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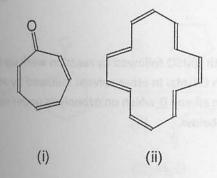
CH 204 Organic Reaction Mechanism and Aromaticity

(Proper & Repeat)

Answer all questions

Time: ONE HOUR

1. (a) State Huckel's rules for aromaticity. Classify the following compounds as aromatic, antiaromatic and non-aromatic and justify your answer.



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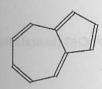
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(b) Explain the following observations

(i) Dipole moment of Azulune ($C_{10}H_{8}$; structure shown below) is $\mu = 1.0D$.



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(ii) Planar cyclooctatetraene can be considered as a diradical species (Hint: Draw the Frost-

Musulin diagram and explain)

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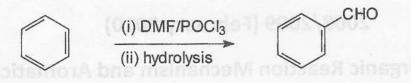
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(c) Write down the plausible mechanism for the followings

(i)



(ii)

2. (a) A monocyclic compound $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ (C_5H_9CI) on oxidation with DMSO followed by reaction work up w aq.HCO₃ yield compound $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$. Reaction of compound $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ with CH₃Mgl in ether solvent followed by an hydrolysis afforded an alcohol $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$. Dehydration of $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ gave an alkene $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ which on ozonolysis under red conditions ended up in a dicarbonyl compound as shown below.

Identify the structures $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ and give a plausible mechanism for the transformation of $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ th

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(b) Explain the term "Umpoled synthesis". How would you convert PhCHO (benzaldehyde) in to duteruim labeled PhCDO using ethane 1,2-dithiol.

(c) Identify the product (with the correct stereochemistry where possible) in each of the following reaction.

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(iii)
$$^{t}Bu$$
 O (i) LiAlH₄ ? (ii) $H^{+}/H_{2}O$

10 marks

(iv)
$$\begin{array}{c} (i) & & \\ N \\ H \\ \hline \\ (ii) & \\ \hline \end{array}$$
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$$(iii) & \\ H_2O \\ \end{array}$$
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