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CHM 102 Assignment

1) a) HCOOH - Methanoic acid

b) $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ - Pentan-1,5-dioic acid

c) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ - Butanoic acid

d) $\text{HO}_2\text{C}-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ - Ethanedioic acid

e) $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{COOH}$ - Hexanoic acid

f) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ - Hex-4-enenoic acid

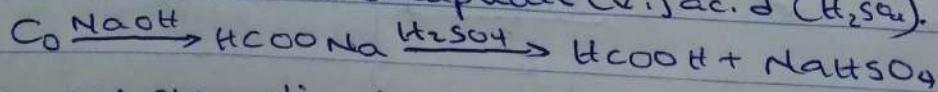
2) Physical Properties of carboxylic acids.

i) Physical appearance: All simple aliphatic carboxylic acids upto C_{10} are liquids at room temperature. Most other carboxylic acids are solid at room temperature although glacial ethanoic acid freezes below the temperature.

ii) Boiling point: This increases with increasing relative molecular mass. Aromatic carboxylic acids are crystalline solids and have higher melting points than their aliphatic counterparts of comparable relative molecular mass.

iii) Solubility: As the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl group increase the acidic nature and the solubility of the alkanoic acids decrease, because the oxygen-hydrogen bond becomes stronger. All carboxylic acids are soluble in organic solvents.

3) i) From carbon dioxide: Methanoic acid (formic acid) is manufactured by adding carbon dioxide under pressure to hot aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide. The free carboxylic acid is liberated by careful reaction with tetraxosulphate (vi.) acid ($\text{H}_2\text{S}_4\text{O}_6$).



ii) From petroleum; liquid phase air oxidation of C_5-C_7 alkenes

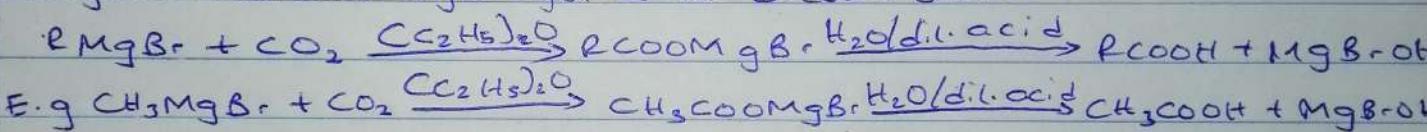
obtainable from petroleum at high temperature and pressure will give C₅ - C₇ carboxylic acids with methanoic, propanoic and butanedioic acids as by-products.

C₅ - C₇ O₂/High temp and Pressure C₅ - C₇ carboxylic acids.

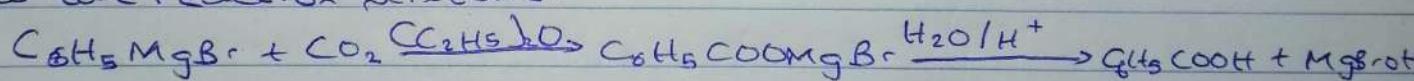
4) Synthetic Preparations of carboxylic acids

i) Oxidation of primary alcohol and aldehydes; This can be used to prepare carboxylic acids using either K₂Cr₂O₇ and KMnO₄ as catalyst in acidic solution. RCH₂OH $\xrightarrow{[O]} \text{excess acid/KMnO}_4$ RCHO $\xrightarrow{[O]} \text{RCOOH}$
Example; CH₃CH₂OH $\xrightarrow{[O] \text{excess acid/KMnO}_4}$ CH₃CHO $\xrightarrow{[O]} \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

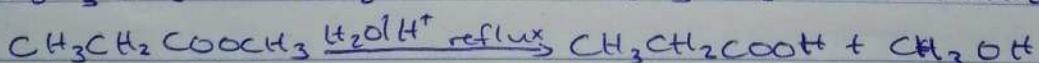
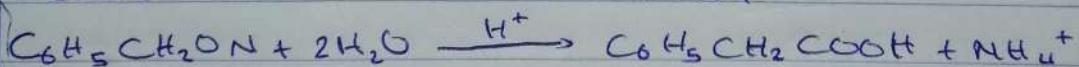
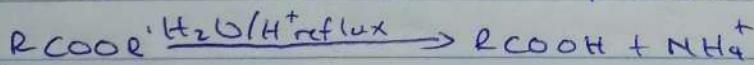
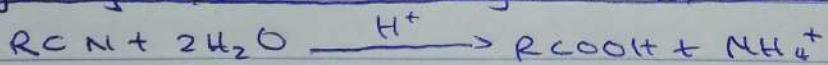
ii) Carbonation of Grignard reagent; Aliphatic ~~alcohol~~ carboxylic acids are obtained by bubbling carbon dioxide into the Grignard reagent and then hydrogen with dilute acid.



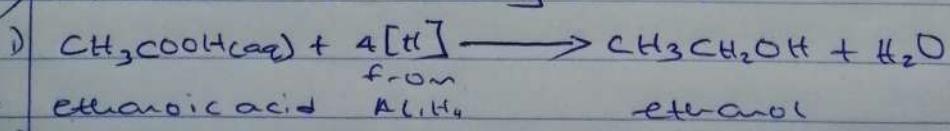
In the preparation of benzoic acid however, the reagent is added to solid CO₂ (dry ice) which also serves as coolant to the reaction mixture.



iii) Hydrolysis of nitriles (Carbanils or esters)



b) Reduction to Primary alcohol.



ii) Decarboxylation



iii) Esterification

