# SHORT QUESTIONS

## Q.1 How will you distinguish between propanal and propanone?

**Ans.** Fehling solution, Benedict solution or Tollen's reagent oxidises propanal but not propanone e.g.,

$$CH_3CH_2CHO + 2[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + H_2O \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2COOH + 2Ag + 2NH_4^+$$

$$CH_3$$
- $COH_3 + 2Ag(NH_3)_2^+ + H_2O \longrightarrow No reaction$ 

## Q.2 Give the name and formula of two substance which undergo cannizzaro reaction.

Ans. The compounds which have no  $\alpha$ -carbon or no hydrogen at  $\alpha$ -carbon undergo cannizzaro reaction. e.g.,

HCHO (Formaldehyde)

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CHO (Benzaldehyde)

## Q.3 What is disproportionation reactions?

**Ans.** The reactions in which same compound is oxidised and reduced are called self oxidation reduction reaction or disproportionation reaction. e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ - \\ + \end{array}$$

$$2C_6H_5CHO + NaOH \longrightarrow C_6H_5CH_2OH + C_6H_5-C-ONa$$

#### Q.4 How will you distinguish between ethanal and propanal?

Ans. Ethanal give positive iodoform test while propanal does not:

$$CH_3CHO + 4NaOH + 3I_2 \longrightarrow CHI_3 + HCOONa + 3NaI + 3H_2O$$

$$CH_3CH_2CHO + NaOH + I_2 \longrightarrow No reaction$$

## Q.5 What is aldol?

**Ans.** The compound which contain one aldehydic and one hydroxyl group in it is called aldol. e.g.,

3-hydroxy butanal

## Q.6 What is oxime and how it is prepared?

**Ans.** When an aldehyde or ketone reacts with hydroxylamine, the addition product is called oxime. e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & & H \\ C = O + NH_2OH & \longrightarrow & C = N - OH + H_2O \\ CH_3 & & CH_3 \end{array}$$

### Q.7 What is acetal? What is its use?

**Ans.** Aldehydes react with alcohols in the presence of dry hydrogen chloride gas to form acetal.

$$CH_3 \qquad CH_3 \qquad OC_2H_5$$

$$C = O + 2C_2H_5OH \xrightarrow{HCl} C \qquad + H_2O$$

$$H \qquad OC_2H_5$$

The reaction may be used to protect aldehyde group against alkaline oxidising agent. To regenerate aldehyde, the acetal is hydrolysed in the presence of an acid.

# Q.8 What is difference between symmetrical and unsymmetrical ketones?

**Ans.** The ketone having similar alkyl or aryl group on both side of carboxyl group is called symmetrical ketone e.g.,

O O 
$$\parallel$$
  $\parallel$   $\parallel$   $\parallel$   $\parallel$   $CH_3-C-CH_3$   $C_6H_5-C-C_6H_5$  (Di-methyl ketone) (Diphenyl ketone)

The ketone in which two different alkyl or aryl groups are attached with carbonyl group is called unsymmetrical ketone.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O & O \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ CH_3-C-CH_2-CH_3 & CH_3-C-C_6H_5 \end{array}$$
 (Ethyl methyl ketone) (Methyl-phenyl ketone)