

## Chemistry - 12th Class Chemistry Chapter 10 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Explain terms Leaving Group and Electrophile.

**Ans 1:** Leaving group: leaving group is nucleophile which leave during substitution reaction of alkyl halide, It departs with an unshared pair of electron. If we wish a  $S_N$  reaction to proceed in the forward direction the incoming nucleophile must be stronger than the departing one, Cl, Br, I are good nucleophile as well as a good leaving group.  
 Electrophile: It is a species which attracts electrons. The carbon atom of an alkyl group attaches with the halogen atom and bearing a partial positive charge is called an electrophile center. An electrophile may be neutral or positively charged.

Q2. Give general mechanism pattern of  $S_N2$  reaction?

**Ans 1:** In nucleophilic substitution bimolecular the reaction of attack of the attacking nucleophile is from the side which is opposite to the leaving group. In order to give the nucleophile enough room to attack the substrate carbon atom changes its state of hybridization from tetrahedral to planar  $sp^2$ .

Q3. Why does  $S_N2$  mechanism give a product with inversion of configuration?

**Ans 1:** In nucleophilic substitution bimolecular the direction of attack of the attacking nucleophile is from the side which is opposite to the leaving group. In order to give the nucleophile enough room to attack, the substrate carbon atom changes its state of hybridization from tetrahedral to planar  $sp^2$ .

Q4. Give mechanism of  $E1$  elimination reaction in two steps.

**Ans 1:** In  $E1$  mechanism the first step is the slow ionization of the substrate to give a carbocation. In the second step the nucleophile attacks on hydrogen to give an alkene as a product.

Q5. Write down the main factors on which reactivity of Alkyl halides depends.

**Ans 1:** There are two main factors which govern the reactivity of R-X bond.  
 C-X bonds: Strength of bond in compound would be the most reactive one while fluoro compound will be the least reactive.  
 C-X bond polarity: The greatest electronegativity difference between carbon and fluorine atoms in alkyl fluorides. If an electrophile is the attacking reagent then this difference suggests that alkyl fluorides would be the most reactive alkyl halides.

Q6. Reaction of ethyl bromide with OH<sup>-</sup> nucleophile is  $S_N2$  justify?

**Ans 1:** In nucleophilic substitution bimolecular the direction of attack of OH<sup>-</sup>, the attacking nucleophile is from the side which is opposite to the leaving group. In order to give the nucleophile enough room to attack on ethyl bromide the substrate carbon atom changes its state of hybridization from tetrahedral.

Q7. Give importance of Grignard reagents?

**Ans 1:** Grignard reagents are so important in organic synthesis that almost all the classes of organic compound can be prepared from them. Due to their importance and application Victor Grignard was awarded Nobel Prize in chemistry.

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Q8. Why the reactivity of Alkyl halides depend upon Bond Energy.

**Ans 1:** The strength of bond shows that iodo compound with the weakest bonds would be the most reactive one while fluorine compound will be the least reactive i.e. the order of reactivity of alkyl halide should be  $R-I > R-Br > R-Cl > R-F$

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Q9. Give reason for reactivity Grignard reagent?

**Ans 1:** The reactivity of Grignard reagent is due to the nature of C-Mg Bond which is highly polar. Magnesium is more electropositive than carbon and the C-Mg bond though covalent is highly polar, giving alkyl carbons the partial negative charge. This negative charge is unusual character which makes the alkyl group highly reactive towards electrophile center. Mostly reactions shown by Grignard reagent are exothermic.

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Q10. Write a note on R-Mg-X.

**Ans 1:** R-Mg-X are known as Grignard reagent. These are derivatives of alkyl halides belonging to the class of organo metallic compounds. Grignard reagent is so important in organic synthesis that almost all the classes of organic compounds can be prepared from them. Due to their importance and application Victor Grignard was awarded Noble Prize in Chemistry.

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