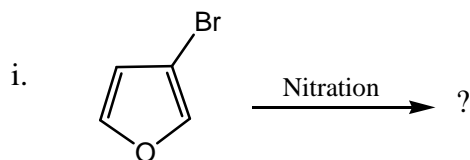
i. Furan

ii. Acetylene and formaldehyde

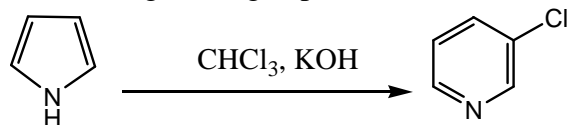


(c) Complete the following reactions by giving structures of the major product(s).

[7 marks]



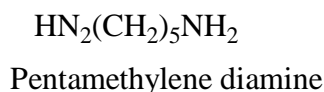
d) Pyrrole undergoes ring expansion to form 3-chloropyridine according to the equation below.



Suggest a mechanism for the reaction.

[3 marks]

e) Show how pyridine may be synthesized using pentamethylene diamine, HCl and any other necessary reagent(s).



[3 marks]

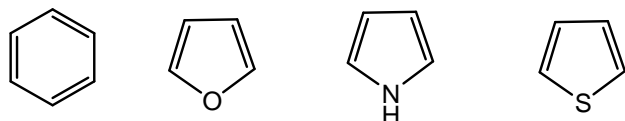
QUESTION 3 [20 marks]

(a) Furan undergoes electrophilic substitution reaction much more readily than benzene. However, most of the reactions of this type are of little practical importance. Explain.

[2 marks]

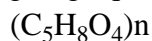
(b) Arrange the following heterocycles in order of decreasing reactivity towards electrophilic substitution reactions. Explain your answer.

[4 marks]



(c) Using suitable equations show how furfural may be obtained from agricultural waste products containing large quantities of pentose polysaccharide.

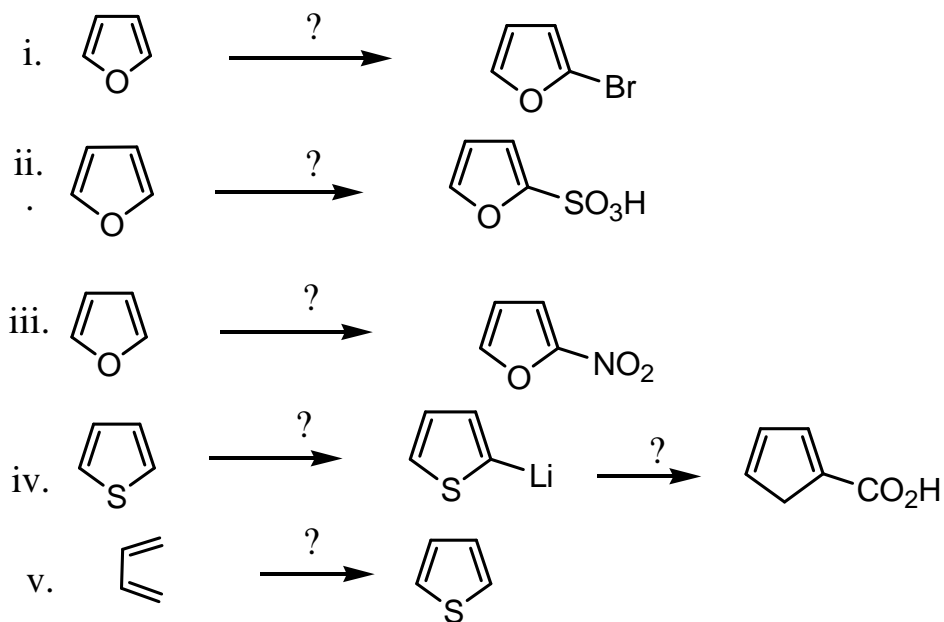
[3 marks]



Pentoses polysaccharide

(d) Complete the following reactions by giving the reagents required for the transformations.

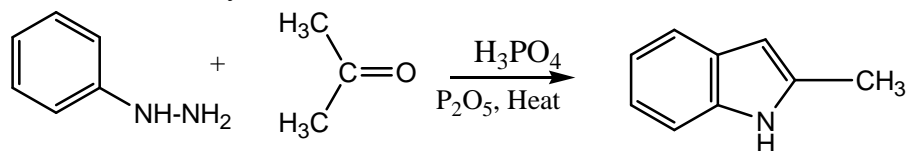
[6 marks]



- (e) Draw the structures for the following named compounds. [5 marks]
- Azetidine
 - Oxepane
 - Benzo[c]pyridine
 - 6H-1,2,4-Thiadiazine
 - 7-Chloro-5-nitroisoquinoline.

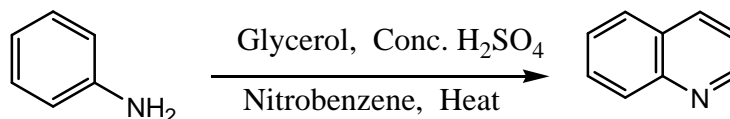
QUESTION 4 [20 marks]

- (a) Consider Fischer Indole synthesis reaction below.



Give the mechanism for the reaction. [4 marks]

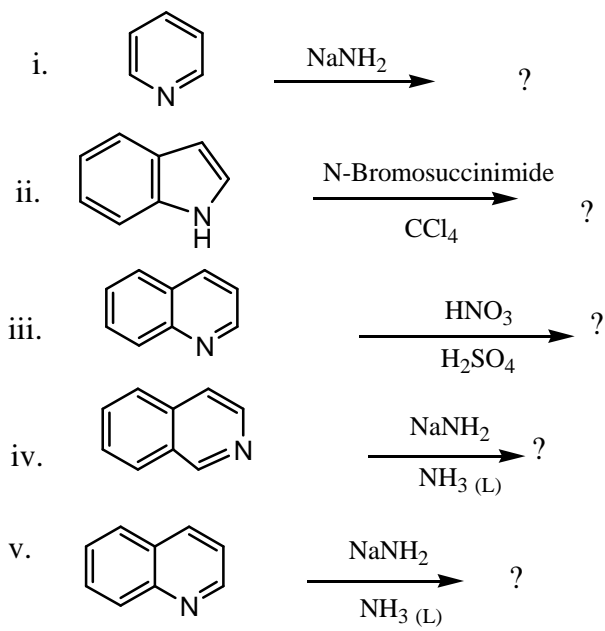
- (b) Give the mechanism for the transformation below (Skrup quinoline synthesis).



[4 marks]

- (c) Give products for the following reactions:

[6 marks]



- (d) Using suitable examples identify any two methods by which four-membered heterocycles may be synthesized. [3 marks]
- (e) Electrophilic substitution of the aromatic 5-membered heterocyclic compounds preferentially occurs at 2-position as opposed to the 3-position. Explain this observation using suitable resonance structures. [3 marks]