Answer any four questions

1. a] Draw the correlation diagram for the following conversion in the thermal and photochemical condition. [4+4]



Indicate symmetry allowed path for each condition.

b] Predict the product/s of the following reaction indicating F.O.I.

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$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ 0 \end{array} + EtO_2C - C \equiv C - CO_2Et \quad \longrightarrow \quad ?$$

- 2. a] Define alternant and non-alternant hydrocarbon with examples. [2 + 2]
 b] Write down the unique properties of alternant systems. 3
 c] Why the Hammett equation is called a linear free energy relationship? 3
- 3. a] The pKa values of m- and p-monosubstituted benzoic acids in 50% aqueous ethanol correlate with σ, and have a ρ value of 1.60. The pKa of benzoic acid in this system is 5.71. The pKa values of some 4-X-3,5-dimethylbenzoic acids in this solvent system are given below. Use these results to examine and comment on the applicability of additivity of σ values.

Х	$N(CH_3)_2$	NH ₂	C1	Br	CN	COOCH ₃	NO ₂
pKa	6.23	6.88	5.59	5.55	4.90	5.44	4.91

b] The solvolysis of substituted diphenylcarbinyl chlorides was studied in ethanol at 25°C. A plot of log *k* versus σ + was linear with a slope of -5.1. Suggest a mechanism consistent with this observation and provide an explanation of the ρ value in terms of the *Hammond postulate*. [4]



4. Answer each of the following with reference to the corresponding substituent constants considering both inductive and resonance electronic contributions (σ_I and σ_R). Illustrate your answer showing resonance structures for substituted benzoic acids, where appropriate.

a) The ometa and σ_{para} values for the $-CO_2CH_3$ group are both positive with $\sigma_{para} > \sigma_{meta}$. [4]

b) The values of σ meta for the methoxy substituent (–OCH₃) is positive, whereas the values

for σ_{para} is negative.

[3]

c) The picryl (2,4,6-trinitrophenyl) substituent, $-C_6H_2(NO_2)_3$ is relatively large with the ortho nitro groups sterically interfering with atoms in the ortho positions on an adjacent aromatic ring. Predict the sign and relative magnitude of σ_{meta} and σ_{para} for the picryl substituent. [3]

- 5. Write down the rules of nucleophillic addition to organometallic complexes with examples and explanation [10]
- 6. Applying aromatic transition state theory predict the selectivity of thermal [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction and electrocyclic reaction of [4n + 2] pi electron system in thermal and photochemical condition. [5 + 5]
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- 7. a] What are the currently accepted theories for regiocontrol observed in the nucleophilic displacement of hydride in arenechromium-carbonyl complexes?
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 b] What is the reason behind the enhanced acidity of the benzylic proton in the arenechromiumtricarbonyl complex in comparison to the uncomplexed arene?
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 c] Account for the enhancement in the rate of solvolysis of chromiumtricarbonyl complex of benzyl chloride in comparison to the uncomplexed compound?
- 8. a] Explain the conceptual basis of Yukawa Tsuno equation.
 b] Why does acid catalysed esterification of substituted benzoic acid give a Hammett plot with a negligible slope?
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