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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**COURSE CODE:** SCH 332

**COURSE TITLE:** ALICYCLIC AND HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY

**DURATION:** 2 HOURS

**DATE:** 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 **TIME:** 3 – 5PM

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer **QUESTION ONE** (Compulsory) and any other two (2) Questions.
- Indicate **answered questions** on the front cover.
- Start every question on a new page and make sure question's number is written on each page.

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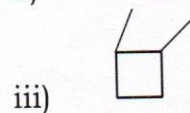
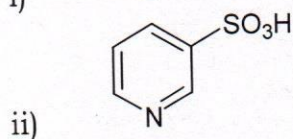
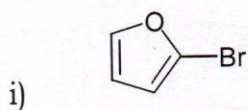
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## SECTION A (Answer Question one)

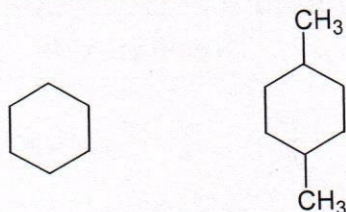
### QUESTION ONE (30 Marks).

- a) How will you distinguish between cyclopentane and 2-pentene. (2 marks)  
b) Outline the synthesis of 1, 3-cyclohexadiene from cyclohexane. (3 marks)  
c) Name the following compounds(3 Marks)



- d) For each of the following molecules, giving reasons draw the conformation that fit the following descriptions.

- i) Least stable conformation. (2 marks)  
ii) Most stable conformation. (2 marks)



- e) Draw structures of the following molecules (3 marks)  
i) Cis-1, 2-dimethylcyclohexane.  
ii) Trans-1, 3-dibromocyclohexane  
iii) Cis-1, 4-Diethylcyclohexane

- f) Explain why cyclopropane is more reactive than cyclohexane. (4 marks)

- g) (i) Alkaloids have profound physiological effects on humans. (4 marks)  
Give any four of these effects.

(ii) Write chemical equations for the reactions between furfural with (A) sodium hydroxide solution. (1 marks)

(B) potassium permanganate. (1 marks)

(C) catalytic Hydrogenation. (1 marks)

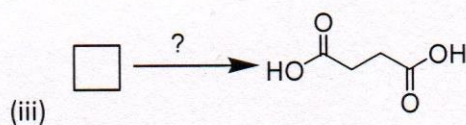
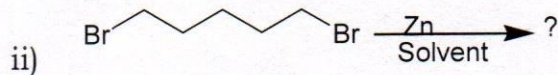
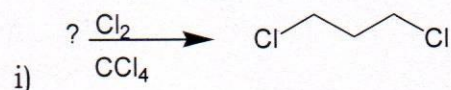


h) Explain why Pyridine is more basic than pyrrole. (4 Marks)

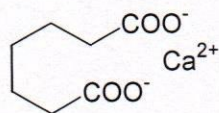
**SECTION B**(Answer any TWO questions from this section)

**QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)**

a) Insert the missing reagents, reaction or products as may be appropriate in the reactions below. (3 Marks)



(b) Using suitable reagents outline a possible synthetic route for the conversion of reagent I to II, shown below: (3 marks)



Reagent I



Reagent II

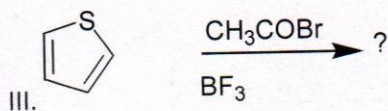
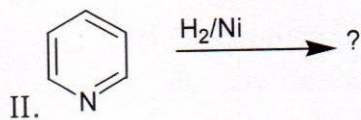
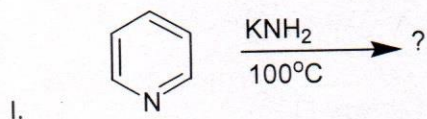
Explain why pyridine undergoes electrophilic substitution at position - 3 on the ring, and not position 2. (8 marks)

b) i) Explain why pyridine does not undergo the Friedel-Crafts reactions. (2 marks)

ii) Write the products for the reactions below, indicating their names.

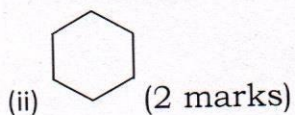
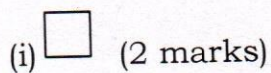
(6 Marks)





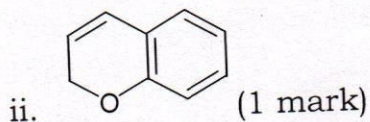
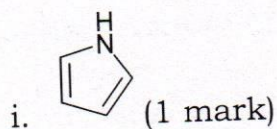
### QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)

- a) Calculate the angle strain in each of the following cyclic hydrocarbons according to Baeyer's theory.



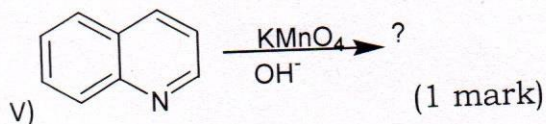
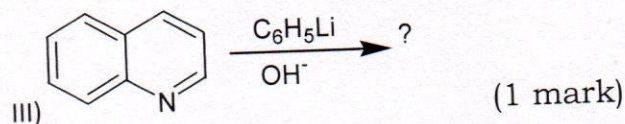
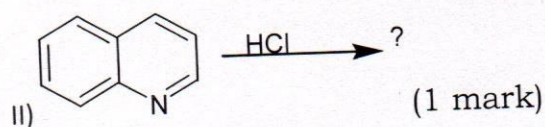
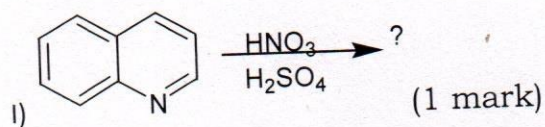
- iii) The angle strain predicted by Baeyer's theory deviates greatly from the actual angle strain of the cyclic hydrocarbon in 3 (a)(ii) above. Explain. (2 marks)
- b) Use Huckel's rule to classify whether the following compounds are aromatic or non-aromatic.





c) I) Quinoline is obtained by the Skraup Synthesis.  
Briefly describe this process, using equations where necessary. (3 marks)

ii) Indicate the product(s) for the reactions of quinoline in the chemical equations below;



(4 marks)

iii) State FOUR uses of quinoline.

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 Marks)

a) State any FIVE classes of alkaloids. (5 marks)

b) Coniine is an alkaloid, known for its paralyzing and toxic effects.

I. Draw the structure of coniine. (1 mark)

II. How will you synthesize coniine from  $\alpha$ -picoline. (6 marks)



c) i. Draw the structure of the following alkaloids

I) Quinine

II) Atropine

III) State applications of the alkaloids in (c(I) above.

(4 marks)

d) Draw the structural formulae of

I) Piperidine

II) Imidazole