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# **SPECIAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2016**

TITLE OF PAPER

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH

**SCIENCES** 

COURSE CODE

EHS 112

DURATION

2 HOURS

**MARKS** 

100

INSTRUCTIONS

READ THE QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

CAREFULLY

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

EACH QUESTION <u>CARRIES 25</u> MARKS.

: WRITE NEATLY & CLEARLY

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OUT OF THE EXAMINATION ROOM.

BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE

SHEET OF PAPER.

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### **QUESTION ONE**

- a. Write explanatory notes on the following carbohydrates. Include examples in your explanations;
  - i. Simple.
  - ii. Storage.
  - iii. Structural.

[9 Marks]

b. State four properties of enzymes.

[8 Marks]

c. Explain how temperature and pH affects the activity of enzymes in biological systems. [8 Marks]

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a. PCBs are synthetic chlorinated hydrocarbons that have been used extensively since 1930 for a variety of industrial uses. PCBs have been shown to present a threat to human health and the environment because of their chemical stability and persistence.
  - (i) Draw three examples of PCBs and name each compound [6 Marks]
  - (ii) Under what international convention was the production of these compounds banned [2 Marks]
- b. Give the IUPAC name for DDT and for what purposes it has been used in Swaziland
   [12 Marks]
  - (i) Name any two compounds listed in the convention you mentioned in a(ii)

[5 Marks]

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a. Account for the following facts;
  - (i) The boiling point of ethanol is 78.4 °C while the boiling point of ethane is -89 °C.
  - (ii) Ethene is not soluble in water yet ethanol is soluble in water.

[10 Marks]

b. Draw structures of the compounds described below and give the IUPAC name for each structure

- (i) An aromatic compound containing one benzene ring and a single ethyl group which is *meta* to a bromo group and *para* to a hydroxyl group.
- (ii) A straight chain of eight carbons with two methyl groups on the second carbon, an propyl group on the fourth carbon and a carbonyl group on the eighth carbon.
- (iii) An unsaturated compound, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, undergoes a halogenation reaction to produce dichloride product, A. Draw the molecular structure of Product A.

[15 Marks]

# **QUESTION FOUR**

- a. What is the difference between substitution, elimination and addition reactions?
   Give appropriate examples for each type of reaction. [9 Marks]
- b. MATCH a structure below to each of the following descriptions and place the letter corresponding to the structure in the blank.

A. 
$$H_{3}$$
C  $H_{3}$ C

- (i) An amino aldehyde
- (ii) A tertiary chloride.
- (iii)A cyclic alkane with two cis methyl groups
- (iv) An aromatic ketone.

[16 Marks]

# **QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Give the molecular formula of a hydrocarbon containing five carbon atoms that is;
- (i) An alkane
- (ii) Cycloalkane
- (iii) An alkene
- (iv) An alkyne.

[Marks 8]

- b. Explain why the molecular formulae of the answers given in a. (i) and (ii) are different.[Marks 4]
- c. Using appropriate examples, explain the difference between
- (i) Alkane and an alkyl group
- (ii) A saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbon
- (iii) A branched and a straight chain hydrocarbon
- (iv) Benzene and cyclohexane

[8 Marks]

d. Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction of 2-pentene and bromine.

[5 Marks]

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