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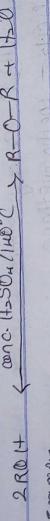
- 1) Give the IUPAC names of the following compounds  
sol-s
- i)  $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  — Methoxymethane
  - ii)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  — Ethoxyethane
  - iii)  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$  — Butoxymethane
  - iv)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  — Methylcyclopropane
  - v)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  — Ethylcyclopropane
2. Discuss the properties of ethers.
- Answers → the properties of ethers are:
- i) Physical States: At room temperature, ethers are colourless, neutral liquids with pleasant odours. The lower aliphatic ethers are highly flammable gases or volatile liquids.
  - ii) Solubility: Ethers are less soluble in water than the corresponding alcohols. Lower molecular weight ethers such as methoxy methane and methoxyethane are fairly soluble in water since the molecules are able to form hydrogen bonds with the water molecules but as the hydrocarbon content of the molecules increases there is a rapid decline in solubility. They are miscible with most organic solvents.
  - iii) Density: Most of the simple ethers are less dense than water. Although the density increases with increasing relative molecular mass and some of the aromatic ethers are in fact denser than water.
  - iv) Reactivity: Ethers are inert at moderate temperature. Their inertness at moderate temperatures leads to their wide use as reaction media.
- 3) Boiling point: low molecular mass ethers have a lower boiling point than the corresponding alcohols but those ethers containing alkyl radicals longer than four carbon atoms, the reverse is true.

3. Discuss explicitly two methods of preparing ethers and show equations of reactions.

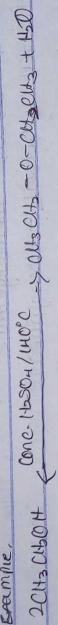
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i) Partial dehydration of alcohols

Simple ethers are manufactured from alcohols by partial dehydration. The alcohol in excess and concentrated tert-basophore acid is heated at a carefully maintained temperature of 170°C. This process is known as continuous etherification. If excess alcohol is not used, the temperature is as high as 170–180°C. After dehydrogenation to yield alkene occurs.

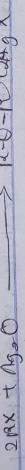


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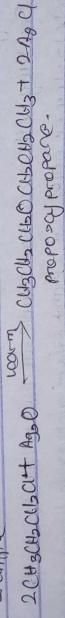


v) ~~from~~ from haloarenes and dry Silver Oxide

Ethers can be prepared by heating haloarenes with dry silver oxide. (Limitations of Williamson synthesis)



Example



4) State three uses of ethylene oxide. Answer →

- Ethylene oxide is used as an intermediate in the manufacture of ethylene glycol
- Ethylene oxide is used in the preparation of nonionic emulsifying agents, plastics, stabilizers, and several synthetic textile
- Ethylene oxide is used as a gaseous sterilizing agent.