

Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Third Year Special Repeat Examination in Science

2008/2009 (February2010)

CH 302 Heterocyclic Chemistry and Organic Rearrangement Reactions

Time Allowed: ONE HOUR

Answer all the questions

(a) Show by means of equations how the following transformations could be effected. Give essential
experimental conditions.

(i)
$$Me$$
 CO_2H NH_2 NO_2 NO_2



(iv)
$$N$$

10 marks

- (b) Explain the following observations
 - (i) Nitration of pyrrole is carried out with acetyl nitrate (AcONO₂) as the nitrating agent and cannot be effected with the normal nitrating mixtures suitable for benzene.

15 marks

(ii) Electrophilic substitution reactions takes place preferentially at position 3 of the five membered ring in **indole**.

15 marks

(c) Give reasons (ie. Mechanism) predict the product formed in the following reaction.

30 marks

 (a) Classify the following as involving electrophilic or nucleophilic rearrangement and also indicate in each case whether the rearrangement takes place intra-molecularly or inter-molecularly. (Detailed mechanisms are not required).

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10marks

(ii) Ph—C—C—CH₃
$$\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \text{ (cat.)}}$$
 Ph—C—C—C Ph CH₃ $\xrightarrow{\text{Ph}}$ Ph—CH₃ Ph—CH

10 marks

10 marks

(b) Give the structure of the product(s) formed in each of the following rearrangement reaction and suggests plausible mechanism for their formation.

20 marks

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