Q1.(a) Propanoic acid can be made from propan-1-ol by oxidation using acidified potassium dichromate(VI). Propanal is formed as an intermediate during this oxidation.

(i) State the colour of the chromium species after the potassium dichromate(VI) has reacted.

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(ii) Describe the experimental conditions and the practical method used to ensure that the acid is obtained in a high yield. Draw a diagram of the assembled apparatus you would use.

Conditions .....

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Apparatus

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(iii) Describe the different experimental conditions necessary to produce propanal in high yield rather than propanoic acid.

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(b) Propan-1-ol is a volatile, flammable liquid.
Give **one** safety precaution that should be used during the reaction to minimise this

hazard.

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(c) A student followed the progress of the oxidation of propan-1-ol to propanoic acid by extracting the organic compounds from one sample of reaction mixture.

(i) Give a chemical reagent which would enable the student to confirm the presence of propanal in the extracted compounds.
State what you would observe when propanal reacts with this reagent.

Reagent .....

Observation .....

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(ii) Give a chemical reagent that would enable the student to confirm the presence of propanoic acid in the extracted compounds.
State what you would observe when propanoic acid reacts with this reagent.

Reagent .....

Observation .....

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(d) Predict which **one** of the compounds, propan-1-ol, propanal and propanoic acid will have the highest boiling point. Explain your answer.

Prediction .....

Explanation .....

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(Total 15 marks)

Q2. Which one of the following reactions will produce an organic compound that has optical isomers?

A dehydration of butan-2-ol by heating with concentrated sulphuric acid

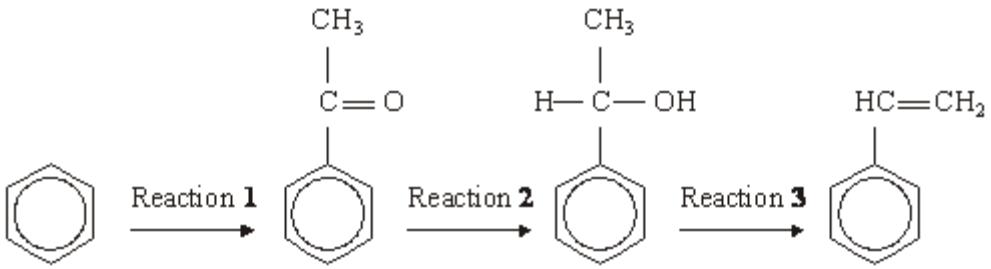
B reduction of pentan-3-one by warming with $NaBH_4$

C addition of Br_2 to 3-bromopropene

D reduction of 2,3-dimethylpent-2-ene with H_2 in the presence of a nickel catalyst

(Total 1 mark)

Q3. A possible synthesis of phenylethene *(styrene)* is outlined below.



(a) In Reaction **1**, ethanoyl chloride and aluminium chloride are used to form a reactive species which then reacts with benzene.
Write an equation to show the formation of the reactive species.
Name and outline the mechanism by which this reactive species reacts with benzene.

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(b) $NaBH_4$ is a possible reagent for Reaction **2**.
Name and outline the mechanism for the reaction with $NaBH_4$ in Reaction **2**.
Name the product of Reaction **2**.

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(c) Name the type of reaction involved in Reaction **3** and give a reagent for the reaction.

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(Total 14 marks)

Q4. Many synthetic routes need chemists to increase the number of carbon atoms in a molecule by forming new carbon–carbon bonds. This can be achieved in several ways including

- reaction of an aromatic compound with an acyl chloride
- reaction of an aldehyde with hydrogen cyanide.

(a) Consider the reaction of benzene with CH_3CH_2COCl

(i) Write an equation for this reaction and name the organic product.
Identify the catalyst required in this reaction.
Write equations to show how the catalyst is used to form a reactive intermediate and how the catalyst is reformed at the end of the reaction.

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(ii) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of benzene with this reactive intermediate.

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(b) Consider the reaction of propanal with HCN

(i) Write an equation for the reaction of propanal with HCN and name the product.

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(ii) Name and outline a mechanism for the reaction of propanal with HCN

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(iii) The rate-determining step in the mechanism in part (b) (ii) involves attack by the nucleophile.
Suggest how the rate of reaction of propanone with HCN would compare with the rate of reaction of propanal with HCN
Explain your answer.

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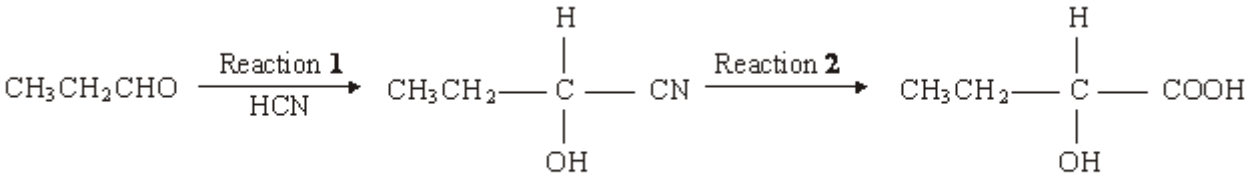
(Total 18 marks)

Q5. Consider the sequence of reactions below.



P **Q** **R**

(a) Name and outline a mechanism for Reaction **1**.

Name of mechanism .....

Mechanism

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(b) (i) Name compound **Q**

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(ii) The molecular formula of **Q** is C_4H_7NO. Draw the structure of the isomer of **Q** which shows geometrical isomerism and is formed by the reaction of ammonia with an acyl chloride.

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(c) Draw the structure of the main organic product formed in each case when **R** reacts separately with the following substances:

(i) methanol in the presence of a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid;

(ii) acidified potassium dichromate(VI);

(iii) concentrated sulphuric acid in an elimination reaction.

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(Total 11 marks)