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ASSESSMENT

1. GIVE THE IUPAC NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

- i) CH_3OCH_3 - Methoxymethane
- ii) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ - Ethoxyethane
- iii) $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$ - Butoxy methane
- iv) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ - Methylpropanoate
- v) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ - Ethoxypropane

2. PROPERTIES OF ETHERS

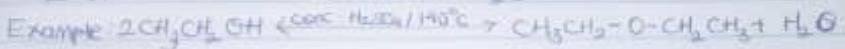
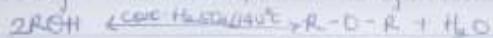
- i) PHYSICAL STATES - Ethers are colourless, neutral liquids with pleasant odours. At room temperature, the lower aliphatic ethers are highly flammable gases or volatile liquids.
- ii) SOLUBILITY - Ethers are less soluble in water than are the corresponding alcohols. Lower molecular weight ethers such as methoxymethane and methylpropanoate are fairly soluble in water. 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.

(i) Boiling Point- Low molecular mass ethers have or have lower boiling point than the corresponding alcohols but those ethers containing aliphatic nucleus longer than four carbon atoms, the reverse is true.

(ii) Reactivity- Ethers are inert at moderate temperature. Their inertness at moderate temperatures leads to their use as reaction media.

3. Methods of Preparing ethers:

i) Partial dehydration of alcohols- Simple ethers are manufactured from alcohols by catalytic dehydration. The alcohol in excess and concentrated sulfuric acid is heated at a carefully maintained temperature of 190°C . This process is known as oxymercuration. If excess alcohol is not used, the temperature is as high as 170 - 180°C , further dehydration to yield alkene occurs.



ii) Controlled catalytic hydration of olefins



4. Uses of ethylene oxide

- i) Ethylene oxide is used as an intermediate in the hydrolytic manufacture of ethylene glycol.
- ii) Ethylene oxide is used as a gaseous sterilizing agent.
- iii) It is used in the preparation of nonionic emulsifying agents, plastics, plasticizers and several synthetic textiles.